

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Wagram Native Missing In Action

Mrs. Hamp Nicholson, the former Miss Gladys Walters, has been notified that her husband, Sgt. Hamp Nicholson, of the Army Air Corps, has been missing in action in the European theatre since Jan. 5. Sgt. Nicholson is a native of Wagram.

Warrant Officer George Bethune, who has been spending a leave here with his wife and child, left this week for Davisville, R. I., to report for duty with a Naval construction battalion.

Charles Ray Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Lee, stationed at the Naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill., is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia, according to word received this week by his parents.

### Pvt. Johnnie Pate Married To Miss Padgett Jan. 16

Mrs. Johnnie Pate has arrived here for a visit with the parents of Pvt. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pate. Mrs. Pate is the former Miss Ethel Mae Padgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman L. Padgett of Vidalia, Ga. The marriage took place in Savannah on Sunday January 16th.

### One Case Goes To Jury In Superior Court Term

#### Summey Daniels, Bond Jumper, Goes To Roads For Three Mos.; Divorce Granted

Only one case went to the jury in a term of Superior Court held here this week by Judge Clawson L. Williams. A divorce case in which Anna Green, nee Green, and her husband, Archie Green, were heard and a divorce was granted.

In the only criminal case scheduled for hearing Frank Wright, negro, pleaded guilty to arson charges brought by Henry McDiarmid whose barn was destroyed by fire. Judgment was withheld by the court until the April term.

Summey Daniels, convicted in the April, 1943, court of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Neill McLean, both negroes, was sent to the roads to serve a term of nine months given in 1943. Daniels sentence had been stayed until Sept. of 1943, and just before he was to report to serve the sentence he skipped the country. He was found recently living in Ohio. Officers there arrested him and he was brought back here by Sheriff D. Hodgins early this month.

### Eye Specialists Find 125 Pupils Need Glasses

Some 125 students of the Hoke County schools need and will have glasses fitted as the result of a series of eye clinics held in the schools last week, according to County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald.

Over five hundred examinations were made by representatives of the State Blind Commission and the Hoke Welfare Departments.

In a preliminary examination given by the teachers earlier in the year, all children had their eyes tested and those showing less than perfect vision were given examinations at the clinic. Those examined at the clinic will now have a fitting and receive a prescription for their glasses, it was stated.

### Mrs. Frank Lee Dies At Stanley

Mrs. Frank W. Lee, of Albemarle, died at her home there on last Wednesday after an illness of five months. Funeral services were attended by her son Clyde W. Lee and Mrs. Lee of Raeford.

Mrs. C. W. Seate has returned with her brother, Mr. Carey Holland, who is critically ill at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Lt. and Mrs. Matthew Matthews, will move into the upstairs apartment at H. L. Gatlin Jr., tomorrow.

### Cotton Maid Opens Bond Drive



Lovely Linwood Gisclard of Donaldsonville, La., made her first official appearance as the 1944 Maid of Cotton in Washington, where she was featured in the inauguration of the Fourth War Bond Drive. A senior at L. S. U., Miss Gisclard is 19 years old, five feet eight inches tall, and weighs 124 pounds. She was selected Maid of Cotton from a field of 75 candidates, and within a few weeks will begin a tour of principal American cities to assist in local War Bond campaigns and tell Americans the story of cotton's importance to the war effort. The contest, now in its sixth year, is sponsored by the National Cotton Council in behalf of the entire cotton industry.

### China Missionary Kiwanis Speaker In Open Meet

#### The Rev. Hudson McMillan of Wagram, Will Speak Here To- night In Kiwanis Hall

A meeting of the Kiwanis Club open to all who wish to attend will be held this evening at 7:45 when the Rev. Hudson McMillan, of Wagram, will be the speaker.

Dr. McMillan, who returned home recently on the exchange ship, the Gripsholm, was a missionary for the Baptist Church in China for a number of years. He was interned at Shanghai upon the Japanese occupation of that city and held until the last exchange of prisoners late in 1943.

President H. C. McLachlin of the club has extended most cordial invitation to all who wish to attend this meeting. The usual supper will be held at the Raeford hotel dining room at 7 o'clock with Dr. McMillan as guest. Following the supper the club will adjourn to gather in the Kiwanis hall.

On last week's program Seaman Taylor, a native of Florence, S. C., and steward on a merchant boat, made a most interesting talk on the English people, particular of the children of the working people of that nation, under wartime conditions. He explained the severe food rationing system and commented upon its mal-nutritive effects upon the children.

### Red Cross Workers Attend Meet For 1944 Campaign

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mrs. Jesse Gibson and Thomas Cameron attended the district conference of Red Cross Chapter officials held in Fayetteville last Friday when plans for the 1944 War Fund campaign were presented by regional officials.

About 100 persons representing seven county chapters, three city units and seven military installations attended the conference.

Most of the discussion was technical, relating machinery for the solicitation of every citizen during the drive which will be held in March.

### RATION NOTES

In a recent bulletin issued the local ration board was advised that no additional fuel oil could be issued except in the case of illness.

Stove purchase certificates on Form R-301 have no expiration date.

Those merchants who gave jobbers advanced payments of points on raisins (and possibly other merchandise removed from the ration lists) that were not shipped before December 13, 1943, may demand a check for that amount of points advanced to the jobber for the merchandise.

Beginning on February 1, the determination of eligibility for tires will be based upon occupational, rather than mileage standards.

### Dr. C. G. Vardell To Preach Here

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, president-emeritus of Flora Macdonald College, will preach at the Raeford Presbyterian Church on next Sunday morning. It was announced this week by the Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor. Dr. Vardell will preach on the subject of "Women and the Kingdom of God". This sermon is a very forceful message and is being repeated here by request. When originally heard it created a great deal of comment and a great interest. Dr. Vardell has had requests from churches throughout Eastern Carolina as a result.

Miss Mary Louise Woodson, director of Young Peoples work of the State Synod, will speak to the Young people's organizations at a special service which will be held Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

### First Citizens Bank President Protests Exchange Rule

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—A federal reserve regulation forbidding member banks to absorb exchange charges "it's just one more way of saying private business should cease," R. P. Holding, of Smithfield, N. C., asserted today before a house committee.

Holding, president of the First Citizens Bank and Trust company of Smithfield, with 22 branches and deposits aggregating some \$60,000,000 at the close of 1943, said the new regulation "appears to be a blow at the private banking system and one calculated to lead to clearance through the federal reserve system."

He expressed belief that federal reserve member banks had not been injured to any extent by the exchange absorption practice prior to the issuance last fall of the regulation against it.

Holding was questioned closely by Rep. Crawford (R-Mich.) as to whether passage by congress of a bill to permit exchange absorption would be fair to other North Carolina banks which are members of the reserve system or which clear checks on out-of-town banks at par.

### J. Benton Thomas Attending Cotton Council Meet

J. Benton Thomas, Raeford ginners and president of the North Carolina Cotton Ginners Association, is attending the annual session of the National Cotton Council being held at Memphis.

There will be a meeting of the National Ginners Association during the week to which Mr. Thomas is also a delegate.

Before returning home Mr. Thomas will visit his daughter and her husband, Lt. and Mrs. Robert Foreman in St. Louis.

### Alex Harris, Hoke Farmer, Dies Of Gas Tomorrow

#### Governor Refuses Reprieve For Slayer Of Mrs. E. A. Bill And Two Children

Alex Harris, 48, convicted in the January, 1943 term of Superior Court, of the murder of Mrs. E. A. Bill is scheduled to die in the gas chamber of State's prison tomorrow. An appeal to Governor J. M. Broughton for a reprieve or commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment was denied Tuesday.

Since December when the Supreme Court confirmed the verdict rendered here a number of petitions have been circulated in the county asking for a commutation to life imprisonment, but apparently, these failed to gain any popularity for the man who also slew Eugene Bill and Mrs. Estelle Wilson, children of the woman for whose death he was tried, and convicted.

A 10-day reprieve was granted Wayman Grainger, negro of Columbus county, so that his attorney may present "facts which he tells he can obtain" in the slaying of Harry Phillips.

Andrew Wilson Farrell, Durham county taxi-driver, was granted a reprieve earlier in the week so that a psychiatrist may examine him. Farrell was convicted of the rape of his eight-year-old step-daughter.

### Schools To Offer Course To Bus Drivers For Army

#### Plans For Classes In Hoke And Scotland Approved In Meeting Here Yesterday Morning

Operation of classes for the instruction of high school students who are near army induction age in army bus and truck driving was approved here yesterday at a meeting of principals of schools of Hoke and Scotland counties.

Ronald Houett, of the highway safety division, Ralph J. Andrews, of the state board of education and B. E. Beasley, bus drivers instructor for this area, spoke at the meeting.

It is expected that classes will be held for white boys at the Hoke High School, and that several classes will be conducted in the larger negro schools of the county.

### Could It Be The Gremlins Have Taken It Away . . . ?

One day last week masons and carpenters were building a concrete block house, just a little house, in fact almost the size of a doll's house or a child's playhouse, on the sidewalk down near the Soldiers Center.

The house was to be used by the night police. Centrally located, it was a place where they could get in out of the weather. It was designed to have windows on each of its four sides, and a small but efficient heater to drive away the wintry cold.

Its progress was considered good. In fact, it was supposed to have been finished the next day. But late comers-to-town the next day, interested in the little building were unable to find even the slightest trace of it. It had vanished. No part of the rather stalwart miniature stockade remained.

Some say the wind blew it away. But, when you think of the weight of those concrete blocks, that's just out of the question for no tropical hurricane had blown over night.

Others suspected sabotage. But most say that Crawford Thomas knows where that building went. He says it was "blued" away, or maybe it was gremlins.

### County Tops 1942 Cotton Crop By Slight Margin

Hoke county cotton production figures to January 25th showed that the county produced 139 more bales in 1943 than were grown in 1942, according to J. R. Shaw, census bureau agent.

13,729 bales were grown in 1943 as compared with 13,590 bales in 1942. Only a few more bales are expected to be ginned this season, it was said.

### RENT CONTROL

All landlords of the Cumberland and Hoke counties must register dwelling rents with the Rent Control Office, 115 Bow St. in Fayetteville. When tenants change, notice must be given by the landlord to OPA office. Forms available by mail. Phone 71-45, Fayetteville.

### Collected At For Greek War of Fund

Donors, employers, employees and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Collis of the Elk Restaurant contributed \$40 toward the Greek War Relief Fund during the past several months, it was stated yesterday by Mr. Collis.

Last fall Mrs. Collis placed a glass contribution receptacle on the counter at the cafe. This week the piggy bank would hold no more coins. It was opened. Almost forty dollars were found to be in the bank. The Collises made up the amount to \$40 and mailed a check to the organization's headquarters in New York.

### County Crosses Half-Way Mark In Bond Drive

#### Chairman Reports Over \$90,000 In Bonds Purchased In First Week Of Fourth War Loan Campaign

Hoke county crossed the half-way mark towards its quota of \$175,000 in the first week of the Fourth War Loan Drive, according to John A. McGougan, county chairman. Tuesday's statement from the issuing agencies of the county showed that \$90,000 worth of bonds had been purchased.

Mr. McGougan stated that he felt sure that the county would top the quota set for this drive but added that the excellent work of the township committees would have to secure for Hoke much of the assigned quota of \$138,000 in "E" bonds asked during the drive.

"In the purchases of 'E' bonds on which particular stress is being laid in this drive," he stated, "every individual will have to buy 'extra' bonds this month to enable the county to reach its goal. Our township committees and the women zone workers of Raeford are doing fine work, yet it's going to take a lot of this fine work to put us across."

Mr. McGougan was high in his praise of the campaigning of the school children and the teachers in their effort to have all stamp albums filled out during this drive. "They're very active," he said, "and they are really getting results in their part of the drive. This effort of theirs will greatly aid us in raising our 'E' bond quota," he concluded.

### 4c Per Pound Now Paid For Fats; Also 2 Ration Pts.

#### Governor and Mayor Ask In- creased Collection Waste Fats For War Purposes

That the war industries need more waste fats is stressed heavily by Governor J. M. Broughton in a letter to the Mayor, Neill McFadyen, this week in which the Governor asks for cooperation of every house wife in the county.

His letter states that "The Consumption of waste fat in producing munitions of war, military medicine, civilian medicine and a wide variety of other war materials, has so increased that it is absolutely necessary for us to lend every effort possible to increasing shipments of this material from our state."

The City Market and the Home Food Market have been designated as the official fats collecting agencies here. They are authorized to pay 4 cents per pound for the fats and to give 2 meat ration points for each pound turned in. Mayor McFadyen states that the people of Raeford and Hoke county have not cooperated in this phase of the war effort, and he calls on them to turn in as much fat as possible.

He pointed out that just one pound of fat provided the necessary grease fat thrown away would deprive a sailor fighting submarines of a 100 pound depth charge. "Fats are vital gun bullets and that five pounds of materials of war" it was added and "I would like to see the Raeford folk do their part in this matter as they have in so many other causes."

Mrs. Hoyle Davis, mother of J. Minor Davis formerly of the News-Journal staff, is making her home near Raeford with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Maxwell. She was visited this week by her son, Aviation Machinist Mate, 1c George Davis whose station is now New York. Minor, machinist for the Rocky Mount Telegram, visited his mother last week end.

### An American "G.I." Writes Open Letter To U. S. Labor

#### Soldier Walsh Takes You On A Battlefield Tour In South Pacific

Kenneth Walsh, Muncie, Ind. A sailor aboard a warship somewhere in the Pacific, is the author of the following article, which recently appeared in The Muncie Press, and was greeted with great public response. The veteran editor of The Muncie Press said, after publication of the article: "Telephone bells in my office, in the press newsroom and at my home rang almost constantly on the evening the story was published, and calls kept coming in the next day. To get a little rest, the boy's parents here had to disconnect their own phone. Our office has been besieged by persons wanting extra copies of the story. It has been the talk of our town." Here is what Sailor Walsh wrote:

#### BY KENNETH WALSH

I want to show you a bit of hallowed ground—it is the Arlington Cemetery of the South Pacific; it is the Valhalla of American service men. I'm going to show you this bit of ground, but it will be done the hard way. Come with me up Sealark Channel at dawn of a day in August.

Yes, Mr. Striker, I want you to stand at the rail with these men, nerves drawn as taut as a violin string—mouths dry, eyes strained to the breaking point, breath coming in short gasps of fear—that awful feeling of nothingness in the pits of their stomachs. The objective comes into view, the time has come for these men to step out on the stage, and they know full well that death plays the leading role in this theater.

#### DEATH IS THEIR DESTINY.

There they go over the side of the big transport—Tom Jones, Dick Brown, Harry Smith. Hand-over-hand they crawl down the cargo nets into their small craft that is to take them to a rendezvous with that death. You know, its death—it is in the destiny of these men.

The first objective is reached—the coconut grove at the water's edge. Men are down never to rise again, other men move up to take the places of the fallen. The main objective is an airfield beyond that fringe of coconut trees, and as though God Himself has pulled the curtain on this brutal stage, their movements become vague and finally obliterated and these movements become lost to you. The uncertainty, the utter feeling of helplessness, leaves the element of time suspended in the hellish hot sun of the tropics.

Close your eyes, Mr. Railroad worker, close them tight; it is another day, in another month; your hands are gripping another rail; the inevitable coconut tree rail that separates the living from the dead in these areas of war. You can open your eyes now, Mr. Coal Miner, open them wide. Yes, the seeds that have been planted have grown into bloom; the bloom is the row upon row of white crosses that meet the eye. These men have paid the price in full for just seven small acres of ground, but seven of the most important acres of ground ever owned by Uncle Sam.

Restful, isn't it, peaceful and quite, yes quite with eternal peace. Read the epitaphs, Mr. Labor Leader, they tell a story in themselves—America, the Land of Free. There's a Star of David beside a pair of rosy beads owned by some Irishman. A captain of Marines and a colored boy from Georgia sleep side by side—a lieutenant from Indiana, a sailor from North Dakota, an aviator from Ohio, from here, from there, from every star in the flag, a cross in the ground. Tom Jones, Dick Brown, Harry Smith. It's their home now, some 7,000 miles from home. These men were making \$50 a month, Mr. Striker, \$50 a month, room and board.

#### NO STRIKES THERE.

When you were a kid, Mr. Striker, you studied about the American heritage of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Well, read it again and then again; study it; delve back into the pages of American history and show me anything in the American creed of living that will justify your wartime strikes. Come out here with us in these South Pacific waters and stay a while. Eat our chow, sleep in our sacks, watch us work, help us fight these jungle flies, help us kill malaria bearing mosquitoes. Walk with us through the mud and the slime of the swamps of these jungle islands; walk with us in the sweltering, steam-

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