

IN UNIFORM

Another Oak Leaf For Sgt. Chapman -- Now Missing

In a special dispatch from the South Pacific received last week by the Scottish Citizen, announcement was made of the awarding of an additional Oak Leaf Cluster on May 13, Technical Sergeant Robert Chapman for the period from January 31 to March 19.

Sgt. Chapman has been missing from an action in that area since the middle of May. He was awarded the air medal early last fall and since that time a number of clusters have been awarded by Lt. General Millard F. Harmon, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific. Sgt. Chapman, the son of Mrs. Lida Law Chapman of Red Springs, has been with the 13th AAF as an aerial radio operator for about two years.

Young "Wat" McNeill Is Mustang Pilot



An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England (Special) Pilot, is now in a Mustang fighter for the U. S. bombers striking deep within Germany is an almost daily assignment for Lt. John W. McNeill, Jr., 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNeill, of Red Springs, N. C. Graduate of Red Springs High School, Lt. McNeill entered the AAF Feb. 2, 1942; earned his "wings" November 3, 1943. He is now a combat pilot with Col. Avelin P. Tacon's Mustang fighter group flying deep penetration support and escort with U. S. bombers.

Sgt. George Harvey Killed In Action

Word has been received from the War Department that Sgt. George Harvey, who was formerly stationed at the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base, was killed in action over New Guinea on May 22nd. He was 32 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey of Erie, Pa. His engagement to Miss Anna McCall of Maxton was announced last Christmas. The marriage was to have taken place when he returned in October.

Lt. R. M. Bitting Killed In Action

Mrs. Robert M. Bitting, the former Miss Marion Watson, received a wire from the War Department Monday, stating that her husband, Lt. Robert M. Bitting, had been killed in action in Italy, May 23. No other information has yet been received as the telegram said a letter would follow later.

Lt. Bitting was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bitting of Reading, Pa. He and Miss Watson were married December 18 at her father's home in Gretna.

Lt. Bitting was a pilot of the fighter plane, "Southern Belle," which he named for his southern wife, who is the daughter of Walter Watson, and the niece of Misses Lula and Virginia Watson of Maxton.

Curtis O'Briant, Seaman Second Class, who has just completed boot training at Camp Perry, Va., has returned to camp after spend 10 days at home.

Lieut. W. A. Webb, former Agriculture teacher in the Maxton school, who is stationed at Camp Mackall, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Edwin L. Key, American Red Cross Field Director, and his wife, Lieut. Wilma Key, of the War recruiting division, who are stationed at Columbia, S. C., visited friends in Maxton Saturday.

Accept Many For Military Service From Board Two

One hundred colored men were sent to Fort Bragg on June 5th for pre-induction physical examination by Draft Board No. 2 at Maxton. Of that many the following were accepted for military service.

For the army: Doug Smith, Chance Smith, Eddie Boyd Wilkerson, John Henry Baker, Amos Lawrence Mudd, John Wesley McCallum, Harrison Carmichael, Eddie Southern, George Bell Hayes, Venson Harding Murphy, George William Patterson, Wilbert Stafford, Tuck Leach, Bernice Bethea, Willie Graham Evans, Jarvis Everett Johnson, Henry Lee McCallum, Lonnie McJueen, Jr.

For the Navy: James Covington, Willie Baxter Barnes, James Arthur Lee, Harvey Ford, Luther Leach Jr., Joshua Brown, Evans Mack Jr., Joe Lee Fairley.

Roy McNeill Cited For Gallantry

Roy McNeill, Electrician's Mate First Class, son of Mrs. Kate McNeill of Floral College, has been cited for conspicuous gallantry in saving the life of a wounded shipmate during the invasion of the Marshall Islands. Prior to entering the Naval service he was employed by the New Jersey Power & Light Co. in Sussex, N. J., where his wife now resides.

The citation, signed by Major Gen. H. Schmidt of the U. S. Marine Corps, reads as follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the 4th Marine Division on Rio-Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on the 12th day of February, 1944, during the bombing of Rio-Namur Island, Electrician's Mate Neil Leroy McNeill and a shipmate, declining to seek safety for themselves, risked their lives to remove from beneath a truck a shipmate who had been severely wounded in both legs by shrapnel from an exploding enemy plane. Through his heroic efforts, the wounded shipmate was able to escape the intense and billowing smoke to the safety of LST. McNeill's undaunted courage was responsible for helping save the life of a shipmate who otherwise might have perished and was in keeping with the high traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

Robert F. McGill Is Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGill of Route 1, Maxton, have been notified by the War Department that their youngest son, Second Lieutenant Robert Francis McGill, was killed in action over England on May 20th. A letter was later received from his chaplain, stating that he was buried with religious ceremony in an American military cemetery in England.

Lieutenant McGill volunteered for service in the air corps a year ago. He received his training as pilot at Drew Field, Fla., and was sent overseas soon after being commissioned. He had been in England only about a month. He was 27 years of age, a native of Vass, Hoke County. He is survived by his parents, and two brothers, Alex McGill of Maxton and Archibald McGill, of Drew Field.

Sgt. Angus Medlin Has Operation

Sgt. Angus Medlin, son of Mrs. J. D. Medlin, Sr., and former Maxton attorney, underwent a major operation for the removal of a stone from his pancreas last Friday morning at the Richmond Army Hospital, and according to reports brought from there by his brother, J. D. Medlin, who visited him this past week-end, he is getting along fine as could be expected. His brother, Gilbert Medlin, left Friday morning to be with him over the week-end.

Lt. Emma Brown Grantham of Spartanburg is at home on leave.

Petty Officer and Mrs. Glenn Hanna of Norfolk spent the past week end here with Mrs. Hanna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Love. Mr. Hanna expects to be shipped out with in the next month and Mrs. Hanna plans to return to her home here.

Lt. and Mrs. Ed Abrams are spending a leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairley B. Thrower.

Sgt. Dougald McNeill and Sgt. Sam Sneed of Fort Jackson spent the week end in Red Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robeson have received word that their son, Bartram, Jr., Staff Sergeant in the Air Forces, that he is now in western China, where the scenery and climate remind him a great deal of Western North Carolina.

Collitis Fatal To Three Children

Twin children of William Smith, negro, Martha and Matthew Smith, and a grandchild, John Henry Smith, Jr., were victims of attacks of collitis last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Funeral services were held Sunday for the three children.

Hubert Oliver, negro, of near Red Springs, died of an unidentified type of meningitis last week. This is the first case of this disease to be reported here in a number of months, according to records of the State vital statistics.

Coleman High Man In Carolina Junior Selection

Will Pitch Game At Charlotte Against Sandlappers June 23; Wins Two For Whiteville.

Hamp Coleman, the lanky youngster who pitched some sensational ball this spring for the Red Springs High School team, was high man among those endorsed for the North Carolina team which will be pitted against the South Carolina Juniors in a special game to be played on June 23rd at Charlotte.

Coleman will go to Charlotte for a practice session on the night of June 22nd, when Jack Coombs will coach his squad of 14 men. The next evening they meet a similar group of youngsters from South Carolina. From this group one player will be selected for the All-East Junior team which will meet an All-West Junior team for a series of games to be played in New York later in the summer. Connie McGillicuddy of the A's will be the brains on the bench for the East team at New York.

Coleman has already pitched the Whiteville team of American Legion Juniors to one national competition, and bids fair to repeat that performance. He won the first game against New Bern, and a triple himself. The Whiteville team's pitcher got himself in a hole against New Bern, and Coleman was sent in as relief. There were three runners on, with nobody down. Coleman did an excellent job, holding all the Craven county lads to their bases while he carefully fanned out the next three batters.

The Whiteville schedule includes the following games: June 16 at Sanford; June 28 Rocky Mount at Wilson; June 30 Kky. Mt. at Whiteville; July 5 at Laurinburg; July 7, Laurinburg at Whiteville; July 10 at Dunn and July 12, Dunn at Whiteville.

U. N. C. Diamond Stars Join Robins

Replacement Center Team Coming Saturday Evening For Dance, And Sunday For Game

The strong 2nd Regiment team of the Replacement Center of Fort Bragg will be the opposition for the Red Robins at Robbins Park Sunday afternoon. This team is made up of former professionals and has a generous sprinkling of major league talent. They will meet a strengthened Robins team, too. Claude Croucher and Ken Black of the University of North Carolina's team sprouted red feathers this week to give the Robins considerable strength in spots that have been weak so far this season. Both have excellent fielding and batting records.

Lefty, Bledsoe, veteran, who hurls from the offside will be on the mound for the locals while Blackburn, former Texas league star, is slated to start on the mound for the 2nd Regiment.

The visitors will be here Saturday evening and will be entertained at a dance at the Service Club. It is expected there will be a sizeable group in their convoy, which will include the Regimental dance band, which will play for the dance.

Mass To Be Held In USO Club

At 12:15 Sunday, June 18th, the Mass for the Third Sunday after Pentecost will be offered by the Rev. Charles J. O'Connor in the Social room of the USO Club, Maxton. Father O'Connor will hear Confessions before Mass and will deliver the sermon, "War-God's Instrument."

SMALL GRAINS
Unless growers act now to set aside and contract for sufficient good seed for planting the 1944 small grain crop, there will be another shortage of seed as in 1943.

Mrs. Chandler New Robeson Home Dem Agent July 1

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaitley Of Red Springs Will Succeed Mrs. Malcolm Calhoun.

Mrs. Anne Gaitley Chandler, for the past year home economics teacher at Philadelphus, was elected home demonstration agent for Robeson county at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Monday. Mrs. Chandler will succeed Mrs. Malcolm P. Calhoun, the former Miss Margaret Cromartie, on July 1, according to County Manager E. K. Butler, who made the announcement when the election had been confirmed by the State College Extension Service.

Mrs. Chandler is a native of Robeson county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaitley of Red Springs. She was a 4-H club member during her high school years, and as a Jane S. McKinnon Loan Fund Student at Flora Macdonald College she was the youngest member of her class which was graduated in 1941. For two years she taught home economics at Barium Springs Presbyterian orphanage, and last year at Philadelphus.

Her husband, Pvt. Wallace S. Chandler, is now with our forces in the European area.

Chester Evans Has First Cotton Bloom

The first cotton bloom of the season was brought to The Scottish Citizen office Monday by the wife of Chester Evans, Maxton colored man, who owns and operates a farm just beyond the site of the Veneer plant. According to the time honored custom, Chester will receive a free subscription to The Scottish Citizen.

For several years Chester has been runner-up in the race to bring in the first bloom. This year he was successful. Chester's wife is Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, who runs up this season.

Former Minister Of Local Church Dies In Virginia

The Rev. R. W. Jopling, D. D. Of Lancaster, S. C., Buried At Radford, Va

It was learned here this week that the Rev. R. W. Jopling, D. D., for many years pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian Church and for the past 25 years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lancaster, S. C., died last Friday, June 9, at the home of his wife's family in Radford, Va.

Funeral and burial services were held in Radford.

Mr. Jopling had been in ill health for the past several years and three years ago retired from the ministry. He and his wife were visiting at her former home at the time of his death, while they were enroute to Norfolk where they planned to make their home with their daughter and only child, Miss Sue Tyler Jopling.

Auto Use Stamps Now On Sale

The Federal "use" stamps, which cost \$5, and which are required to be stuck on each motor vehicle using the public highways, are now on sale at all postoffices.

The stamps must be affixed to the car before July 1st. It is recommended that they be stuck upon the windshield by wetting the windshield where it is to be placed rather than applying the water to the glue on the stamp directly. Each car owner should record the motor number, license number make, year and model on the back of the stamp before wetting it, which helps keep down the theft of the stamps.

Phelps Is New Gin Specialist Succeeds Johnson

Raleigh, June 14.—A. R. Phelps, Lumberton cotton ginner and gin repairman, has been appointed gin specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, according to A. B. Fairley, Warehouse division head. Phelps succeeds Fred Johnson, formerly of Raeford, who resigned as specialist last October to go with the Federal Department of Agriculture. "This is a free service provided exclusively for the cotton farmer. If he feels at any time that he has not received proper ginning, he should notify the State Department of Agriculture," said Fairley.

J. B. McCallum, Jr. Writes From Italy

Mrs. J. B. McCallum received the first letter from her son, Johnny McCallum, since his arrival in Italy. He had a pleasant voyage on a B. hospital ship and was getting a fine and interesting finding his work. He and Sgt. Stan Mitchell, who was formerly stationed at the M-I Air Base had had a re-union in Italy. Johnny had not as yet received any mail from home, but as so many have asked for his address we are giving it below:

John B. McCallum, Jr., A. F. D. American Red Cross, APO 782, Care Postmaster, New York.

We have also been requested to publish the following addresses: A. C. W. W. McKenzie-34665384 Flgt. 2-Sqdn. E. Grp. Flt. Class 45-AAF-PFS Pilot Maxwell Field, Ala.

Cpl. Geo. M. McIntyre Dept. 9-Box 281 Elcentro, Calif.

Mrs. A. L. Campbell Is Re-Elected Bible Teacher

The Maxton Bible Committee at its last meeting re-elected Mrs. A. L. Campbell as Bible teacher in the local schools for the next school year. Mrs. Campbell has signified her acceptance of the work.

The Bible Commencement programs which were held at both the negro and white schools last month showed the excellent and thorough work which was done this past year. There was a healthy increase in enrollment in the Bible classes.

Instruction at the Robeson County Training School was given three hundred fifty two boys and girls during the day and a half teaching program each day. This is the first year that the school has been supported in its entirety by them.

During the day and a half teaching period at the white schools each week, Mrs. Campbell taught two hundred sixty boys and girls. The teaching of the Bible in the white schools is made possible by the combined support of the Maxton Junior Woman's Club, the Moxam Club, and by donations of individual citizens who realize the importance of this work.

Mrs. Campbell has just returned from a Bible Workshop Conference at Queens College, Charlotte. In attendance were Bible teachers from all over North Carolina. Together these teachers are working out a standard Bible curriculum to be used in those communities where Biblical instruction is offered in the public schools.

House Passes "G I" Aid Bill Already Senate - Approved

Out-of-Work Benefits, Loan Features and Educational Aid Included In Act.

Washington, June 13.—Overwhelming house passage sent to the White House today the compromise version of the "G I" bill of rights, a general veterans' benefits measure.

The senate passed the bill yesterday accepting a conference compromise to adjust differences between the senate and house.

As finally approved, the bill contains these major provisions: Unemployment compensation: \$20 weekly for a maximum of 52 weeks for veterans out of jobs in the first two years after their discharge, with creation of a job placement bureau within the United States employment service.

Education: One year of government-financed education in regularly established schools, including vocational training institutions, with the government paying a maximum of \$500 for tuition and other fees and subsistence allowances of \$50 monthly for a veteran with no dependents and \$75 for those with dependents. In the case of a veteran who entered the service before he was 25, a complete four-year college education would be available provided the veteran qualified and made proper progress.

Financial assistance: Guarantee by the government of 50 per cent of private loans up to \$4,000 to help veterans establish themselves in business or purchase homes or farms. Interest would not exceed 4 per cent. Any cash benefits received by a veteran under provisions of the legislation has been estimated from \$3,000,000,000 to \$6,500,000,000.

Bond Drive Off To Good Start In Robeson County

Early Morning Rally In Red Springs Well Attended. Maxton Canvass Making Progress

The Fifth War Loan Drive was launched in Red Springs Monday morning with an early morning meeting at the Red Springs Theatre, while with meetings of workers already out of the way at Maxton the volunteer salesmen and women began their canvass of their community without a formal rally.

Ringling church bells and the fire siren called volunteers out of bed at 7:30 a. m. to the Red Springs meeting which began at 8 o'clock. A large crowd attended the Rally in Red Springs, with practically every employee of all the local business houses present. The meeting was opened with an invocation by the Rev. Edwin Purcell, D. D., and short talks were made by Chairman James A. Graham, D. M. McMillan, George Calvert and George T. Ashford.

Mr. Graham explained that each member of the personnel of every business house in town had been assigned a quota of \$300 to be sold during the drive. The employees East side of Main Street was made a team under the direction of W. N. Weaver, those on the West side are under Warren C. McNeill. They are to check sales made at the store daily and to stimulate bond sales interest among the stores' employees.

The other speakers brought out information on various points of the drive which would help in the sales campaign.

At the close of business Wednesday afternoon Chairman Graham stated that sales for the first three days of the drive had been very satisfactory, with over \$35,000 worth of bonds sold. Several stores have already passed their assigned quotas, he said, with the D. M. McMillan motor firm being the first to pass its goal was Graham's department store, and Home Furniture Co. was third, and the group of employees of War Price and Rationing Board No. 2 was fourth. Several others were fast approaching their quotas when the report was made up early this morning, Mr. Graham said.

Maxton Workers Make Much Progress

In Maxton the results of the first three days had not been tallied but satisfactory reports were being received by Chairman John H. McKinnon from campaign workers.

Mr. McKinnon stated that the goal of \$200,000 was much greater than any quota ever assigned to the community and that it was going to require a tremendous effort on the part of everyone to make the drive a success there. He stated that the Fifth War Loan Drive is probably the most important financial effort of the entire war to date, and its success is critically needed. "What the invasion is to our fighting men," he said, "this Fifth War Loan might truthfully be compared with our effort here at home. Our soldiers expect to hear that we are buying double, that we are making some effort to match their great sacrifices in the only way we can aid in the gigantic effort to win the war. Our Committee can only ask that you see, personally, that you do all that you can, as they are counting on us desperately as we are counting on them."

Bond Premieres

With each bond being sold in Maxton and Red Springs, the selling agency is authorized to give a ticket to the local movie houses. In Maxton a Bond Premiere will be held on Tuesday evening, June 20, at 8:30 at the Maxton Theatre. The new "Two Girls and a Sailor," with Van Johnson and Gloria DeHaven, a picture that has been described as an answer to the public's demand for a gay, heart-warming entertainment. It is being presented through the courtesy of Manager E. B. Bowman and the Motion Picture Producers.

The tickets given out at Red Springs will be good for any picture during a week to be designated by Manager Carl McIlwaine of the Red Springs Theatre.

CORRECTION

Last week the Scottish Citizen stated that Miss Dalia Stanton had been elected president of the American Legion auxiliary of the Charlie Hall Post. Miss Edna Stanton, sister of the above, was the one elected to this office. We regret this error.

In the same story it was stated that the Girl's State wouldn't be held. The statement should have explained that Miss Mildred Nye would not be able to attend the State because of the limit place upon registrations for the affair by Womens College officials, where the State is in progress this week.