



Legion Of Merit Award Made To George Bethune

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. — The legion of merit has been presented to Warrant Officer George G. Bethune, civil engineer corps, Raeford, N. C., for heroism in the Mediterranean.

The citation accompanying the award presented at a ceremony in the office of Secretary of the Navy Knox said:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while assisting in the rescue of survivors of an LST after that vessel had been torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea. Thrown from the slip into the sea by the terrific impact of the explosion, Carpenter Bethune observed nearby another crew member who was struggling to remain above water. Realizing that the man was about to drown, he unhesitatingly swam to the rescue despite his own severe injuries and kept the distressed survivor afloat by sharing a life jacket. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice in saving the life of another at great risk to himself was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Cpl. Alton Campbell has returned to duty at Fort Tilden, N. Y., after spending ten days in Raeford and Eastern Carolina visiting his parents and other relatives.

His address is: Btry. 1, 245th CA, Fort Tilden.

Pfc John W. Culbreth has returned to Camp San Luis Obispo, Cal., after spending four days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Culbreth.

Lt. Col. J. W. Roy Norton has returned to the States from service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He is now visiting his wife and children in Jackson, Miss. It is reported, and soon expects to visit his mother, Mrs. L. F. Norton of Scotland County.

Lt. Col. Norton spent some months in England before the invasion of North Africa in the fall of 1942. He has been in the thick of things since that time.

Another Penders Manager Goes Into Service

C. R. Sudderth, manager of the local Penders store for the past two months, entered the Navy last Thursday. Mr. Sudderth tried to enlist in the Navy just after Pearl Harbor and was turned down.

Due to recent changes in requirements however he was accepted by the Navy, and after release by his draft board was ordered to report for service.

H. E. Ward, of Clinton, arrived here Thursday to assume the management of the store. Mrs. Ward and their two children will remain in Clinton for the present.

Ken McNeill is leaving today for a week's stay at Fort Bragg. If he passes his physical examination he will go to Miami for training in the Air Corps Cadet Reserve.

Pfc. Hallie Haire has returned to Camp Hood, Texas, after having spent a Christmas furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire.

Pinehurst May Get Monetary Conference

Washington, Jan. 5.—An international monetary conference to consider post-war reconstruction and trade may be held in Pinehurst, N. C.

The Associated Press learned last night that the North Carolina resort community was among sites being considered and also that the treasury had sent invitations to 44 nations to send representatives to the conference, expected to be held in some other locality than Washington.

Officials said enough acceptances had been received to assure success of the parley. No date has been set.

The conference will consider tentatively treasury proposals for an \$8,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund and a \$10,000,000,000 world bank for reconstruction and development.

Police are stationed at British race tracks to spot draft evaders.

The Empire State building in New York has nearly seven miles of elevator shafts.

If Liberty is worth fighting for, it's worth paying for—Buy More War Bonds.

David H. Hodgkin Chairman Hoke Polio Campaign

Drive For Funds For Treatment Infantile Paralysis January 1-8 Through 31.

David H. Hodgkin, Hoke county sheriff, has been named chairman of the county committee to conduct the annual Infantile Paralysis drive by State Chairman Ralph McDonald according to a special dispatch to the News-Journal today. Mrs. Julian H. Blue was also named chairman of woman's activities in the campaign.

The drive will begin on January 18th and continue through the month. Mr. Hodgkin states that coin collection boxes will be placed in business houses throughout the county and that the committee expects to hold a square dance at the armory during the month for the benefit of the fund.

The quota is expected to be about the same as that for last year when \$256 was contributed to the fund, he stated.

Posthumous Award Silver Star Made To Cpl. McFadyen

Mrs. McFadyen Receives Medals Awarded Husband For Gallantry In Italian Action.

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Corporal James G. McFadyen has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action, in which he gave his life. The citation reads:

"During an intense Artillery barrage in which a comrade had been seriously injured, Corporal McFadyen rendered what first aid he could to the wounded man.

"Realizing that the wounded man had to be evacuated by stretcher or ambulance, he immediately drove his Jeep back over a road under constant enemy shelling in search of medical assistance.

"After the shelling had some what subsided, Corporal McFadyen was found lying in a ditch approximately one-half mile from his starting point, mortally wounded by enemy artillery fire. He gave his life in an attempt to save the life of his comrade.

"The heroism and devotion to duty with complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Corp. McFadyen reflects great credit upon him and the military service."

Surviving are his wife, the former Grace David McKellar, and small son, David Gratton of Purvis; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McFadyen of Raeford, N. C. Five brothers; Fred and Thomas of Raeford, Clyde and Archie of Winston-Salem and John of the U. S. Army, stationed in Florida. Two sisters, Grace and Louise of Raeford.

His wife has also received the Purple Heart which was awarded him posthumously also.

County School News

By K. A. McDonald.

An eye clinic for school children will be held in Hoke county on January 17. The clinic is being held under the sponsorship of the N. C. Commission for the Blind and the County Welfare department. Applications for examinations may be made by parents to the principal of their schools.

Illness has cut attendance at schools sharply since the holidays. Children who are well enough to attend school, however, should be in attendance every day possible, as several schools are in danger of losing a teacher on account of poor attendance.

Beginning Saturday, January 8th, white schools will operate for 4 Saturdays. This is being done so that schools may be closed as early as possible this spring. The school authorities are trying in every way to cooperate with the patrons. Parents are urged to cooperate with the schools by seeing that their children attend school on these four Saturdays.

The following is the total enrollment and attendance per centage for the past month of school.

White
Mildousin—31; 97.1.
Rockfish—112; 94.7.
Antioch—42; 90.
Ashmont—133; 84.9.
Raeford Graded—370; 86.
Hoke High—313; 92.8.
Indian
Antioch—65; 95.6.
Macedonia—62; 76.8.

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Fourth War Loan Meeting Attended By Hoke Leaders

A meeting of district and county leaders in the Fourth War Loan campaign was held yesterday afternoon at Southern Pines when John F. McNair, Jr., district chairman, and state drive officials presented the plans for county organization work to the leaders of the various counties in the district.

Attending from Hoke county were: Mrs. P. P. McCain, district vice chairman, John A. McGoogan, Hoke county chairman, Mrs. McGoogan, Mrs. W. L. Poole, county chairman for women and Miss Josephine Hall, vice chairman for women for the county.

Miss Margaret McPhaul Returned To Home

Miss Margaret McPhaul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McPhaul of the Allendale community, has returned to her home from the Post hospital at Maxton Airbase, where she has been a patient since September.

Miss McPhaul, an employee of the medical detachment of the airbase, underwent two serious operations at the hospital there in September and November. Her condition is considerably improved and she expects to return to nursing duty within a few weeks.

Methodist Pastors Exchange Pulpits

The Rev. Henry G. Ruark, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Red Springs, and the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning, January 9th.

Each will preach on the subject of Evangelism. A cordial welcome is extended to all who will attend these services.

Loch Lohond is Scotland's largest lake.

Planes Drop 4,000 Troops On "Enemy" Installations In First Night Of Attack

High-Ranking United Nations Observers Witness Opening Drive on Sandhills Area As New Airborne Maneuver Starts

Blackout

Only a small part of Hoke County east of the Fort Bragg reservation is included in the blackout area. The line extends from the southeast corner of the reservation to route 211 between Montrose and Timberland and thence southward toward Maxton east of the airbase, including all areas west of that line to Route 1. Montrose, Sanatorium and Ashley Heights are to be blacked out again tonight (Thursday). Raeford and other points east of the line will not have any blackout during this week of maneuvers.

Camp Mackall, N. C., Jan. 5.—At an undisclosed hour during tonight's blackout period from 9 P. M. to 2 A. M., more than half of the Airborne division taking part in the second combined Airborne and Troop Carrier maneuvers will take to the air in the first wave of the five day operation in the Sandhills area.

Transported by a Troop Carrier Command Wing operating with the Blue forces, more than 4,000 troops consisting of Airborne Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Signal and Medical Aidmen, will be dropped by parachute and gliders to seize and hold key airfields, until relieved by an Infantry division driving through "enemy" territory.

High-ranking official United Nations observers have been attracted by the test of this newest of U. S. Army striking forces and are on hand to witness the second test within a month in this area. Under the direction of Brigadier General Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, and co-direction of Brigadier General Frederick W. Evans, Commanding General of the First Troop Carrier Command, the tests have been designed to prove the extreme striking power and flexibility of the Airborne Troops.

Last month's operations proved that maneuvers of this nature could be

Wives Guest Kiwanis Tonight At Installation

H. C. McLaughlin To Succeed Cecil Dew As President; Warrant Officer George Bethune To Talk.

Warrant Officer George Bethune, of the Naval civil engineers, and recent recipient of awards for bravery, will make a brief talk tonight at the annual ladies' night and installation program of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. H. Currie McLaughlin, for many years secretary of the club, will be installed as president to succeed M. Cecil Dew. Dr. M. R. Smith, vice president, and J. M. Hutchison, secretary, will also be inducted into office.

The following program has been arranged. The retiring president will be master of ceremonies. A. K. Currie will present the guests and the Rev. Harry K. Holland will extend greetings and Mrs. C. D. Thomas will give the response. Group singing and songs by Mrs. Marion Lansford will be interspersed throughout the evening program.

George Bethune will be presented by Tom Cameron. After his talk contests will be conducted by Mr. Cameron and Tommie Upchurch.

Presentation of the Past President's pin will be made to Mr. Dew by Dr. Smith, and then Mr. Dew will present the new President's pin to Mr. McLaughlin. Dr. R. L. Murray will make the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Ina Bethune, pianist for the club.

Congregation Of Antioch To Meet Sunday Morning

There will be a congregational meeting of the members of the Antioch Presbyterian Church Sunday, Jan. 9th, following the morning worship service at which Dr. Charles G. Vardell will preach.

Stacy Is Named On Investigation Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Roosevelt named a three-man committee today to investigate a dispute involving the fair employment practices committee, railway labor organizations and 16 southern carriers over the question of racial discrimination.

The members are: Judge Walter P. Stacy, Raleigh, N. C., chairman; Judge William H. Holly of the U. S. district court, Chicago; and Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland.

The railroads involved had declined to abide by an order of the FEPC for greater employment of Negroes and the agency referred the dispute to the President. White House Secretary Stephen Early said the committee of three did not supercede the FEPC but merely would explore and investigate the situation for the chief executive.

Draw Jury For January Term Mixed Court

Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, Scheduled To Preside Over Week Superior Court.

Forty Jurors for the January term of Superior Court, with a mixed criminal and civil docket, was drawn Monday. Judge J. Burney, of Wilmington, is scheduled to preside over this term of court which will be convened on Monday, January 24th.

The grand jury selected at the last Fall will serve for this term.

Jurors drawn for the term are: Raeford, David Baker, J. A. Walters, A. F. Paul, Alton Cameron, J. A. Lisenby, H. S. McLean, Belton Wright, A. V. Sanders, L. S. Brock, A. D. Peterson, J. M. McDuffie, W. C. Odum, Clarence Lytch, T. N. McKeithan, McLaughlin, O. L. Townsend, Alton Potter, M. S. Gibson, W. C. Pendergrass, W. E. Wood, R. D. Parker, Neill D. Overton, J. E. Capps, Antioch: J. A. Hodgkin, Sr., J. W. Morgan, J. C. Campbell, Lack Parks, Blue Springs: H. Q. Autry, L. C. Millikin, L. W. Clark, Allendale: J. A. Roper Jr. Quewhiffle; Henry Gordon, J. T. Leslie, W. T. McFadyen, Little River: D. M. Cameron, Alex McMillan, A. C. Smith, Stoneville: Joe Livingston, J. D. McBryde, L. W. Ellis, Jesse Parks.

Dr. T. C. Johnson Dies At Lumberton

LUMBERTON, Jan. 1.—Dr. Thomas C. Johnson, 64, surgeon and administrative head of Thompson Memorial hospital died Friday at 4:40 p.m. after suffering a heart attack at the hospital. He had been ill for several months with a heart ailment that had kept him confined to bed here and at Duke hospital.

Dr. Johnson was born Dec. 16, 1879, in Moore county, the son of the late Duncan Buie and Frances Harrington Johnson. He was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 1903, and served internship in a naval hospital at Newport News, Va. He practiced medicine in Whiteville for a short time, coming to Lumberton in 1908. Upon the death of Dr. N. A. Thompson, he became surgeon and head of first the old Thompson hospital, which was destroyed by fire some 20 years ago, and later of Thompson Memorial hospital.

He had served as president of the District Medical society and in 1927 he was honored by being made a fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Mae Powell Johnson; two brothers, James D. Johnson of Birmingham, Ala., and S. J. Johnson of Atkinson; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Marley of Cary, and Mrs. J. R. Poole, Sr., of Lumberton.

Rev. George W. Hanna Former Antioch Pastor Ill At Harrisburg

Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin was called to the bedside of her father, the Rev. George W. Hanna, last Friday when his condition was considered critical.

Mr. Hanna suffered a stroke about a month ago but had been improving steadily for several weeks until last Friday. Mrs. McLaughlin reports that he is now better but that she will not return home for several days.

Mr. Hanna was pastor of the Antioch Presbyterian church for 12 years, leaving in 1936 to become pastor of the Harrisburg, N. C. church, which pastorate he still holds.

U. S. Indictment Against Ralph Townsend Stands

Thirty New Indictments Issued By Federal Grand Jury Against Conspirators; 8 New Defendants.

The indictment against Ralph Townsend, former Raeford resident, which was filed last January by a Federal grand jury, still stands and Attorney General Biddle states that Townsend will go on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government.

Reindictments were filed against 22 others of the group indicted at the same time Townsend was, and eight additional persons were included in a list of thirty indicted Monday at Washington. Townsend was convicted a year ago of failing to register as an agent of the Japanese government and sentenced to serve from two to four years in Federal prison.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A District of Columbia federal grand jury, after lengthy investigation, has indicted 28 men and two women on charges of conspiring on behalf of Germany to overthrow the government of the United States, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced today.

Biddle said the indictment named eight new defendants who had not been accused previously in connection with the Justice Department's investigation of alleged sedition begun in June, 1940.

Reindicted were 22 defendants charged with sedition last January, including Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, Chicago, author of the "Red Network", and William Dudley Pelley, Noblesville, Ind., leader of the Silver Shirts.

Biddle said 22 others indicted in January were not included in the new list, but he emphasized that the former indictments still stand. And, he said, persons not yet indicted still are being investigated.

Indicted for the first time today were:

Lawrence Dennis, New York publisher, Joseph E. McWilliams, New York; E. J. Parker Sage, Detroit; Garland L. Alderman, Detroit; Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, New York; August Klapprott, New York; Ernest Frederick Elmhurst, New York, and Peter Stahrenberg, New York.

In addition to Mrs. Dilling and Pelley, those reindicted were:

George Sylvester Viereck, New York City; George E. Deatherage, St. Albans, W. Va.; Robert Noble, Los Angeles; Edward J. Smith, New York; James True, Howard V. Bronstrup and Prescott F. Dennett, Washington; Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita; Robert E. Edmondson, Grass Valley, Cal.; William R. Lyman, Jr., Detroit; Charles Hudson, Omaha, Neb.; Elmer J. Garner, Wichita; Herman Schwinn, Frank K. Frenz, Hans Diebel and Ellis O. Jones, Los Angeles; Eugene N. Sanctuary, New York; David Baxter, San Bernardino, Cal.; Louis D. Washburn, Chicago, and Frank W. Clark, Tacoma, Wash.

Not In New List.

Those indicted last January, but not included in new list:

William Griffin, publisher of the New York Enquirer; Court Asher, Munice, Ind.; Otto Brennerman and Donald McDaniel, Chicago; Oscar Brumback, Washington; Hudson de Priest and James F. Garner, Michita, Kan.; C. Leon De Aryan, San Diego, Cal.; William Kullgren, Atascadero, Cal.; Paquita de Chishmareff, Glendale, Cal.; and Ralph Townsend, Lake Geneva, Wis.

The new indictment alleged that the 30 defendants "unlawfully, willingly, feloniously and knowingly conspired, combined, confederated and agreed together and with officials of the German Reich" to commit acts intended to "interfere with, impair and influence the loyalty, morale and discipline of the military and naval forces of the United States." It also accused them of distributing written and printed matter urging disloyalty and mutiny among members of the armed forces.

The Nazi party and its leaders, the indictment said, "carried on a systematic campaign . . . intended to impair and undermine loyalty and morale" to overthrow the United States government and that the defendants "joined in this movement . . . and actively cooperated with each other and with the Nazi party to accomplish the objectives."

Allied Invasion Hdqts. In London

London, Jan. 5.—An inconspicuous building whose entrance is guarded for the moment by a lone American sentry has become Allied invasion headquarters in London.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is not expected for a few days although members of his staff already are at work in the new quarters.