

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Billie Chason a Prisoner

Lt. Billie Chason, of Lumber Bridge, who was reported as missing from a bombing raid over Germany in January, is now reported to be a prisoner there. Chason is a Fortress Pilot.

Four Hoke Men Get Commissions Sunday

Four Hoke County men in the air force are scheduled to get their wings and commissions at exercises at flight schools Sunday. William E. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer, Reed Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Childers, and Eldred and Lawrence Helton, son of Mrs. Mary Helton will be awarded and commissioned.



PETTY OFFICER—Dan S. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carter of near Lumber Bridge, is now serving with a carrier force in the Pacific. A machinist mate, Dan entered the service at Norfolk in 1941, and after training there he took additional specialists schooling at Key West, Fla., and Lakehurst, N. J. He attended Hoke High school and Parkton schools graduating from the latter a month before joining up. His address now is: Fleet Air Wing 4; Hdq. Sdn. PATSU 4-3 Care Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, Cal.

Sailor And Soldier Brothers Meet in BWI

Sgt. Robert Campbell, home from overseas service for the first time in over three years, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lock Campbell.

Sgt. Campbell reports that on February 10, while on duty in Port-au-Spain, he met his brother, Seaman Reece Campbell, whose ship had docked there that day. It was their first meeting since the 252nd C. A. was moved out.

Lt. Hartman Yarborough has returned home from foreign duty in the Caribbean area.

Lt. D. S. Tolar has returned from the European theatre of war and is a patient in a hospital at Cambridge. Mrs. Tolar was formerly Rebecca Bridges.

Major Graham Dickson has been transferred from a California station to Fort Monroe, Va. Major Dickson and small son, George, arrived in Fayetteville Friday. George is now at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert. Mrs. Dickson and their younger son will leave California to return to Raeford in the near future.

One Case Heard Tuesday

James Hart pleaded guilty of simple assault upon Helen Moultrie and paid costs, in the only case heard in county court Tuesday. Other cases set for Tuesday were postponed due to fact that county officers were attending Federal court in Rockingham.

Overseas rest homes are operated for aviators who have done a number of bombing missions and need rest and relaxation? Red Cross operates these for the Air Force at their request. American Red Cross girls provide a cheerful, homelike atmosphere. There is no regimentation—soldiers don civilian clothes and every effort is made for the men to forget the horrors of war.

Zip the lip on Military Secrets!

Hoke Conservation Payments Reached \$138,000 in 1943

County Commissioners Praise Advances Made Under ACP; Commend J. M. McGoogan For Service.

The annual report of the committee in charge of the Agricultural Conservation program in Hoke County was presented to the Board of County Commissioners Monday by W. C. Hodgkin, chairman and W. J. Coates, secretary.

The commissioners approved the report and adopted a resolution of commendation for the fine work done by the committee and especially praised the untiring efforts of J. M. McGoogan, who recently retired as chairman of the group, during his leadership of the committee since 1940.

The report showed that the farmers of the county would receive \$55,000 in conservation payments under the AAA program for 1943, and that additional special crop payments would reach approximately \$80,895. The costs of administering the program for the year was \$8,943.17.

Payments to farmers in 1940 amounted to \$242,218; and the administrative costs were \$13,392.64; in 1941 payments aggregated \$273,819 and administrative costs were \$11,328.52. In 1942 payments dropped to \$144,355 while the administrative costs were \$9,936.23.

In comparing the soil building and conservation efforts in terms of tons of materials and acre of legume crops and cover crops, the report compared 1943 accomplishments with a four-year average from 1936 thru 1939 prior to the adoption of the plan in the county.

The average for 1939 for limestone showed that 159 tons were bought annually, while in 1943 farmers purchased 2,537 tons; 8.6 tons of phosphates were bought annually to 1939 while in 1943 114.3 tons were purchased; green cover crop, planted for fertilization prior to 1940 averaged 371 acres while in 1943 20,087 acres were planted. Winter legume acreage to 1939 averaged 25 acres while in 1943 12,694 acres were planted.

Austrian winter peas made up a large part of the winter crops planted for fertilizer. The report stated that in 1941 29,265 pounds of seed were purchased by Hoke county farmers in lieu of conservation payments. This was quadrupled the following year when 104,600 pounds were purchased under the plan. And in 1943, farmers of the county bought a total of 281,375 pounds of winter peas through the conservation payment plan. They also purchased 1462 tons of limestone and 80 tons of phosphate through the conservation office.

\$100 FOR RED CROSS
Prior to presentation of the report the commission voted to contribute \$100 to the War Fund of the Red Cross. Only routine matters were attended to during the remainder of the session of the commission.

N. C. Soldiers Will Have Vote

RALEIGH—Col. William T. Joyner of Raleigh, chairman of the state board of elections, said today that complete arrangements had been made for soldier voting after the March 18 filing deadline.

He told Governor Broughton that not only were North Carolina soldiers in this country and overseas going to be given an opportunity to vote in the primary and general election but would be encouraged to do so.

It government regulations do not prohibit, air mail may be used in an emergency.

Soldiers may obtain ballots in several ways, by writing to the secretary of state, the state board, the county board or to the family.

Governor Broughton aid North Carolina's plans to handle the soldier vote, for the 1943 legislature, would equal those of any other state.

Hay "Aint Hay" To This G. I. Guy

MAXTON, N. C., March 8—"Hello, Sarge," said the tall, grinning private. "Hey!" returned the sergeant as he dished out the night's passes to the boys eager for a trip into town.

"That's my name!" the gangling private chuckled.

"What?"

"Yep," Hay, David L., private first class, and the hometown is El Paso, Texas," he drawled.

Private Hay, stationed at Laurinburg-Maxton Air base, says his name has brought him lots of fun-and headaches-in the Army.

New Sweaters For WAC-But They're not G. I.

MAXTON N. C., March 8—It was a tough break for Pvt. Charlotte Amos of Walkerville, Mich., member of the WAC at the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base. She made a trip to Charlotte, 100 miles away, on pay day and bought a supply of swanky sweaters and slacks. Next day after an order came through prohibiting Air Wacs from wearing any clothing other than general issue—"I'll wear 'em after the war," she says.

Endorsement Gas Coupons Being Checked By OPA

Ration Books Will Last Four Times As Long Since Tokens Go Into Use.

Holders of gasoline ration books should endorse all the coupons with their auto or truck license number and the state state of registration immediately, say local OPA officials, to avoid possible revocation of their books. "OPA checkers are now in this vicinity and may ask to see your coupon books at any time, says K. A. Macdonald, "persons found not having their coupons endorsed will be cited to their local ration boards to show cause why these rations should not be revoked."

The great shortage of gasoline in eastern Carolina has been caused by a flood of counterfeit coupons circulating through this section. There has been sufficient gasoline allotted to this area for the outstanding coupons issued by ration boards. The shortage comes from black market operations of swindlers who are circulating the bogus books.

Ration tokens now in use are due to be a big savings in time and in printing expense. It is estimated that a ration book will last at least four times as long as previously. This means an enormous savings in paper and printing costs, and the saving of many hours time of the volunteer workers (who issue the books) and of the consumers.

Motorists are urged to be more careful with their tires inspection blanks. Many are being lost and this necessitates much extra work of ration board personnel. Tire allotments have been cut again, and now 6.00 x 16 truck tires must come from the passenger car quota.

Institutional users should file form 1307 for supplementary fruit rations this Saturday. Their supply of points are due March 15.

Small Percentage N. C. Farms Have 16 War Units

Agricultural Leaders Fight Draft Requirements For Deferments

RALEIGH, N. C., March 7—A fight against the Selective Service proposal to pull into the service draft-age farmers not producing 16 war units has been launched in this state and in Washington by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, his assistant D. S. Coltrane, and other officials of the State Department of Agriculture.

In appealing for a reduction in the number of units necessary for deferment, Scott points out that "the present plan for the drafting of agricultural labor will seriously curtail the production of important commodities for the prosecution of the war."

He said that North Carolina last year produced six per cent of the nation's cottonseed and lint; 70 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco; 11 per cent of the lespedeza seed; and three per cent of the Irish potatoes.

Upon his return from a series of Washington conferences on the agricultural draft situation recently, Coltrane sent to all members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation various facts and figures regarding this State's participation in the war effort.

Coltrane declared that "on the basis of recent estimates regarding the number of farms meeting the 16-unit plan, 45,900 persons now classified as 2-C and 3-C would no longer be eligible for deferment."

Scott and Coltrane said a large supply of farm labor is necessary in this State because the small farms do not readily lend themselves to operation by farm machinery.

According to figures compiled by the Statistics division of the De-

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James A. Jones Speaker For Men's Meeting

Charlotte Pastor Annual Dinner Heard At March 16.

The annual meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery, at Flora Macdonald Thursday evening March 16, 6:30 o'clock.

Dr. James A. Jones, pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, will be the guest speaker of the occasion and bring a message on "The Christian Layman Building with Christ in the Post War World."

In the rush of present day affairs, we must not forget the importance of The Men's Organization and its potential value in this Post War planning. Certainly this is a subject that is most vital to every Christian Layman.

The Men of Fayetteville Presbytery was organized at Flora Macdonald on November 12, 1940, and each year since that time the annual meetings have been a source of pleasure and inspiration to all who attend. This gives the men of the Presbytery an opportunity to join in fellowship once a year that alone makes this organization worth while.

A large number of Presbyterian men are expected to attend this dinner program which will begin promptly at 6:30 o'clock. Be sure to come and bring some one with you.

Volunteer Workers Make Many Items For Red Cross

Summary Shows Near Million Hours Given In Six Months By Women Workers.

More than 30,000 volunteer workers in North Carolina are contributing their time and their work to the nation's war effort through the varied program of the American Red Cross, according to Dr. R. L. Murray, chairman of the Hoke County chapter of the Red Cross.

These workers gave 993,000 hours of service in the many activities of the Volunteer Special Services program of the American Red Cross during the six months' period, July 1-December 31, 1943.

"If these statistics for the last six months of 1943 mean anything, it is that the American women in this and in every other state can be depended upon to work-and work hard-in the interest of victory," Nat C. Wilson, manager of the southeastern area with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., said recently.

"This new year," he continued, "there must be no decline in enthusiasm of the effort by which civilian men and women, through the American Red Cross, are responding to the needs of a nation at war."

During the half year the state's 122 Chapters made 56,791 garments and 56,791 miscellaneous articles. Much of this production has gone to aid men in the armed forces and into the Red Cross program of civilian war relief abroad.

North Carolina chapters made 7,471,857 surgical dressings, which go to the Army and Navy, and 16,728 kit bags, the type that go to American fighting men at ports of embarkation. Also during this period, seventeen workers served 114,822 meals, mostly to servicemen.

The state now has 442 volunteer nurses' aides and during the last half of the year chapters awarded 1,597 nurses' aide certificates. This training of volunteer women to serve as skilled laymen in hospitals and of housewives to render primary nursing care in the home in part of the Red Cross efforts to compensate for the shortage of doctors and registered nurses at home.

In 1943, North Carolina sent 283 nurses to the Army and the Navy, recruited by the American Red Cross. During the last half of the year, more than 410 nutrition certificates were issued in the state; 3,805 first aid certificates, 1,818 life saving certificates and 1,616 swimming certificates.

Highlighting all of its activities during the 1943 was the American Red Cross program of Services to the Armed Forces. In North Carolina during the last four months of the year, the Red Cross handled 81,863 cases dealing with the problems of servicemen and servicewomen and their families.

TIRES
A farmer advertised in his weekly newspaper, "Owner of truck would like to correspond with widow who owns two tires. Object matrimony. Send picture of tires."

Red Cross Fund Payments Lag

Though a few communities and schools have oversubscribed their quotas, Hoke County's War Fund drive for the Red Cross is lagging, according to the report issued yesterday afternoon. Total funds on hand yesterday afternoon were only \$2,091.67. This is only about 35 percent of the \$5,900 quota.

Blue Springs Is First Township Over Quota

County Campaign For War Fund In Full Swing; Expect To End Drive Saturday.

With Upper Little River, under the chairmanship of Sam Comer, the first community to top their goal and Blue Springs the first township to oversubscribe its quota, the Hoke county drive for the Red Cross War Fund is in full swing this week and subscriptions are rapidly approaching the county goal of \$5,900, according to Ryan McBryde, county chairman.

Though the drive did not officially open until Wednesday, March 1, Mr. Comer and his committee in Upper Little River had already passed their quota on the previous Monday. On Saturday J. Frank Chisholm and Mrs. D. J. Dalton, co-chairmen for Blue Springs township, reported their area over the top with a little more than half their territory canvassed. They expect their township to run something of a record for contributions to the fund this year.

Reports from Sanatorium show that Mrs. Rueben McBryde and her workers will probably have passed their quota before the paper reaches its readers.

Macedonia Indian Community under the chairmanship of Arch Locklear reported slightly over its \$50 quota already raised by Tuesday with the promise of additional contributions before the canvass there is completed on Saturday.

All in all, stated Mr. McBryde, the drive is progressing very encouragingly. The people of the county have responded wonderfully to this call for contributions, and with continued cooperation we have every reason to believe that Hoke will raise its quota by Saturday when we hope to close the drive. The campaign will officially end on the 15th and we would like for every community chairman to turn in his or her report to the office in Raeford by Monday.

The drive in Raeford started Monday and is to be completed Saturday, according to H. L. Gatlin, Jr., town chairman. Considerable progress has been reported with a number of generous gifts received from commercial concerns.

Chairmen Say: "Thanks"

Mr. McBryde and Mr. Gatlin wish to express their thanks through the News-Journal for the generous use of store windows for Red Cross displays during this drive, and to the school teachers and students who designed and executed the attractive displays. "These displays have caused much comment," Mr. Gatlin stated, "and we believe they have created a great deal of interest in the drive, especially as some of them interpreted, visually, uses to which much of the money being raised will be put throughout the world wherever our armed forces are serving."

Dr. McMillan Will Speak At Baptist W. M. U. Convention

Dr. Hudson McMillan of Wagram, who returned to this country on the Gripsholm from China last December will be one of the three speakers at a forum on missions at the convention of the Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in Charlotte on March 8. The meeting is planned for March 7-9.

The other speaker, at the convention, which is expected to be attended by 1,000 delegates and visitors, will be M. A. Huggins, secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Jacob Gartenhaus, secretary of Jewish work under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Also listed to speak during the three-day session in the First Baptist Church are I. G. Greer, superintendent of Baptist orphanages in the state; Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Mobla Ayorinde, leader in Baptist women's work in Nigeria, Africa.

Hoke To Receive Cotton Trophy At Banquet March 17

State Textile Dean And Head Coker Seed Company Will Be Speakers Before Meeting At Armory.

The trophy awarded annually to the county making the greatest improvement in its cotton crop will be presented to Hoke county next Friday evening, March 17, by a representative of the Atlantic Cotton association.

The presentation will be made at a banquet to be held at the armory here by the Hoke County One-Variety Cotton Improvement association and will be received by T. D. Potter, president of the county group.

Dr. George W. Wilds, president of the Coker Pedigreed Seed company of Hartsville, S. C., and Dr. Malcolm E. Campbell, dean of the school of textiles of State college, will be the speakers for the occasion.

The county one-variety cotton adopted because of the high yield and excellently uniform staple is the Coker 100 Wilt variety which was bred by the Coker company. Dr. Wilds will explain some of the steps his concern has taken in the breeding and improvement of this variety of cotton, and deal further with the concern's program of constant improvement for staples that conform best to demands of textile concerns.

Dr. Campbell will discuss cotton improvement from the spinning industry's viewpoint and show how his school is coordinating its efforts with both the spinners and growers for the advancement of both the farmer and the manufacturer.

The program committee, Mr. Potter, Tommie Upchurch and A. S. Knowles, has invited a number of special guests which include farmers, ginners and textile men from Hoke and surrounding counties who are not members of the county association. It is expected that at least 200 will attend.

In a survey made this week of the 1943 crop, County Agent Knowles reports that of 10,000 bales of cotton grown in Hoke county, that was classed under the Smith-Doxey act better than 90 percent, was of the top three grades. Only 533 bales of this was less than one inch in staple and only 46 bales were as short as seven-eighths inch.

It was pointed out that the Hoke association was making a determined effort to have all farmers planting the one variety by 1945, as all farm tests showed that this was the best variety for the types of soil and the climate of the county. The staple is better, longer and the poundage yield has exceeded all other varieties.

New Army School Program Soon To Be Announced

Designed To Give 1944 High School Graduates Six Months College Training.

MAXTON, N. C., Mar. 7—A new government program which is expected to provide six months of college training will be announced by the army in a few days. A special communication from the American Council of Education to Presbyterian Junior College requests all colleges and high schools to give publicity to this information and urge all high school graduates and high school boys who will graduate by July 1, 1944, to be certain to take the qualifying examination on March 15. This will enable entrance into the new program.

Examinations will be given at most high schools on March 15, at 8:45 A. M. Anyone wishing to take this examination at PJC is requested to communicate right away with Dean O. W. Ferrene, Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C.

County School News

There will be a meeting of the principals of the white schools in the office of the county superintendent this afternoon at 4:30.

Miss Margaret McKennie has been quite ill at the home of Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Mrs. Jim Poole has been substituting for her.

Miss Lottie Mae Willis of the superintendent's office has been out this week on account of the serious illness of her mother.