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Lt. Billie Chason Down With Fortress Over Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chason of Parkton have been notified by the War Department that their son, Lt. Billie Chason, is missing in action since January 11th.

Billie was pilot of a B-17 and the report stated he was missing from an action which took place over Germany. He flew the plane across the Atlantic in November, and due to severe weather was grounded at an Arctic field for a number of days enroute.

Billie entered the army with Co. L of the 129th Inf., of Parkton in 1940 and had attained his first lieutenant's rating in the Infantry before transferring to the Air Corps over a year ago. His younger brother, Sgt. Frederick Chason, is now at an Air Corps training field in Missouri, having transferred from the Infantry recently.

Purple Heart Awarded

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blake of Timberland have received the Purple Heart awarded to their son, "M. J." who was wounded in an action in the Pacific some weeks ago.

Seaman E. Jimmie Baxley, Jr. writes his mother that he is now in the southwest Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baxley.

Ensign and Mrs. Kermit Crawley are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crawley. Ensign Crawley has recently completed a four month specialized course at Cornell University. He was made D.V.C. and will go with the fleet Feb. 25th.

C. R. Sudduth, former manager of Penders store, who entered the Navy a month ago is spending a few days here with his family. He has finished his boot training and has been assigned to the naval air training station for schooling in radio prior to entering the gunners school.

Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr., were expected to arrive in Raeford yesterday from Fort Bliss, Texas, to be here several days.

Herman Cole, Seaman 1st class, U. S. N., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cole this past week. He has returned to Pittsburgh to report to his ship.

Malden Army Air Field, Malden, Mo. Completing their basic flying training here this week, Aviation Cadets Eldred and Lawrence Helton left for advanced flying school where they will receive further specialized training.

Altus Army Air Field, Altus, Okla., Jan. 31 — Aviation Cadet Reid W. Childers, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Childers, has reported to the AAF Training Command's advanced flying school here to begin the final nine weeks phase of his pilot training.

After flying 70 hours in two engine training planes and taking 70 lecture-hours of combat subjects in ground school, he will be awarded the silver wings of an AAF pilot and appointed a flight officer or commissioned a second lieutenant.

LIBRARY NEWS

Books of fiction added to the shelves of Hoke County the past week are as follows: Victoria Grandole, by Henry Bellman; Drink to me Only, by Ethel Houston; Judith, by Nancy Whitney; and Tans for Private Tussie, by Jessie Stuart.

Mystery: Unidentified Woman, by Eberhart; Triple Threat, by Christie; and Woman in Red, by Gilbert.

Non-fiction: We followed Our Hearts to Hollywood, by Emily Kimbrough; Walt Whitman: An American, by Henry Seidel Canby; My Family, Right or Wrong, by John Phillip Sousa, III; I Can Go Home Again, by Judge Arthur Owen; God is My Co-pilot, by C. L. Robert L. Scott, and Spin - Dumbwacks, by L. Richard M. Ryan.

The Hoke County Library Board acknowledges with thanks a subscription to the Music Clubs Magazine, published by the National Federation of Music Clubs, given by the Charmade Music Club.

John A. McGougan, N. H. G. Balfour and T. M. Upchurch are attending a meeting of the executives of the State Farm Bureau in Raleigh this week. Mr. Balfour and Mr. McGougan are also attending meetings of boards of the State Association of County Commissioners.

Invite Public To Hear Dr. McMillan At Armory Tonight

Returned Missionary Will Speak
At Open Meeting Of Kiwanis
Club After Eastern Star Supper

The Rev. Homer McMillan, D. D., who recently returned to his Wagram home from a Japanese internment camp at Shanghai, will speak at the armory this evening at 8 o'clock, following the supper which will be served by members of the Eastern Star.

Dr. McMillan was unable to be here last Thursday evening for an open meeting of the Kiwanis club due to a conflict of speaking engagements.

Kiwanis President H. Curre McLaughlin states that the general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the meeting and hear the interesting description of war and prison conditions on the China-Japan front which will be given by Dr. McMillan.

The barbecue supper being served by members of the Eastern Star will be served, beginning at 7 p. m.

Attend Jackson Day Dinner At Raleigh

County Auditor John A. McGougan, Sheriff Dave Hodgin, State Representative Dr. George Washington Brown, and Member State School Commission Ryan McBryce attended the annual Jackson Day Dinner held in Raleigh Monday night.

They report a most interesting meeting which was marked by the lack of the usual horseplay and boring jokes. The excellent address by the Hon. Frank Walker and the short talk of Governor Broughton were highly praised.

Harris Services Held At Home On Sunday Afternoon

Slayer Of Three Members Of
Bill Family Died Friday In
Gas Chamber

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Alex. Harris, 48, who died Friday morning in the gas chamber of State's prison at Raleigh for the triple slaying of Mrs. E. A. Bill, her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Wilson, and her son Eugene Bill.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Aberdeen Road, at 2 o'clock with the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, in charge. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Miss Mary Maness Home From China To Speak Here

The Rev. Mary Maness, who recently returned to the States aboard the prisoner exchange ship "Gripsholm", will be special speaker at a series of missionary services at the Peoples Tabernacle this week.

Miss Maness was pastor of the Tabernacle for a year, leaving in 1939 a few months before she entered the mission work of the church in the Chinese field. When her field was overrun by the Japanese she was interned. She returned to the United States in December.

The services will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30, and Sunday morning at 11, according to the Rev. E. M. Dellinger, pastor of the church.

USO Will Hold Open House On Saturday Eve

Marking its 3rd anniversary the United States Service Organization is having an open house at the Armory in Raeford on Saturday evening with a general invitation to all people of Hoke County interested in the local work to attend their "open house" entertainment.

B. A. Mercer Manager Pender Store

B. A. Mercer, for sometime connected with the Penders store at Red Springs, has been appointed manager of the Raeford unit of the chain. G. T. Short, of Warrenton, is assistant manager of the store.

Major Bob Covington Authors Part Of "Target Germany"

Major Robert Covington has written Tom Cameron that he was the author of parts of the popular war book "Target Germany" which is a best seller now. Dealing with recent events of the war, the book gives the story of the 8th Airforce.

Major Covington, schoolteacher, newspaperman and more recently in the advertising department of Vick Chemical company in New York, was formerly connected with the News-Journal and while in New York wrote a special column for this paper called "A Tar Heel in New York". He is now serving in England.

His step mother, Mrs. W. T. Covington, lives here and his brother, Lt. William Covington is in the Navy.

County School News

By K. A. McDonald.

The board of education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday Feb. 7th at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Z. G. Ray, principal of the Rockfish school, is back at work after being sick for several days.

Miss Anne Baile has returned to work as principal of the Raeford Graded school after having been ill for some time.

All schools are working hard on the War Bond Drive. It is hoped that the quota of \$12,000 will be topped by at least \$3,000 so that the county schools may name a plane.

Last Sunday a bond rally was held at the Uphurch school. The Selah Jubilee singers delighted a large audience. The sponsors of the program expect to buy a \$100 bond for the school out of the proceeds from this entertainment. This is a splendid accomplishment.

Due to the splendid cooperation of the Raeford Oil company, with county school officials, the schools of the county have not had to close down due to the extreme shortage of gasoline, as has been the case in a number of neighboring counties. The county officials state that "We appreciate this help and cooperation to the fullest extent."

Attendance percentages for the past month are: white, Hoke High-93.5; Mildouson-93.7; Rockfish-88; Raeford Graded-83; Antioch-83.5; Ashmont-89.7; Negro Schools: New Hope-93.1; Bridges Grove-91.9; Laurel Hill-91.1; Cedar Grove-90; Friendship-89.8; Piney Bay-89.2; Millside-89; Uphurch Elementary-87.4; Uphurch High-87.2; Edinburgh-86.3; Timberland-85; Lilley's Chapel-84.9; Freedom-84.6; White Oak-84; Frye's Mission-83.9; Bowmore-83.7; McFarland-82; Rockfish-82; Burlington-80.4; St. John-79; Shady Grove-72.2; Calvin Martin-69.8; Buffalo-66; Penchmont-62.

Indian schools: Antioch-96; Macedonia-74.4.

More Scout Leadership Needed To Develop Youth Into Better Citizens Say Scouting Leader

Annual Report Shows Considerable Growth
For Cape Fear Council; Dr. W. T.
Rainey Receives High Award

By F. L. Goodman
W. A. Dobson, Scout executive for Region 6 was the inspirational speaker at the annual meeting of the Cape Fear Council at Lumberton on January 27th. Mr. Dobson's address was the highlight in the program and a brief summary of his remarks follows: "Why is this war? I am not a theologian but from my thinking I have come to this conclusion, God is killing out this worthless generation, so that others may have room. If the scouting program lasts, it is not from lack of ability, but from lack of disposition. Disposition is based on character, and we have not been putting the emphasis there. We can describe ourselves as being tangled, tossed and ragged. Cheap leadership is plentiful, but good leadership is scarce. Our fathers faced their responsibilities and gave us what we have, but we refuse to face our own responsibility. Responsibility is based on character, and we have not been putting emphasis on character. Unloyalty can be found all over our land today, not disloyalty. Loyalty is based on character,

and we have not been putting the emphasis on character. We hear that there are no atheists in the fox-holes, but how about the fox-holes back home? Our Christian conscience is inactive, and Christian conscience is a builder of character, but we are not putting the emphasis on character. Only one boy in three is in our Sunday School here at home, because we are not interested in character.

The Boy Scout program is the greatest character builder of any organization for boys in the world. Character is the need of the hour, and Scouting is the direct answer to that need. But we do not have enough men who are willing to give time for building boys. A boy with a physical defect, can now look back at his parents and pointing his finger of scorn at them and say "You failed to give me health". The boy of tomorrow can point the finger of scorn at us and say that "You failed to give me that which builds character and gives security". We should put first things first in times like this. (Continued on Page Eight)

Burial Services For Jack Shaw Held At Galatia

Hoke Cotton Enumerator Dies
Suddenly Sunday; Member of
Prominent Cumberland Family

Funeral services for John R. Shaw, 51, who died suddenly on Sunday night, were held at the Galatia Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. F. M. Bain, of Rose Hill, who had been pastor of Galatia for many years. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Due to the acute gas shortage but a few of his wide host of friends were able to attend the services, but many of the friends of the old home neighborhood were present.

Palbearers were D. H. Hodgin, McNeil Smith, John Leach, Zan Gillis, Neill Monroe and Floyd Monroe.

Mr. Shaw was the son of Mrs. Colin Shaw and the late Mr. Shaw and a member of one of Cumberland county's most prominent families. He was born at the old Shaw homestead on the Fayetteville highway at what is now Phoenix. While a young man he joined Galatia church and had continued his membership there through out his life. He was a member of the board of deacons. Early in life he moved with his family to Georgia and then they came back to Hoke county to make their home at the Harris place.

A veteran of the first World War he served for the duration at Camp Jackson. He has been in ill health for about four years and was treated several times at the Veterans hospital at Columbia where he made many friends among the medical staff. For some years he has been connected with the Census Bureau as Cotton enumerator for the county.

Surviving are his mother, three sisters, Mrs. J. B. Thomas, and Mrs. Ruth Shaw McDiarmid of Raeford, Mrs. James Wilson of Charlotte, and two brothers, Douglas of Raeford and Jesse of Fayetteville.

Group Reports For Army Examination

White men of Hoke County who reported for final examination and induction January 26.

Harvey Robert Powell, Grier Alexander Klouse, Daniel Eulas Norton, Frank Woodrow Singleton, Everett William McNeill, Wade Norton.

Curnie M. Stubbs, Elmer Paul Quinn, John Howard McAnulty, Robert Dixon Esterling, James Leroy Currie, Cleave Barton.

Talmadge Neal Melton, Julian Samuel Johnson, Raymond Wilton Parks, James Collins Fields, Garland Melvin Moon, (transfer), Joseph Scarborough Hancock, (transfer), Harold Francis Cusanove, (transfer).

Sugar For Curing Fruits Available

Ration Stamp No. 40 in Book 4, became available for the purchase of five pounds of sugar for preserving fresh fruits as of February 1, and may be used until February 28, 1944.

Christmas Seals Bring In \$652.15 For Tuberculars

Hoke County topped its goal in the annual Christmas Seal Sale by \$21.00 and total purchases reached a new high for the county of \$652.15, according to Miss Aris Shankle, county health officer and chairman.

The money set for the county was \$425. Miss Shankle states that contributions for the tubercular fund have been made daily until this week. She requests that if any persons wish to make additional contributions to the fund for this year, please make them immediately so her report can be made to state headquarters by the 10th of February.

Hoke Bond Sales Reach 80 Percent 4th Drive Quota

County Chairman McGougan
Wants County Be First
Exceed Quota

"Hoke county has a fine chance of being the first county in the state to oversubscribe its Fourth War Loan quota," stated John A. McGougan, county drive chairman, and it would be a fine thing if we could put our drive over the top within the next few days.

"We have reached the 80 percent mark with \$140,000 in cash now invested in War Bonds since the first of January. However, our success in this drive will now largely depend on the purchases of the small investors. Most of our larger buyers have already made their purchases, and the additional \$35,000 needed to reach our goal will have to come from the buyers of bonds of the smaller denominations."

People of the county have responded generously to the calls made by our campaign workers, Mr. McGougan explained, and there is a real enthusiasm behind the buying of bonds in Hoke County. If the present rate of purchases can be maintained the county will go over its quota by the end of February. "However, if a lot of folks who plan to buy during this drive and have not yet bought their extra bonds would buy them within the next three or four days, I believe the county would lead North Carolina counties across the quota mark."

The county has a quota of \$175,000.

Hoke High News

On Monday a screening test for the Army Air Corps was given to 16 and 17 year old boys of the high school. The test was conducted by Lt. Brandon of the Army Air Corp. This is a nation-wide project, and the test will be given in 350 high schools in North Carolina. In about two weeks, results of the test will be known, and those who passed and are interested will be eligible for a physical, a second test, and cadet training at Morris Field. This is not in any way compulsory. However, the boy is assured of not being called for army service until at least six months after he is eighteen.

Captain Beckman was the assembly speaker for Wednesday of this week. The subject of his talk was vocational guidance and training. His advice to the students was to stay in school while they had the opportunity, to consider native abilities and available training, and to plan early for future work.

Mrs. A. D. Gore introduced the speaker. Two musical numbers were presented, a trio by Mary Stewart Covington, Myrallya Johnson, and Harriet Jones, and a piano duo by Mrs. Cook and Harriet Jones.

Mid-term examinations were conducted Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. After an interval of a few days to allow teachers time to grade papers and compute averages, report cards will be sent out to parents. Report cards indicate to the parent the kind of work done by the child and afford an opportunity to talk over the child's problems with him.

During the first term 56 students had perfect attendance. Teachers feel that this record could be improved, and urge parents to require their children to attend school every day unless it is very necessary that they be kept at home.

An American veterinarian made cattle raising in the Philippines possible. He developed a vaccine to prevent Rinderpest, the greatest of all tropical cattle plagues.

Funeral Services Held For James M. Yarborough Sunday

Retired Farmer Dies at Raeford
Home After Long Illness; Nat-
ive of Lee County

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for James M. Yarborough, aged 76, at the home of his son-in-law, P. D. Sessions in Raeford. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Maness, who was assisted by the Rev. E. M. Dellinger. Burial was made in Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Yarborough died at his home here Friday after an illness of a number of months. A native of Lee county he was the son of the late E. Gaskins and Sarah Yarborough of near Sanford. He came to Hoke county a number of years ago and purchased a farm in the Antioch community near Shannon. There he made his home until a heart ailment required that he retire some six years ago when he moved to Raeford. He was a member of the Presbyterian church here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Effie Campbell Yarborough, two daughters Misses Mary and Margaret Yarborough of Raeford; and eight sons: D. H. of Raeford, D. J., Ernest, Charles and Loney of Pinehurst, Wesley of the U. S. Navy, Alton of Red Springs, and Clyde of Hamlet.

A brother, Theodore Yarborough of Richlands, a half brother, John B. and a half sister, Mrs. Dewey Morrison, both of Fayetteville, and twenty six grandchildren also survive.

Ration Tokens Are Ready For Stores

Ration tokens, the new "change" to be used in ration point trading, are now being distributed, according to K. A. McDonald, publicity director for the Hoke County Ration Board.

Mr. McDonald states that all merchants who have not made proper application for the tokens are urged to apply to the Ration Bank for them immediately.

An average week's business plus a reserve of 25 percent of both red and blue stamps, is taken in estimating the number of tokens needed. Then as the tokens come in boxes of 250 each, take the nearest number in multiples of 250, and in exchange for the tokens the store will have to give the bank a like number of stamps.

"Team Work" Theme Home Club Meets In January

The 12 Home Demonstration Clubs in Hoke county met in January with 147 people present. The subject for discussion at the meeting was "It's Time for Team Work." Club members were asked to invite the men of their families to the meetings. Mr. Knowles, county agent, attended the meetings and discussed "Team Work on the Farm" and the Home Agent discussed "Team Work in the Home."

The Fourth War Loan Drive was discussed at each club meeting. Donations to the "March of Dimes" drive were made at several club meetings.

The Rockfish club voted to purchase another bond during the month. At the Blue Springs club meeting the club quilt was presented to Franklin McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill of Rt. 1, Raeford.

The Rockfish and Mildouson club furnished 12 home made cakes for a dinner dance for a group of soldiers at the Armory on January 20. New Year books were taken to each club meeting during the month. The home agent spent January 15th in Lumberton at a meeting for agents in this district.

A garden leaders school was held at the court house on Monday afternoon, January 31. The meeting was attended by 17 leaders. Plans were made for these women to give the demonstration, which is on gardening, at their February club meetings. Attendance prizes were given to those leaders present. Mrs. Arthur Lumber of Rt. 1, Aberdeen received a new garden hoe. Mrs. R. H. Deigman of Rt. 2, Red Springs, received a set of small garden tools, and Mrs. M. D. Vatey of Rt. 1, Shannon was presented a box of jar lids.

22 Library books were checked to women at club meetings. Josephine Hall, Home Agent.

"Loose talk costs lives" — President Franklin D. Roosevelt says: "The posters that tell us 'Loose talk costs lives' do not exaggerate. Loose talk delays victory. Loose talk is the damp in the powder. We prefer to keep our powder dry."