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## Airborne Troop Base at Hoffman Dedicated

Camp Mackall, Nation's First Large-Scale Post For Training Airborne Soldiers, Scene of Fitting and Colorful Exercises Before Throng of 10,000.

(By Special Correspondent)  
Camp Mackall, May 1.—Thousands of soldiers and citizens mingled here Saturday afternoon at a colorful ceremony to witness the dedication of Camp Mackall, America's first large-scale post for airborne troops and to pay tribute to a young brave paratrooper for whom it was named.

With many dignitaries from both civilian and military life present, the program lasted well into the late afternoon and was climaxed by a review of the airborne troops and thrilling demonstrations by paratroopers, glider troops and air evacuation by the first troop carrier command.

**Guest of Honor.**  
Honored guest was Mrs. Alda Mackall Newton of Wellsville, Ohio, mother of Private John T. Mackall, who lost his life in battle near Tafarour airdrome in North Africa November 8, 1942.

She heard fitting tribute paid to her brave son by Major General E. Gerry Chapman, Commanding General airborne command, and Col. Vernon G. Olsmith, commander of Camp Mackall.

A crowd of 10,000 persons witnessed the demonstration and dedication exercises.

Attending with Mrs. Newton were two soldier brothers of young Mackall, Privates Robert E. and Gerald Mackall; a sister, Fiss June Mackall; his stepfather, Earl L. Newton, and two cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Drane.

They witnessed the unveiling of a beautiful bronze plaque by a parachute troops guard of honor as tribute to the young soldier, after which followed a review of the airborne troops, parachute and glider demonstrations.

Thrilling and colorful was the passing in review of the 11th airborne division, commanded by Major General Joseph M. Swing. It is one of the newest airborne divisions of many more to come and drew high praise from military and civilian leaders here today on their rapid progress in training.

Another thrilling spectacle which demonstrated the growing might of Uncle Sam was the parachute landing of approximately 200 men from Colonel Robert F. Sink's 506th parachute infantry, the soldiers floating to earth within the area in front of the stand.

The detail that gave the demonstration from headquarters company, first battalion, commanded by Captain R. Massa, Brigadier General Fred S. Borum, commanding general of the troop carrier command, furnished a squadron of planes for the demonstration, commanded by Major C. S. Marshall of the Fifth squadron, Tenth group.

Providing color for the massive gathering was the presence of the 17th airborne division in a unit to see the festivities. This division, commanded by Major General W. M. Niley, won high praise.

In his dedication speech, Major General Chapman pointed with pride to the civilian and soldier in the fight for freedom, saying that "local conditions have indeed changed, save one—the ideals of American life for which we live and if need be, for which we offer all."

"This camp will witness again in manifold measure the emotions and the portrayal of all the attributes of life which Americans hold dear. We, who serve in order that these ideals may be preserved, here labor to qualify for the final test. Here we will train in heat and cold, dust and rain, day and night, endless hours of labor to the end that lives may not be sacrificed through want of knowledge and with that knowledge we venture all in order that others may longer live to enjoy the privileges which we have cherished.

Many people, from Raeford and the County attended the above services at Mackall Saturday—Officers and men of this army post are finding homes for their families in Raeford every day.

**W. J. LONG DIES**  
W. J. Long 79 years old died at his home yesterday at 4 A. M. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday. An account of this will appear in next week's paper.

## New Poultry Prices Quoted.

The poultry prices as published in the News-Journal last week were correct as of the date of publication but on Friday of last week the Hoke County War Price and Ration Board received a new schedule of prices superseding the ones published last week.

**SCHOOL NEWS**  
by K. A. McDonald

**Commencement Dates Announced, Measles at Ashmont.**  
Commencement exercises for Hoke county students will begin Sunday, May 9th, at 11:00 A. M. with the baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Rev. E. C. Crawford in the high school auditorium. Tuesday morning, May 11, at 10:30 the seventh graders of the county will have their program. Rev. R. E. Brown of Fayetteville will be the speaker. Class Day Exercises and presentation of diplomas will be on Thursday, May 13 at 8:15 P. M. These programs will be in the Hoke County High School auditorium.

The Biology students, under the direction of Mrs. V. R. White, have made interesting collections in their study of seeds, wild flowers, leaves and stems. Each collection is the work of an individual student and is evidence of care and time taken in its preparation. One of leaves and one of wild flowers prepared by Mildred Garrett and Bessie Wright respectively were two of the outstanding ones.

Ashmont school is experiencing an epidemic of measles. The faculty is very much afraid that it will spoil the recital to be given Friday evening, May 7 at 8:00.

The Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday and approved all teacher lists submitted to it. The Board also ordered that Aberdeen Chapel be re-advertised for sale.

**School Heads Enjoy Dinner at Upchurch School.**  
The Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners, District School Board and the various county and state officers connected in any way with the operation of the schools were invited to dinner at Upchurch School on Monday at 12:30. A sumptuous meal was prepared by the girls of the home economics department and served by the boys class in commercial service. The tables were well appointed and perfectly laid. All of the guests acclaimed it as one of the best dinners attended in a long time. Before the meal was served the agricultural shop was inspected and also a display of the academic work and vocational work after this the elementary and high school Glee clubs sang several numbers that were greatly enjoyed. These numbers showed that the pupils had had good training in music.

A county-wide meeting of the negro teachers was held at the Upchurch School last Friday afternoon. Plans were made for the county-wide seventh grade test that was given at the Upchurch School yesterday.

**NEWS-ADS OMITTED-LACK OF SPACE**  
Much Social and Farm News, several ads, and other interesting articles had to be left out this week for lack of space. Copy must be handed in on TUESDAY.

## New Army Post Bears His Name



**JOHN THOMAS MACKALL**  
Above is a composite picture of the life of Pvt. John T. Mackall, Ohio native, for whom Camp Mackall was named. Pvt. Mackall was one of the American airborne soldiers to die in North Africa. His mother attended the dedication Saturday.

## Scouts To Meet In Raeford May 6th

Scouters from the Western District of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts will hold their May meeting with the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting in the Raeford Hotel to night, Thursday, May 6th at 7:30 P. M.

The Scouters will put on a brief program along lines of Scouting, and will then go into executive session with any member of the Kiwanis Club who desires to sit in, present. Scouters from Raeford, Red Springs, Maxton, John's, Gibson, Laurinburg, Laurel Hill and Wagram will attend the meeting.

Following the supper meeting, the Scouts of the Raeford Troop will give a display of Scouting through their troop rally, to which the public is invited.

**MISS HOLLOWAN KIWANIS SPEAKER.**  
At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Thursday evening Edwin Smith had the program and introduced Miss Terrine I. Hollowan, FSA home economist and chairman of the OCD Nutrition Committee. Miss Hollowan made a report to the club covering all phases of nutrition work in the county. It showed that a splendid work was being done and that the Nutrition Committee is probably doing one of the best works of any of the OCD Committees.

W. J. Coates was introduced as a new member. He was told that he would have to ride the goat at a later date.

**COMMUNION SERVICE AT BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON**  
The semi-annual Communion service will be held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by the Rev. H. K. Holland of Raeford who has been supplying the church for the past few months. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Morning**  
The Annual Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduates of Hoke High School will be preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, May 9th in the Auditorium. Rev. E. C. Crawford will deliver the sermon. There will be no other church services in town.

**Baptist Circles Will Meet Monday**  
The Nealy Young and Pearl Johnson Circles will meet with Mrs. B. R. Gatlin Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Business Woman's Circle will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Irma Jordan Randall. Y. W. A. will meet Monday evening with Frances Campbell.

Hallie Gatlin entered Highsmith's Hospital Tuesday for treatment.

## With Our Boys In The Service



Fletcher Pickler Coltran, was graduated from Officer Candidate School, Camp Davis last week. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States. Lt. Coltran is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Coltran, Red Springs, Rt. 3. Before entering the Army he was with the Acme Drug Co., Sanford, N. C.

Pvt. Johnnie C. Pate is at home from Trinidad for a 20 day furlough. He expects to report for duty at Camp Stewart, Ga. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pate.

Hallie Brown Haire of Baltimore Md. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire before leaving for the army.

## Soldiers Center Open Sunday.

The Soldiers Center will be open from now on all day Sunday, opening at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Voluntary hostesses will have charge until the regular hostesses, Mrs. Currie and Miss Boyce come on at 2:30 P. M.

**JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET**  
The Junior Class of Hoke County High School honored the Seniors at a beautiful banquet in the school gymnasium Friday evening, April 30th, at eight o'clock. The theme for decorations was "An Old Fashioned Garden." The banquet hall was lovely with spring flowers and foliage. The gate and fence were laced with wisteria, ivy and roses.

The 511th F. A. Band from Camp Mackall played throughout the evening. Special numbers on the program consisted of toasts and musical numbers.

The toastmaster was John Calvin Ray. After the banquet the guests were pleasantly surprised by a theatre party—a special showing of Arabian Nights.

**Methodist Circles To Meet**  
The Circles of the Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Monday, May 10th, as follows: Circle No. 1—Mrs. Marshall Thomas, chairman, at the church at 3:30. Circle No. 2—Mrs. B. B. Cole, Chairman with Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Sr., at 8:00 P. M. Circle No. 3—Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Chairman, with Mrs. H. A. Cameron at 3:30.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CIRCLES MEET MONDAY**  
The Circles of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will meet Monday, May 10th, at 3:30 o'clock as follows: Circle No. 1—Mrs. H. W. B. Whitely, Chairman, with Mrs. Sara McZ. McNeill.

Circle No. 2—Mrs. Robert Cox, Chairman, with Mrs. A. C. Gills. Circle No. 3—Mrs. J. A. Bawcom, Chairman, with Mrs. Clarence Lytle.

Circle No. 4—Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin.

Circle No. 5—Mrs. A. K. Stevens, Chairman, with Mrs. Kate King. Circle No. 6—Mrs. A. K. Currie, Chairman, with the Chairman. Circle No. 7—Mrs. Hubert McLean, Chairman, with Mrs. E. B. Campbell. Circle No. 8—Mrs. H. K. Holland, Chairman, with Mrs. Roland Covington.

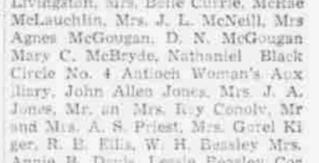
**CONTROL ROOM**  
Control Room Schedule for following week:  
Friday, May 7—Mrs. D. M. Davis  
Saturday, May 8—Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr.  
Sunday, May 9—Mrs. V. R. White  
Monday, May 10—Mrs. Lewis Upchurch  
Tuesday, May 11—Mrs. E. C. Crawford  
Wednesday, May 12—Mrs. Israel Mann  
Thursday, May 13—Mrs. J. B. Thomas.

## POST COMMANDER



**COL. VERNON G. OLSMITH**  
Camp Mackall Post Commander.

## IN COMMAND



**MAJ. GEN. GERRY CHAPMAN**  
Camp Mackall Commanding General.

**RATION NOTES**  
Tobacco servers need not file list of barns with Ration Board. Fuel oil for these has been allotted. Persons will be notified by mail when certificates for gas, tubes, tires, oil, etc., are ready. These can be CALLED for the SATURDAY after receiving notice.