

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

GETS BRONZE STAR

Commander Alex Patterson, USN, formerly of Raeford, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy from November 15, 1943 to August 4, 1945, during which time he participated in nine campaigns against the Japanese."

Commander Patterson is executive officer of the USS Oakland, a light cruiser which wound up the war in Tokyo Bay.

T-Sgt. Milton Campbell, Jr., who has been in the European theatre for over two and one-half years with a Ninth Air Force ordnance unit, was discharged from the army recently and is at home.

Captain T. B. Lester, Jr., who entered Federal Service with the local National Guard Units in 1940 and who has had overseas service in the European theatre, was separated from the service this week at Fort Bliss, Texas, and is on a terminal leave status. He and Mrs. Lester are expected to arrive in Raeford soon.

Ensign George Bettune of Washington spent the week end at home.

S-Sgt. Jesse Guldridge arrived in the United States this week and is expected to be discharged and at home shortly.

Sgt. Tom McBryde, who was discharged from the army last week and who has since visited his sister in Chicago, got home Tuesday.

William H. Maness, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness, of Raeford, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the U. S. naval air forces.

Flight Officer Paul Davis was recently separated from the service at Montgomery, Alabama, where he had been getting transitory training in 29, and he is now working in Wam.

Stanley Koonce, originally of Hoke county and more recently of Clinton, has recently been discharged from the Army after two and a half years in the European theatre with the eighth and ninth air forces. Together with Mrs. Koonce he has moved to Raeford where he will be associated with his brother in the Hotel Barber shop. Mr. and Mrs. Koonce have an apartment in the home of Mrs. Agnora Andrews here.

Masons To Honor Living Past Masters

Raeford Masons will entertain in honor of all living past masters of their lodge at a dinner on Tuesday evening of next week. The occasion will get under way as the lodge opens its regular communication in the lodge room at 7 o'clock. Later, members and their Masonic guests will go to the Kiwanis hall where a turkey dinner will be served, and a program will be presented honoring the past masters.

The Raeford Lodge now has over 100 members, and 15 past masters are expected to attend. Too, a number of Masons from nearby towns will be here as guests and participants in the program. Officers of the Grand Lodge have been invited, and it is expected that a number of them will attend.

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Neil A. McDonald, Master of the Lodge, Ryan McBryde, L. E. Reaves, Israel Mann, and Cecil Dew.

Beer Control Agency To Hold Meeting

RALEIGH, Oct. 17.—The fall meeting of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers Foundation will be held in Raleigh, Wednesday, December 5.

Chairman William E. Griffin, Durham, will preside at the one-day business session. Other members of the executive board are: W. D. McPherson of Littleton, N. S. Forester of North Wilkesboro, Charles F. Smith of Fayetteville, Harold C. Wright of Greensboro, and C. P. Lanney of Gastonia, representing the distributors; and R. K. Kennedy of Greensboro, W. J. Huster of Cincinnati, C. L. May of Newark, F. E. Ogden of Newark and Walter Bartlett of Norfolk, representing the brewers.

State Director Edgar H. Bain, Goldsboro, will be among the speakers.

Neill A. Clark Passes Sunday

Funeral Services Held At Bethel
Tuesday Afternoon.

Neill A. Clark of Blue Springs township, Hoke county, passed away last Sunday evening in a Fayetteville hospital after lingering near death there for several weeks. He became ill about one month ago and was taken to the hospital several days later, after which time there was never much hope for his recovery.

The deceased was a respected citizen of his community and was an elder of the Bethel Presbyterian church. Funeral services were conducted at Bethel at three o'clock last Tuesday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. William B. Gaston, assisted by Rev. H. K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. H. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church. Burial services followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. A. Graham, Marvin Gaine, Graham Gaine, Fulford McMillan, Jasper Clark, and Belton Wright. Honorary pallbearers were Wallace McLean, Ryan McBryde, Hector McNeill, Julian Wright, Ralph Livingston, Ervin Wright, Hector Currie, W. W. Roberts, J. B. Cameron, D. H. Hodgkin, D. H. Yarbrough, Jim Currie and Edgar Hall. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Etta Currie; two brothers, Luther and McLaurin, both of Hoke county; five sons, Graham, William and Tommy of the home, and Howard with the army in Egypt and Hilton with the army in Germany; two daughters, Betty Jean of the home and Mrs. Pauline Morgan of Fayetteville.

Truman To Make Training Appeal

President Reportedly Preparing
To Ask Congress For Compulsory Training.

Washington, Oct. 16.—President Truman today was reported drafting a plea to Congress to pass a law for peacetime universal military training.

If Mr. Truman sends this message to Capitol Hill soon, as he reportedly has told legislators he will do, it probably will start one of the hottest controversies since he took office.

Most leaders think Congress is not ready yet to say that volunteering won't work and adopt conscription as its alternate.

The advent of the atomic bomb has left a lot of legislators wondering whether it is worthwhile to maintain large armies and navies in the future.

Their mail is devoted largely to please to get constituents out of uniform and any mention of future conscription usually is adverse. All of these arguments are said to have been repeated to Mr. Truman by some of his Capitol Hill friends.

But the President reportedly remains determined to check the issue up to Congress as he gave warning he would do so in his September 6 message outlining his program.

At that time, Mr. Truman said it was his intention to "communicate with the Congress from time to time during the current session with respect to a comprehensive and continuous program of national security, including a universal training program, unification of the armed services and the use and control of atomic energy."

He urged then that the selective service act be continued to take care of this country's extensive military commitments, declaring:

"I am certain, as are the War and Navy Departments, that we cannot rely on voluntary recruitment as the sole method of procuring the necessary replacements."

Congress seems inclined to let the Selective Service Act run along for several months, but the opposition to enactment now of a peacetime compulsory training law is vocal and apparently determined.

Fayetteville Presbytery To Meet Tuesday

The fall meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery will be held Tuesday in the Dunn church. The meeting will begin at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and will probably complete its docket by late in the afternoon. Mr. D. Scott Poole, elder in the Raeford church, has been appointed by the local Session to attend the meeting. He will accompany his pastor, Rev. H. K. Holland, to the meeting.

WAR FUND DRIVE DOING POORLY

The following letter from John A. McGoogan, chairman of the County War Fund Committee, is printed in the hope that by bringing it to notice, the public may thereby be a little more inclined to help this worthy cause and uphold the excellent record made by this county on all financial drives during the war. Your attention is also invited to the back page of this issue for more information on this subject.—Ed.

"The Sanatorium is the first community to announce that it has raised its quota and gone over for the United War Fund. According to reports turned in, the county has only raised about 30 percent of its quota. I notice a tendency on the part of some to make their contributions too small, and if this tendency continues it will be necessary for us to call on some for a second contribution. Hoke County has made too good a record for us to fall down on this the last War Fund Drive."

J. A. MCGOOGAN

Chairman Hoke County United War Fund Committee

Gov. Cherry Calls On Democratic Women

The democratic women of North Carolina will again have the opportunity to demonstrate their party loyalty on October 25, 1945, in keeping with the annual program through many past years. The Women's Division of National Headquarters is calling upon the democratic women of North Carolina to respond to the annual precinct roll call and contribute \$2.00 for every voting precinct in North Carolina. Of this amount, \$1.00 from each precinct will be sent to National Headquarters and \$1.00 will be retained in the state to help with next year's campaign.

Mrs. Gladys Tillett of Charlotte is the head of the Women's Division of National Headquarters and Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra is vice-chairman and head of Women's Division of the Executive Committee of North Carolina.

In this post-war period of unstable conditions it occurs to me that the Democratic Women of North Carolina will accept the challenge and demonstrate their party loyalty to the state and nation by quickly raising the quota allotted to North Carolina. This is a definite opportunity to indicate unity of organization and render the democratic party a distinct service.

I want you to know that I personally and officially commend this program to you with complete confidence that you will do your full duty.

Nine Directors Are Nominated For Lumbie REA Cooperative

Names of nine members of the mination for the organization's board corporation have been placed in nomination for the organization's board of directors, Manager D. J. Dalton, reported today.

Nine will be elected at the cooperative's fifth annual meeting to be held on November 7, at 3:00 o'clock in the Hoke county court house, Raeford. Mr. Dalton said that the list of advance nominees is now complete, but he expects that other candidates will be nominated from the floor during the meeting. The names of those nominated so far are the present board of directors, namely: C. A. Alford, Rowland; Marshall Newton, Raeford; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Raeford; J. R. Caddell, Maxton; J. McN. Gillis, Fayetteville; R. F. Morris, Maxton; C. L. Ballance, St. Pauls; J. E. Morrison, Maxton; and Lambert Lewis, Pembroke.

Mr. Dalton pointed out that the cooperative now has an annual gross income of approximately \$54,000, is one of the largest local business enterprises in this area. During the past year, the cooperative distributed 822,332 kilowatt hours of electricity to its 1405 members.

The cooperative furnishes electricity at cost to the members, who control and will own its facilities. However, the actual management is delegated to a board of directors elected at the annual meeting of the members of the cooperative. This board meets once a month to establish policies to carry on the cooperative's business. A manager selected by the board handles the day-to-day operating problems.

Mr. Dalton said that the cooperative has just had a loan application for \$50,000 by North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority for member service extensions.

Abolish Licenses For Non-Military Explosives

With victory in Europe and Japan a reality, it is now possible to relax many domestic wartime security measures. Accordingly, some of the obligations formerly imposed by the Federal Explosives Act have now been eliminated.

Effective immediately, the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Mines, has granted a general license to the makers, distributors, and users of non-military explosives. This general license, published in the Federal Register of Oct. 9, 1945, suspends the issuing of individual licenses such as has done in the past three and a half years. Although relieving persons covered by the Act from securing up-to-date individual licenses, it does not relieve them from other duties and responsibilities under the Act.

In contrast to the first World War when explosives were used in the perpetration of many costly acts of sabotage, there has not been one single clear-cut instance in this war where explosives or their ingredients have been employed to destroy property and disrupt morale in the United States. This remarkable record is, at least in part, the result of an efficient and capable operation of the Federal Explosives Act, and especially of the diligence and the perseverance of the licensing agents.

The general license, as issued by the Bureau of Mines, reads in part as follows:

General License No. 8 pertaining to explosives and ingredients. A general license is hereby granted under the Federal Explosives Act of December 26, 1941 (55 Stat. 863), as amended, to any person as defined in the act and regulations, who is not otherwise prohibited by law or by regulation or by proclamation of the War Department, the Attorney General, or any other Federal Agency from doing so, to manufacture, distribute, possess, purchase, accept, receive, acquire, store, sell, issue, or otherwise dispose of and use explosives and ingredients, as defined in the act and the regulations.

General Rise In Tobacco Prices

RALEIGH, Oct. 15.—A strong upward movement on the eastern flue-cured tobacco belt has brought the season's best prices, while middle belt marketing centers also reported prices were on the upgrade.

The federal-state market news services reported over the week end that the quality of last week's offerings on the eastern belt were about the same as the previous week's good leaf. The middle belt reported the best quality of the season.

Almost every grade advanced \$1 to \$2 on the eastern belt. Nondescript was up \$2.50 to \$4 per hundred pounds. Many baskets sold for more than \$50.

The volume of sales was somewhat lighter, but most markets continued blocked. The week's sales of 34,743,357 pounds brought a \$44.73 average, bringing the season's total to 296,287,062 pounds for an average of \$43.29.

On the middle belt, the week's average was \$42.56, the season's highest. All leaf sold was at least \$1.74 above the previous week. The season's total sales reached 76,679,326 at an average of \$41.45.

Airport Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

Public Urged To Attend Open
Meeting At Courthouse.

J. A. McGoogan, County auditor, announced yesterday that the airport meeting originally scheduled for next Tuesday night had been moved up to two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He said that this had been done in order to have a representative of the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) on hand. This representative will be present at the meeting which will be in the courtroom and will be red to answer any questions may be asked on the subject of benefits of an airport to a county the size of Raeford Hoke county and to state just what the Government is doing to do in the way of giving community assistance in building, maintaining an airport. The meeting is to be an open meeting, the county commissioners and the public to attend and to know their views on the subject in order that any action subsequently taken by the board toward getting an airport here should best represent the wish of the majority of the county citizens.

New Schedule To Cut Force One-Third

Enlisted Men 44 To 41 Points
By Nov. 1; More Reductions
Later.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The Navy tonight announced reductions in point scores for the greater part of its personnel, intended to release one-third of its war-strength by the first of January.

With further cuts predicted in December and January, the score for enlisted men will be reduced from 44 to 41 points, effective November 1st.

On the same date male officers will be cut from 49 to 46 points. WAVE officers from 39 to 32 and WAVE enlisted personnel from 29 to 26.

No change was made in the formulas by which points are computed. The new schedule steps up the Navy's demobilization plan by some two months.

The Navy announcement also said that a further reduction in point scores for medical doctors probably will be made on January 1. Reduction of doctors' scores from 60 to 53 points was announced recently. The expected further cuts will be to 51 points.

In other classes the further predicted cuts are: For male officers other than doctors, to 44 points on December 1 and to 43 points on January 1.

For enlisted male personnel, to 39 points on December 1 and to 38 points on January 1.

For WAVE officers, to 30 points on December 1 and to 29 points on January 1.

For enlisted WAVES, to 24 points on December 1 and 23 points on January 1.

Farmers Urged To Conserve Forests

It is time for the farmers to begin thinking of their forest as a permanent cash crop. Over half of the land in Hoke County is in forest, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. Much of this forest is unproductive because it has not been managed so that it could yield a return.

Keeping fires out of the forest is the most essential practice in conserving timber and promoting its growth. Fire breaks serve a good cause on large tracts of wooded areas. If cut into 20 to 30 acre blocks by a tractor disk, the job can be done economically and keep down fire hazards to larger areas. Where thick stands of young timber exist, it is profitable to thin and in some cases pruning pays well. Most of the young trees thinned can be sold as pulp wood. It is not recommended that farmers leave their forest thinning for pulp wood to pulp wood dealers, for in most cases of that kind farmers do not realize the value. At present, prices are too low to justify selling pulpwood on the stump.

There are several thousand acres of cut over timber land and submarginal land that should be planted to pine trees. A number of successful plantings have been made in the county in recent years. Farmers wishing to obtain 1 year pine seedlings, should make application for them at once in order to be assured of early deliveries next spring. Orders can be placed at the county agent's office.

Recorder Tries Many Liquor Cases Tuesday Morning

Man Also Convicted For Stealing
Sheriff's Pistol.

The majority of the cases brought up before Judge Henry McDiarmid last Tuesday morning dealt with some violation of the prohibition laws. Notable among the exceptions to this were the cases in which two culprits were convicted of stealing Sheriff Hodgkin's pistol and buying it knowing it to have been stolen, respectively. The defendants were not charged with stealing the weapon from the person of the sheriff.

Austin and Jimmie McFadyen, local colored men, entered pleas of guilty of violating the prohibition laws by having a quantity of home brew and paid the court costs.

James Roper and Walter Harris, colored, entered pleas of guilty of being drunk and disorderly and were ordered to pay the court costs in their respective cases.

Roberta Murphy, colored, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws by possessing a quantity of non-tax-paid liquor and was taxed with the costs.

James Bethea and Eddie Clayton, colored, were found guilty of the same offense and with being drunk and disorderly. They also paid the costs.

Connie Rogers, colored, was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and with having poor brakes. Fine was \$50 and the costs of the court.

Willie Thomas and Eddie Marshall, colored, were found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and paid the court costs. Thomas also was fined \$10 for using profane language.

Peter McNair, colored, was charged with the costs for violating the road law but was found not guilty of driving without a license.

Lonnie Sloan, colored, was found not guilty of having improper brakes. Bobbie McLean, white man of Sampson County, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid the costs.

Garfield Maynor and Jason Armstrong, both colored men of Quibble township, were each found guilty of operating a liquor still and each was fined \$25 and the court costs in his case.

Marie Lopez, white transient, paid the costs for speeding.

Jessie McKinnon, colored, was found guilty of receiving a stolen pistol knowing it to have been stolen and sentence was three months to be suspended on payment of the costs. McKinnon also got three months to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$30 and the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Bert Hankings, colored, was found guilty of stealing a pistol from the sheriff's automobile while it was parked in front of the courthouse and with carrying a concealed weapon. Sentence for the theft was three months to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs and for carrying the pistol was sentenced to three months to be suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Walter Lee McKinnon, colored, had a sentence of thirty days suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Should Harvest Sweet Potatoes

Now that frost has come, all sweet potatoes should be harvested at once if not already harvested. Large losses are caused every year due to frost action, reports County Agent A. S. Knowles. When digging use a mid-dibbler if possible to avoid cutting and breaking of potatoes.

Grading should be done in the field. Use heap row system by laying three rows together, avoiding piles. Separate culls, injured and diseased potatoes. If potatoes are to be stored in a house, they should be placed in the storage container while grading. Farmers should avoid feeding frost-bitten potatoes to hogs or other livestock as they may cause poisoning.

Fire Last Friday

An outhouse near the home of Mrs. I. H. Shankle on Donaldson Avenue was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. The blaze was started by some coals having been thrown into dry grass and fanned into flame by the wind. The building was practically a total loss but the Fire department kept the blaze from spreading to a nearby garage.

J. A. McGoogan is in Raleigh this week attending a meeting of the State Association of County Accountants, of which he is president. The meeting started yesterday and will end tomorrow.