

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Wounded In Action

Tom Clarke Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sinclair of the Montrose section, was recently wounded in action according to word received by his parents. He was wounded in an assault on one of the Marshall Islands with injuries in the body and leg. More recent information reports that he has responded excellently to hospitalization and expects to be dismissed from the hospital soon.

Word has been received by Mrs. M. A. Dewar that her husband, Lt. Dewar has arrived safely overseas. Mrs. Dewar is the former Lois McPhail.

Pfc. Hilton Clark has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Clark of Blue Springs township, that he has arrived safely somewhere in England.

Sgt. John K. McNeill of Greenville, S. C. spent a few days at home here this week. The Sergeant is a new recruit, having received a promotion only recently.

Hugh McLaughlin of the Navy is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin this week. He has completed his course of study at Duke and will return to a new base in up-state New York.

Sgt. John Thomas Walters has returned from the Caribbean area where he has served for the past two years and is spending a 21 day furlough at home. He has been transferred to the Air Corps and will begin in that course of training when his furlough is over.

Capt. Neill James, Blue, who was stationed in the British West Indies, for nearly two years is spending sometime here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Blue.

## Fast Action Seen By Son Of Raeford Minister In Navy

### Lt. William H. Maness Flying Hellcat Fighters In Pacific Area.

Lt. William H. Maness, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness of Raeford, is back on the Pacific front and in action after a special 10-weeks training in the handling of the Navy Hellcat fighter planes.

Lt. Maness is now executive officer of his squadron which is based on a land field somewhere in the South Pacific. For a year and a half he was stationed in the Society Islands, and saw a great deal of action from there. Last fall he returned to the States for additional flight training and was then assigned to a carrier. He flew a mission from the ship, from which he returned with his fighter so badly damaged that it could not be landed on the deck and had to be crash landed into the sea. He escaped from the wreckage and was picked up by a destroyer.

He is now assigned to a land base in the Solomons, from which he flies the Hellcat. A dispatch this week quotes him as saying that the Japanese have been offering little fighter opposition in the Rabaul sector. "We spent at least 45 minutes over three airfields at Rabaul while bombers were making their runs, but not once did we see a Jap interceptor."

Lt. Maness has participated in many missions there, among which were the landings at Tarawa and the carrier strikes at Nauru and Kavieng. It was at the latter place where he shot down a Jap torpedo plane and was so badly shot up that he made the water landing.

## Sugar Allotment Will Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Overall civilian allotments of sugar will be six per cent less this year than in 1943 but individual rations probably will not be reduced.

The War Food Administration has announced the general allotment reduction. From sources in the OPA however, it was learned that in order to avoid a household ration cut the expiration dates of sugar coupons will be eliminated to prevent "precipitous buying."

## 20th Anniversary Kiwanis Club Is Celebrated

### Summary Of Clubs Given By Ryan McBryde and R. L. Murray.

As the 20th anniversary program for the Raeford Kiwanis Club a general history of the club was presented Thursday by the education committee under the direction of R. L. Murray and Ryan McBryde.

Among the activities of the organization since it was instituted were listed the following: Sponsorship of Boy Scout activities and the purchase of Camp Conolly for the Scouts; presentation on each year of three medals to students of local schools, and one to best all-around student at the Sanatorium school of nursing; sponsorship of and contribution to T. B. clinics in county schools; sponsorship of movement for county fire warden; sponsorship of hard surface road to Cumberland county line; aided in vocational work in high school and sponsoring of corn and pig projects for 4-H clubs; purchase of hospital bed for use by anyone needing it within county; aid in securing location of REA office in Raeford; gift cigarettes to boys overseas; raising and donating funds of various amounts to many worthy causes; sponsorship of building abattoir for county.

A charter night program belonging to J. Benton Thomas listed the following as members: W. P. Baker, Douglas A. Buxley, Luke Bethune, R. L. Bethune, W. M. Blue, L. E. Brandon, G. W. Brown, W. C. Brown, H. A. Cameron, Herbert N. Cameron, Milton Campbell, James A. Clifton, Jr., W. Pelham Covington, H. P. Cromartie, A. K. Currie, D. Currie, J. W. Currie, M. W. Dew, Paul Dickson, W. E. Freeman, E. E. Fridell, J. H. Fritelle, G. K. Fuller, K. B. Geddie, Edgr Hall, W. P. Hawfield, E. P. Johnson, J. W. Johnson, T. B. Lester, R. B. Lewis, B. L. Lucas, Bruce Morris, L. B. McBrayer, Jr., Ryan McBryde, P. P. McCain, H. M. McDiarmid, D. W. McFadyen, Arch McEachern, Laurie McEachern, M. L. McKeithan, H. C. McLaughlin, J. W. McLaughlin, W. B. McLaughlin, Arch McNair, E. B. McNeill, James F. Parker, D. S. Poole, W. L. Poole, B. P. Polston, E. L. Reeves, G. R. Rowland, F. B. Sexton, E. S. Smith, McNair Smith, J. M. Stackhouse, A. K. Stevens, J. B. Thomas, J. C. Thomas, C. E. Upchurch, T. B. Upchurch, J. W. Walker, H. W. B. Whitley, and R. B. Williams.

The following charter members are still members of the club: W. P. Baker, A. K. Currie, T. B. Lester, R. B. Lewis (military leave) Ryan McBryde, P. P. McCain, H. C. McLaughlin, W. L. Poole (military leave) and J. B. Thomas. J. M. Stackhouse was the president of the club in 1924 and he was succeeded by the following: Arch McEachern, W. M. Fairley, Paul Dickson, R. B. Lewis, Edgar Hall, Laurie McEachern, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Ryan McBryde, D. H. Hodgin, R. L. Murray, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., R. A. Matheison, J. F. Lowrance, T. B. Lester, W. P. Baker, J. B. Thomas, N. A. McDonald, Jr., C. D. Thomas, M. C. Dew and H. C. McLaughlin. Walter Freeman was the first vice-president and he was followed in this order: R. B. Lewis, Paul Dickson, G. W. Brown, Ryan McBryde, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., J. B. Thomas, D. H. Hodgin, S. M. Bittinger, W. P. Hawfield, W. P. Baker, J. F. Lowrance, H. L. Meacham, E. B. Satterwhite, C. D. Thomas, T. F. Harper, J. L. McNeill, C. L. Thomas, and M. R. Smith.

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## Deputy Collector Here To Aid Taxpayers

Edgar Womble, deputy collector of N. C. Devenue Dept., will be in the court room of the Court House tomorrow, March 3, and Tuesday, March 7, from 1 to 5 P. M. to assist persons in preparing their state income tax returns.

## Loan Office's Agent Announces Hours

Miss F. M. Gordon, receiving agent for the Emergency Crop and Food Loan Office, will be at the jury room in the court house every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 5 P. M. The telephone number is 532-1.

## Raeford Red Cross Workers Named By Chairman Gatlin

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman of the Raeford committee for the Red Cross War Fund drive, has named the following groups to conduct the canvass of the residential section of Raeford.

Northeast Raeford: Mrs. Israel Mann, chairman, Mesdames Pacl Dezerne, Carl Freeman and Harry Green.

Northwest Raeford: Mrs. R. B. Lewis, chairman, Mesdames J. H. Blue, M. R. Smith, and Lewis Upchurch.

Southwest Raeford: Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, chairman, Mesdames R. A. Matheison, Alfred Cole and Chandler Roberts.

Southeast Raeford: Mrs. Arch Stewart, chairman, Mesdames C. W. Seste, N. L. McFadyen and J. E. Gullede.

Miss Alma Ferguson will conduct the work at the grammar school, and Mrs. V. R. White will have charge of the drive at Hoke High School. M. T. Poovey is chairman for the Edinburgh Mill community.

## Mrs. A. McMillan Dies At Age Of 33

Mrs. Alberteen McMillan, aged 33, died at her home Friday night in the Rockfish community. She was the wife of Woodrow Wilson McMillan. A native of Marion, S. C., and the daughter of John L. and Mary Powers Jackson.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the McFadyen cemetery.

She is survived by her husband and five children, Mary M., Will Calvin, Billy, John Woodrow and David W. McMillan, Jr.

## Oyster Roast Given By Fire Department

The March meeting of the Raeford Volunteer Fire Department was held last night. The firemen and a number of guests enjoyed an oyster roast, held at the Hoke Concrete plant.

Following the delicious dinner a short business session was held. It was voted to hold fire drill each first Wednesday of the month. Chief Harry Green and Star McMillan could not get up a good argument, so the session adjourned quietly at an early hour.

## Several Bound To Superior Court From Hearings

### Judge McDiarmid Presides Over Year's Heaviest County Court Session.

After a lull in misdeeds which had extended since before the year end holidays, crime of a number of categories was written on the court dockets during the past week, and the largest number of cases for any session of 1944 was heard Tuesday by Judge Henry McDiarmid.

George McLean, negro, paid costs, a \$2 fine and \$5 to Bud Purcell for damage to his car when McLean was convicted of assault and property damage by throwing bricks and bottles at the car.

Johnny Melvin, negro, was found not guilty of abandonment of his wife but was ordered held for a grand jury investigation of incest charges brought out in testimony by state witnesses.

Daniel Love and Annie Singletary, negroes, indicted on charges of fornication and adultery were ordered held for the grand jury on bigamy charges. The Singletary woman admitting to the court that her plans for divorce had not been successful, as yet.

Samuel Norse, negro, paid \$10 and costs, upon conviction of assault charges brought by Henry deBerry. A baseball bat was the weapon in the case.

Israel Moultrie, paid \$10 and costs for having blockade liquor, and \$25 and costs for assault on Tang Hart.

Clarence Wade paid costs for improper brakes; Isaac Graham paid costs for improper brakes; Lerow Henderson and Clarence Locklear, indians, each paid costs for speeding.

Frank Campbell, Hector Campbell, and William Robinson, colored each paid costs for indulging in an affray. Robinson also paid costs for an assault on the Campbell, with a knife.

Cliff Thomas was bound over to Superior court on \$200 bail for assault with a deadly weapon upon Elizabeth Willis.

Billie Hall and J. D. McKeithan, each paid costs for speeding.

The element in sweet clover which causes a type of bleeding disease in cattle, is now being adapted to use in human medicine to prevent dangerous post-operative blood clots, say the veterinarians.

## Mrs. Morris Handbag Robber Monday Night

Mrs. A. R. Morris of North Main Street was robbed of her purse when she was thrown to the ground by an unidentified assailant while walking to the Methodist Church about 8 o'clock Monday evening. Police were notified but have been unable to determine the thief's identity.

Mrs. Morris, considerably shaken by the experience but otherwise unharmed, was treated at a drug store for shock and then returned to her home.

## Baucom's Sell Out Merchandise Stock And Close Doors

### Firm Established In 1909 By Late R. J. Baucom Closed Tuesday Night.

Baucom's Cash Store, Inc., operated here since 1909 when it was established by the late R. J. Baucom, announced yesterday that its entire stock of merchandise had been sold to an out-of-state concern and would be moved immediately.

Under the management of J. A. Baucom the store carried a large and complete line of clothing, shoes, piece goods, and notions, and before the war handled many household electric appliances.

The merchandise was being inventoried and packed for shipment yesterday. Furniture and fixtures belonging to the concern were retained. However Mr. Baucom stated he had made no plans, explaining that the sale of the stock of goods had taken place rather quickly and he had had no time to consider future plans.

The store operated through Tuesday.

## Hoke Bond Sales Still Climbing

Total sales of War Bonds during the Fourth War Loan have reached \$219,047.50 according to a Federal Reserve report of Sunday.

Chairman McGougan states that total sales will reach from \$8 to \$10 thousand dollars higher in the final tabulation of sales through February 29th.

## County Campaign For War Fund Starts Well

by K. A. MacDonald

The Red Cross, whose War Fund campaign made a successful start in Hoke County yesterday, has been doing an unbelievable piece of work, both locally and nationally, for servicemen and their families.

During the four months that W. R. Barrington has been home secretary for the local chapter, his office has handled more than 125 messages, concerning furloughs, sickness, deaths and welfare of the servicemen's families. During the past year this office assisted more than 200 servicemen's families in correcting allotments and in adding soldiers, to obtain discharges for farm or other essential work. The local chapter maintains the office and it is at the disposal of any citizen of Hoke County or any serviceman.

The national chapter does similar work on a tremendous scale. The budget established for this year's work is \$200,000,000, of which only one and one-half percent is used for administrative costs. The remainder is used for service work. Hoke County's part of the huge sum is \$5,000, of which 40 per cent will be retained by the local chapter for work in this county.

### Many Services Are Enumerated

Some of the services performed by the Red Cross during the past year are as follows: 5,000,000 pints of blood collected for plasma, 6,300,000 servicemen and their families assisted, 5,300,000 food parcels distributed to prisoners of war, 925,000 surgical dressings made, 12,000,000 garments made and 2,500,000 kit bags prepared. A list of the Hoke County chapter's part in the above work was published in the News-Journal last week.

The Red Cross has approximately 50,000 Army and Navy nurses on duty, operates 300 clubs and recreation centers, and has 2,300 sun rooms for the use of men who have been hospitalized.

In addition to its war work, the local chapter is always ready when trouble strikes. Four families whose homes were burned during the past year were aided in starting house-keeping again. A wheel chair was bought for the use of invalid persons in the county, persons ill or in trouble have been assisted, first aid kits and medical supplies have been given to schools, and classes in first aid home nursing have been taught in high schools of the county.

### One District Has Met Quota

Sam Comer, chairman for Upper Little River, reported at the office on Monday morning with considerably more than the quota set for his section of Little River Township. Ryan McBryde, county chairman, was very much pleased with this evidence of interest shown by the members of the organization and the contributing public. Mr. McBryde is anxious that all other members of the organization conduct a whirlwind campaign so that the county quota will be reached before the end of the campaign on March 15.

Rockfish School has completed plans for a contest in securing subscriptions to the fund. The classroom pupils collecting the largest sum in contributions will be awarded a trip to a motion picture show.

### Negro Workers Announced

Stephen Williams, chairman of the Negro Red Cross War Fund, has announced that the following named persons are members of his organization:

Freedom School—Garfield Coleman, A. M. Johnson, Russel McAllister.

Laurel Hill—T. V. Williams, Homer Lassave, Charlie Oliver, John Morrison, Rev. Fred Sedderth, Virson Dixon.

Cedar Grove—Ida Belle Cole, Rev. Erady Chandler.

Shady Grove—Vera Williams, Joe Terry.

Bridges Grove—Nellie Frierson, Albert McLean, Willie Gillespie, M. B. Goodman, Hermon Murphy, Roy Goodman.

Bowmore—W. C. Campbell, Richard Graham, Alex McLaughlin, Mathew Graham, J. A. Priest, Calvin Martin—Carrie Melvin, Rev. Abraham Blythers.

Buffalo—A. L. Gaston, James Keerna, Bezie Fairley. Lily's Chapel—Nancie Shipman, Thomas McPhatter, Neill McPhatter, Harvey McKay.

Edinburgh—Mary McLaughlin, W. B. Edwards, M. Harrington.

Timberland—Georgia McDowell, Paula Hourse, Willie McGougan, Preston Moore, E. W. Campbell, Mary Williams, C. W. Harris.

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RED CROSS MONTH, 1944

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the war has entered a decisive stage requiring the fullest measure of individual sacrifice;

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross is an auxiliary to the United States armed forces and, as such, is providing indispensable service to our troops throughout the world as well as to their families at home;

WHEREAS these wartime activities, including the collection of life-saving blood for the wounded, recreation work in military hospitals, provision of aid to families of servicemen, shipment of food parcels to prisoners of war, production of surgical dressings, operation of overseas clubs and recreation centers, and recruitment of Army and Navy nurses, all combine to save countless lives, restore hope, and provide comfort for our fighting men;

WHEREAS, through its vast network of local chapters, this agency of our people simultaneously conducts an extensive program of training and community service, while continuing with traditional efficiency to lessen the distress of those overwhelmed by disaster; and

WHEREAS this agency is wholly dependent upon individual support and personal participation and is issuing its 1944 appeal to the entire citizenship for a minimum War Fund of \$200,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month beginning March 1, 1944 as "Red Cross Month" and earnestly beseech my fellow Americans to observe it by opening their hearts to this humanitarian appeal in order that we may keep the Red Cross at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

By the President: *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Secretary of State: *Edward R. Kelly*