

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Earl Dunn of the U. S. Army Air Force has landed safe in Italy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dunn of Raeford received 3 letters from him this week.

Staff Sergeant Graham C. McPhaul of Camp Maxey, Texas, and Corporal James L. McPhaul of Fort Meade, Md. have been spending furloughs at home on Red Springs, Rt. 1. Graham returned to Texas Sunday and Jim leaves tonight for Meade.

Clarence Rose, Seaman 2/c, is visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose. He will return to Bainbridge, Md., Wednesday.

Pfc. Malcolm Campbell is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Campbell of Wagram. Pfc. Campbell is stationed with an airforce unit at Lakeland army air base, Florida.

Robert Lee McLeod, who is at his Timberland home on furlough from a Rhode Island Naval station, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Stuart Giles, U. S. N. stationed at Bainbridge Md., is here on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Giles.

C. H. Giles, Jr., Pfc., is now in San Diego Cal. He has been selected to attend a radio school.

John Dunc McNeill, B. M. 2nd class Coast Guard, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., is visiting his mother. He has a two-week's furlough.

SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, TEXAS.—Of the cadets in training at the preflight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center include 32 from North Carolina, included in them is Denver R. Huff, Jr., Sanatorium, N. C.

The nine-week preflight course prepares the cadets physically and mentally for aerial instruction in primary, basic and advanced flying schools. The future pilots study code, maps and charts, physics and other academic subjects as well as undergoing vigorous physical training schedules.

Gone APO

Mrs. Woodrow Walker, the former Miss Elizabeth Alfred, has received word that her husband, Sgt. Walker, has landed safely in North Africa.

Sgt. Jesse N. Gullledge, ASN 34315704, has a new address. It's: APO 15150, Misc. Co. A., Care Postmaster, New York City.

Mrs. Harold Lang of Raleigh is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. B. Gullledge, at the home of Joe Gullledge, where Mrs. Gullledge Senior makes

Two Drunk Drivers Convicted Tuesday

Rufus McRae and Willie James McNeill, negroes, lost their drivers' licenses Tuesday when convicted of driving while drunk. Each paid \$50 and costs. McRae also was guilty of having improper brakes and paid an additional \$10.

Rochester Conoly, Moses Townsend and Havey McNeill, negroes, paid costs for drunkenness. Doc McCullers and Bertha McCullers each paid costs for possession of bootleg beer. John Arthur Shaw, negro, paid costs for operating car with bad brakes.

County School News

By K. A. McDonald.

A study of the mid-year report on all phases of school operation was the principal work transacted at the February meeting of the county school board Monday.

The NFA organization of the vocational agriculture department of the Upchurch school held its annual father-son banquet last week. The dinner was served to the boys and their fathers by the home economics students. A movie dealing with farming was shown as the feature of the program.

Mrs. Tom Cameron has been elected to succeed Miss Esther Parker at the high school.

Mrs. Jack Durham, nee Miss Elizabeth Brandon, has been elected to take the place of Mrs. Mary Peele McDonald, who is leaving to join her husband at his Army station in Texas.

All school folk are working hard in the Bond Drive and very gratifying results are being obtained.

ROCKFISH

A Box Supper will be given at Rockfish school Feb. 10 at 7:30. Come and bring a box and pies. There will be plenty of hot coffee and cold drinks.

Voting began Friday on the "Queen of Health", and the "Knave of Hearts". These students were voted by the students to run in the contest. Margaret Willis, Bettys Jo Lovette, Helen McDougald, Charles Wood, Harold Monroe, and Ham Dees. The "King" and "Queen" will be crowned Thursday night at the box supper. Proceeds will go to the lunch room.

RAEFORD GRADED

Teachers and pupils of the Raeford elementary school enjoyed a delightful hour of music Monday morning when Mrs. Arsh Gatlin Stuart presented her piano pupils in recital in the school auditorium. Before the musical program Miss Bule's fifth grade had a short devotional period. (Continued on page eight)

Ryan McBryde To Head National Red Cross Fund

County Organization To Raise \$5,900 For War Work March 1 To 15th.

Ryan McBryde has been named head of the Hoke County committee for the National Red Cross War Fund campaign which will be conducted during the period from March 1 to 15, it was announced here yesterday.

Plans for the raising of the \$5,900 quota assigned to Hoke county for this fund are rapidly taking shape and Mr. McBryde states that the township committees and the chairmen for each of these groups will be ready to announce in the next issue of the News-Journal.

Mrs. H. A. Camreon, for many years a leader in the Red Cross work of the county, will have charge of the campaign in the county, and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., has been selected to head the drive in Raeford. There will be a man and a woman selected to serve as co-chairmen in each township.

"Already," states Mr. McBryde, "the people generally are showing a great interest in the drive and we anticipate no difficulty in raising this amount. Everyone is quite familiar with the wonderful work the Red Cross is doing in service to our boys and girls in the services at home and abroad and we expect that our folks here who have so many from their homes on the battlefronts of the world will contribute to this fund in their usual generous manner. The Red Cross has always been an organization dear to the hearts of Hoke's people and each campaign held in this county has seen the quota oversubscribed. We expect it will be so again this year."

Dr. Homer McMillan Heard By Two Large Groups Here In Week

Dr. Homer McMillan, Baptist Missionary to China, who returned to America on the Gripsholm last December, was heard by two large audiences in Raeford during the past week. He spoke at the Kiwanis club's open meeting at the Armory on Thursday evening and to a union church service held Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

Dr. McMillan reviewed his trip to China and return and the period of his confinement in a Japanese concentration camp on Thursday evening. His talk dealt largely with his personal experience. He was very guarded in his talk and made no mention of any harsh treatment that may have been given the prisoners during his confinement. He stated that for a time he was only restricted to the city of his station at Suchow and had considerable freedom of action during this period. Later he was in a camp at Shanghai, where he was restricted to the camp area. During this time he and his fellow prisoners spent most of the time (except that necessary for cooking etc. which they had to do for themselves) studying. He compared his time there to that spent in a university. Each of those qualified organized classes a number of various subjects were studied. On Sunday evening an audience which taxed the capacity of the Methodist church heard him give a review of the religious work done in the concentration camp, and in the restricted city of Suchow. He gave also some interesting sidelights of the study classes which were taught on religious subjects while shipboard on the trip home.

Boy Scouts Give Two Program On Anniversary Week

Court of Honor Tonight Scheduled For Kiwanis Meet; Special Union Service Sunday.

In observation of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, two programs will be held this week at which the Boy Scouts of Raeford will be honored.

A special court of honor will be held this evening during the regular program of the Raeford Kiwanis Club and members of the local troop will be presented for advancement by Scoutmaster Tom Cameron. It is understood that a number of the boys will be ready for examination by the special court. The local troop is sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

On Sunday evening the annual union church service held in honor of the Scouts will be conducted by the Rev. J. D. Whinnant at the Raeford Baptist church.

Exploding Army Plane Kills Four Near Parkton

AAF Board Investigating Crash Of Transport Based At Camp Mackall.

An Army plane, a C-47 transport, which fell about 8:30 Monday night in a pocosin bay near Parkton killed its crew of four, according to reports.

People in the vicinity of the crash stated they heard two explosions while the plane was in the air, then saw the plane split into several parts and fall to the earth. Parts of the plane and its equipment were found scattered over a mile of the bay.

James F. Blue, Jr., of Parkton and Red Springs was with a group that first reached the body of the plane. Members of the crew had been thrown from the plane, one, apparently by the explosion, with his parachute partially opened was found some distance from the body of the transport.

A special Air Force investigation board has been appointed to probe the crash. The plane was based at Camp Mackall.

Expect OPA Checkers Visit Hoke Stores Says Ration Board

Merchants of Hoke county may expect visits from checkers of the State OPA enforcement department in the near future, according to members of the War Price and Rationing Board of the county.

No dates will be announced for the arrival, it was explained, but the board has been informed that the checkers would be here.

Recent investigations in nearby counties have resulted in a number of merchants being deprived of rights to sell rationed goods because of non-compliance with regulations.

Hoke County Over Top In Fourth War Loan

John A. McGoogan, County Chairman, Expects County To Exceed Goal By 25 Percent This Week; "E" Bond Purchases Have Not Yet Reached Assigned Quota.

High Ag Teachers Met Here Monday

Difficulties Teaching Vocational Subjects Under War Conditions Discussed

Vocational Agriculture teachers of Scotland, Richmond and Hoke counties met Monday at the Hoke County High School, which J. M. Osteen, district supervisor, presiding.

Difficulties of operation of classes in vocational subjects under war conditions was the subject of several reports. Shortages of materials and the high prices of those available have handicapped shop work instruction.

Cannery construction and cannery operations have been a major part of the work of the Hoffman and Hoke High schools, it was reported. Others have turned to salvage campaigns and the Laurinburg group has made an excellent record in the paper salvage drive now in progress in Scotland county.

Miss Caroline Parker is in Arlington, Va., where she has been since January 1st. She is working in the War Department doing clerical work for the Signal Corps.

Hoke county has exceeded its quota of War Bond sales in the Fourth War Loan campaign by close to \$25,000, according to John A. McGoogan, drive chairman.

The goal set for the county was \$175,000, with \$145,000 asked in the sale of "E" bonds, and yesterday the reports from selling points showed that nearly \$200,000 had been received for bonds since the first of January when the drive officially started. Mr. McGoogan stated that from all expected purchases reported by campaign workers indicated sales for the entire campaign would reach probably \$215,000 before the final date of the sales campaign on Feb. 29th.

The sale of "E" bonds would reach the assigned amount of \$145,000, Mr. McGoogan prophesied, though it will hardly exceed this amount. Our county is largely a farming center, he explained, and this drive has come at a time when available money of the farmers is being used for fertilizer, seeds and other needs in preparation of making the 1944 crop. "However, the farmers are buying bonds, and they are keeping them for a reserve for improvements after the war. While it is reported that workers in many of the boom areas are buying bonds during the drives and then cashing them in as soon as 60 days passes, this is not true of the farm folk here. Their response to the drives has been exceptionally fine, and in very few instances are they cashing them in."

Mr. McGoogan was highly pleased with the wonderful cooperation received by his committees during this Fourth War Loan drive, both from the individuals and the business concerns. He stated that the county had actually passed the quota in purchases late last week though the Federal reporting agency would not have the reports on Friday and Saturday sales until the first of this week.

Tenant-Purchase Plan Of FSA Is Working Nicely

Zeb E. McDaniel, County Supervisor, States County Well Above State Average

Re-payments on loans made by tenant farm purchasers in Hoke county last year were about 130 per cent above payments due, stated Zeb E. McDaniel, supervisor, in discussing the progress of the branch of the Farm Security's work here.

Mr. McDaniel explained that there were 33 families now buying their farms through the Hoke county office and that only two were in arrears, with their payments. All the others are making advance payments, with several paying nearly 50 percent of their 1943 income on their mortgages to reduce their balances substantially.

"The loans are made for payment in 40 years, but many of these 33 farmers will own their farms within a few years and have their deeds," he added. Most of the purchases have been made in the last three years and already over \$12,000 of the \$146,000 borrowed has been paid on the principal of the loans.

Two women, whose husbands have died since the loans were made, are carrying on the farm work and making excellent progress toward ownership of their lands, McDaniel stated. One of them has a nephew, 17 years of age, and two daughters, to help her with the work, and she made three annual payments from her 1943 crop.

Listtakers For Taxes Announced For County

Listtakers have been appointed for the purpose of listing property for taxation are announced this week in an advertisement by John A. McGoogan, tax supervisor.

Announcement has been withheld for several weeks due to difficulty of securing listtakers, in several townships. Blue Springs township is still without a listtaker, but one is expected to be appointed today and his name will be listed in the advertisement next week, Mr. McGoogan stated.

Advertise Or Be Forgotten



Col. Lewis Is Made New CO Post Of Port-of-Spain

The following story concerning the appointment of Col. R. B. Lewis as commanding officer of the army post of Port-of-Spain is being reprinted from the "Trinidad News Tips", an army paper published for servicemen of the West Indies.

In assuming command of the Post of Port-of-Spain and the Trinidad Coast Artillery Command, Col. Robert B. Lewis of Raeford, North Carolina, forged another link in an illustrious military career when he relieved Col. William C. Foote, who returned to the States.

His association with the post goes back to 1911 when he joined a military unit in Wilmington, N. C. He was commissioned a "lieut" in the Infantry shortly after he went into active service of World War I.

Not satisfied with life of a civilian, he activated his own National Guard Coast Artillery battery at Raeford, in 1921. Later, he played an important part in organizing an Artillery regiment, which he commanded before coming to Trinidad. Meanwhile, he was cashier for The Bank of Raeford and attained

a high degree of popularity among the citizens of North Carolina for his outstanding qualities as a leader, a soldier, and executive.

In an interview with TNT reporter, he spoke at length about Army activities — especially concerning sports and morale.

"I firmly believe in athletics," he said. "I have always noticed that athletes under my command are better soldiers. They think quicker and have the physical ability to discharge their duties with greater fitness."

"Sports are much a part of a soldier's training as anything. Aside from whipping one into the proper physical shape, they provide recreation and diversion from military routine."

"I would like to see more competition between units and posts. Whenever possible, I want my men excused from duty, if necessary to participate in league competition."

However, it's not all play and no work. "Colonel Bob" is known as a rigid disciplinarian who is as GI as the odor of a company supply room.

Scouts Mark 34th Anniversary

IT'S GREAT TO BE A SCOUT

BOY SCOUT WEEK
FEBRUARY 8-14

More than 1,600,000 Boy Scouts, Cubs and their adult volunteer leaders will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 to 14, marking the 34th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in the United States. Since 1910, more than 11,400,000 American boys and men have agreed that—"It's Great to be a Scout!"