

IN UNIFORM

Cluster To Air Medal Awarded Bob McConnaughey

Lt. Robert A. McConnaughey, who arrived in the States last week, is expected to arrive home within a few days.

FIFTH AIR FORCE, Philippine.—First Lt. Robert A. McConnaughey of Red Springs was recently awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal for participation in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from March 31, 1944 to June 12, 1945. These operations consisted of bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping. Lt. McConnaughey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McConnaughey, live in Red Springs.

Howard Hasty, Jr., Takes Mechanics Course

KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss., August 11.—The job of helping keep America's giant bombers in fighting trim awaits Pvt. William H. Hasty, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hasty, Maxton, N. C. Pvt. Hasty, Jr., was enrolled here this week for Keesler Field's 76-day basic airplane and engine mechanics course.

Colon M. Brock Promoted

CALCUTTA, India.—Colon M. Brock, son of Mrs. D. A. Bowden of Maxton, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant, it has been announced by his commanding officer. He has been in the India-Murma theater since June, 1943, and in the army since September, 1942. In civilian life he was a salesman.

Sgt. Brock's unit is serving with base section of the India-Burma theater which leads military port installations throughout the world in handling vital war materials, and which is under the command of Brig. Gen. Robert R. Neyland, former University of Tennessee football coach.

Capt. Thomas R. Wolfe, who has served with the Mountain Division of the 87th Infantry in Italy since January has returned to the states to spend a 30-day furlough. He reached his home in Orangeburg, S. C. Friday and he and Mrs. Wolfe are expected in Maxton next week.

Discharged From Army

Pfc. LeRoy B. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Miller of Maxton Rf. 1, has been given an honorable discharge from the army and has returned home. He has served in the infantry for 3 years, having been inducted at Camp Jackson, January 16, 1940. For 33 months he was in the Aleutian Islands, Rhineland and central Europe with the 354th Infantry as anti-tank gun crewman, hauling ammunition and supplies for the Pacific and European areas under combat condition and over all types of terrain and in all kinds of weather. He has been awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with one bronze service star, the Eamest campaign medal with two bronze service stars and the combat Infantry badge.

On Furlough

Lt. Palmer Kirpatrick has returned from overseas where he served in France and Germany as weather forecaster for a year with the 21st Weather Squadron of the 9th Air Force. He and his wife and two small sons, who have been making their home in Walterboro, S. C., are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Kirpatrick in Maxton. Lt. Kirpatrick has a furlough of 30 days.

Pfc. Rufus Smith has returned to his home in Maxton for a 30-day furlough after serving a year with the Third Division of the 7th Infantry in France. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the capture of Colmon Pocket last January and was also awarded the Combat Infantry badge.

Hasty Wall EM 3-c, who has been in the Pacific area since last November, is spending a short furlough with home folks in Dunbarton, S. C. and in Maxton.

Cpl. Willis A. Bunch, Jr., son of Mrs. W. A. Bunch of Maxton, returned Thursday from Germany. He and his family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cashwell are spending several days with Mrs. J. D. Bunch, Cpl. Bunch's grandmother, in Danbury, Ga.

With the 35th Infantry Division, Assembly Area Command, France.—Pfc. Hector M. Watson is enroute home from Europe with the 5-star "Santa Fe" division, which in ten

Captain Charles Campbell Is Awarded Croix De Guerre



France's highest military honor, the Croix de Guerre, was awarded to Capt. Charles Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Campbell of Maxton, for "exceptional services during the liberation of France" in an impressive ceremony which took place in front of Napoleon's tomb. Col. Homa, of the French army, is pictured above, presenting the award to Capt. Campbell. There were five other Carolinians among the 146 American officers who received this honor. Capt. Campbell was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious

service in connection with military operations from June 23rd, 1943 to October 31st, 1944. During this period, as planning assistant of the Quartermaster section, services of supplies, in the North African theatre of operations, Capt. Campbell (then lieutenant) by energetic application of practical judgment and thorough and unflinching follow-up on the myriad matters necessary to effective supply, contributed in a large measure to the successful accomplishment of the difficult and complex missions involved in operations for the invasion of Sicily and Italy.

Philadelphus Lad Wins Jersey Heifer In Stock Contest

Bob Falls of Lumberton, Rt. 4, a member of the Philadelphus 4-H club has just received a purebred Jersey heifer as first place winner in the cow, hog, and hen contest, which is sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck foundation.

Bob was winner in the Sears essay contest and received one of the 4 purebred gilts as a prize. As the contest continued the club members who did the best job of growing out their gilt and raising a litter of pigs would get additional prizes. Bob did the best job with his brood sow project which made him eligible for the purebred dairy heifer.

The Jersey heifer was purebred from Hoyle C. Griffin of Monroe, who is an established breeder of Jersey cattle. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Falls and has been in club work for the past 3 years and is planning to show his calf at the Lume Junior cattle show which will be held November 1st in Lumberton.

months battled across the Elbe River to within 42 miles from Berlin. The 35th ended its occupational duties in Germany during the 2nd week of July and moved to Camp Norfolk, redeployment camp near Reims. Elements of the division served as honor guard for President Truman when he arrived at Antwerp.

Pfc. Watson is the son of Mrs. Sadie Watson of Red Springs.

Sgt. Donald Coleman, who has been serving with the 11th Airborne division as paratrooper in the South Pacific, has arrived in California, according to a message received by his wife, the former Miss Susie Dunn of Maxton.

Paul W. Sullivan, assistant Red Cross Field director of Fort Bragg, is recuperating from an emergency appendix operation performed last week in the Veteran's hospital, Fayetteville.

Sgt. Russell Webster, son of Mrs. Mollie Webster of Floral College, returned last week from overseas for a 30-day furlough.

Pvt. Leroy Hunt of Red Springs is enroute to the States from Germany.

Robeson 4-H Group At Camp Millstone August 20 To 25

Plans have now been completed for the Robeson County 4-H camp to be held at Camp Millstone, Aug. 20 to Aug. 25. A very interesting program has been worked out and schedule arranged to include a staff of leaders to direct the camp activities. The camp program is built around activities of patriotism, education and swimming in the mornings; while the afternoon will be given to land recreational activities, swimming instruction for beginners and swimming for all groups. The night program will consist of games, folk songs, candle lighting ceremony, evening watch and motion pictures. Members of the 4-H clubs who are caring out projects are eligible to attend.

Members attending camp will assemble at the Agricultural building at 9:00 a. m., August 20 and check in their food, baggage and camp fees before leaving for Camp Millstone which is located in Richmond county near Rockingham, N. C. The camp was originally scheduled for Lake Singletary but was later changed to Camp Millstone because of more adequate facilities for carrying on a camp program. The group will leave camp Saturday morning, August 25, and will arrive back in Lumberton between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock.

Directors of the camp are Mrs. Ann G. Chandler, home agent; Miss Veronica Britt, ass't. home agent; O. P. Owens, county agent; and V. C. Herlocker, ass't. county agent. Any 4-H club member who should like to go and has not received full instructions, including the food and baggage list, should contact the home demonstration agent or the county agent's office at once to receive this information.

Chaplain Dickason To Hold Service At Maxton Church

Chaplain Henry F. Dickason of the Laurinburg-Maxton airbase, will lead a candle light service at the Maxton Baptist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is especially invited to hear him.

Fifty Boys Given Week's Training By Coach Laval

Number Of Good Prospects Developed For Legion Baseball Team In 1946.

Some fifty high school youngsters enjoyed a week of baseball instruction here last week in a baseball school conducted by Coach Billy Laval of Newberry college for the Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion.

The boys came from Dillon, Robeson, Hoke, and Bladen counties and took workouts and instructions twice daily at Robbins park. Coach Laval was assisted in conducting the school by Arthur McRae, Bus Singleton and Red Norris, while Roy Singleton, Morrison Peterson, Post Commander F. C. Jones and Tom Cope formed the bench warmers and observation squad.

A number of good prospects for next year's Junior Legion team were found in the group and several boys showed good knowledge of the game but will have to grow a bit more before they will be able to compete with older candidates for positions.

Hiram Grantham Injured Badly In Plane Crash

Hiram Grantham, who with Carl McIlwain, operates the Garnet Brooks Municipal airport of Red Springs, was critically injured last Thursday afternoon when his plane crashed at the end of the runway as he approached for a landing.

The accident occurred just after the motor had been retarded and the plane pulled into a tight turn for the landing approach, the plane lost flying speed, and with the left wing down, dropped to the runway approach. The wing touched the ground first and then the nose of the Stinson Voyager hit, the plane bouncing about 15 feet and stopping with its tail high in the air. Though there was much free gasoline from a spring wing tank connection no fires resulted, and Mr. Grantham was quickly removed from the plane by Carl McIlwain and others on the field, who witnessed the crash. He was taken to Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, where x-rays show that he received a fracture of a lower vertebrae and also of an ankle bone. His spinal cord was not injured, physicians stated.

News & Views

THOUGHTS ON V-DAY—We can hardly realize that this is the happy, glorious day to which we have looked forward since 1941, that Peace has at last come to the world; that our boys will soon be coming home, or those who stay will not be in imminent danger, and that the prayers of Christian peoples throughout the world have been graciously answered!

Already there have been many happy families reunited and please God, soon there will be many more. Little children, to whom "Daddy" meant only a photograph, will know the love and companionship of their fathers. Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to the parents and loved ones of those boys who will not be coming home, but are sleeping on foreign soil. We think of our great leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and wish that he might have lived to see this day for which he labored so tirelessly and for which he sacrificed his life. To those of us who feel anxiety for the future as we face the "greatest task with which we have been confronted," as one of our statesmen has expressed it, we are reminded of the words which Roosevelt used so often: "There is nothing to fear but fear" and with this thought before us may we go forward with confidence in ourselves and in our democracy. There is work for each one of us in the days which lie ahead and in our hands rests the future of America.

Mrs. J. A. Edwards

Mrs. J. A. Edwards, sister-in-law of R. P. Edwards and Mrs. J. J. Evans, died at her home in West Palm Beach, Fla., Thursday after a long illness. She was before her marriage Miss Josie Perry of Siler City. She and Mr. Edwards made their home in Maxton for several years before moving to Florida. Mrs. Thos. R. Wolfe, her niece, who had been with her during her illness, has returned to her home in Orangeburg, S. C.

Maxton Tax Rate Is Reduced

Maxton tax rate for the fiscal year beginning June 30, 1945, has been reduced from \$1.90 on each \$100.00 valuation to \$1.85. The rate was adopted at a meeting of the board of commissioners on August 13.

Col. Long Is New Commander L-M AB Curry To Airline

New Installation Head Is Commanded With Four Battle Stars.

Col. Ellsworth P. Curry, commanding officer of Laurinburg-Maxton army air base since July, has gone on inactive status to re-assume his former position as an American Airlines captain. His release after three years and three months of active duty comes as a result of the army's decision to turn over a large number of transport-type airplanes to the airlines to aid in redeploying troops. Lt. Col. Lloyd L. Long, director of operations and training, succeeds him.

Col. Curry has been with the First Troop Carrier Command almost from its beginning and has played a prominent part in the glider program. With more than 7,000 hours of flying time he was placed in charge of transition training when he first entered the TCC in April, 1942. A few months later he became executive officer of the A-3 training section, headquarters, First Troop Carrier Command.

At Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky., he directed the glider pilot training unit and worked with Lt. Col. Mike Murphy, who later made history in the invasion of France.

Col. Curry joined the National Guard in 1927 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve four years later. He began flying at Kansas City, Kansas in 1929, later joining American Airlines for which he flew for six years.

Lt. Col. Lloyd L. Long, who succeeds Col. Curry as base commander, is a veteran of four years in Troop Carrier. Col. Long graduated from flying school July 12, 1941, and went immediately to the 3rd Transport Command, predecessor of Troop Carrier. In July of 1942, he went overseas as a flight leader in the 60th Troop Carrier Group. The group went first to England, and then took part in the invasion of North Africa, following this up with the Sicilian and Italian operations. When he left for the States in August, 1944, Col. Long was group operations officer of the 60 TCC.

J. Walker Mann, Jr. To Enter Davidson On Scholarship

DAVIDSON, N. C., August 16.—According to the Presbyterian Outlook, Southern Presbyterian church publication of Richmond, Va., six of the nine young men who won scholarships in the recent contest offered by the executive committee of Christian education of the Presbyterian church have chosen Davidson college, one Westminster and one Hampden-Sydney. One, now in the Coast Guard, is as yet undecided between Davidson and Hampden-Sydney.

Twenty winners were selected from approximately 200 young people of the Southern Presbyterian church. All of the contestants furnished the committee with their autobiography and submitted an essay on the subject "Why I Prefer the Church-Related College."

The six winners among the male contestants who have selected Davidson college are as follows: William A. Gamble, III, formerly of Raymont, Miss., and now of Charlotte; Abel M. Hart, Atlanta; George M. Cheek, Jr., Selma, Ala.; Z. N. Holler, Jr., Greensboro; Walter Mann, Jr., Red Springs; and Flynn V. Long, Jr., Austin, Texas, and William N. Clark, Rocky Mount.

Walter Mann's father is pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church.

Cotton-Picking Time Coming Up Fast

Open bolls of cotton were reported on a number of farms this week. First fields to have open cotton notice were those on the J. A. Hodgkin farm near Antioch and on the McCullum estate next to the Brooks Municipal airport.

Boll weevil has been reported very active in recent weeks in many sections, due to excessive rainfall and cloudy days but a large crop is expected to be made.

Chaplain McSween Conducts Peace Services Here

Red Springs Greets War's End With Parades, Shouting And Prayer Services.

Almost immediately following the announcement of President Truman Tuesday that Japan had accepted the provisions of the Potsdam term of surrender, Red Springs began several hours of noisy celebration of the end of the war. Fire and ambulance sirens, church bells, shrieking and shouting people, blaring horns, drums and other types of noise makers were brought out and cars paraded throughout the town for several hours.

On Wednesday evening a union prayer service was held in the Presbyterian church under the direction of the Rev. A. C. Lee. Special music by a choir from all churches was under the direction of Robert Reuter, and a message of responsibilities of peace was brought to the near capacity congregation by the Rev. John Allen McSween, army chaplain, now assigned to Fort Bragg.

Maxton Celebrates Jap Surrender

Chaplain Amos Boren Of The L-M Air Base Brings Eloquent Address To Large Crowd At Outdoor Service.

News of the unconditional surrender of Japan was heralded in Maxton by the loudest and longest blast of the fire siren ever heard, followed by the blowing of automobile horns, the ringing of bells and explosion of fireworks which continued until about midnight. There was some confusion as to the plan for the formal celebration and people began gathering at the Baptist church although the ministers were planning the service for the following day at the S. A. L. park.

Soon the church was almost filled and word was sent the Baptist minister, Rev. Forrest L. Young, who came and led an impromptu service in which others congregated to part, speaking briefly from the pulpit almost to full for words, giving the glory and praise for this great day. There were also songs of thanksgiving and a season of prayer, first of gratitude to God for his guidance and deliverance, prayer for our president as he begins the great task of reconversion and last of all prayer for our enemies, that we may lead them to Christ.

Chaplain Amos Boren of the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air base, was speaker at the formal celebration held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the S. A. L. park, near the Honor Roll board. Introduced by the Rev. Carlos P. Womack, master of ceremonies, Chaplain Boren, who has recently returned from overseas, made an eloquent and stirring address. Likening the coming of peace in the world to the turning on of the lights after a blackout, he said this was not a time for jubilation nor exaltation, but rather for humility and for sober thought, for before us lies the great task of making an enduring peace, which can come only through the brotherhood of man. He explained the meaning of the great hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" which had just been sung, and paid tribute to the men of all races and creeds who have fought so valiantly in this great cause and especially to those who made the supreme sacrifice that this day might be possible.

In striking contrast to the noisy celebration of Tuesday night, was the quietude of Wednesday, as all business was suspended and the day seemed almost like Sunday.

2nd Regiment Wins Tournament Game

The 2nd Regiment Colonels won the only game played in the invitational tournament here yesterday defeating the Blandeboro Spinners 3 to 1 in a game that was rained out in the 8th inning. Lefty Bledsoe pitched good ball for the Spinners but errors by his mates allowed the Colonels to score three unearned runs in the 2nd inning. Lefty Barr pitched for the soldiers and scattered 8 Blandeboro hits. Max Lanier, former St. Louis Cardinal, played 1st base for the 2nd Regiment.

The second game, Red Robins and 2nd Army, was postponed because of rain and will be played next Sunday as part of a double header that will have the Pope Field Flyers meeting the 32 Artillery Corps of Fort Bragg in the first game at 2 o'clock.