



### NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

#### Sgt. Lester McMinis Of Edinburgh Section Reported Missing

Tech Sergeant Lester E. McMinis, son of Mrs. Minnie A. McMinis of the Edinburgh section of Hoke County, has been listed among those missing in action by the War Department. McMinis has been in service in the South Pacific area for some months with the air forces there.

Recently his bravery was attested by members of his crew who were aboard a plane damaged so badly in action that the crew was ordered to bail out. Crew Chief McMinis, without a parachute, straddled the bomb bay doors and held them open, while other crewmen made their escape from the plane. The pilot, however, was able to crash-land the plane and he and McMinis were unhurt though the plane was badly wrecked in the crash.

#### Mrs. Lola Pope Has News From Step-Son From Jap Prison

Mrs. Lola Pope received a card Tuesday from her step-son, Staff Sergeant Howard L. Pope, the first direct communication from him in nearly two years.

Sgt. Pope who entered the army in 1935 was in service in the Philippines from 1937 and was taken prisoner in May of 1942. Though Mrs. Pope had heard of him through the War Department this is the first mail which has been received. All of her mail to him has been returned.

The card was one of those furnished by the Imperial Japanese Army. It reads: "I am interned at Headquarters War Prison Camp No. 11, Philippine Islands. My health is excellent. I am well. I am unharmed. Please see that my loved ones and friends are notified as to my good health. Please give my regards to all loved ones."

#### Patrolman J. Barnes Hears From Nephew In German Prison

Highway Patrolman Jason Barnes received a card this week from his nephew and namesake, Carl Thomas Jason Roberts, of Leaksville, from a war prison camp in Germany. Carl Roberts wrote the card on May first and Mr. Barnes received it on November first. A part of the message included congratulations on the birth of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

Cpl. Roberts, now 19 years old, was reported missing after the Rommel drive in North Africa on February 17th. It was five months later that his family learned he was living and a prisoner.

Watson McNeill, of near Red Springs who is connected with the Carl Morris livestock business here, and Mrs. McNeill have gone to Marinna, Fla., where they witnessed the graduation exercises of their son, John Watson McNeill, Jr., at the Army flight training school there yesterday.

Sgt. Paul L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis of Raeford, spent a few days at home this week while en route to another camp. Sgt. Davis has just completed the air mechanics course at Keesler Field, Miss., and was qualified as expert air mechanic. He left Tuesday to report to his new station.

Hugh McLaughlin—Navy B—has returned to Duke University after having spent a week between semesters with his parents. This is Hugh's last semester of six having had the first four at Davidson.

Pvt. Woody Hendricks of Fort Jackson spent the week end here with Mrs. Hendricks.

Capt. and Mrs. Paul Dickson and Paul III arrived in Raeford Sunday from Camp Stewart, Ga. Paul has been ordered to Ft. Meade, Md.

Graham Dickson who is at Camp Rosecrans, Cal. has received his promotion to rank of Major.

Cpl. Dan Howell's new address is: 582nd Sal. Rep. Bn., Camp Ellis, Ill.

Toomey Wilson has been promoted to 1st Class Pharmacist mate, according to a letter received this week by his mother, Mrs. D. C. Wilson. He has just returned to duty from a short leave which he spent in London visiting some of that city's interesting places. His address is now: D. C. Wilson, 7th. Mate 1st Class, Navy Co. 246, Fleet Post Office, New York City.

#### Lt. Archie K. Lovin Is Transferred

Lt. Archibald K. Lovin, son of T. E. Lovin, of Fairmont, who formerly made his home with Mr. and Mrs. George Klapp at Shannon, has been transferred to the Army Service Forces Depot, at Atlanta, Georgia, according to an announcement by Colonel J. W. G. Stephens, commanding officer of the Depot.

Prior to his assignment at Atlanta, Lt. Lovin was attending the Supply Officers Training School at Harvards School of Business Administration. He entered the army in March 1942, and received his commission in June 1943. He attended the University of North Carolina.

#### Mrs. W. L. Poole To Be County Chairman Of WAC Enlistment

Mrs. W. L. Poole has accepted appointment as chairman of the Women Army Corp enlistment campaign in Hoke County, it was announced this week by Lt. Marjorie T. Conover, WAC, of the Charlotte Recruiting office.

The enlistment campaign for 500,000 women, aged from 20 to 50, is now in progress and continues through December 5th. Recently opened in North Carolina by Governor J. M. Broughton is a special drive for a group to form a Tar Heel company which is to be inducted, trained and stationed as a unit.

Lt. Conover pointed out that the women of the Army have the same privileges as men, except there are no combat units, in rank, mail franking, pay and insurance. At the present time it is the only branch of the armed services in which a woman is permitted overseas duty, though it is possible to enlist for home-duty only.

Lt. Conover states that at the present time women are filling 153 different kinds of jobs in the Army, replacing men in offices, driving trucks, in phone work, and in administrative capacities. Upon enlistment they undergo a five-weeks course of intensive basic training in military organization, military laws and courtesy, map reading, and gas mask training. After that they may be assigned to an active unit or sent to one of the WAC training schools for instruction in some particular Army work or trade.

For some weeks Lt. Conover will be in Raeford each Saturday at the Raeford postoffice for the purpose of interviewing women interested in this branch of the service.

Mrs. Poole suggests that those who wish to learn about the WACs see her here at her office, where they can secure pamphlets and WAC information, then they can see Lt. Conover on Saturdays. Miss Conover will be here all day this Saturday and will be at the USO club in the Armory on Saturday evening.

It was explained that requirements call for at least two years of high school education, or its equivalent in some specialized service, between the ages of 20 to 50, and have three personal recommendations from persons of good character.

#### CAPT. GATLIN AND FAMILY RETURN TO RAEFORD

Captain and Mrs. Robert Gatlin and daughter, Betsy Ross, have returned to Raeford to make their home. Capt. Gatlin is awaiting an appearance before an Army retirement board on November 11th at Atlanta where he will meet the board for a medical discharge due to a lumbar spinal injury.

Capt. Gatlin, a reserve officer, entered the service in January of 1942 and has been on duty with the 77th and the 100th divisions before being hospitalized at Oliver General hospital, Augusta, and later at Lawson General hospital at Atlanta.

Lt. Lovin is a member of the Quartermaster Corps.

The Rev. George Pickard, former pastor of the Bethel-Shiloh churches has been promoted to captain. He is stationed with the 75th Division at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is the senior chaplain of the outfit.

#### Ingathering At Phillipi Church

The annual Ingathering of the Phillipi Presbyterian church will be held on Wednesday, November 10th.

#### Subscriptions To War Fund Are Lagging As Campaign Nears End, Says Chairman

Opening with a square dance that attracted one of the largest crowds ever at the Armory last Friday evening, the combined drive for funds for the Hoke County Soldiers Center and the United National War Fund reached its midpoint yesterday with less than a third of the quota contributed.

Chairman J. Lawrence McNeill reported that only \$1,285 had been received by the Treasurers, Wilmer McDonald and Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson at noon on Wednesday.

He asked that campaign workers redouble their efforts to reach every person in the county before next Tuesday to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to the support of the local Center and the seventeen different agencies united in the War Fund.

Reports from the committee which is canvassing the business section of Raeford have been exceedingly good. They state that, in reply to the letter sent all business houses, nearly all have contributed. This group asked for a certain sum from these businesses and many of them have given more than the contribution asked for, it was said.

#### Eisenhower Brothers Endorse War Fund

From opposite sides of the world, the Eisenhower brothers, one of them a general, the other a college president join the backers of the National War Fund and its seventeen war-related agencies for which 6,000 campaigns are now under way, uniting appeals for military and foreign services with local welfare agencies.

General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, commanding the Allied forces in North Africa and Italy, has transmitted the following message through military channels:

"Delighted to endorse National War Fund campaign and to extend best wishes for complete success."

His brother, M. S. Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College had this to say about the National War Fund's appeal:

"Our taxes and our funds invested in war bonds go to the Federal Government to finance strictly war needs. But there are other vital human needs in war. I have seen some of them. In North Africa I saw refugees from France, Poland, the Low Countries, Yugoslavia, who had fled from their homes to escape Nazi tyranny. They preferred even homelessness and starvation to Nazi oppression. And what I saw does not, I know, match the indescribable situation in China and elsewhere. We in Kansas . . . all of us . . . can help by contributing to the National War Fund."

#### Dr. N. A. Funderburk Dies In Tennessee

Dr. N. A. Funderburk, last surviving of five brothers of Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley of Raeford, died suddenly Saturday evening at his home in Union City, Tenn., where he operated the Funderburk hospital.

Dr. Funderburk was a native of Union county this state. Funeral services and interment were in the Tennessee town. Mrs. Whitley was unable to attend the services due to illness.

#### Chief Yoeman W. R. Barrington Praises Work Of USO In Mediterranean Area

In a letter received this week by his parents, W. R. Barrington, Jr., chief yoeman, USN, speaks very highly of the work being done by the USO in the Mediterranean area. The letter reads as follows:

U. S. S. . . . of Fleet Post Office, New York N. Y.  
Tuesday Night, October 19, 1943.

My dearest Mother-Daddy and all—  
Just a short note tonight to let you know that I am well and everything running smoothly for me. Hope this finds you well and happy. I haven't heard from you in quite some time now. The last letter was No. 30 of September 15th. I know you have written, so I will be patient—but it isn't easy. Nothing out of the ordinary has happened since my letter to you. Have been leading a very routine existence from day to day.

We had an excellent U. S. O. show on board during the noon hour today. All of us thoroughly enjoyed it. This particular troupe has been in this area for the past several months. They are on their way back to the States now, however. Believe today's and tonight's show will wind up their tour. You can tell the folks back there that the U. S. O. is doing a wonderful piece of work over here.

I haven't heard anymore from Uncle Leon. He will probably pop up one of these days when I am least expecting it. Well, since I haven't heard from back that way—will have to make this one rather short. You know it is a lot easier to write a letter when you can answer questions and discuss the home town news, but it's quite a problem to find enough words to fill a page otherwise.

Hello to Martha and Bill for me. Also remember me to Ebb when you write him. He never did answer my letters (or else they were lost in transit). Will write again within the next few days.  
Love and best wishes,  
Barry, Jr.,  
Barrington, W. R., Jr., USN.

#### Jury List Made For November Superior Term

The following men have been drawn for jury service during the November term of Superior court which will be convened here on the 15th:

Luke McFadyen, Raeford, A. R. Currie, Blue Springs, J. W. McKenzie, Stonewall, W. T. Holland, Stonewall, W. S. Fields, Antioch, Dan Carter, Stonewall, C. C. Conoly, Antioch, J. A. Chason, Stonewall, John A. Maulsby, Quewhiffle, Henry Plummer, McLaughlin.  
Jim Baxley, Raeford, M. D. Shaw, Raeford, J. A. Jones, Stonewall, N. B. Sinclair, Raeford, A. M. McBryde, Stonewall, W. F. Livingston, Stonewall, Lacy McFadyen, Raeford, John A. Wilkes, Blue Springs, A. S. Priest, Stonewall, James A. Watson, Antioch, M. C. Dew, Raeford, G. C. Lytle, Antioch, Ernest Almond, Quewhiffle, Dan A. Holt, Raeford, W. D. McLeod, Raeford, L. A. Biggs, Stonewall, G. L. Livingston, Stonewall, O. M. Scull, McLaughlin, Lacy McNeill, McLaughlin, N. B. Blue, Raeford.

G. D. Vanroy, Quewhiffle, John Stubbs, McLaughlin, N. A. Maxwell, Raeford, J. E. Vanhoy, Quewhiffle, J. F. Jordan, Raeford, Hugh McGill, Little River, Judson Lee, Jr., Allendale, Albert Maxwell, Blue Springs, W. W. McLean, Raeford, M. C. Almond, Quewhiffle.

L. H. Koonce, Raeford, Roland Andrews, Raeford, Daniel Love, Blue Springs, D. W. Gillis, Antioch, John Walters, Blue Springs, Albert Guin, McLaughlin, R. H. Livingston, Antioch, A. L. Bobbitt, Quewhiffle, J. C. Gibbs, Antioch.

#### Dove Season Dates Are Changed; Open Nov. 25 to Jan. 5

County game protector H. R. McLean, has been advised that the dove season has been extended until January 5th. The season opens with that of quail, turkey and rabbit on November 25th. Originally the Federal season for Dove was to close on December 24th. The bag and possession limit is 10, according to Mr. McLean.

#### Cotton Ginning In Hoke Increases

The October 18th report of J. R. Shaw, special agent of the Bureau of Census, shows that cotton ginning in Hoke county on that date was considerably ahead of the same date last year.

Reporting 10,061 bales for 1943, this is nearly 500 bales ahead of the 9,566 reported in 1942.

#### Wayside Box Supper Friday Benefit Of War Fund Drive

There will be an old time Box Supper at Wayside Community House, Friday night, Nov. 5th, at 7:30. The public is invited to attend. All ladies are asked to bring a supper box to be sold at auction. There will also be for sale, coffee, cake and pie.

The entire proceeds will be given to the United War Fund Drive in Hoke county.

#### Campbell Under \$5,000 Bond In McLaurin Death

William H. Campbell, Negro, waived the preliminary hearing before Judge Henry McDiarmid in county court Tuesday, and was ordered held for trial for the murder of John D. McLaurin, negro, also, in a fight Sunday, October 17th.

Bond was set at \$5,000. Elizabeth Willis was fined \$35 and costs and ordered to pay a \$15 medical bill when convicted of assault with a deadly weapon upon Aline Thomas.

Allen Henderson and Joseph Maynor, indians, paid costs for possession of illegal liquor. John Hurst, negro, paid \$10 and costs for a violation of the road laws. Jerry Bandy, negro, paid costs for drunkenness.

John Robeson, negro, paid \$10 and costs for assault upon his father, Will Robeson, with a deadly weapon. Testimony showed that John threatened his father with a shotgun after an argument which was precipitated by the older man.

#### Catherine Jones Is Dress Winner; New Home Club Formed

The October report of Miss Josephine Hall, home agent, shows that the month has been one of considerable activity among the home demonstration clubs of the county. The report says:

Thirteen home demonstration clubs met in Hoke County in October with an attendance of 159. A new group, made up of women in the Buchan community of Quewhiffle township, met at the home of Mrs. A. T. Bobbitt. "Meat Canning" was the major project for all clubs during the month. A number of colored women attended the meetings also.

The Hoke County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met at the courthouse on the afternoon of Oct. 8. Twenty-eight council members and four visitors attended. Miss Verna Stanton, district agent from Raleigh was present. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the mobilization drive in the county.

Catherine Jones of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, modeled a blue woolen dress in the District 4-H Dress Revue at White Lake on Oct. 15. Catherine was the Hoke county winner and this entitled her to participate in the district contest. She also received an attractive medal in the records contest.

The Wayside Club members baked 14 delicious cakes for a dinner-dance for a group from Camp Mackall.

The Arabia Club made curtains for a day room in one of the hospitals at Fort Bragg.

The Pine Forest Club completed curtains for 22 windows in a mess hall at a hospital at Fort Bragg.

Mrs. L. W. Parrish, a member of the Wayside Club, reported that her family has been very enthusiastic about the edible soybeans she planted last spring. She says, "Next year, instead of planting 2 rows in the garden I'm going to plant 10."

The four pressure cookers in the home agent's office have been used constantly during the month. A great deal of meat canning has already been done and from remarks heard at club meetings during the month a great deal more will be done.

The home agent attended meetings of the Library Board, the County USO Committee and the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee during the month.

A number of club women made bedroom shoes, brought collections of records, pictures, playing cards, maps, and other items for the hospital at Camp Mackall.

The women in the Arabia Community, under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Crawley, completed 60 Red Cross kit bags in October.

Thirty-three club members assisted with the United War Fund Drive.

Sixty-five library books were checked to women at club meetings.  
Josephine Hall,  
Home Agent.

#### Hedrick Callahan Gets 3 Years In Draft Evasion Case

Hedrick Callahan, Hoke county man, was sentenced to serve three years in Federal prison at Atlanta Monday by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Federal court at Winston-Salem.

Callahan was charged with falsification on his draft questionnaire and of failing to report for physical examination when called by the local board.

Testimony showed that in filling out his questionnaire Callahan claimed to be married and was not. This false statement led to a late call from the board. When the call was sent to his address he could not be found by postal employees and he was listed also as a delinquent. It developed that Callahan was serving a road sentence and did not get the notice. Judge Hayes, in sentencing Callahan, stated that he did not believe in allowing men to get off by joining the army after conviction of draft law evasion and gave Callahan a sentence of three years.

Miss Peggy McFadyen, clerk of the Hoke board, and deputies J. C. Wright and W. R. Sanders attended the Callahan hearing.

#### Local Board Lists Two Delinquents

Leon Potter, white, and Robert Lee McNair, Negro, have been listed by the Hoke County Board of the Selective Service System as delinquents under the new order that went into effect Monday, November 1st.

Under the new order all persons failing to return questionnaires or reply to calls of their draft boards are automatically classified as delinquent and may be called immediately for induction or for assignment to work of national importance.

While men over 38 may not be drafted under most circumstances, those listed as delinquents may be called immediately and the Armed Services requested to waive age restrictions which would prohibit their induction.

Both Potter and McNair have failed to return their draft questionnaire and give notice of their change of address. Potter is over 38 and McNair has recently become 18.

#### Approve Bill To Provide 25 Million For Bond Ads

Washington, Oct. 26—The senate banking committee approved today by a vote of 11 to 5 the Bankhead bill authorizing the treasury to spend up to \$30,000,000 annually for war bond advertising in newspapers.

Only one minor amendment providing that the advertising be placed at prevailing space rates, was inserted in the bill.

Senator Bandhead (D-Ala) said he would seek to call the bill up for consideration of the full senate "without delay."

In its executive session, the banking committee rejected an amendment by Sen. Ball (R-Minn) which would have cut the advertising authorization in half and provided that the reduced amount be spent entirely in newspapers published in communities under 10,000 population.

As finally approved the bill provides that the treasury shall spend at least \$25,000,000 and not more than \$30,000,000 in bond advertising, half the fund to be utilized in papers published in communities of less than 10,000 population and half in cities over that figure.

#### Fred Johnson Now At Stoneville, Miss.

Baton Rouge, La.—Fred P. Johnson, extension cotton ginning specialist, has been appointed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for service in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, western Tennessee and North Carolina. He will have headquarters at the Federal cotton laboratory at Stoneville, Miss., and will co-operate with state extension services and county agents in work to bring about cotton picking improvements.

#### Rev. Mr. Holland At Hemp This Week

The Rev. Harry K. Holland is conducting a series of evangelistic services at the Hemp Presbyterian Church this week. Regular services are being held, though, at the Raeford Presbyterian Church in his absence.

#### GIVE TO THE UNITED WAR FUND