



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### A. Watson Gillis Annapolis Graduate

Watson Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis, of Raeford was one of eleven North Carolina boys in a class of 760 commissioned ensigns in the United States Navy in ceremonies at Annapolis, Md., on June 9. Navy Secretary Frank Knox was the chief speaker and the class was graduated a year ahead of schedule under the Naval Academy's war-accelerated program to turn out fighting officers of the regular navy.

Ensign Gillis graduated from Hoke County High School in the class of 1936 and attended Louisburg Junior College and the University of North Carolina. He was appointed to the Naval Academy from the Ensign Congressional district by Mr. W. O. Burdick and entered the Academy in 1940.

He received numerals in pebble base ball and company volleyball and the Navy "N" for varsity baseball. In the regimental organization Gillis held the ranks of midshipman first petty officer in the first and final groups, and midshipman platoon petty officer in the second group, assigned to sea duty on a destroyer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis and Harold Gillis of Raeford attended the graduation exercises at Annapolis. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., were also guests of Ensign Gillis at the ceremonies. Mrs. Thompson is the former Miss Lottie McDuffie of Raeford.

Immediately after being commissioned Ensign Gillis was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla. for a ten-week course prior to joining the fleet. He expects to be assigned to the fleet.

#### Promoted To Cpl.

Camp Crowder, Mo., June 14.—Charles B. Johnson, Jr., 22, whose wife resides at 305 Green street, Fayetteville, N. C., has been promoted from technician, fifth grade, to corporal at Central Signal Corps School here where he is taking a wire chief course.

Cpl. Johnson, Co. D, 800th Signal Training Regiment, is in the Army Air Forces.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, reside on Route 2, Raeford, N. C.

Before his entry into the Army Nov. 2, 1942, the corporal was chief clerk of the equipment section in the office of the district engineer, U. S. Engineers, Wilmington, N. C.

### Parachuters Defeat Red Springs June 6th

The 508th Parachute Inf. Regiment of Camp Mackall gained revenge for an earlier licking by defeating the Flying Robins 8 to 1 in a game that saw the Robins held to 7 hits by Lefty Swer former Charlotte Hornet and shington Senator twirler. The Robins were guilty of faulty base running and made several errors in the field to contribute to their downfall. Bledsoe and Watson pitching for the Robins allowed 10 hits.

Next Sunday the Robins play the strong Marine Team from Camp Lejeune in Robins Park. The Marine team composed of former professional players now in the Marine Corp. will put a strong team on the field.

Camp Mackall 8 runs 10 hits 1 error  
Robins 1 run 7 hits 5 errors  
Batteries: Mackall—Brewer and King  
Robins... Bledsoe, Watson and Maus.

### Marines Defeat Red Springs Robins

After losing a close game to the Camp Lejeune Marines the Flying Robins are working hard to be in shape for the 134th Medical Detachment who come here for a game Sunday in Robins Park. The Medics are managed by Sgt. Bill Gates International League Pitching star who last year pitched 4 no hit, no run games in the Post League at Fort Bragg. Gates will be on the mound Sunday for his team.

In the game last Sunday the Robins were 1 run behind in the 9th inning with the bases loaded and none out. Pitcher Watson's bunt was turned into a fast double play and Ceratone was called out on strikes to end the game.

Batteries: Robins, Barrington, Watson and Maus, Maries, Sturges and Sloan.

Robins 9 runs 10 hits 4 errors.  
Maries 10 runs 9 hits 2 errors.

#### CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

The Circles of the Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Monday, June 21, at 4:00 o'clock at the church.

A worker at a California aircraft plant has worked out a machine operation which can be performed by a trainee and triples output.



### Carolina Exceeds May "E" Bond Quota

North Carolina exceeded its May quota of \$10,000,000 in sales of E bonds by \$947,750, Charles N. Robertson, State Administrator of the War Savings Staff, said today he has just been notified by the Treasury Department.

"The War Savings Staff chairmen, committees, and citizens of North Carolina are to be congratulated upon this achievement," Mr. Robertson said. "But as proud as we are of this record, we must not dwell too long on post-mortems. We have a big job to do—quotas to meet every month—until peace is won and all men are free."

Administrator Robertson announced at the same time that all city and county chairmen are being asked to increase their sale of all bonds for June by one-half or more of the regular E bond quota previously set for June.

The purpose of this increase, he explained, is to help meet the shortage in the national goal of 12 billion dollars by sales of E, F, and G bonds for the fiscal year set by President Roosevelt last June. This goal is now short by 337 million dollars, and North Carolina is expected to sell during June approximately five and one-half million of bonds, including all types, in addition to the total quota of E bonds originally set for the State.

Last December the War Savings Staffs of the various states were relieved of the responsibility of selling F and G bonds, but for the month of June, the local chairmen are expected to push the sale of F and G as well as E bonds in order to help make up for the 337 million shortage in the year's total sales. Administrator Robertson pointed out.

### 11 Men Sent to Bragg For Examination

The following is a list of White Registrants who were sent to Fort Bragg on June 10, for final examination and induction.

Daniel Hilton Seals, Charles Brantley Cameron, Rou Neeley (Transferred), Walter Lewis Howell, Lee Guster Lowery (Transferred), Vernon Eugened McCrimmon, William Ray Steadman, William Lewis Carter, Raymond Gaddy Ferguson, John Albert Priest, James Crawford Lentz.

#### KIWANIS NEWS

Last Thursday evening the Kiwanis Club heard Brother Crawford, Home Service Committee Chairman for the Red Cross. Bro. Crawford made a most interesting and instructive report on the work of this committee. Dr. A. L. O'Brian, program chairman for the evening introduced Mr. Crawford and complimented the committee on its work.

WANTED—To know the whereabouts of Mrs. William Campbell or Alice Campbell. Is located some where in or near Raeford. Her Mother at Raeford Hotel and most anxious to see her. 11p

### H. L. Meacham To State College

The appointment of H. L. Meacham, of Raleigh, as Extension Marketing Specialist at State College was announced there this week by Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension.

Meacham is the son of Mrs. Frank T. Meacham and the late Frank T. Meacham. He graduated from State College in 1934 and was for three years farm agent, first in Halifax and then in Hoke County and then he left the extension service to work for a chemical company. He now leaves the U. S. Treasury Department to return to State College to handle its farm marketing program.

#### John B. McRacken Dies at Shannon

John B. McRacken, sixty-two year old Shannon man, passed away unexpectedly at his home there last Sunday night. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McRacken of Robeson county.

Funeral services were conducted at Antioch Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. H. R. Poole, the pastor. The service was a Masonic one and was held by members of the lodge of the deceased. Burial followed in the churchyard cemetery at Antioch.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Anna Currie McRacken; five sons, A. R. of Kinley, R. B. Herbert, and J. D. of Red Springs and Vernon W. of the United States Army in Trinidad; two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Parks, of Shannon and Mrs. J. T. McCorquodale of Fayetteville, and by two brothers and two sisters.

### Police Conference At Fayetteville

It was announced by the Charlotte Office of the FBI that the regular police conference for the southeast will be held at the Raeford USO Club, Fayetteville, on June 18, 1943 at 2:00 P. M.

Enforcement officers from the States of Cumberland, Robeson, and Scotland, Lee, Hoke, Sampson, Johnson and Harnett are invited to attend this conference. Auxiliary police from these States are also invited to attend.

The theme of the conference will be "Safety Duties of Police in the War Effort." Speakers include Lieutenant Arthur Moore of the State Highway Patrol, Special Agent in Charge, Edward Scheidt of the FBI, and Special Agent Roy L. Morgan of the FBI. The program will also include the showing of the Red Cross first aid movie entitled, "Before the Doctor Comes."

#### RATION NOTES

All persons are urged by the local War Price and Ration Board to conserve gasoline by not making trips to the ration office to see about applications for supplemental gas, tires, tubes, etc. Immediately upon approval of an application, the book or certificate, as the case may be is mailed to the applicant. In case the application is rejected the applicant is notified.

Please save gas and also the time of the office force by following the above suggestions.

### Flying Forts Jab At Axis Airports

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—Large forces of Flying Fortresses, escorted by Lightnings, attacked Axis airfields at Bocca Di Falco and Castelvetrano Tuesday after night attacks by British Wellington bombers on the Sicilian objectives, headquarters and Wednesday.

At the same time, Mitchells and Marauders escorted by Lightnings and Warhawks made "strong attacks" during the day on two other Sicilian airfields—at Sciacca and Borizzo—while Lightning shot up targets at Marsala.

Airfields in Sicily also were the targets of the Wellingtons as the Allies turned the heat on after a two-day rest.

The war bulletin said that bombs were seen to burst in despersal areas, on runways and on barracks and many fires resulted from the Flying Fortress attacks on Bocca Di Falco and Castelvetrano.

Eleven enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat Tuesday and five the night before. Seven Allied planes were missing.

German broadcasts and the Italian communique, as recorded by the Associated Press, declared that Axis planes attacked Allied shipping and landing craft in and near the harbor of captured Pantelleria Tuesday.

#### Berlin Claims

(A DNB report from Berlin said two large landing boats were sunk in Pantelleria harbor by German bombers and that a destroyer and several other landing craft were damaged. The DNB report added that "according to latest reports" three of seven transports reported Tuesday as damaged at Pantelleria actually were sunk.

(Rome declared that Axis torpedo planes attacked a convoy along the Algerian coast, sinking one steamer of 15,000 tons and damaging another of 5,000 tons.

(The Italian communique spoke of German planes attacking Allied landing craft "near" Pantelleria, but did not locate the attacks in that island's harbor as Berlin did. None of these enemy claims was confirmed by the Allies.

#### 2,300 Dead At Naples

(Il Popolo Di Roma was quoted in a Rome broadcast as saying Naples dead from air raids now totaled 2,300. Casualties were put at 10,000.)

The headquarters communique Wednesday said that on Monday a Navy party from a destroyer landed on Lampedusa Island and found it to be uninhabited. This had been announced by spokesmen previously.

At the other end of the Mediterranean an British long-range fighters continued their offensive sweeps against enemy shippings in the Aegean, two sailing vessels being damaged by many cannon hits, a Cairo announcement said.

### SCHOOL NEWS

by K. A. McDonald

The school cannery will be operated this year by the vocational departments of the high school assisted by Mrs. J. P. Smith. All vegetables produced by the vocational departments in their gardens will be canned for use in the schools next winter.

The cannery will be open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays during June. If there is sufficient demand other days will be made available for the public during July and August.

Private persons using the cannery will be expected to gather and prepare their vegetables or fruit and help with the canning. They will furnish their own cans. A charge of one cent per can will be made to defray expenses.

Additional equipment will be installed just as soon as it is secured through the Rural War Training Program under the supervision of J. W. Dowd.

Due to the inability to get gas the Future Farmers Chapter called off their proposed trip to camp at White Lake. We think this was a very patriotic move on the part of the Future Farmers.

The Hoke High farm shop will be open on Thursdays and Fridays of each week. Farmers are urged to take advantage of this and bring in any machinery that needs repair or any item they wish built for the farm. A competent man has been employed to instruct and help the farmers in these jobs.

Miss Peele, vocational home economics teacher in Hoke High has returned from her vacation and is now on the job assisting with the county nutrition work, canning, and with her girls home projects.

The more we hear of the success of our boys in the armed forces the prouder we get of our high school.

### Few Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Only three cases were heard by Judge Henry McDiarmid in Hoke County Recorder's court last Tuesday, as the trial of several was delayed by mutual agreement between the state and the defendants.

Ernest McMillan, colored, was charged with carrying a shotgun off of his premises on Sunday. He entered a plea of guilty and his prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the court costs.

Walter McCrimmon, colored, was charged with the larceny of a bicycle from J. W. Strother. He entered a plea of guilty and, as the defendant had recently returned from serving a 12 month sentence for stealing a bicycle, Judge McDiarmid sent him back to serve eighteen more.

Ed Allsbrooke, colored, was charged with sodomy in two cases and on hearing the evidence probable cause was found and Judge McDiarmid ordered him held for Superior court with bond being set at \$500, in each case. The defendant failed to post bond and is awaiting trial in the county jail.

#### LCLS

All girls wishing to attend the dance at Camp Mackall Friday night will please meet at the Soldier's Center at 7:15.

### 4-H Boys And Girls To Camp

Hoke County 4-H boys and girls will go to Camp Millstone near Eller on Monday, June 21, for their annual week of camp. The Hoke County 4-H members will be joined by club members from Wake, Montgomery, Moore and Scotland counties.

Each day in camp will be full of activity. The daily schedule of events will be as follows:

- 6:45 Reveille
  - 7:15 Morning Devotion and Flag-raising
  - 7:30 Breakfast
  - 8:00-9:00 Put camp in order
  - 9:15-10:00 Camp Assembly
  - 10:30-11:30 Class Period
  - 11:30-12:30 Fun Time
  - 12:30 Dinner
  - 1:30-2:30 Quiet Hour (rest, write home, polish shoes, read, etc.)
  - 3:00-6:00 Field Events, Swimming, and Hiking
  - 6:00-6:30 Get ready for supper
  - 6:30 Supper
  - 8:00-8:30 Vesper service
  - 8:45-9:45 Stunts, Folk Dancing, Movies
  - 10:00 Taps
- Club members are asked to meet at the Raeford Grammar School building at 9:30 on Monday morning. All food must be checked over before the group leaves. Each person is asked to carry a light lunch as the first meal prepared in camp will be supper.
- Club members may register for camp in the Farm or Home Agent's office. A list of food may be secured there also.

#### GARDENS TO BE JUDGED

The Raeford "Victory Gardeners" who wish to compete for the \$25.00 War Bond offered by McLaughlin Co. and the people of the county who are working for the bond offered by the Bank of Raeford are asked to register in the Farm or Home Agent's office by Saturday, June 26. The gardens of those people who register, will probably be judged by the Agricultural Workers of the county the last week of June or the first week of July.

A card written in the Farm or Home Agent will register a garden for either of the contests.

Automatic counters on rural roads in 39 states recorded one recent month's motor traffic as 56 per cent of pre-war normal.

A combat soldier's daily food weighs about 5 1-2 pounds, while a civilian's averages three pounds.



KEEP 'EM GOING—Keeping planes in running order is the task of these members of a Service Squadron at the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base. Working with landing gear at bottom (left to right) are Sgt. Moeton Ballinger, Pvt. Claud Arrington and Pfc. Sam Sutton. At top, installing new fire wall, are (left to right) Pvt. Robert Schadle, Pvt. Albert Brandt and Pvt. Kenneth McArthur.

#### Frances Elizabeth Stubbs

Frances Elizabeth Stubbs 17 months old died at a local hospital Friday morning, June 11, 1943. She was survived by her parents, Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Lela Bell Johnson Stubbs. Her grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnson and Mrs. Mary D. Stubbs and uncles and aunts.

Funeral services and burial were held Saturday at 3 o'clock in the Ephesus Baptist Church under the direction of the Revs. Holland and Dellinger of Raeford, N. C.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

#### Miss Ethel Cox Dies in Raleigh

Miss Ethel Cox, daughter of Mr. George W. Cox and the late Mrs. Cox, of Raeford, passed away last Sunday morning at a Raleigh hospital after a long illness. She was forty years of age.

The remains were brought to Raeford for interment and the funeral was conducted from the home here on Monday afternoon by Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are her father, G. W. Cox of Raeford; three brothers, Elwood of Raeford and Fred and Ralph of the United States Army, and one sister.

India supplied 2000 miles of band ages to troops in the African campaign.

### Library News

During the month of May 1449 books were checked out to residents of the county and army personnel. On Tuesday, June 8th eighty two people visited the library.

The following new books are among recent arrivals and are at your disposal:

Art of Living in Wartime.—Mrs. Greenbie the author shows how we can get the most out of living under conditions which restrict our activities in many directions.

A Time for Greatness by Agar challenges us to face the problems before America and to take vigorous action to preserve our heritage.

Life's Extras by Archibald Rutledge is a little book of reverses on the blessings that lie in the little unnecessary things of life.

The Raft by Robert Trunebel is a story that "generations of Americans will be telling their children to illustrate man's ability to master any fate"

Mrs. Ina Bethune who is on leave while taking a special course in Library Science at Boone, N. C. writes that she is enjoying her work very much.

Library hours remain the same 10:30 A. M. through 6 P. M. Monday through Saturday.