



Tom McBryde Awarded Good Conduct Medal

Headquarters Panama Canal Department, July 18.—Private first class Thomas F. McBryde, of Raeford, N. C., was awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal a few days ago by Major General E. F. Harding for exemplary service as an enlisted man in the Mobile Force Artillery unit to which he is assigned.

Tom received the award during a review of his troops at which the general, a veteran of the Buna campaign in New Guinea, praised the efficiency of the artillery troops under his command.

Because of a shortage of materials, no Good Conduct Medals will be struck until after the war. In the meantime, Tom will be entitled to wear the red ribbon with three vertical white stripes at either end, signifying that he has received the medal.

Lt. Joseph R. McAnulty of Timberland is attending the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Raeford Boys Visit Venezuela

Told in the following letter:
July 16, 1943.

Dear Mother:
It's been a long time since you have heard from me, but at least I have plenty to write about now.

J. T. Yarborough and I have been on furlough for ten days in Maracaybo, Venezuela. We stayed at the Gulf Co. over there with all the American people. They really did treat us royally too. The first day we were there they gave us a car and driver, so we just looked the town over. That night we went out to dinner at one of the swanky clubs. The next day we went across Lake Maracaybo and met some American girls. Their families arranged for us an over night picnic. We went out to the most picturesque spot I have ever seen and put hammocks up between coconut trees, that's the way we slept. We did more dancing and swimming than sleeping though. We had everything to eat including a good old N. C. Brunswick stew. The picnic broke up about 4 o'clock the next afternoon and then we went out to dinner with a young couple; after dinner we went to a show and then got a good night's sleep.

The next morning J. T., our girl friends and I went for a swim in this swell swimming pool. I just wish you could have seen J. T. doing his comic diving. He really kept everybody laughing.

In the afternoon we took a trip through the oil fields. It was all new to us and we found it to be very interesting. The next day our friends on the other side of the lake were expecting us back so we went back across and had another swimming party after that we had a swell picnic over in Mrs. Lockard's back yard. She was formerly a school teacher at Meredith College in Raleigh. She was the nicest lady I think I ever met. She has three sons in the army and well understands soldiers. She reminded me so much of you I almost called her mother. I especially liked her daughter too because she was with us most of the time. Mrs. Lockard is going to write you soon I think.

One night this Venezuelan lady threw a party for us. We really did have a swell time there. You should have seen J. T. and me doing the conga with those Venezuelan girls. That really was fun.

Although we had been in the tropics for nearly 18 months this was the first time we have seen just what it's (Continued to Page Eight)

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Lumberton Market To Open Aug. 5th

Lumberton, July 27.—Lumberton's tobacco market is all set for the opening of the 1943 sales season on Thursday, August 5th, with seven warehouses and a big group of buyers ready for the first chant of veteran auctioneers. Sales cards are now being distributed, and it is expected that the first of next week will find the many highways leading to Lumberton well-filled with tobacco loads en route to this big and popular market.

Only minor changes have been made in the set up of the long established and widely-known Lumberton warehouse organizations. There are five organizations in charge of auction houses, made up as follows:

Carolina-Banner Warehouse—Johnny E. Johnson, Leroy Townsend, Marvin Roycroft and Adrian McRae.

Liberty Nos. 1 and 2 Warehouses—Ed. Wilkins, Paul Taylor, Hermon Bouldin, Neill McKeithan, Rufus McQueen, R. H. Livermore and David Townsend.

Britt-Farmers Warehouse—Capt. Ed. Hodges, Lee P. Woody and Ed. DeJarnette.

Hedgpech Nos. 1 and 2 Warehouses (Formerly Hobgood's)—Rom A. Hedgpech, Johnny K. Roycroft, Leroy Rollins and Horace Hicks.

Smith-Carlyle Warehouse—Tom J. Smith and Paul Sands.

Jasper C. Hutto continues on the job as Sales Supervisor of the market.

Lumberton's market moved up another peg with the 1942 season from eleventh to tenth place in the big list of seventy-five flue-cured markets of the nation. Ten years ago Lumberton was down to sixteenth place. Last year the market sold 27,500,000 pounds for more than \$10,000,000.

Mackall Officers Kiwanis Guests At Supper

One of those delightful occasions for which Raeford has become widely known was enjoyed last Thursday evening when the Kiwanis Club was host to the Col. B. G. Oldsmith, commanding officer of Camp Mackall, Mrs. Oldsmith, and members of his staff.

The supper was served at the Armory. The main dish was fried chicken with plenty of those fine Hoke-grown extras which make such a meal replete with goodness. It was prepared by John McGoogan and Company and served by the younger Kiwanians.

A special guest was Lt. John K. David, bomber pilot of Salters, S. C. and Mrs. David, formerly Miss Carolyn McLean of Raeford. Lt. David is at home on leave after having served a number of months on the English and African fronts from which he has participated in some 51 successful bombing raids over enemy territory.

The supper was presided over by Cecil Dew, Kiwanis president. Brief remarks were made by Mr. Dew, Col. Oldsmith, Lt. David, Col. Bryan, head of the Mackall quartermaster dept., and Col. Smith, post surgeon. One hundred and fifty plates were served to Mackall officers and their wives, Kiwanians and their wives and other guests from the county.

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Tobacco Referendum Results For Hoke Co.

Tobacco farmers voted in tobacco quotas for three years, 1944, 1945, and 1946. The number voting for three years in Hoke County was 330, 15 producers voted for one year quotas, and 14 producers voted against all quotas.

Automobile Tax Deadline July 31st

It is evident that a large number of motor vehicle owners and operators have not purchased their Federal Motor Vehicle Tax Stamp for the year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944. Motorists must have these stamps on display on their motor vehicles before July 31, 1943 to avoid liability for a severe penalty. These stamps are on sale at all post offices.

Rain and Hail Damage Crops In East Hoke

A heavy fall of hail and rain and a high wind which swept some sections of the eastern section of the county did heavy damage to crops last Thursday night according to reports.

Damage to tobacco was estimated to have reached as high as 90 per cent on some farms while a number of other farmers lost approximately half of their weed crop. Considerable damage was also done to cotton, corn and truck crops in the section. Heaviest losses were the Upechurch farm at Dundarrach, N. H. G. Balfour and Sam McGougan, according to Mr. Balfour.

Monday afternoon one of the heaviest rains of the past several years fell over the eastern section, with estimates as high as four inches in some places. Continued heavy rains on the area which is drained by the upper runs of Raft Swamp resulted in the breaking of the Hodgkin pond dam.

Fishing, under state permit, was allowed and fish fries were held Tuesday and Wednesday. Thousands of pounds of fish were caught during the two days, according to J. W. McPhaul, manager of the pond.

Robins Defeated In Short Game

The Flying Robins lost an abbreviated contest here Sunday to the 65th General Hospital of Fort Bragg by a score of 1 to 0 in a 5 inning game that was called in the first of the 6th because of rain. Red Norris and Thierult hooked up in a pitchers battle, Norris striking out 7 and allowing 2 hits, while Thierult allowed 2 hits and struck 5. Lachillieo, Robin centerfielder was outstanding on defense, making two magnificent throws to nip runners at the plate.

Robins 0 runs 2 hits 2 errors
65th 1 run 2 hits 0 errors
Batteries: Robins—Norris and Maus
65—Thierult and Tuttle

Next Sunday afternoon in Robins park the Flying Robins play the strong Bowman Field team of Louisville, Kentucky. The Kentuckians are flying to Maxton Air Base Saturday and will come over to Red Springs for the game Sunday afternoon.

'Back The Attack'

Washington, July 27.—President Roosevelt today urged the people to support the \$15,000,000,000 Third War Loan Drive to encourage and inspire the men "who are under fire on a dozen fronts all over the world."

Scheduled to begin September 9 under the slogan "Back the Attack," the third loan campaign will be the largest yet undertaken.

The President said in a proclamation that it will give every American "opportunity to express voluntarily and under the guidance of his conscience, the extent to which he will back the Attack."

"As Commander-in-Chief, I hereby invoke every citizen to give all possible aid and support to this Third War Loan Drive, not only so that our financial goal may be reached, but to encourage and inspire those of our husbands and fathers and sons who are under fire on a dozen fronts all over the world. It is my earnest hope that every American will realize that in buying War Bonds in this Third War Loan, he has an opportunity to express voluntarily and under the guidance of his conscience, the extent to which he will 'Back the Attack.'"

Glasgow, Scotland, issued licenses to two retailers of fireworks in the last year, compared to 105 in the 12 months preceding the war.

Wife-Beaters Tried In County Court; Take Another Car

Pernell Locklear, Indian, and Hinson Cummings, colored, were hauled into county court Tuesday on charges of wife-beating. Locklear was given a 6 month suspended sentence upon payment of court costs and put on good behavior for two years. Cummings was sentenced to serve 30 days on the roads, the sentence being suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for six months.

Melvin McRimmon, Alexander McRimmon, Dan Corry Leach and John Thomas Marshall, each charged with transporting non-tax paid liquor were found guilty and fined \$10 and costs, the driver's license of Thomas was revoked, his car confiscated by the county, and each was given a 60 day suspended sentence and placed on good behavior for 6 months.

Willie McNeill, colored, was found guilty in two cases in which he was charged with forcible trespass and assault and of using profane language and assault. He was given three months on the roads in each case to run consecutively.

Tom Chappell, brought into court on non-support charges was ordered by the court to pay \$16 per month towards the support of his wife, Mrs. Nonie Chappell, and their child.

John Vincent Sharpe and Fred McIver, each paid costs for speeding. Sandy McNair was given 60 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs on charges of driving car under influence of liquor and careless and reckless driving.

Bernice Chavis paid court costs when found guilty of the temporary larceny of the auto of Leon Morrissey.

Tobacco Growers May Haul To Any Market

Mullins, S. C., July 24.—Tobacco growers are greatly pleased to know that there are no restrictions on obtaining gasoline to haul their tobacco to any market on which they desire to sell.

Conflicting reports have been circulated. One that gasoline will not be available to growers to haul their curing to market; another is that gasoline will be available to farmers to haul tobacco, provided it is marketed on the market nearest the grower's home. The other is that gasoline will be available to farmers to haul crops to any market desired.

The Office of Price Administration reported that there is no regulation against growers hauling their tobacco to any market they want to sell their crop on.

Farm Machinery Released From Quotas

The State War Board has announced that the following farm machinery has been released from County quotas. However it will be necessary to obtain purchase certificates in order to buy the equipment. The following machinery has been released:

Lime spreaders, Manure spreaders, Spike tooth harrows, Disc harrows, Riding cultivators, Pea and bean harvesters, Corn huskers and shredders, Ensilage harvesters, Feed cutters, Engines, Tractor-drawn and mounted planters, Tractor-drawn and mounted moldboard plows, Tractor-drawn or mounted disc plows, One-way tillers, Transplanters, Garden tractors, Burr mills, Horse-drawn mowers, Dump rakes, Side delivery rakes, Pick-up balers, Grain binders, Grain threshers, Ensilage cutters, Corn shellers, Hay presses, Tooth weeders, Spring tooth harrows, Power take-off tractor mowers, Traction sprayers, Power dusters, Traction dusters, Hammer mills.

Equipment that was not released from quotas is as follows:

Tractors, Wagons, Combines, Grain drills.

Farmers desiring any of this equipment should make application at the AAA office as soon as possible. It is necessary in all cases to first locate the equipment before the purchase certificate can be issued, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

When 40 rabbits and seven chickens were dug out unharmed from the ruins of a London home after a raid, it was found that while imprisoned the hens had laid five eggs, all of which were recovered intact.

In Houston a negro boy was drowned and 40 persons were hospitalized. Galveston police reported a negro woman was crushed to death by a falling radio tower.

Morphine Taken From Office Of Dr. R. L. Murray

A partly filled bottle of morphine tablets, valued at about \$5, was removed from the narcotics cabinet in the office of Dr. R. L. Murray last Wednesday afternoon, according to the physician.

Entrance into the consultation room was gained by sliding back a thumb-bolt, it was stated. The robber then smashed the glass door of the unlocked cabinet and removed the narcotics bottle.

The robbery is believed to have taken place about 3:30 P. M. when neither Dr. Murray nor his office assistant, Mrs. Cox, were present. A patient awaiting the doctor was sitting in a car when two men entered the office. One came back to the door and evidently stood watch while his accomplice secured the drug. Dr. Murray states that one of the men was probably in his office earlier in the week seeking a shot of the stuff, but was refused at that time. The theft evidently the work of morphine addicts, he stated, as nothing else in the office was disturbed.

Scout News—Camp Chickagami

Boy Scout activities entered the third week on last Sunday at the Camp Chickagami on White Lake. V. C. Mason of Laurel Hill is directing the camp, and doing a fine job. We are interested in what the camp is offering our boys so lets peep in: The sun is creeping over the horizon, but all is quiet. We look at our watch. It is 7:29. Suddenly there is the first call and the boys begin to twist, grunt and finally get up and dress for the raising of the flag at 8:00. Breakfast is at 8:05, and the boys are back in camp cleaning up and getting ready for the instruction periods which begin at 9:00. The scouts are divided into four groups. Each group spends a 45 minute period in each of the four activities taught by trained leaders. The courses are: Handicraft, nature, waterfront, and advancement. By the time he has gone through these four classes, it is lunch time and he is ready for it. He must rest for a while after lunch and then scout training begins in four different fields. He can choose swimming or boating for one period, and Scout craft or pioneering for the other period. From the activity period he is free until supper preparations, so he can do what he likes except he must stay out of the water. After supper there is a period of supervised games and contests, and then the evening activities by the campfire which are different each night. He must be in his quarters by 9:45 and in bed by 10:00, and after such a full day, and with a full stomach he is soon fully in the land of Nod.

Rules of the day call for "Please" and "Thank You" by all scouts in their conversations. Each scout must take his turn in the dining room waiting on the tables, but the cooking is all done by the camp cooks.

It is gratifying to us to learn that Grace for each of the three meals is worked out and memorized by each of the scouts and given unison just before they partake of the food. A special evening prayer is given to each of the boys that can be used in the cabins if they so desire.

We have a camp bank. The boys can deposit his money there and draw it out as he needs it. The Camp store will use the ticket system which makes it unnecessary to have money on ones person to make the little purchases.

The whole water front activity is kept strictly under regulations. All who cannot swim must stay in water less than three feet deep, and are called "Sinkers". Those who swim but not as much as to pass off swimming requirements are dubbed "Floaters", and those who can swim and pass off the swimming requirements are called "Swimmers". All must practice the buddy system, so commonly used in scout camps, and any violation of any of the rules and any pushing, shoving or ducking results in the guilty scout's removal from the water.

The camp is putting out a camp bulletin each week which is being received back home by many of the scouts. It is very interesting and carries the names of the boys who attend the camp each week. From the western District, the troops at Laurinburg, Laurel Hill, Gibson and Wagram have had representatives at the camp.

The camp will close at the end of four weeks. Any scout having not registered and wanting to get in on that last week, can wire Mr. V. C. Mason at once.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Red Springs, July 23.—The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina will meet on the campus of Flora MacDonald College Sept 7-9.

C. J. Seaford Dies At Montrose Saturday

Death claimed one of Hoke county's most substantial citizens and a prominent farmer last Saturday morning when C. J. Seaford succumbed to a heart attack. He had been in declining health for about two years but was never seriously ill until about two weeks ago when he had a bad heart attack. He got much better and last Friday, the day before his death drove his truck himself, when he went to look over his farm and see to the tobacco curing in barns. That afternoon he was taken violently ill and was very sick all that night. He died Saturday morning between six and seven o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted from Shiloh Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. A. D. Carswell, a former pastor and Rev. H. K. Holland of Raeford. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pall bearers were neighborhood "boys", as Mr. Seaford would have called them. They were Tom McFadyen, Lee Maultsby, John Maultsby, Bill Cameron, David Hanner and Buck Thornberg.

All day Saturday and Sunday friends and neighbors for miles around called to express their sympathy and to say good things about the deceased.

C. J. Seaford was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Seaford. He was born in Cabarrus county near Concord in 1879. In 1902 he was married to Miss Cora Rogers of Rowan county. Living children of this union are, Mrs. Ina Seaford McLeod, now living in Baltimore, Mrs. Edwin Pickler, of Raeford, Mrs. Graham Smith of Wilmington, Alvin Seaford of the home and Eugene Seaford, of the U. S. A. now stationed at Curacao in the Caribbean Area.

Mr. Seaford moved his family to Hoke county in 1912. He at once made his adopted county his own and was interested at all times in its welfare and educational advantages. He lived at several different places before building his permanent home. At what is now the Poole orchard, near Timberland and at the Currie place at Turnpike he and W. L. Thornberg ran a cotton gin. After building the present home about eighteen years ago he became interested in tobacco and was considered one of the county's successful tobacco growers.

He joined the Presbyterian church in his youth being a member of Gilwood church in Cabarrus county, before moving his membership to Shiloh.

Many old friends, neighbors, and relatives from his and his wife's native counties came to his funeral.

All of his children, except the son in foreign service and all his brothers and sisters except one came.

Besides the children mentioned he is survived by four grand children, two brothers L. O. and E. P. Seaford of Concord and three sisters, Mrs. J. Frank Goodman, of Concord, Mrs. Minnie Smith of Huntersville, and Mrs. Florence Smith of Mooresville.

Soldiers Held

Salem, Ore., July 27.—Two soldiers, awaiting grand jury action here on assault and robbery charges, today were under investigation also for possibly being absent without leave from Camp Mackall, N. C. They were Kermit Barkhurst, 31, and Carl S. Bates, 22, both of Los Angeles.

Control Room

Control Room schedule for coming week:

Friday, July 30—Mrs. R. L. Murray.
Saturday, July 31—Mrs. J. H. Blue
Sunday, August 1—Mrs. R. H. Chapman.

Monday, August 2—Mrs. Ryan McBryde.
Tuesday, August 3—Mrs. L. S. McMillan.
Wednesday, August 4—Mrs. Donald Davis.
Thursday, August 5—Mrs. C. E. Upchurch.

