



Vacations With Aussies

Ed McNeill who has been on the New Guinea field of operations for the past eight months has written his folks that he is now on a short "vacation." Too far away for a furlough home he and several friends are doing Australia up brown on an accumulated pay which they have had little opportunity to do little with except accumulate it.

Ensign Kermit Crawley left this week to join the fleet after spending a month's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crawley.

Word has been received that Billy Crawley has arrived safely in England.

Roger Dixon Seaman 2nd class U. S. N. recently stationed at Bainbridge is at home on short leave awaiting orders to attend a storekeeper's school.

Camp Hospitals Get Materials Value Of \$1000

Hoke Red Cross Will Receive 40 Percent Of Funds During War Fund Drive; 1944 Quotas.

The Hoke county chapter of the American Red Cross gave to the base hospitals at Fort Bragg, Camp Mackall and Maxton articles worth \$1013.12 and sent to boys in service additional articles valued at \$432, during the past year, according to the annual report of Mrs. H. A. Cameron, chairman of production, and Miss Josephine Hall, chairman of the camp and hospital service committee.

It was pointed out that the materials for these many articles cost the chapter \$341.90, and that the difference between this cost and the total value of \$1,445.12, represented personal gifts of \$301, \$802.22 worth of labor expended on the making of the articles by the women of the county.

The report stated that some of the extra funds were contributed by various organizations of the county, and that the work was done by members of the several home demonstration clubs, the Raeford Woman's club, women of various church organizations, the Sunshine club at Sanatorium, The production of this vast amount of materials was made possible, stated Mrs. Cameron, by the fine, unselfish spirit of these women, the most of whom have come to realize that the Red Cross is providing a really vital and heavily needed service for their sons and daughters with the armed forces.

Production quotas for the Hoke chapter for the first period of 1944 have been received, with a request for the immediate production of the following for hospital use: 100 pair bedroom shoes, 100 bedside bags, 100 bedpan covers, 200 "housewives" complete and 150 kit bags. In addition, especially requested for hospitals at Fort Bragg are: 35 bedpan covers, 6 bed shirts, 60 bedside bags, 50 hotwater bottle covers, 36 "housewives", and 1 layette.

War Fund Raised Nearly Two Million In Recent Drive

Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro was elected State chairman of the United War Fund of North Carolina, succeeding Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, at the annual meeting held in Raleigh on Wednesday, February 16. Dr. I. G. Greer of Thomasville and Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh are the new vice-chairmen, while Tom Carroll of Winston-Salem, retiring executive secretary, was elected treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer, Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, presented by Tom Carroll, showed that the state as a whole has contributed \$1,946,638, which is 4.5 per cent greater than the combined quotas accepted by local organizations throughout the state. Due to the fact that most local campaigns were conducted on a cash basis and that payments to state headquarters have been made promptly, the United War Fund has already paid over 80 percent of its obligation of \$1,748,750 to the National War Fund.

Lewis B. Brandon Dies Monday Of Heart Ailment

Funeral Service Yesterday For Former Hoke County Agent And Prominent Farm Superintendent.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock for Lewis Boyd Brandon, 59, at his home in Raeford. The Rev. Harry K. Holland conducted the services. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ryan McBryde, R. L. Murray, H. W. B. Whitley, of Raeford Arch McEachern of Edinburg, and Julian Butler and Ed Lytch of Laurinburg.

Honorary pallbearers included: F. B. Sexton, Edgar Hall, Paul Dezern, Cecil Dew, T. B. Lester, H. L. Gatlin, and Dr. G. W. Brown of Raeford, and John Phillips, J. T. Meyers and Roy Southerland of Laurinburg.

Mr. Brandon was one of the most progressive farmers of this section. The son of Martha Anne Burris and John E. Brandon, he was born October 25, 1884 at McConnellsville, S. C. Upon graduation from Clemson College, he became associated with the agricultural faculty of the college and was superintendent of the college farms for five years. He entered extension work and served as county agent at St. Matthews and Gastonia before becoming Hoke County's first farm agent. He gave up the work to become associated with the farming division of McNair Investment company of Laurinburg, a position he held until appointed superintendent of the State's prison farm, in Halifax county. Later he was at Chester, S. C., for a brief period before returning to Raeford last year.

In January of this year he had planned to establish a seed and feed business here, but due to ill health these plans were dropped in their formative stage. He was taken seriously ill three weeks ago and had been a patient since at the Moore County hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth O'Neale Atkinson, and two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Brandon Durham and Mrs. Martha Brandon Muench. Two brothers, T. B. Brandon of Williamston, N. C., and J. D. Brandon, of Mt. Olive, also survive.

Hoke High Takes Scotties In Fast Court Tilt

Hoffman Team Takes Polishing On Local Court Tuesday.

Hoke High gained a full measure of revenge Friday evening for an earlier defeat when they took the Scotties of Laurinburg for a surprise ride to defeat after trailing 15 to 10 at half-time.

Laurinburg quickly ran up an imposing lead in the first quarter of the game, and it appeared that the Hoke lads were about to suffer their second defeat of the season at the hands of the same team. But after the half, a new spirit seemed present in the local lads. They were hitting the basket from all angles, and Currie, Upchurch and Campbell did some stellar work which interfered greatly with the sharpshooters of the visiting team. When the final whistle came Hoke was in the lead 22 to 19. McNeill and Warner led scoring.

The fast boy's team from Hoffman challenged Hoke here Tuesday night in the first of a two-game series, but Hoke came through with its eighth win in nine starts defeating the visitors 23 to 17 in an exciting game. Hoke goes to Hoffman Friday night.

The Hoke girls lost to the Hoffman girls 23 to 14. Of Hoke's 14 points Miller did some fancy tossing to gather 8 of them.

Macdonald Attends Regional Meeting

K. A. Macdonald, county superintendent of education attended the regional meeting of the National association of school administrators, which was held at Atlanta last week.

Red Cross Township And Community Leaders

ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP

Women—Miss Jean Hodgkin, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Mrs. Sadie Watson, Mrs. W. T. Everleigh and Miss Margaret McPhaul.

Men—Walter Gibson, chairman, I. L. Newton, Douglas McPhaul, W. C. Hodgkin, D. W. Gillis, and W. S. Glisson.

McLAUCHLIN TOWNSHIP

Rockfish—A. W. Wood and Mrs. Z. G. Ray, co-chairmen, Mrs. Roy Shartley, Mrs. Kenneth Ritter, Miss Lucile Jones, M. S. Gibson and Z. G. Ray.

Wayside—Mrs. James Gillis and J. H. Plummer, co-chairmen, Mrs. Lewis Parker, Miss Katie Black, Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. Floyd Monroe, John Parker and Pearce Gillis.

STONEWALL TOWNSHIP

Dundarrach—Mrs. Jesse Gibson and N. H. G. Balfour, co-chairmen, Miss Vera McGougan, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. W. F. Culbreth, Mrs. Archie Howard, Mrs. M. D. Yates, Mrs. J. A. Jones, J. A. Chason, W. I. Culbreth, W. J. McBryde and N. A. McInnis.

Arabia—David Hendrix and Mrs. Stanley Crawley, co-chairmen, Mrs. Earl Tolar and Miss Lillie McDougald.

LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Mt. Pleasant—L. D. Brooks, chairman.

Lobelia—Alex. McFadyen, chairman.

Cross Creek—Dan Stewart, chairman.

Between Little River and Southern Pines—Sam Comer, chairman.

INDIANS

Macedonia—Red Locklear and Arch Locklear, co-chairmen.



AIR WAC HELPS IN HOSPITAL.—Duties are many and varied that members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) perform to supplement troops and one of these is in the hospital where the women soldiers serve as nurses' aids. Pictured is Sgt. Elizabeth Zysk of Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, installation of the First Troop Carrier Command, shown assisting as the army physician takes the temperature of a patient.

County School News

By K. A. McDonald.

Mrs. J. C. McLean, member of the Hoke High faculty, has been ill for the past several days. Mrs. Elmer is substituting for her.

The State 7th grade tests were given Tuesday to all pupils of the colored schools.

All schools of the county are still working hard on the sale of "E" bonds. They are doing an excellent job and if the county makes its "E" bond quota for the 4th War Loan drive it will in no small part be due to the efforts of the school children of the county and their teachers. All bond applications must be in the Bank of Raeford at closing time on February 26th in order for them to count on the drive.

E. D. Johnson, formerly with Hoke High, greeted friends here this week while enroute from Atlanta to Tarboro, where he is county superintendent of the Edgecombe schools.

Principal V. R. White has been ill with a very bad cold.

All schools of the county will put on a special chapel program Wednesday March 1, taking note of the beginning of the Red Cross War Fund campaign.

On Friday, February 25, at 11 a. m., all schools will pause for two minutes for a brief participation in the program of the World's Day of Prayer.

ANTIOCH—Elisha Dial, chairman.

QUEWHIFFLE TOWNSHIP
Asheley Heights—Mrs. Duncan Johnson, chairman, Mrs. Ralph Cothran, Mrs. Tom Sinclair, Mrs. D. B. Moss, Mrs. James Little, Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Mrs. W. H. Hard, Mrs. Spivey and Mrs. M. C. Strother.

Men—R. A. Smoak, chairman, T. O. Moses, A. T. Bobbitt, Noah Brown, J. A. Almond, John Cole, B. F. Hardester, L. R. Cothran, M. M. Thompson, R. D. Strother and Floyd Seals.

Montrose—Carl Riley, chairman, Mrs. Duke Marshall, chairman of the women, W. H. Calloway, Mr. Webb, Mrs. John Maulstuy, and Mrs. Mayne Bevan.

Sanatorium—Mrs. R. A. McBrayer, chairman, Misses Eula Rackby, Katie McCorkle, Mesdames C. D. Thomas, Floyd Eubanks.

ALLENDALE TOWNSHIP

Mrs. Belle Currie, chairman, Miss Wills McLauchlin and Mrs. J. W. Hasty.

RAEFORD TOWNSHIP

Raedeem—Mrs. Ernest Duncan, chairman, Jack Holland, T. D. Potter, Miss Irene Downer, Mrs. Ernest Hair and Mrs. Cliff Conoly.

BLUE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP

Men—J. F. Chisholm, chairman, Rob Hasty, James Hendrix, Manly Norton, Rube Clark, and Luther Currie.

Women—Mrs. D. J. Dalton, chairman, Misses Margaret Gaine, Martha Walters, mesdames Neill Clark, Manly Norton and Wilmer McBryde.

Pine Forest—J. F. Jordan and Mrs. T. D. Tapp, co-chairmen.

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defendants, faced Judge H. McDiarmid in county court this morning for a period of over three months when the weekly total of cases heard was under ten, according to John Cameron, clerk of court.

Paul Evans paid costs and \$15 damage to a coat which was injured in an assault of Annie Johnson, both negroes.

William McVicker, white man, paid \$50 and costs and surrendered his drivers license upon conviction of driving drunk. Hattie Jordan, white paid a similar fine for the same offense. Ed Jordan, her husband was found guilty of violating the liquor laws and paid costs.

Roscoe Gene Coins and Fran Robertson, each paid costs for speeding. Ernest Smith and Mallie Robinson, paid costs upon conviction on charges of fornication and adultery. A 30 day sentence was suspended and they were placed on good behavior for a year.

Hoke 4-H Girls To Broadcast

Three Hoke County 4-H Club members, Alynne Smith, Rt. 1, Raeford; Myra Mott, Rt. 2, Raeford; and Catherine Jones, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, will appear on a 4-H radio program from station WPTF, Raleigh on Saturday, February 26, at 12:30 P. M. These girls will tell something of their project activities and plans for 1944 4-H Club work. Miss Josephine Hall will accompany the girls to Raleigh.

Commissioners And Highway Officials Talk Post-War Road

Roads of Hoke county—after the war—improvements and new highways were the subject of discussions here this week when officials of the State highway commission and members of the county commission conferred for several hours Monday morning.

Following the conference the commissioners and highway officials were the guests of Chairman N. H. G. Balfour and Mrs. Balfour at a turkey dinner at his home.

Those attending the conference and enjoying the sumptuous meal included Charlie Ross, chairman of the Highway Commission, D. B. McCrary, of Asheboro, district highway commissioner, and L. E. Whitfield, district engineer, County Auditor John A. McGougan and the entire membership of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners.

Daniel M. Watson Dies At Antioch, Funeral Monday

Funeral services for Daniel M. Watson, 72, were conducted from the Antioch Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Harry K. Holland conducted the services. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Neill A. Smith, J. E. Watson and Knox Watson of Red Springs, and Jack, Willie C. and David H. Hodgkin.

Mr. Watson, who had never married, had made his home with the J. A. Hodgkin family for many years, and for 39 years had been associated with Mr. Hodgkin in mercantile and farm supply business operated at Antioch.

Surviving are one brother, John H. Watson, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bethel Church Receive Award

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 16—In compliance with a new policy of the War Department Bethel Presbyterian church near Raeford, has been awarded an Army certificate due to the fact that C. M. Pickard, pastor, is now serving as a chaplain in the Army, Chaplain (Colonel) John O. Lindquist, chief of the Chaplain Branch, Fourth Service Command, announced here today.

The certificate, reads: "In recognition of the patriotic sacrifice of Bethel Presbyterian church in giving the services of C. M. Pickard that he might serve God and Country in the armed forces of the United States. (Signed) Chaplain W. R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, United States Army."

Churches Join In World Day Of Prayer Friday

Church Bells To Ring Hourly In Observance Of World Fellowship Program.

In observance of the World's Day of Prayer, which will be celebrated in over 50 countries of the world from the Fiji Islands all around the globe to little St. Lawrence Island up near the Arctic circle, a special service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Raeford Baptist Church.

Throughout the day, from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m., the bells of the Raeford churches will be sounded briefly on the hour as a reminder to the folk here that services are being held at some point in this part of the world. The day will also be observed in the schools when at 11 a. m., a brief period of prayer will be held in each classroom.

The program to be given at the Baptist church will be under the leadership of Mr. Whisnant, Mr. Maness and Mr. Holland, pastors of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

Special music will be presented by members of the choirs of the several churches.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Neill McFadyen has issued the following proclamation in recognition of the day:

Whereas, the Christian religion has been introduced to most of the nations of the world and

Whereas, the world is in a condition of chaos due to war brought about by heathen and unscrupulous nations and

Whereas, we are in need of prayer for reasons too numerous to mention;

Therefore, N. L. McFadyen, Mayor of the Town of Raeford, in cooperation with a movement known as The World Day of Prayer and sponsored by the several churches of our town, do hereby proclaim that Friday, the twenty fifth of February shall be Day of Prayer in the Town of Raeford.

Death Claims Alec Teal Following Long Illness

Funeral services for Alec Teal, 68, who died Sunday afternoon following an illness of several years, were held Tuesday from the home of his brother, Henry Teal. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. H. K. Holland who was assisted by the Rev. W. L. Maness.

Mr. Teal was a native of Anson county but the family have been residents of Hoke county for many years. Until several years ago he and his brother farmed in the Edinburg section. When ill health caused their retirement they moved to Raeford.

Surviving are the brother and several nieces and nephews.

Champion Hoke Red Cross Knitter Is Non-Resident

Mrs. Halperin To Succeed Mrs. Walker As Chairman Of Knitting Committee

The champion knitter of the Hoke County Red Cross organization is not a resident of the county, it was revealed this week in the report of the Knitting Committee. She is Mrs. J. W. Daniels, of Fort Bragg Road, Fayetteville, who formerly made her home here with the Niven family.

Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. A. L. O'Brian, co-chairmen of knitting work in Raeford for the past year, report that the 150 sweaters made for the chapter 68 were knitted by Mrs. Daniels, and that another was knitted by her son, who is a civilian worker at Fort Bragg.

Mrs. Daniels is still very active in her support of the chapter's work and only this week 8 additional sweaters arrived here from her to give her 1944 quota a big start.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. O'Brian have resigned as head of this work, and Mrs. Mary Sneed Halperin has succeeded them. Mrs. C. D. Thomas of Sanatorium is so continue as chairman of the knitters of that community.

The report of Mrs. Walker, Mrs. O'Brian and Mrs. Thomas shows that 354 garments were completed in 1943. This included 132 helmets, 164 mufflers, and the 159 sweaters.