

IN UNIFORM

Hector Watson Member Of Group Cited

Pfc. Hector M. Watson and Pfc. Robert Thompson of Chadbourn were among a group of members of the first battalion of the 134th Infantry Reg. awarded Battle Honors and the Unit Citation of the War Department.

The citation follows: for "outstanding performance of duty in action, 13 to 19 July, 1944" in the regiment's capture of Hill 122 near St. Lo, France.

"The magnificent gallantry, heroism, teamwork and will to win displayed by the First Battalion, 134th Infantry, in this crucial operation, characterized by countless deeds of individual and group heroism, and its tremendously significant part in the action on Hill 122 at the approaches to St. Lo, contributes immeasurably to a major victory for the United States and reflect the highest credit upon the character and training of the officers and men of this unit," the citation stated. Hill 122 was captured July 18, just 13 days the regiment landed at Omaha beach. Following seizure of the hill, the enemy pulled out of St. Lo, 1,800 yards to the South. This gave the Americans the key to the Normandy road network, vital to General Patton's lightning drive through France last August.

Cpl. Townsend Enroute Home From France

Cpl. Branson E. Townsend of Red Springs, will arrive in the United States shortly with the 17th Airborne division when the division, representing the Airborne veterans of the European theatre of operations, returns home for deactivation. Cpl. Townsend is a member of the division headquarters. He has served as an assistant squad leader in the 101st Airborne Division for three years, and is a qualified parachutist. He participated in the following campaigns: Normandy, Holland, Bastogne, and Central Europe and wears the ETO ribbon with 4 battle stars and invasion arrowhead, combat infantry badge, Presidential citation with Oak Leaf cluster and Belgium Croix de Guerre with Palm.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Townsend live at Red Springs.

The 17th Airborne division is now composed of high point men from all the fighting airborne units in the European theatre. Although no one unit nor any individual took part in all the airborne operations the composite membership of the present 17th has taken part in each one, including those of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France, Normandy, Holland and across the Rhine in Germany.

Mrs. Mills Kirkpatrick of Maxton, has received word from her husband, T-5 Mills Kirkpatrick, that he has landed in Honolulu, and that the ship was met by Japanese, bowing from the waist, and offering ice cream and other delicacies for sale.

Pvt. Jack Beeson of Aberdeen, Md., is spending a 14-day furlough with his family near Red Springs. He has been transferred to Fort Jackson.

Wayman Hall has received his discharge from the army after over a year's service in the South Pacific, and is now at his home near Red Springs.

Lt. Christ Speros of Camp Hood, Texas, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Speros in Maxton.

Major R. D. Croom, Jr., of Maxton, has been assigned to duty at Camp Shelby, Miss., after spending a 30-day furlough at home. Mrs. Croom and their two little boys will accompany him to Mississippi.

Charles M. Castevens, Jr., BM 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Castevens of Maxton, has arrived in San Francisco after two and a half years service in the South Pacific, and is expected to reach home this week.

Capt. William A. Webb of Maxton is en route from Arles, France, to the States, and will spend a 30-day furlough at home, after which he expects to be redeployed to the Pacific area.

T-Sgt. Stewart McIntyre, son of C. M. McIntyre of Maxton, has arrived in Philadelphia after 2 1/2 years service in India. He and his wife and small son are expected in Maxton soon.

Archie McRimmon, son of Mrs. N. A. McRimmon and the late Mr. McRimmon of near Maxton, has been promoted to lieutenant in the navy. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor, but

Sister And Brother Home From Europe On Same Day

Sgt. Culbreth In Combat Nearly Three Years Without A Scratch

First Sergeant John T. Culbreth and First Lieutenant Margaret Culbreth, ANC, arrived in Red Springs on the same day this week from Europe to see each other for the first time in over three years. They are the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Culbreth of Lumberton, and the niece and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaitley of Red Springs, with whom they lived for some years after the death of their parents.

Both have been in service for nearly five years and both have been overseas for three years. Lt. Culbreth went to Iceland in January, 1942 and later to England, and Sgt. Culbreth entering with the first combat troops going to North Africa, has seen action in the African, Italian and European theatres. He is entitled to wear service stars for eight campaigns, having served with one of the two divisions which participated in combat from Africa, to Sicily to Italy (Sgt. Culbreth spent 45 days in the foxholes on Anzio beachhead with the 36th combat Engineers) to South France, to Germany, and was with Patton's army in Austria when the Germans were crushed. He served the entire time without injury.

Sgt. Culbreth was never returned to the States after his first foreign landing, until three weeks ago. His sister came home last year with a group of wounded men on the Queen Mary, on the same trip which brought the late Ernie Pyle back from the European theatre. Commenting on the present clamor of GIs for permission to marry German women, Sgt. Culbreth said: "Marry Germans or any of the European women... not for me. I wouldn't trade one little spot in America for all of the women in Europe and all of Europe, too." Sgt. Culbreth was discharged this week, while his sister will return to an army nursing assignment at the end of her present leave.

House Passes The Standard Time Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The house today passed without opposition a resolution to return the nation to standard time September 30.

The measure would abolish daylight saving, or wartime. It would mean that clocks would be turned back one hour at 2 a. m. on September 30.

The legislation now goes to the senate, where speedy adoption is expected. Action by the President is not required.

Clocks were set ahead one hour in 1942, when congress created wartime as a means to conserve fuel and provide longer daylight working hours.

Several members said today they did not think wartime provided the benefits expected.

New Pastor Preaches At Midway Church

The Rev. D. J. Jones, new pastor of Midway Presbyterian church, will preach next Sunday morning. Everyone is most cordially invited to hear him.

expects to be sent to the West Pacific soon.

Grover C. McDonald, Jr., of Maxton, has received an honorable discharge from the army and has returned home.

Cpl. Douglas Lytch of Maxton has been transferred from Fort Bragg to Camp Swift, Texas.

T-Sgt. Neill J. McRimmon, who has spent a 30-day furlough at home, reported to Greensboro this week, where he hopes to be given a discharge. He has been in the service four and a half years, and was overseas 42 months.

Sgt. Neill Williamson and his wife, who is from Thomasville, Ga., are spending a part of his 30-day furlough with his aunt, Mrs. J. F. McDonald and other friends near Maxton. Sgt. Williamson has served with the 9th army air corps in the ETO for several months.

State Charter

The Hoke Exchange company received its incorporation papers this week, and is authorized to deal in machinery and equipment. The authorized capital stock of the concern is \$25,000 and subscribed stock was listed in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Warlick and Mr. and Mrs. Zeb E. McDaniel.



NEW MINISTER—The Rev. Thomas Layton Fraser, who on September 2, accepted a call to the pastorate of the Maxton Presbyterian church. Mr. Fraser, who is now serving the Vineland, N. J., first church, is a native of Hinesville, Ga., and a graduate of Davidson college. He will begin his new work the first of October.

Lt. Com. Whiting Is Enroute Home

Lt. Commander George Harris Whiting of Lumberton, and nephew of Miss Grace Whiting of Red Springs, has arrived at Honolulu enroute home after being a prisoner at Singapore and a Jap home island since 1943. He was executive officer of the submarine "Grenadier" when it was captured in 1943, and since that time no word from him was received by any member of his family.

Bible Committee Meets With Fine Cooperation Sunday

Mrs. Lacy Williams, treasurer of the Bible in the Maxton public schools committee, reports that the committee is deeply gratified at the splendid response with which the canvass conducted last Sunday was received. A total of \$993.75 in cash donations has been contributed and there are a number of pledges which will be paid soon. The goal of \$1,000 has not quite been reached, however, the committee feels confident that it will be. Mrs. Williams states that there were eight \$25.00 donations, six \$15.00 donations and a large number of \$10.00 gifts received Sunday.

News and Views

GREAT IMPROVEMENT—The professional building (or maybe you still call it the Carpenter building) has had its face lifted and looks 100 percent better inside. The walls are all clean and nice, painted a very light tan upstairs, the halls and in Dr. McClelland's reception room and his operating room are white. Jack Carter, our landlord, suggested to us that we make our two little rooms entirely different, something pretty like pink or just anything we wanted he said. So we chose a lovely shade of blue, called delft blue, as we heard it was a soothing influence, and there are times when we can use a little especially while the work is going on. It really was a mess, but now we have about inhaled all the dust and the unpleasant odor is evaporating slowly. If we can just promote Jack into buying some new screens, and promote someone into scrubbing up the floors it will be fine. Anyway, come in to see us, tell us the news, and pay up your subscription if its in arrears. You know how to tell, don't you? Just look on the label.

LONG FELT NEED—The housing situation here has been bad for so long we thought that as soon as the war was over a regular building boom would begin, but so far as we know, nothing is being done, and not a day passes that we aren't asked about the possibility of tin-can pieces to live for men who are anxious to bring their families here. We just inquired and find that material still is hard to get. We hope however that those in a position to do so will be making their plans for relieving the situation just as soon as possible.

AND ANOTHER THING—Wonder when we're going to get our streets marked in Maxton so we'll know where we're going and where we are when we get there. Did you know that some of the old timers don't even know the names of the streets? Many call Austin St., College St., and think McCaskill Ave., begins at Mrs. J. C. McCaskill's home. We're been trying to promote this street marking movement for a long time and have decided to put on an active instead of passive campaign. Will be glad to have the assistance of all interested parties, and there are lots of them who are often mentioning it to us.

Fans Jam Robbins Park To See 2nd Regiment Win 5-2

Max Lanier Pitches 4-Hit Ball And Fans 14 In Tournament Finals

Over 3,000 fans jammed Robbins park Sunday afternoon to see Max Lanier pitch the 2nd Regiment Colonels to a 5 to 0 win over the 32nd Army corps team in the final of the annual Robbins park Invitational tournament.

Lanier laid 'em down the alley throughout the nine frames and allowed but four scattered hits while his teammates gave him perfect backing. He was opposed by Lefty Tracey and Rudd who allowed 7 hits and three walks.

The Colonels got two runs in the 4th by putting together a single, a walk, an error and another single. In the 8th they got three more runs with two walks and two hits.

Play at Robbins park this summer has featured some of the major league's outstanding stars who are now on service teams, and the best of the Junior American Legion teams of North Carolina, including district playoff games between the team of Red Springs and Laurinburg, Laurinburg and Wilson, Laurinburg and Kannapolis, and Laurinburg and Shelby, State and National Junior World Champions. Crowds of over a thousand fans have been the usual thing this season, and the last three games of the Robbins tourney crowds have been the largest ever to see baseball in the park, with paid attendance for the two final games both about 3,000.

Back-To-School Formal Friday

A formal dance, honoring the girls who are returning to college this month, will be held at the Maxton USO club on Friday evening, Sept. 14 from 8:30 to 11:30. Music will be furnished by the 664th orchestra from the base. The dance is sponsored by the Girl's Service organization of which Miss Betty McCormac is chairman.

Revival Services To Be Held At Maxton Methodist Church

The Reverend C. P. Womack, pastor of the Maxton Methodist church, announces that revival services will be held during the week of September 16-23. There will be two services Sunday, and services each evening at 8 o'clock from Monday through Friday.

Arrest Negro For Forcing School Bus Off Highway

Patrolman Barnes Praises Edith Black, Girl Driver Of Bus.

A school bus enroute to Raeford from the Mildousin section was forced to leave the highway by reckless driving of an auto by Ruby Lester Tate, negro, at 8:15 yesterday morning. Tate, sought by police and citizens of Mildousin for four hours, was taken into custody at 12:15 and is now in jail on charges of reckless driving and operating a borrowed car with several pieces of defective equipment.

Loaded with 35 children, the bus was forced from the roadway into the highway ditch when Tate approached at high speed, his car weaving from side to side of the road. Patrolman Jason Barnes, who was at the scene within a short time, stated that Edith Black, girl driver of the school bus, handled the heavy vehicle excellently, and did a fine job of dodging the speeding car, and avoiding a head-on accident that might have injured many of the children. "A seasoned driver could not have done a better job," was Mr. Barnes appraisal.

None of the school children was injured, and the bus was but slightly damaged in running into the road ditch, which was so deep that the bus had to be pulled out with a wrecker.

Tate was found, still driving the borrowed car, at 12:15 near the N. H. G. Balfour farm. He was arrested by Patrolman Barnes and sheriff's deputy, H. E. Dees. He had been sought for nearly four hours, with a large number of citizens of the Mildousin community joining in the search as the news spread about the countryside.

Antioch Church To Hold Ingathering Thursday Oct. 18

The annual ingathering of the Antioch Presbyterian church will be held on Thursday, October 18, it was announced this week by the Rev. Mann, pastor. Articles for sale at the annual barbecue and chicken dinner are expected to attract the largest crowd ever to attend this event which has been a harvest season highlight for nearly twenty years.

Over 750 meals were served last year, and W. C. Hodgkin, member of the committee in charge of the dinner, stated today that preparations are being made this year to serve at least one thousand.

Watson Family Holds Reunion

The family of the late A. M. and Sallie McArthur Watson held a reunion at the old family home near Maxton Sunday, Sept. 2nd. Quite a number from a distance attended and dinner and the social hour which greatly enjoyed the bountiful picnic followed. Those from out of town who came for the occasion were Mrs. Charles Howe and daughter, Martha Louise, of Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Watson and twin daughters, Eileen and Judith of Four Oaks, Mrs. George McManus of Matthews, Miss Sallie Brown Wilkinson of Columbia, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson and sons, Billy Bailey and Walter, Jr. of Gretna, Fla., Dannie Watson of Rowland, Mrs. Rosa McEachin of Parkton, Mrs. Gertrude McNeill and Pat Watson of Red Springs.

Maxton Schools Open With 360 Pupils

Maxton public schools opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 300 in the grammar school and 60 in the high school, just one more pupil than last year's initial enrollment. Quite a good representation of the patrons attended the opening exercises at which Murphy McGirt, chairman of the school board, made a brief talk.

The lunch room will be open next week, with Mrs. A. L. McEachin in charge.

One Pastor Admitted One Dismissed At Meeting Monday

Rev. Drury Lacy Jones was received into Fayetteville Presbyterian and a commission was appointed to install him as pastor at Fairmont Presbyterian and the Midway Presbyterian churches. He comes from Wilmington Presbyterian where he was pastor of Faison, Warsaw, and Bowden churches.

Rev. Frank L. Goodman was dismissed to Lexington Presbyterian to become pastor of the Churchville church. Mr. Goodman was the pastor of Montpelier, Laurel Hill churches and was the Stated Supply of the Gibson church.

The body met at the Raeford Presbyterian church Monday afternoon.

DDT Available Quantity Limited

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The insect repellent, known to thousands of GIs in the Pacific, Africa, Sicily, and Italy, as Formula 6-12 is now available in limited quantities for farmers, yachtmen, sportsmen, and others to use in insect-infested areas for the remainder of the season.

Insect Repellent 6-12 was originally developed to protect soldiers from the malaria mosquito. Medical officers give this material much credit for its assistance in the control of malaria and other insect-borne diseases that plagued our fighting men in advanced areas in the jungle-covered tropics. It will prove equally valuable to farmers and sportsmen because it repels black flies, gnats, fleas, and chiggers, as well as nuisance mosquitoes.

This repellent is used by applying a few drops in a thin layer either to all exposed areas of the skin or to the clothing where insects are biting through. It does not affect clothing and does not injure the skin. Each application furnishes complete protection for several hours.

Reception Monday

The president and faculty of Flora Macdonald college have extended invitations to all friends of the college to attend a reception on Monday evening from 8:15 to 10:30 given in honor of new members of the faculty.

Joseph John Evans Taken By Death

Funeral For Highly Respected Maxton Citizen Held Saturday

Joseph John Evans, one of Maxton's best and best known citizens, died Saturday morning, September 7th, in Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, where he had been seriously ill for several weeks. His condition, however, had not appeared to be worse, and his death came as a shock to his family and friends.

In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Evans had enjoyed remarkable health and vigor and had been active in his business to some extent until the onset of his last illness, just a few weeks ago. A large number attended the last rites, which were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. P. Womack, who paid tribute to his long life of usefulness and his influence for good in the community.

Active pallbearers were J. L. Pace, John Hamer, E. P. Williams, J. D. Medlin and McBryde Austin. Honorary pallbearers were J. H. Taylor, J. H. Drennan, M. A. Biles, B. F. Taylor, W. D. Kiser, John Deaver, G. P. Henderson, L. W. Anderson, E. L. Taylor, D. L. Stone, E. A. Hellockson, Neill McEachin, Dr. J. O. McClelland, Dr. J. D. Croom, Dr. J. H. Williams and J. P. Huggins of Laurinburg.

Mr. Evans was born in Chatham county, November 6, 1858, the son of Owen and Martha Glass Evans. He was married March 18, 1894 to Miss Ida Edwards, also of Chatham county. They moved from there to Greensboro, where they made their home for a few years and moved to Maxton in 1899. Mr. Evans has been in the construction business here since that time, and has built or assisted in the building of a large number of the houses, especially the older houses here and in the nearby towns. He was a man of genial and friendly disposition, known for his love of little children.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dewey Evans of Maxton and Lt. Carlton Evans of Santa Ana, Cal.; one daughter, Miss Ava Lee Evans of Maxton; a grandson, Dewey Evans, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. I. P. Coggin, of Maxton.

Among the out of town relatives and friends who attended the service were Mrs. Dora Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter of Siler City; Capt. and Mrs. Thomas R. Wolfe of Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. Cliff Vestal of Asheville; Mrs. Frank Tatum of Gibson; J. M. Edwards of Dillon, S. C.; Mrs. L. A. Harding and Mrs. Erwin Jones of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod of Lumberton, Miss Annie Cox, Mrs. Archie Williamson, Mrs. J. P. Higgins, Miss Geneva Farmer and Mrs. Frank Alford of Laurinburg.

Nearly \$200,000 Property Bought Of Farm Security

Government Agency Sells 3,162 Acres In Robeson County

3,162 acres of land on Pembroke Project brought \$198,925.00 at the Government auction sale at Pembroke Thursday, August 30.

The highest priced tract of land averaged \$184 per acre whereas the lowest priced tract averaged \$10.59 an acre.

This sale was conducted by Britt Davis, special liquidator of real estate under Commission of Farm Security administration. Mr. Davis and his assistants set up an office in Pembroke about a month ago for the purpose of acquainting people with the property to be sold.

The property consisted largely of woods land. However, a few surplus buildings were sold and also personal property in the amount of about \$2,800. The sale of this property will not affect the farm units on Pembroke Project, as the majority of them have already been sold to the present occupants and the remainder will be sold within the next few months.

All the surplus land and buildings on Wolf Pit Project in Richmond county were sold August 29th and in the near future the plan is to sell surplus lands on all the Farm Security projects in North Carolina. Tom McCord from Tennessee was the auctioneer. He is said to be one of the best auctioneers of the South and is a nephew of the present governor of Tennessee.

Farmers taking part in the state five acre cotton contest are asked to keep complete records, regardless of whether yields are large or small. All records are needed for a complete report.