

## Pearl Harbor Witness Home On Leave

### W. R. Barrington, Jr., Says Men In Hawaii "Itching For A Chance at Japs."

Yoeman W. R. Barrington, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barrington of Raeford, arrived home Saturday on first leave in nearly four years. This veteran of the Pearl Harbor incident, was high in his praise of the men there and he says: "We have still got a lot of Navy left."

Barrington was reticent in his discussion of the action he saw there though he was high in his praises of the men of the Navy and the Army after they got into action. "It was such a complete surprise," he said, "that it is my personal opinion that blame for the delay in manning our posts could not be placed entirely on our commanding officers. I was getting out of bed when the first wave of Japanese bombers came over. I remarked to my companions that 'it sounds pretty realistic, doesn't it?' and then I saw the first bombs drop on a hangar across from the barracks. We had thought they were our planes on maneuver."

"The Japs certainly knew their way around the island and they wasted little ammunition on civilians or soldiers. They headed for their military objectives. Some of our highly experienced men said that the attack was certainly one of the best planned and most efficiently executed assaults they had ever heard of, though, perhaps the Japs counted on their first raids doing more damage and being more effective than they actually were. Within a short while our defense was so effective that the additional flights of bombers really did little damage."

Barrington, who was on shore duty, stated that immediately the first attack came he went to his post in the office of the air station, where he was on duty throughout the attack.

He stated that our men saw a lot of action once they got started and our fighters gave a good account of themselves as the Japs well know. While they did some damage as the Red Cross committee reported, "we still got a lot of Navy left, a big Navy, and we're going to beat them plenty."

"The spirit of our men out there is very high and they are just itching to get into a spot where they can do to the Japs what they did to us."

Young Barrington was transferred to new duty in New England on February 7th and arrived there recently. He is at home for a 15-day leave. During the three years and 10 months he has been in the Navy he has served 19 months in China waters and the balance of the time at Pearl Harbor.

## Agriculture Boys Win Tournament

The Future Farmers of America basketball team composed of boys taking vocational agriculture won the Federation basketball tournament by defeating Laurel Hill in the finals 20-14 on Friday, February 27th. The boys were awarded a trophy to be kept in their class room. Five high school teams entered this year's meet in basketball.

The boys playing on the F. F. A. team were Robert Currie, Eugene Currie, Randall Moss, J. W. Dawson, Johnny McGooogan, Chesley Crouch, Fred McFayden, Charles Odom and Geo. A. Leach.

In the public-speaking contest William Clark got a tie for second place. First place was won by Hoffman school. The boys of the Hoke High F. F. A. are leading in the Federation composed of eight schools with 185 points. Stock judging and baseball will be held in April.

## Men Of Fayetteville Presbytery To Meet

There is to be a meeting of the Men of Fayetteville Presbytery at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, on Thursday evening, March 12th, at 7:00 o'clock.

S. J. Patterson, director of men's work in the Southern Presbyterian church, will be the speaker. Mr. Patterson is a very able speaker and his duties among the men of the church give him an experience that will enable him to bring a message that the organization needs.

An interesting program has been arranged with special music by the Flora Macdonald girls and a fine dinner for everyone.

It is hoped every man in Fayetteville Presbytery will make a special effort to be at this meeting.



This column will be devoted to the activities of the Red Cross chapter of Hoke county. Rev. E. C. Crawford is director of the publicity for the chapter and will prepare the copy each week. To get news of your community Red Cross work in this column send your material to Rev. Mr. Crawford.

Production in the Red Cross chapter of Raeford is reaching a high mark now. Two hundred and fifty-two garments are now packed and ready for shipment. Fifty-five of these are men's sweaters and the rest bath robes. In the preparation of these garments the following organizations gave the 1,876 hours of work: Wayside 68 hours, Blue Springs 66 hours, Ashemont 112 hours, Raedeen 46 hours, Mildouson 60 hours, Alledale 20 hours, Rockfish 40 hours, Ephesus church 346 hours, Raeford 520 hours, Sanatorium 600 hours.

Mrs. Ernest Campbell will start her Home Nursing Class on Tuesday, March 10th. The place will be the town hall. There is still room for a few more ladies to take this class; if interested, see Mrs. H. A. Cameron at once.

Mrs. A. R. Morris will open a sewing room in her home March 15th. Sewing machines will be arranged in the home, and ladies willing to give some time to this will please meet with Mrs. Morris.

The cutting and supply room at the Raeford grammar school will be open from 1 to 4 p. m. Ladies who can do cutting please report. The need here is urgent, Mrs. Cameron states.

A First Aid Class will be started at the Blue Springs community house Monday night, March 9, at 8:00. Mrs. A. L. O'Brian and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch will teach the class. Both men and ladies are urged to attend this class.

A fourth First Aid Class is being organized to start in Raeford next week. Mrs. Marcus Smith and Mrs. J. L. McNeill will teach, assisted by local doctors. Those planning to take course are to see the teacher or Mrs. Cameron at once.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Shiloh Presbyterian church is opening a sewing room this week under the leadership of Mrs. F. L. Eubanks. They will make robes for convalescent soldiers. Also the Ephesus church at Arabia has opened a sewing room under the supervision of Mrs. Crawley.

These First Aid Courses are important, they are life saving courses. The government is seeking to get 5 per cent of the civilian population enrolled in this course. That would be about 700 people in Hoke county taking the First Aid Course within the next few months.

## Tire Rationing Board Report

Tire Rationing Board issued the following certificates, authorizing purchase of new tires and tubes for February 23rd, through March 2nd: F. W. Riley, Timberland, 3 tires, 3 tubes for tractor.

Johnson and Sinclair, Ashley Heights, 2 tires, 2 tubes for tractor. T. C. Scarborough, Raeford, scrap iron dealer, 1 tire, 1 tube, for truck. Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., Raeford, 3 tires and 4 tubes (2 trucks), delivering of coal.

Upchurch Milling and Storage company, Raeford, 1 tire, 1 tube, for truck. Wholesale delivery of food and flour. C. L. Williams, route 3, Red Springs, hauling raw material and produce, 3 tires, 3 tubes (truck and tractor trailer requiring 10 tires).

Henry Maxwell, Raeford, 2 tires, 2 tubes, obsolete type. Quota for February was: passenger car, 5 tires and 4 tubes.

Anyone wanting application blanks for tires and tubes or any information, go to Local Rationing Board in Civilian Defense Office. Office hours 8:30 until 5:30 Monday thru Friday. On Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30.

## Tax Listing Time Extended To 15th

The time for listing of property for taxation was extended by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners Monday, March 15th will be the last date on which the township list takers will have the books, according to John A. McGooogan, tax supervisor.

Farmers are urged to have their farm reports ready for the crop census when they return their property. The list takers take this census at the same time they list your property.

## Safe, Warm and Happy!



Little Sandra Wade, among the first of the evacuees from Honolulu to be welcomed on the docks of San Francisco by workers of the American Red Cross, stuffed her cheeks with candy, and clutched her favorite doll to register this picture of complete contentment. Red Cross workers are ready at all American ports to meet the needs of homeward-bound war refugees. This is one of the many services which is supported by money raised in the Red Cross War Fund campaign for a minimum of \$50,000,000.

## Burgin Seeks Re-Election

Washington, March 3.—The first gun in the North Carolina congressional primaries of May 30 was fired today by Congressman William O. Burgin, who announced for re-election from the Eighth district.

Mr. Burgin is now serving his second term in Congress from the district that was formerly represented by J. Walter Lambeth of Thomasville.

Mr. Burgin is a member of the House committee on foreign affairs, is a staunch supporter of the administration, and has made a fine record in the House. His home is at Lexington. Thus far Mr. Burgin has no opposition to be returned to the House.

"I am today filing with the State board of elections my notice of candidacy for the Democratic nomination as representative in the Congress from the Eighth congressional district in the primary election to be held on May 30, 1942," said Mr. Burgin.

"Since I came to the Congress, I have supported President Roosevelt's foreign policy as well as measures for our national defense. This I shall continue to do. The only future we have lies in victory, and we must achieve it."

Mr. Burgin has consistently advocated a strong, firm, foreign policy and united front against the Axis.

## Volunteer Enrollment Registration Success

Those in charge of the tabulation of the registration held last Saturday have been unable to accurately count the number enrolled but will do so shortly. The response was better than anticipated, and the total registration will be announced next week. If there are those who have not enrolled and wish to do so they may still register this week at the Civilian Defense Office over the Hoke county library in the county office building.

The Hoke County Defense Council wishes to express appreciation for the fine cooperation and to thank those who took such an active part in making the registration such a success. Especially do they thank Mr. MacDonald, the several principals and teachers and the commercial department of the High school for their efficient help and splendid cooperation. Without the full cooperation of those taking part in this undertaking it could never have been a success in any sense of the word and the Council is deeply grateful.

## Barrington Asks Leave To Conduct Campaign

W. R. Barrington, rural police, was granted a leave of absence from his duties during April and May for the purpose of conducting his campaign for the office of sheriff. The commissioners granted him the leave at their meeting Monday. He will be relieved from duty from April 1st to June 1st according to the board's order.

## Delinquent Subscribers

Subscribers whose subscription accounts are in arrears will please note that their names will be removed from our list without further notice. Those whose subscriptions expired within the past year will be notified by mail. Names of others who have permitted their subscriptions to be delinquent for more than 12 months will be removed from the lists to comply with postal regulations.

Should your name be removed through error please bring your receipt to our office and we will make adjustments. We are checking our records as thoroughly as possible to prevent such errors occurring. Due to loss of advertising revenue it will be necessary for all subscriptions to be paid strictly in advance. Subscribers whose accounts are near expiration date will henceforth be notified by mail before this date, and subscriptions will be terminated unless renewed before they expire.

## Junior Class Play Friday Evening

The junior class of Hoke county high school will present its annual play on Friday night, March 6, at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The class has chosen for production, "There Goes the Bride," a three act comedy by Kay Ziegfeld. The characters are:

Phyllis, engaged to be married—Marjorie Johnson. Mrs. Curtis, her mother—Kathleen Freeman. Dr. Curtis, her father—David Harvey.

Beachy, her sister—Emogene Sinclair. Billy, her brother—Junior Huff. Anastasia, the cook of the Curtis home—Betty Jo Wood.

Officer O'Flynn, of the Police Department—Zane Grey Norton. Natalie, Phyllis' friend—Gladys Baum. Lewis, Phyllis' fiance—Edwin Hasty.

Sally, the girl next door—Jennie Warren. Tom Eddridge, himself—Earl Yarborough. Dinty, Tom's friend—Robert Currie.

Director, Miss Frances Jean Freeman. Property manager, Miss Hulda Hall.

The juniors feel that it do all of you good to forget your worries for two hours and come and laugh together.

## Veneral Sufferers Called In Draft To Be Treated

The board of county commissioners in session Monday ordered all men called by the local draft board and placed in classification 1B on account of gonorrheal infection to be treated for the disease at the county clinic.

The clinic is to be set up at once, it was stated, and all men deferred for this cause will be notified to have treatment begun immediately.

## County Seeking Larger Tire Allotments

### State Registration Figures Show Many Cars Owned in Hoke Accredited To Other Counties.

Hoke county officials are seeking to check registration figures of all cars owned by citizens of the county which are accredited to neighboring counties in an effort to secure higher tire allotments for the rationing board here.

John A. McGooogan, tax supervisor, has secured registration data from the motor vehicle department for this area. This information is being studied and checked by the tax listers of the border townships for cars which are actually owned in Hoke county but accredited to adjoining counties because the car owners receive their mail from postoffices located in those counties.

Particularly true is this situation on rural routes from Aberdeen, Red Springs, Wagram and Lumber Bridge, it was said. Mr. McGooogan stated that the Hoke county allotment will probably be raised considerably when this check is completed.

## John Conoly Dies At Home of Sister

John Conoly died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Ella Conoly Bernard, in Raeford Thursday morning at 7:15 o'clock. Mr. Conoly's death follows within two months the death of his brother, A. D. Conoly, who for many years was a resident of Red Springs.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Interment was made in Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Conoly was the son of the late John Calvin and Sarah Ann Conoly of the Shannon community. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. J. W. Bernard, a niece, Miss Sarah Ella Conoly of Raeford, and a nephew, Thomas Conoly, Jr., of the United States army.

The deceased, John Calvin Conoly, upon arriving at maturity joined a railroad bridge building squad, and followed this work in this state, South Carolina, Georgia, and perhaps other Southern states, working for several railroad companies.

His health failing to a degree, he returned to the Old North State, coming to Raeford, and finding his only sister a widow, he made his home with her. Some three or four years ago, he, while down street one evening, had a very severe heart attack. Since that time he lived prudently, taking the best care of himself. However a few weeks ago, he suffered another severe attack, which resulted fatally on the above date, Friday, February 26th, 1942.

John Calvin Conoly, Sr., and his wife, Sarah Ann McDonald Conoly, were the parents of three sons, A. D., Thomas, John Calvin Conoly, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ella Conoly Bernard, widow of the late John W. Bernard. Mr. and Mrs. John Calvin, Sr., died about 30 years ago. Thomas Conoly and his wife, who was a Miss McNeill of Raeford, died within a month some fifteen years ago, leaving two children, Miss Sarah Ella and Thomas, mentioned above, and it is stated above that A. D. Conoly died last December.

The News-Journal believes it fitting that a tribute should be paid those who walk uprightly, speak the truth, work righteousness, and are kind, and helpful always, who seemed to have set a seal before their lips, and constantly living as in the presence of the All-Seeing-Eye. Not one word of criticism has ever been heard of the lives of John Calvin Conoly, Sr., and his family.

## H. L. Gatlin, Jr. Kiwanis Speaker

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., county civilian defense chairman, was the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Thursday. Mr. Gatlin gave a summary of the defense activities and organization of the citizens of the county.

## AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

**WARNING SIGNAL**—A series of repeated short blasts on the fire siren. This will be the warning for an actual raid or for a practice alert. If at night it means an instant and complete blackout.

**ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL**—One long blast of the siren.

## Police Indict Two Soldiers For Tire Theft

### John Pridden, Alias John McKay Held Under \$500 Bond For Bigamy.

Two men giving their names as H. E. Snider and H. E. Soper, and claiming to be enlisted men from Fort Bragg, are being held in the county jail for military police of Fort Bragg following an escapade here which involved attempted tire theft and jail-burning.

The men were found guilty on both counts Tuesday in county court when evidence showed that they attempted to remove tires and wheels from several cars here Monday night. Rural Policeman W. R. Barrington and Night Patrolman H. E. Deese apparently were following the men too closely for them to get even one tire completely removed from any of the several cars they attempted to rob. Snider was caught near the home of Willie Walters where an attempt had been made to get a tire and wheel, and tools and jacks were found hidden in shrubbery in the Walters yard. Officers followed the trail of the other soldier to the home of Ryan McBryde where a wheel had been partially removed from the car of an army officer living there. There Soper was taken in custody. They were placed in the county jail. About an hour later, County Jailor W. E. Blue heard shouts and other noises issuing from the cell block where the men were. He investigated and found the bed clothing and other furnishings of the cell burning briskly while the men were ripping toilet fixtures from the walls and otherwise damaging the prison compartment.

Army authorities at Fort Bragg have been notified and the men are being held in the county jail for the military police.

Judge McQueen found probable cause in the case of John Pridden, alias John McKay, charged with bigamy, and bound the negro over to Superior court. McKay, or Pridden, admitted to the offense last week in court while being tried for non-support on charges brought in the name of his first wife and children.

Two Indians, Fred Lowery and Sinclair Lowery drew six months sentences each in each of two cases of violation of the prohibition laws. Their sentences were suspended on good behavior for 12 months upon payment of costs and a \$20 still fee. Archie Holmes, Jr., pleaded guilty of having illegal whiskey and paid court costs.

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## Maids Named For May Day Festival

Red Springs, Mar. 2.—Lucille Griggs, of Sheffield, Mass., Flora Macdonald's May Queen for 1942, has chosen the maids to attend her at the May Day festival on the time honored "first Tuesday in May."

Jean Ryburn of South Charleston, West Virginia will be Miss Griggs' maid of honor, and the ten other members of the court are as follows: Evelyn Robertson of Ahsokie; Nell Thomas of Florence, S. C.; Jean Lytch of Rowland; Christine Williamson of Lumberton; Helen Walker of Nemp; Martha Griggs of Cheraw, S. C.; Carolyn McLean of Raeford; Elizabeth Price of Charlotte; Virginia Bogue of Tampa, Florida; and Phyllis Powers of St. Pauls.

## Hoke's First Baby Gets Driver's Permit

Miss Mary McLaurin Peden, first child to be born in Hoke county following its foundation, was issued a driver's permit Tuesday by B. H. Hutchinson, drivers license examiner for the highway patrol.

Miss Peden, a registered nurse of Wagram, was given the regulation driving test in addition to the oral examination, both of which are required of drivers securing licenses for the first time.

## Hoke Men On Jury Investigating Richmond Officers

Several men from Hoke county are members of the Federal Jury which is investigating the charges against members of the sheriff's department of Richmond county this week. Federal officers have indicted some nine persons of Sheriff Morse's staff and the sheriff on charges of organized violation of the liquor control laws.

Among those serving on the Federal juries are: N. Bonnie Blue, Raymond McLean, and George Cox of Raeford, T. C. Sinclair of Ashley Heights, A. A. Ray of Raeford route two, and Mrs. Wilmar McBryde.