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TEN CENTS

Maj. General Yount and Staff Arrive at Knollwood Field

New AAFTC Head Reviews Troops; Knollwood to Be Abandoned Soon

Major General Burton K. Yount, Army Air Forces Training Command, with his staff, Col. D. M. Schlatter, Col. P. S. Tower, Col. H. T. Morrison, Lt. Col. G. C. Bond, Lt. Col. O. E. Henderson, Major L. E. Lee, Major A. L. Grosjean, Major A. B. Black and Capt. J. H. Heath, arrived at Knollwood Field Monday where, to the music of the 7th AAF band from Seymour-Johnson Field, they reviewed a formation of all officers, WACs and enlisted men.

The Flying Training Command and Technical Command were discontinued on July 7th. The reorganization was effected to achieve maximum economy of operation, the most efficient utilization of personnel, and maximum coordination of training schedules and utilization of training facilities. Headquarters are designated at Fort Worth, Texas.

Plans for an early removal and abandonment of Knollwood Field are being made as rapidly as possible.

On Tuesday there was a farewell formation of all officers at Major General Walter R. Weaver's home. Enlisted men lined the highway from the house to the exit of the Knollwood grounds as General and Mrs. Weaver rode to Headquarters at Knollwood preceded by the band. The new assignment for General Weaver, who has been Commander General of the Technical Training Command at Knollwood, has not been announced.

NIECE OF LOCAL MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Details of the tragic death of Mrs. Orance Johnson, niece of A. B. Patterson of Southern Pines and a relative of a number of readers of THE PILOT, are contained in the following clipping from a paper published in Philadelphia, Miss., Mrs. Johnson's home town:

"Mrs. Orance Johnson, 26, of this city, drowned Sunday night at Clinton, Tennessee, where she had lived two months.

"According to reports, the home of Mrs. Johnson, whose husband is a defense worker at Clinton, was wiped away when a waterspout coming down between two small mountains swept through the valley. The small cottage, one of a large group used by defense workers, stood over a tiny stream and it was through this the water swept.

"Her body, clutching that of her four-year-old daughter, was found a quarter mile down the stream, the child being uninjured.

"Mrs. Johnson was the former Mary Ruth Kirkland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkland."

Mrs. Johnson and her mother visited Mr. Patterson at his home here a few months ago.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 36th annual conference of the State Association of County Commissioners and Association of County Accountants will be held in Raleigh August 10-11-12.

Speakers for the three-day session include Governor J. M. Broughton, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, State Senator Gregg Cherry, Supt. Clyde A. Erwin, Attorney-General Harry McMullan, and Josephus Daniels, Raleigh publisher and former ambassador to Mexico.

NOT FILLED YET

The office of head of the Health Department of Moore County had not been filled Tuesday when a PILOT representative contacted Commissioner Gordon Cameron. Mr. Cameron stated that Dr. C. P. Pope of Chesterfield, S. C., had been considering the place, but was having difficulty in finding a suitable house into which to move.

AWARDED MEDAL



MAJOR GENERAL
ELBRIDGE G. CHAPMAN, JR.

OFF THE MAP

"God Bless America" was sung by German prisoners as they landed at New York, according to Corp. Raymond Wilson, who came from overseas on a ship which he said carried around 900 prisoners. The Germans could hardly believe their eyes when they saw a certain French battleship which Americans were repairing at Casablanca; it was supposed to be in Germany, they said. Corporal Wilson quoted the Germans as saying that Hitler had told that Casablanca, New York and Washington had been blown off the map.

Stanly County Calls Jurors From Moore

75 Men Are Summoned in First Degree Murder Case; Boyette Assisting State

Sheriff C. J. Donald was called upon this week by Stanly County for a special venire of 75 men from Moore County to be at the court house in Carthage at 7:30 Wednesday morning to be transported to Albemarle for service in a first degree murder case in which Zeb Burrage was named as defendant.

M. G. Boyette of Carthage was to assist the State Solicitor in the trial.

Men from Moore County drawn for this special service were R. M. Yow, B. F. McRae, Clarence W. Thomas, Alton J. Frye, R. F. Potts, R. L. Simmons, Howard G. Phillips, E. S. Williams, F. F. Thomas, J. T. Brown, C. R. Cook, B. C. Williams, Ersel Frye, M. I. Ball, B. F. Howard, W. M. Stutts, C. M. Sudderth, A. D. McLean.

E. H. Caddell, Jr., W. G. Snyder, R. M. Caldwell, F. G. Campbell, R. L. Yow, N. J. Morgan, H. C. Dunn, Harlow Pearson, John J. Greer, E. M. Ritter, J. D. McLean, Carson Cheek, R. N. Page, Jr., Watson Williams, W. B. Craven, J. L. Warren, C. W. Horner, J. T. Garner, J. H. Cochran, C. S. Chriscoe, W. M. Cox.

Dossie Garner, G. H. Hilliard, N. C. Goodman, Willie G. Harris, M. B. Pleasants, E. H. Shields, Curtis Caviness, Jack Smith, J. W. McDonald, J. L. Williams, Norman Caddell, Frank Caviness, K. F. McDonald, Joseph Rarden, A. S. Speight, J. L. Benson, R. F. Stewart, D. C. McGill, W. F. Douglas.

E. O. Freeman, Alton Hayes, Walter Dowd, O. R. Brower, G. C. Hudson, R. B. Heane, R. S. Gwyn, J. C. Parker, Curtis C. Williams, J. S. Whitesell, A. C. Cole, Ben A. Hurley, C. C. Wallace, A. W. Rhodes, T. B. Graham, C. W. Reynolds, A. I. Keith.

INJURED IN FALL

Mrs. Alton Matthews of Lakeview is receiving treatment at Moore County Hospital for an injury to her spine received when she slipped on her freshly waxed bathroom floor last Friday.

Little Vivian Ruth Matthews had just returned from the hospital following an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Matthews' sister, Miss Vivian Matthews, was called home from Oteen on account of the accident.

Maj. Gen. Chapman, Head of Airborne Troops, a Busy Man

Fellow Alumni Recognize His Achievement by Awarding Medal

These are busy days in the life of Major General Elbridge G. (Jerry) Chapman, Jr. In addition to his duties as Commanding General of the Airborne Command which he has headed since its formation, the General has in recent weeks received General Giraud at Camp Mackall, has attended a three-day Command Post exercise in Tennessee and has visited his native State, Colorado.

There at the commencement of the University of Colorado at Boulder he received the Norlin medal, given annually by the alumni to that graduate who has attained outstanding distinction in his chosen work.

While in Colorado, the General was also the guest of honor at an alumni association banquet in Denver.

General Chapman was graduated from the University of Colorado with a Degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. The School's trophy cases still bear evidence of both football and basketball successes the University achieved during his captaincy.

From May until August General Chapman attended the Officers Training Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army and promoted to First Lieutenant the same day.

Then he went to France and was assigned to the Fifth Machine gun Battalion. In October and November he attended the I Army Corps School returned as Captain (temporary) and resigned in September, two years later.

During World War I, Elbridge Chapman served at Chateau Thierry, in the Vaux and Soissons Areas at St. Mihiel in the Champagne Sector, and in the Meuse Argonne Offensive. During the latter historic campaign he was seriously wounded and removed to the hospital in Dijon. After an extended period of convalescence, he was sent as a student to Oxford University, England, where he remained until June, 1919.

General Chapman received three prominent decorations for his outstanding gallantry in this War; the Silver Star (Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Cross. He received the latter with the following citation: "For extraordinary heroism in action near Thicourt, France, September 12, 1918. During a heavy enemy counter attack he remained constantly in front of his company, directing their fire and encouraging their efforts. His bravery was mainly responsible in preventing the enemy's advance and the taking of his position."

He received the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for two acts of bravery at Blanc Mont Ridge and at Vaux. He was awarded the Purple Heart for bravery when wounded in action.

Dizzying Volume of Mail Goes Through Local Office To and From Camp Mackall

Soldiers like, above everything, to receive mail. Uncle Sam, knowing the effect mail has on morale, likes to have his nephews receive mail. And if figures released this week by Postmaster P. F. Buchan are a fair indication, the boys at Camp Mackall are receiving and sending their share of this morale boosting product.

Postmaster Buchan says that an average of 30,000 pieces of free mail comes out from Camp Mackall each day, with the number on lots of days mounting to 45,000.

Now there are 30 days in a month and 30 times 30,000 gives 900,000 pieces of mail per month coming out from Camp Mackall, with probably more than that number going back in to the boys. If you aren't too dizzy, you might estimate that three times 900,000 will give you 2,700,000 pieces for the quarter.

Mr. Buchan says that as many as 400 bags of parcel post have come in on one train for Camp Mackall, and as many as 300 c. o. d. packages. Postal receipts (revenue from stamps, box rents, etc.) during the quarter just ended totaled \$24,988.19 despite the volume of free mail, this being an increase of \$16,710.50 over the corresponding quarter of 1942.

Money order sales this June quarter totaled \$612,907.78, while last year's for the same period were only the pocket change of \$55,099.88. The total number issued was 20,776, as against 5,744 in the June quarter of last year.

To handle this great volume of mail the central office at Southern Pines has a personnel of 10 including Postmaster Buchan. At Camp Mackall, there is a main office manned by 20 civilian clerks, with three Army sub-stations, each of which has three bonded workers, an Army clerk and two Army assistants—with a number of helpers. Knollwood Field is a contract station, with one clerk and four Army mail orderlies.

Mr. Buchan tells interesting incidents relating to the special efforts that the War Department and Post-office Department, working together, put forth to see that the boys re-

Wounded Corporal, Recently Returned From North Africa, Says Br...

ELECTED PRINCIPAL



MISS ALBERTA MONROE

Woman Principal To Head Vass-Lakeview School This Year

Miss Alberta Monroe Succeeds R. C. Fields Who Goes to Aberdeen

Miss Alberta Monroe of West End has accepted the principalship of the Vass-Lakeview schools for the coming year to succeed R. C. Fields, who last week resigned to become principal at Aberdeen, the Vass-Lakeview School Board announced this week.

Miss Monroe will be the first woman to head a public high school in the county, but she was the unanimous choice of the members of the Board and they have not the slightest misgiving as to the outcome.

The Vass-Lakeview schools had a total of 17 faculty members last year, the seventeenth being added after the opening because of increased attendance. This term will open with the same number as last year, 16, including the agriculture and home economics teachers.

Although heading a school of this size is quite an assignment, Miss Monroe is well qualified for the responsible position by training, experience, personality and executive ability. She is a graduate of what is now the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and has done special work in dramatics at summer school under Dr. Frederick Koch at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She also took a summer course in Spanish.

Miss Monroe has had wide experience in teaching. She taught six years in Salisbury High School; two at Sandhill Farm Life; nine years in the West End High School, five years at Vass around 10 years ago and was there again last year. Dur-

MOORE RECEIVES ITS TEACHER ALLOTMENT

One hundred and seventy-eight teachers have been allotted to the Moore County school system for the coming school year, according to figures received this week from the State Commission by County Superintendent H. Lee Thomas.

Of this number, 30 are white high school teachers and 93, elementary; nine are Negro high school teachers and 46, Negro elementary.

Total allotments for schools are as follows, these figures not including agriculture and home economics teachers: Hemp 21; Carthage, 17; Cameron, 14; Vass-Lakeview, 14; West End-Eagle Springs, 15; Aberdeen, 13; Westmoore, 11; High Falls, 10; Sandhill Farm Life, 8. Special charter schools are not included.

Carthage, Hemp and West End-Eagle Springs lost two teachers, each, from the number they had at the close of school last year, but with sufficiently increased attendance they may be regained shortly after the opening of school. Vass-Lakeview and Westmoore, because of decreased average attendance, lost one each. Vass-Lakeview now has the same number allotted that it started with last year, a fifteenth teacher (exclusive of vocational instructors) being added last year after the term had started.

In FSA OFFICE

Miss Helen Dunlap has accepted a position as junior clerk-typist in the Farm Security Office in Carthage. Miss Dunlap received her business training at WCUNC, Greensboro. She is a sister of the late Charles Dunlap.

Raymond Wilson, Here Visit, Praises Conduct of Our Troops, Also

Corporal Raymond E. Wilson, son-in-law of Mrs. E. L. Lawrence of Southern Pines, is spending the week here after being wounded near Maknassy, North Africa, in a successful assault on a German held hill on April 1st.

The Corporal, wearing six service ribbons and with a heavy bandage on his foot, was a welcome visitor to THE PILOT office yesterday. Among the first troops to land at Post Lyautey at 4 a. m. November 8, his company skirmished with the French for four days until word of the armistice was received. During this time, French cavalry kept trying to work between them and the sea, but were driven off by fire from American warships. Our casualties were light and the Corporal says the French afterwards claimed they did not want to fight us.

After the landing, his company had plenty of marching and finally went up against the Germans in the Kasserine Pass, during January. Eventually the Germans were pushed back to Maknassy and it was there the corporal, leading his squad in a rush, was wounded by machine gun bullets in the foot.

Two buddies carried him back to a jeep that was attached to his company. There the "medics" bandaged him and ran him back two miles to an ambulance; in a few hours he was in a hospital. From that point he was passed on always to the west. At one hospital he was operated on; two of the jumps were by plane, the rest by ambulance over excellent roads. He was in seven hospitals all told and by May 19th he was evacuated from Casablanca and sailed for home. During his stay in Casablanca he was taken sight-seeing by the Red Cross.

Corporal Wilson had high praise both for the conduct of American troops in action and for the British whom he described as fine soldiers and good fellows. He said that feeling between the two armies was excellent all down the line.

He also commented on the high efficiency of the Medical Corps. Except for a lack of fresh milk the care of the wounded and sick is equal to that here in every respect. In his quiet, matter-of-fact way he gives the impression that we and the British are doing a good job and doing it harmoniously. Certainly the news from Sicily bears him out.

Gen. Henri Giraud And Party Review As at Mackall

Party Is Greeted by a 17-Gun Salute As Its Airplane Lands

General Henri Giraud of the Free French fighting forces visited Camp Mackall Monday afternoon. He arrived by plane from Washington at three-twenty. As the plane landed a seventeen gun salute was fired by artillery. A battalion of paratroopers dressed in combat uniforms formed a guard in front of the plane.

General Giraud was welcomed by Major General E. Gerry Chapman, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, Brigadier General George H. Howell, Commanding General of the Second Airborne Brigade, and Colonel Vernon G. Ol-smith, Post Commander.

After General Giraud inspected the honor guard, the party moved to a specially constructed reviewing stand. The 11th and 17th Airborne Divisions were formed in front of the stand. The General and his party inspected the units in command cars. After the inspection, Major General William Miley, Commanding General of the 17th Airborne and Commander of the troops, led the divisions in review. With marching music supplied by three bands the two divisions and the separate units of the Post passed in review. Immediately after the review the General and his party took off in their plane.

The General's party was composed of General Bethouart, Colonel Le Bel, Commandant Beaufre and Lt. Viret. Brigadier General Louis J. Fortier was assigned as his aide by the War Department. Lt. Col Leon Dostert acted as interpreter.

Farmers to Vote On Tobacco Quotas 24th

Community Polling Places Will Be Designated by AAA County Committeemen

The War Food Administration has announced that farmers will vote on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas for the 1944 crop, or for the 3-year period 1944-46, in a referendum to be held July 24, 1943. This date is in accordance with recommendations of flue-cured tobacco farmers, warehousemen, businessmen, farm organization leaders, and other farm leaders from the flue-cured areas.

The announcement follows the signing by the President on July 7, 1943, of a joint resolution providing for the proclamation of quotas for the 1944-45 marketing year.

National marketing quotas and State and farm acreage allotments will be the same as for 1943, with similar provisions for adjustments as have prevailed in the past, it was explained.

Tobacco producers will vote by secret ballot and polling places will be designated in local communities by AAA County Committeemen. Local farmers will be in charge of community polling places. Any farmer is eligible to vote who, as an owner, tenant, or sharecropper, is entitled to a share of the proceeds of the 1943 flue-cured tobacco crop.

Before quotas become effective they must be approved by a two-thirds majority of all eligible farmers voting.

ROBBINS, SEPT. 1

Of widespread interest is the following information contained in a letter from the First Assistant Postmaster General dated July 8 and addressed to George E. Walker, Postmaster in Hemp:

"This is to advise you that an order has been signed directing that the name of the post office at Hemp be changed to Robbins, September 1, 1943.

"It is suggested that notice of this change be posted in the post office lobby and that you otherwise give the matter the widest publicity possible without expense to the Department."