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Airborne Division Stationed at Bragg

Fort Bragg, Oct. 14—Transfer of the 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. M. B. Ridgway, travelling by plane and train from Camp Claiborne, La., to Fort Bragg, its new permanent station, was made known today.

The complicated task of moving the division and its equipment a thousand miles was completed on schedule, according to Gen. Ridgway, who shuttled by plane between Camp Claiborne and Ft. Bragg until the movement was completed.

The advance party of approximately 280 officers and men made the trip from the Louisiana post to North Carolina in transport planes, while the remainder of the 82nd's fighting men were moved in troop trains.

The advance party travelled in giant twin-motored transport planes, so large that a two and one-half ton truck could drive under the wings. The big craft were very similar in silhouette to the great luxury airlines which span American skies, but there the resemblance ended.

There were no luxurious furnishings in the plane cabins. The ships had small windows and wide loading doors. Instead of sitting in the upholstered chairs, the uniformed passengers occupied benches along the sides of the cabins, facing inward. Their parachutes were their cushions.

Loading was a precision job which set the standard for every phase of the complicated operation. Each plane was numbered, and as trucks rolled into the airport from Camp Claiborne they proceeded directly to the plane to which passengers were assigned. The hundreds of soldiers in the advance party were aboard in their places in 15 minutes.

The transport planes took off at 1000-yard intervals, lumbering to the take-off point, rushing down the runway and streaking skyward. In less than a half hour, the last ship had left the ground and was out of sight.

Soldiers back at Camp Claiborne who were to follow later by train received a spine-tingling thrill a few minutes after the takeoff, when two of the flights of transport craft circled low over the station before winging eastward toward Fort Bragg.

For the soldiers who flew to their new station, the swift flight over the southeast's autumn-touched fields and forests was a taste of things to come. When the 82nd moves into combat it will travel by glider and transport plane.

Transfer of the division followed the earlier War Department announcement that the United States Army's first airborne units, then stationed at Camp Claiborne, would be moved to another location for intensive training in airborne tactics.

Air training of the 82nd will be under direction of the Airborne Command, which is assisting in building the hard-hitting teams of sky troops that will give smashing force to American blows against the enemy.

The Commanding General, officers and men of the Division are keenly conscious of the opportunity they have to pioneer the tactical employment of airborne troops, a brand new form of warfare for our Army. All its General Officers, its Chief of Staff, and several of its other Staff Officers have already used the new forms of transportation which this division will employ—the airplane, the parachute and the glider—and are enthusiastic over them all.

Cotton Ginning Report

Census reports shows that 7180 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke County, 1942, from the crop of 1942, prior to Oct. 1, as compared with 6929 bales for the crop of 1941.

J. R. SHAW, Special Agent.

15 BILLIONS
Prices are responding to rising demand, and latest estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are that the total cash farm income this year will exceed 15 billion dollars.



Hoke Transport Committee Set Up

County USDA Appoints Group to Assist Farm Truck Operators to Haul Supplies

The Hoke County Transportation Committee has been appointed by the County USDA War Board to assist farm truck operators and others who haul farm supplies to and from farms in making applications for Certificates of War Necessity as required by the Office of Defense Transportation.

Oct. 22, 23 and 24 have been designated as National Farm Truck Registration days and at that time operators of all trucks must register their vehicles in order to continue operating on and after Nov. 15. The County Farm Transportation Committee is as follows: W. C. Hodgkin, chairman, representative of the AAA Committee; T. D. Potter, representative of one of the major crops; T. B. Upchurch, Jr., representative of major agriculture crop; C. W. Childress, representative of the Truck Transportation Service; and M. C. Dew, representative of dealers of farm supplies. N. T. McFadyen, A. K. Stevens, Ed Brock and M. D. Yates were appointed as alternates for the last four members of the committee named.

This Committee was set up in accordance with instructions issued by the State USDA War Board. Headquarters for the committee for Hoke County will be the County Agent's Office which is also headquarters for the County USDA War Board. This committee will be responsible for the development of the farm transportation conservation program in the county.

This step was taken by the ODT in order to conserve existing transportation facilities, and will govern the miles that may be operated and the loads that must be carried by all vehicles affected by the order.

Soldiers' Center Not Supported By the USO

The Hoke County Soldiers' Center, located in the A. & R. Depot building, has no connection with any other organization whatsoever, stated Miss Flora Boyce yesterday, and receives no monies for its support from any source except voluntary contributions from Hoke County citizens.

Miss Boyce explained that a number of people had an idea the Center was supported by the USO and was operated in connection with the USO which has charge of the Army recreation center. This is not the case, she stated.

Before the United Service Organizations entered Raeford there were thousands of soldiers who came here and had no recreation place and the use of the depot building was granted the local citizens who were interested in giving the soldiers a loafing place.

Equipment was donated by various citizens, business houses and county and town governments and Miss Boyce and Mrs. Currie operate the Center as a county project.

Kerosene Users To Be Supplied

Small Consumers to Be Dealt With as Generously as Possible by OPA

Small consumers of kerosene will be dealt with "as generously as possible" for the present in the fuel oil rationing program now in effect in the Southeast, Regional OPA Administrator Oscar R. Strauss, Jr., announced today.

Some of the mechanics of the program have not been completed, he said, such as printing, distribution of coupon books, and registration, and for that reason the small user will not be made to suffer.

He urged kerosene retailers in the rationed states to bear in mind that the rationing order is not for the purpose of curtailing use of kerosene for lighting and cooking, but only for heating.

Prior to the issuing of coupons later in the month, dealers have been authorized to accept coupon notes which pledge consumers to surrender coupons when they are available.

APPLES

Winner apples will be designated as a Victory Food Special in retail stores throughout the country from Oct. 22 through Oct. 31, announces the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Taylor Appeals Doe Possession Sentence

Twenty-Six Defendants Are Convicted in County Court Tuesday

Guy Taylor, white man of near Raeford, was found guilty of possession of the carcass of a female deer in county court Tuesday and sentenced to the roads for 30 days by Judge W. B. McQueen. The sentence was suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs, and his hunting license was suspended for the season. Taylor denied knowledge of the deer which was found within a few feet of his truck, lying in a path over which Game Warden McLean had just passed. The killing of the deer took place, according to testimony, on the old Cameron place.

Roosevelt Arnold, colored, was found guilty of violation of the prohibition laws, selling liquor and given two months on the roads. An old case in which a 60-day sentence had been suspended, was recalled by the court and Arnold will have to serve both sentences, or four months.

Ash Sinclair paid costs for possession of illegal whiskey. Those paying costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct were: Ben Griffin, Will Griffin, Daniel McLean, James D. Butler, Oscar Ray, James Blue, Albert Galbraith, J. D. Beasley, John Manuel, Nick Jones, Kelley Stubbs and Bill Love. Beasley also drew a 30-day sentence for violation of the road laws. John Manuel drew a 30-day sentence for possession of illegal liquor, with the sentences suspended upon good behavior for 12 months.

William Brown paid costs for speeding; Marshal Williams was fined \$10 and costs for careless and reckless driving and failing to halt at the order of an officer.

Chester Parnell, George Parnell and Willie Ellerbee paid costs for indecent exposure and nuisance while riding on a truck along route 15-A. Cliff Thomas drew a 60-day sentence, suspended, for assault with a deadly weapon upon his wife, Almerna Thomas. Marshall Williams paid costs for violation of the road laws. Donnie Halthcox paid costs for a similar offense.

Herbert Maulsby paid costs for assault of Pearl Maulsby.

Drivers licenses were suspended and William Covington and Mally Baker paid \$50 and costs each for operating autos while under the influence of whiskey.

Nutrition Class Will Start Oct. 21

Growing out of a talk made to the Garden Club on "The Need of Knowledge of Nutrition," by Miss Holloman of the FSA, a class in nutrition will be started in Raeford next Wednesday, Oct. 21.

This class will be taught by Miss Mary F. Peele, vocational H. E. teacher in the high school. Miss Peele will teach the regulation Red Cross Course for which certificates will be issued. The class will hold its meetings in the home economics department of Hoke High and will be open to anyone wishing to enroll.

A previous course has been taught by Miss Peele at the Edinburg Community House. This course was climaxed by a dinner, served by the ladies taking it, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Poovey, their sponsors.

We hope that the new class will be as successful and that a good enrollment will be had.

RELIEVED

The huge production of soybeans, peanuts, cottonseed and flaxseed this year on American farms has greatly relieved the fats and oils situation.

SHOP NOW FOR BOYS OVERSEAS

ONLY 17 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS "OVER THERE." Christmas gifts to soldiers and sailors in foreign service must be mailed during October for Christmas delivery. And you have only 17 more shopping days until Christmas "Over There." SHOP NOW! DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31.

Another Reminder--

This is the month to mail those parcels to the boys in the armed forces outside of the United States. Because of the wartime burden on the mails the packages should be mailed as late as October 31, but the best way to guarantee arrival by Christmas is to mail them NOW.

The Public Relations Office of the Sixth Naval District, Charleston, gives advice and instructions relative to the Christmas packages as follows:

"CHRISTMAS PARCEL"
"Packages labeled Christmas Parcel" will be expedited. They should be no larger than an ordinary shoe box and weigh not more than six pounds. They should be packed in substantial containers, covered by strong wrapping, and tied or secured so as to be readily opened by censors. Addresses should include full name and rank or rating of addressee, and the name of his ship or unit, but the location should never be included. Only two post office addresses may be used, "Care of the Postmaster, New York, N. Y." and "Care of the Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.," whichever is nearer the addressee.

"There is no limit on the number of packages which a man abroad may receive. However, not more than one Christmas package may be mailed by the same sender to the same recipient in any one week.

"Particular care should be exercised in the selection of gifts. Food frequently arrives in damaged or spoiled condition, no matter how carefully prepared. Clothing should not be sent unless it has been specifically requested. Gifts should be compact and portable. Electrical apparatus is of dubious value.

"Christmas and New Year's greetings to personnel abroad should in all instances be written on V-Mail stationery. Cards should not be sent because of their bulk and because in most instances recipients will prefer to have their greetings in the form of a letter from relatives or friends."

Allied Strength On Upgrade, Says Pres. Roosevelt

Calls for Drafting of 18 and 19 Year-Olds in Speech to Nation Monday Night

Washington, Oct. 14—President Roosevelt, asserting that Allied strength was "on the upgrade," and the enemy growing nervous, tonight urged the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds so that an army with the spirit and hardihood of youth may shorten the war with annihilating new offensives.

At the same time, the President called for the rationing of man power. Workers must be kept from changing jobs at will, he said. Pirating of one employer's labor by another must be forbidden. The objective must be "the right number of people in the right places at the right time."

And he held out a possibility that legislation of a drastic nature may be necessary to keep the farmer supplied with hands to harvest the nation's food supplies. "The American people, he added, will not "shrink" from such action, should it become necessary.

The President was delivering his second radio report to the nation in five weeks. It was, generally, an optimistic report of what he found on his recent tour of defense plants, army posts and naval stations. Already, he said, America is getting ahead of the enemy in the battles of transportation and production.

FIREMEN

Almost 10,000 rural fire-fighting companies have been organized this year to protect America's farms against destructive fires, with 100,000 men enrolled.

CAPACITY

Marketing, processing and distribution facilities are operating at capacity this fall, preparing the record 1942 farm production for military, lease-lend and civilian use.

HIGHER

Farmers received higher prices in mid-September than a month earlier for grains, cotton, tobacco, fruits, dairy and poultry products, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Mrs. Covington Will Head Local Rent Control

F. S. Clark, area rent director of the Fayetteville area, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Kate Blue Covington of Raeford to the position of Area Rent Inspector for Raeford and Hoke County for a period of 120 days.

Since Oct. 1, Mrs. Covington has been in the Rent Area office of Price Administration in Fayetteville, working with members of that staff and studying the problems of rent control.

Mrs. Covington is to have space in the County Office Building in the Rationing Board Office, and she will be in a position to assist residents of this area.

Mr. Clark, area rent attorney, stated that the transportation situation makes it difficult for residents of Raeford to get to the area office in Fayetteville. It is now planned to have one man of the staff from the Fayetteville office in Raeford one day each week to assist Mrs. Covington with her work. Mr. Clark also stated that there need be no difficulty in anyone securing help in registering property, filing petitions or dealing with any rent control problem.

Mrs. Covington needs no introduction to Raeford and Hoke County, as she belongs to the well-known Blue family, Sandhill pioneers. She is the daughter of the late J. A. Blue and Mrs. Jennie McNeill Blue. After graduation from the Raeford High School, Mrs. Covington attended Flora Macdonald and Queen's Colleges. She is well qualified to handle her new duties, having had two years experience doing social service work with the Hoke County Welfare Department.

Raeford Hotel Management Changes

V. St. Cloud and S. L. Lewis Lease Hostelry From W. E. Street, Jr.

Management of the Raeford Hotel, for the past several years owned and operated by W. E. Street, Jr., is now under the management of St. Cloud and Lewis, Raleigh hotelmen, it was announced Tuesday.

Coming here from the Colonial Pines Hotel in Raleigh, St. Cloud is a hotelman of wide experience, having been operating manager or lessee of a number of the leading hotels of North Carolina or other states, including: the Sir Walter and the Bland Hotels of Raleigh, the O'Henry of Greensboro, the Selwyn at Charlotte and the Hotel Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. St. Cloud states that they plan to make a number of improvements immediately which include installation of much additional furnishings for the rooms and considerable new equipment for the kitchen and dining room. Other improvements are planned to be made when priorities will permit and the business will justify expansion, stated Mr. St. Cloud. "We plan to give Raeford the finest hotel service possible," he added, "and if the business continues as good as it has been since Oct. 1st, we expect to purchase the plant, which we have on option from Mr. Street."

Mr. and Mrs. Street left Tuesday for a South Carolina beach resort to spend several days before going to New Bern where they will be connected with a hotel there.

Colon Scarborough Attends Meeting In Raleigh

T. Colon Scarborough attended a meeting of the State and National Salvage Committee in Raleigh Tuesday. He reported to this committee that since the Scrap Drive started in Hoke County last Dec. 15, which drive was inaugurated by The News-Journal and Raeford businessmen, that 2,200,000 pounds of scrap have been collected and turned over to the Government. He also stated that Hoke High and Graded Schools turned in 13,000 pounds last week. This makes an average of about 125 pounds per person.

Mr. Scarborough and three associates are planning to own a hotel.

Efforts of Local Junk Dealers Win Recognition

Mr. T. C. Scarborough, Raeford, N. C.

Dear Mr. Scarborough: It gives this office a real pleasure to be able to present the T. C. Scarborough Company the War Production Board's Merit Award.

This Award is given in recognition of your splendid cooperating in shipping in excess of 284 Tons of Scrap Metal during the month just passed. This will enable the steel mills to produce more than 568 Tons of New Steel for the manufacture of military equipment, ships, guns and army tanks.

We are confident that the people of your city will share the pride you must feel in knowing that you, a local concern, have made this fine contribution to the United States government's war effort.

We congratulate you on winning this much cherished award and sincerely hope through your continued efforts you can earn the right to display this banner during the months to come.

Yours very truly,

HENRY TAYLOR, District Chief, Automobile Graveyard Section.

Deduction Rate For AAA Limestone Is Set for County

The deduction rate at which farmers of Hoke County may obtain ground limestone from the AAA under the 1943 Agricultural Conservation Program has been set at \$2.60 per ton, according to J. M. McGowan, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Rates in 44 other counties already have been approved and vary from \$1.30 to \$2.85 per ton, depending on freight rates from point of shipment to railroad points in the counties. Six counties have established rates for farm yard delivery which range up to \$3.00 per ton.

This limestone is furnished to farmers by the AAA and costs are deducted from any payments due the farmer at the close of the program year. Rates include actual cost plus transportation charges.

"Farmers of Hoke County will find use of limestone more important than ever before during the coming farming year. We won't be able to obtain much commercial nitrates as we have in the past, and we will need limestone to promote better growth of legumes which will produce nitrogen for use. We also have been asked to produce more livestock next year and we will need good pastures to maintain the animals. Use of limestone is necessary to good pasture."

Farmers are urged to place their orders for limestone under the 1943 program as soon as possible to avoid delays caused by transportation difficulties.

Farmers of Hoke County were furnished 725 tons of limestone under the 1942 program. Final date for orders under the 1942 program was Sept. 20.

A. A. McFadyen, Jr., Sent to Montevideo

News has been received that A. A. McFadyen, Jr., son of Dr. A. A. McFadyen, who recently returned to this country from Shanghai, China, where he had been in the "protective custody" of the Japanese since Pearl Harbor, has been transferred to the American Consulate in Montevideo, Uruguay.

He, his wife and young son, A. A., III, are leaving Washington, D. C., Oct. 15 for Miami, from which point they proceed by plane, making interesting stops in Panama, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina on their journey.

