



Lt. Lawrence McInnis Of Dundarrach Wins Air Medal In Pacific

Lt. Lawrence A. McInnis, serving with the Fifth Air Force in the Pacific area, has been awarded the Air Medal, according to a letter received recently by his mother Mrs. Annie B. McInnis, of Dundarrach.

The letter reads:
Dear Mrs. McInnis:
Recently your son, Lieutenant Lawrence A. McInnis, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from October 18 to December 1, 1943.

He took part in more than twenty-five operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included interception missions against enemy fighters and bombing planes and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific. There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. McInnis, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Very sincerely,
George C. Kenney
Lieut. General, Commanding

Lt. McInnis is one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. McInnis who are serving with our armed forces. The others are Robert McInnis and David D. McInnis, both of whom are chief petty officers in the Navy; Warrant Officer John McInnis of the Army at Camp Blanding, Fla.; and Apprentice Seaman Henry McInnis who completed his Naval boot training this week and arrived home last Friday for a 10 day leave.

A daughter, Miss Margaret McInnis, was a lieutenant in the W.A.C., but was discharged when the army took over the Woman's auxiliary because of underweight, and is now a civilian parachute instructor at a Miami army base.

Former Resident Receives Decoration

Ocean City, Md., March 29.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Ralph Hastings of Ocean City, Md. received word from their son, S/Sgt. Hermus J. Hastings, (Jack) with the U. S. Army Seventh Air Force stationed in the Gilberts, Central Pacific, that he has been decorated by General Hale with the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, for bravery beyond the line of duty. Recently he has been awarded the DFC.

Sgt. Hastings entered the army in October, 1942 and has seen action since last June as a waist gunner on a Liberator Heavy Bomber. He has a younger brother in service, Charles R. Hastings, (Chubby) S 2c on a Destroyer Escort also somewhere in the Pacific. Fred, the youngest brother is still in high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings and family made their home in Raeford for seven years, moving in 1937 to Ocean City.

Raymond Bottoms, Seaman 2c, who is stationed at Morehead City, spent Monday at home.

Major J. H. Blue is visiting his family this week.

Major and Mrs. Bill Lamont have recently moved to Fort Screven, Ga.

Chief Petty Officer Ambrose H. Seate, son of Mrs. C. W. Seate, has arrived at a West Coast hospital from service in the South Pacific. He has been hospitalized in New Guinea and Australia for several months and is improved. He writes his mother that he expects to get a leave before being assigned to a new ship.

Leroy Norton of the U. S. Navy, is spending several days in town this week.

Lt. Fletcher P. Cothran of Camp Swift Texas spent last week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cothran, leaving Saturday for his post.

Plan Erection Of Service Roll For Hoke County

General Committee With Representatives Of All Civic And Fraternal Bodies Met Tuesday.

The erection of a memorial plaque to the service men and women from Hoke county was planned at a meeting of representatives of the civic and fraternal organizations of Hoke county Tuesday evening and a first gift of funds of \$50 was voted to the group by the Raeford Town Board while it was in session at the same hour, according to Mayor Neill McFadyen.

Mrs. W. D. McLauchlin was named chairman of the committee and Mrs. Paul Dezerne was elected treasurer. The following persons representing various groups and organizations have been named to the committee which will solicit funds and plan the memorial: J. A. McGougan, Hoke County; Mayor Neill McFadyen, Town of Raeford; Mrs. Paul Dezerne, Eastern Star; Mrs. Author Matheson, Legion Auxiliary; Jim Poole, American Legion; Marion Gatlin, Raeford Kiwanis Club; Edwin Smith, Masonic order; Miss Josephine Hall, Hoke Home Demonstration club; Mrs. W. F. McLauchlin, U. D. C.; Mrs. A. D. Gore, Womans Club; K. A. Macdonald, county schools; and Dougald Cox, The News-Journal.

The committee was informed that permission would be granted for the erection of the honor roll, which is to contain the names of all men and women in the armed services at the merchant marine from the county, upon the courthouse lawn.

It is expected that the board will cost approximately \$500, and will contain the names of between seven and eight hundred men and women now in service plus space for others who may be called.

Donations may be made to Mrs. Dezerne.

Draft Will Call For Exam All Men Under 26 Years

Many Men With Farm Deferrals Subject To Draft Soon, Says Gen. Metts.

An announcement of a change in draft regulations which eliminates the farm unit system may take many men under 26 years of age who have been given farm deferrals and place them in I-A classification, says General J. Van B. Metts, state director of the Selective Service System.

All men under 26, who have not been examined within the last 90 days may expect to be called up for examination, states the announcement. The registrant, if found acceptable for service with a branch of the armed forces may be granted a deferment if the registrant files with his local board form 42-A Special, which must be passed upon by the State director. Deferments will be granted only if the man is a key employee of a very limited group of vital war industries such as: those making landing craft, airborne Radar, rockets, tires, tubes, and a few others.

The elimination of the unit system for deferments in agriculture has not liberalized the requirements and the value of the registrant's work, evaluated under the Tydings Amendment, must be carefully considered before a deferment is granted.

General Metts states that few men under 26 may expect further deferments since the critical situation demands that agriculture contribute its proportionate share of young manpower to our armed forces.

Six Enter Army

Six men from Hoke county leave this morning for Fort Bragg to enter the Army. They are: Sanford Jacobs, Johnny Creed Ingram, Judson Silas Lee, Jr., Kermit Luther Wood, George Baucum Weaver, and Leonard Allen Baker.

MILTON CAMPBELL ON BOARD

Milton Campbell was named this week to a membership on the Raeford School board to succeed H. C. McLauchlin, who resigned recently.

NEW SUPER FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Leon Luck, of Moore county, arrived this week to take over the management of the county school garage to succeed L. A. Rivenbark, who is planning to move to Wilmington soon.

Draft Officials Met Yesterday

Members of the board and clerks of the Hoke County office of the Selective Service system attended a district conference held at Lumberton yesterday. Those attending included: Edgar Hall, chairman; Arch McEachern and F. L. Eubanks, board members and Miss Peggy McFadyen and Mrs. Frank Newharter, clerks.

Cannery To Open Each Friday For Community Use

First Beef Canning Done By Sponsors Last Friday Was Successful.

The Community Cannery will be open for service to the general public each Friday afternoon from 2:30 until 6:30 until public demand becomes greater, it was announced this week by J. W. Dowd.

Much new equipment has been installed in the cannery during the past few months, including a pressure cooker of much greater capacity than used last season. Cans will also be carried in stock for sale to the public.

On last Friday afternoon Mr. Dowd, Mrs. J. P. Smith and Mrs. Jack Durham conducted the first beef canning session since the new equipment was installed and the entire operation was considered very successful.

Mr. Dowd states that all meats and produce should be carefully prepared and ready for canning when brought as early as possible in the afternoon, particularly in the case of meats for it takes considerable time to process them.

WMC Certificates Given 22 Workers At Edinburg Mill

Second Group Completes Training Courses For Key Personnel This Week.

Six men and sixteen women were awarded certificates by the War Manpower Commission this week at the Edinburg Cotton Mills upon the completion of a ten-hour training course for superintendents, foremen and key personnel.

The training courses, sponsored jointly by the WMC, the Vocational Training Program for War Workers and by the mill, are under the direction of L. B. Singleton, personnel director of the mill.

Those completing the work this week and receiving the certificates are: Esther Dunn, Hazel McGraw, Genoa Wright, Inez Phipps, Liza Carpenter, S. D. Daniels, Clarence Burns, Christine Haggins, Maude Daniels, Gertrude Tidwell, Mamie Cashwell, Gertrude Sanders, Jack Cole, Homer Thames, Bud Hinson, Margaret Campbell, Flora King, Lillian Wallace, Myrtle Howell, Lester Hinson, Sadie McGrimmon and Ruth Stokes.

Empower Sheriff Refuse Re-Newal Beer Licenses

Where Concerns Are Not Complying With Laws Regulating Sale.

The Board of Commissioners in session Monday authorized the sheriff to refuse to re-issue beer licenses to any places which were not complying with the law regarding the sale of beer.

The action was taken on suggestion of Edgar H. Bain, state director of the N. C. Brewing foundation, which organization urges the refusal to license all places handling beer which do not comply strictly with the law.

Licenses of beer dealers come up for renewal on May 1.

The board also raised the allowance of boarding prisoners at the county jail from 60c to 75c per day, due to the increasing food costs.

The appointment of Mrs. C. H. Gilles, public welfare superintendent, as Hoke County re-employment committee woman for veterans was approved by the board.

POTATOES

Nutritionists report that boiling potatoes in their skins saves more of the food values than baking them. Baked potatoes lose twice as much ascorbic acid and three times as much thiamine as when boiled.

Judge McDiarmid First Candidate For County Job

Hoke Board Of Elections Has Slack Business As Chairman Thomas Gets Out Of Predicament.

Judge Henry McDiarmid, incumbent in the office of Recorder of the Hoke County Court, is the first to announce his candidacy for an office in the primary to be held May 27th.

He filed Tuesday with Chairman Crawford Thomas, recently re-appointed to the board of elections.

Mr. Thomas found himself between two duties this week when he suddenly realized that he was the holder of two public offices, that of Commissioner of the town of Raeford and a member of the County Board of Elections. That's again the law and Mr. Thomas was quite undecided to which of the posts he owed the greatest allegiance. However, at the town board meeting Tuesday evening, he resigned from that body to retain his post on the board of elections.

Mr. Thomas was appointed chairman of the election board two years ago, and after serving most efficiently for the last election he forgot the matter until notified of his reappointment. Since the last election, however, he was named a member of the town board, and his reappointment to the election board brought on his quandary.

Henry T. Teal, 71, Dies While Asleep

Funeral services were conducted for Henry Thomas Teal, aged 71, Sunday afternoon at his home. The Rev. H. K. Holland was in charge. Burial was at Bethel church.

Pallbearers were Percy and Charles Tael, Carson Davis, Jesse Carpenter, Malcolm McArthur and Philmore Carpenter.

Mr. Teal died during his sleep Friday night or early Saturday morning after an illness of some time. He was a native of Anson county but had been a resident of Hoke county for many years. He farmed in the Bethel community until ill health forced his retirement several years ago.

Among those out of town attending the services were his son Seaman Tommy Teal of the Navy and his son-in-law Sgt. Eugene Powell of Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

"T" Operators Must Apply In Person By April 15

RALEIGH, April 5.—Operators of commercial motor vehicles, including trucks, buses, taxicabs and rental cars, must apply in person to their local war price and rationing boards for second quarter "T" motor fuel rations under a new procedure announced jointly by the Office of Price Administration and the Office of Defense Transportation.

The new procedure, which went into effect March 31, is designed to provide a closer check on the issuance of "T" rations.

Applications for "T" rations should be made before April 15th or deductions will be made from their ration allowances.

Baptist Church Announcement

Sunday April 9th, Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching at 11:00 A. M. Some facts about the resurrection story of Jesus will be reviewed at the eleven o'clock hour. B. T. U. 6:55. A Raffle will be at the evening service at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:45 o'clock.

The Woman's Circle Meetings for next week:
Neely Young Circle meets with Mrs. Millard Baker Monday evening at 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, chairman.
The Pearl Johnson Circle meets with Mrs. J. N. McDuffie Monday at 4 o'clock. Mrs. C. W. Seate, chairman.
The Maude Dozier Circle will meet with Mrs. J. F. Jordan Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Helton, chairman.
The Business Woman's Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Gullett, Monday night April 17th at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. H. K. Brady will serve as joint hostess with Mrs. Gullett. Mrs. Aris Shankle, chairman.
The Y. W. A. girls will hold their meeting in the home of Miss Catherine Baker Monday night April 17th at 8 o'clock. Mrs. J. D. Whisnant, leader.

Six Hoke Men Go To Navy

Six men left for Raleigh Monday, reporting to the Naval recruiting office there for transfer to a boot training station.

Those left were: Harold Alexander McDiarmid, Oscar Giles Williams, Jesse James Mintz, Raymond Eugene Johnson, John Leonard Maulsby, and William Lona Alexander.

Antioch School Will Have But Three Grades

Chile Att Boa Above Third Grade To Raeford Schools, Says

The Raeford Board of Education due to the pupils at the Antioch school will be peacefully settled Monday by a one-teacher school with three grades was approved by the board.

Those students of that community above the third grade are to be transported to Raeford and attend the graded school, it was decided. This solution to the matter was put before the board by A. D. McPhail in a motion which was unanimously approved.

There were no delegations from the community and it was apparent that the patrons of the school felt that the board would work out the best possible solution for the school. For a number of years the school had moved along very nicely with three teachers for the seven grades, but only two teachers were allotted this year, and attendance averages have been so low that only one teacher could be expected to be assigned for the next session.

St. Johns

The board postponed action on the possibility of reconstruction of the St. Johns negro school building of Antioch Township, which was destroyed by fire two weeks ago, until later in the year. It was decided that the school should continue to use the house on the W. C. Hodgkin farm for the rest of the year.

Lumbee River REA Completes Third Year of Service

More Farms Being Connected To Aid In Food Production.

The Lumbee Electric Membership Corporation, of Raeford, completed three years of supplying electric service to farmers and other rural consumers in this area on April 5, according to Manager, D. J. Dalton.

Since the Co-operative's lines were first energized in 1941, it has brought electricity at cost to 1200 consumers who now are able to use power to help increase production of food for the war.

War Production Board regulations since January, 1943, have authorized the connection to rural power lines of nearby farms able to use electrical equipment in livestock, dairy and poultry production. Farms connected to the Co-operative's lines under the WPB regulations use water pumps for livestock, chick-brooders, and other electrical labor-saving and food-production devices.

Mr. Dalton said that twenty-five farms have been connected while approximately sixty or more are waiting to be added as soon as materials are available.

REA had advanced the Co-operative \$247,300 on its construction allotments as of December 31, 1943. Principal and interest repaid by the Co-operative on its construction loans amounted to \$35,504. In addition, the Co-operative has invested \$10,000 in War Bonds as a reserve for emergency and for later maintenance.

Red Cross

Inadvertently omitted from the lists of contributions to the Red Cross War Fund last week were:
Stonesville township: \$105.00
-Arabia 282.20
-Dundarrach 367.20
Raeford Graded School \$105.00

Revival Services At Community Church

The Rev. W. S. Smith of Greensboro is conducting revival services at the Community church at Edinburg Mills this week. The services will continue for two weeks, with preaching each evening at 8 o'clock.

Raeford Scouts Win Honors At Wagram Court

54 Promotions And 138 Merit Badges Awarded At Well-Attended Event Friday.

The Raeford Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Tom Cameron took top honors at one of the biggest scout events of the year which was staged in the Wagram gym on Friday night when some 250 people gathered to see the scouts of the western district fight it out for honors and receive a great number of scouting awards at the Court of Honor.

The Courts of Honor have not been being held in this district for the past several months in an effort to save travel, but the district committee felt that the scout movement was suffering too greatly to continue the practice of not getting the boys together to see the other troops, and get the inspiration of the group for better work. The Cape Fear Council also has decided that the districts should hold courts at least every two months.

The opening and closing events were directed by the Wagram Troop assisted by all scouts present, and was very impressively done.

F. L. Goodman, scoutmaster of the Wagram troop directed the events of the evening, and Court of Honor Chairman, V. R. White directed the court. Executives Courtland Baker and McNair Gasline were on hand and assisted in the program where ever needed.

The attendance banner given to the troop having the most scouts and civilians present, taking into account the miles traveled, was awarded to the Laurel Hill troop. The four events of the rally were very colorful, and when the dust had settled, Raeford was leading with one point margin with Wagram in second place and Laurel Hill in third. In the four events, the awards were: Inspection: Raeford 1st, Wagram 2nd, and Laurel Hill 3rd. The Law dramatization (Trustworthy): Wagram 1st, Raeford 2nd, with Laurel Hill trailing just one point in 2nd place. The Fire building by flint and steel: Raeford 1st in 21 seconds, Laurel Hill 2nd in 22 seconds and Wagram 3rd in 23 seconds. This was a very close contest. In the Rope tying, Wagram was first place having finished in one minute and 32 seconds, with Raeford in 2nd and Laurel Hill in third place.

In the court of honor which followed the rally, the following awards were made: 38 Second Class Scouts, 12 First Class Scouts, 3 Star Rank, and 1 Life Rank. There were awards made to the boys from the different troops of 133 merit badges. This was indeed a fine record for the scouts of the Western District.

One very impressive presentation made was that of the Scouting Key given to V. R. White of Raeford for having successfully completed the required courses in scout leadership.

Another fine thing about this Court of Honor was that every troop of the district was represented, and two new troops and one new cub pack were present for their first time. The troops taking part on the court were: Raeford, Red Springs, Maxton, Laurinburg, Gibson, Laurel Hill and Wagram and the new troops, East Laurinburg and Springfield, and the new Cub Pack from Laurel Hill.

Following the Court of Honor the executive committee of the western district announced plans for the Camporee at the McKay Bench near Wagram on May 26-27 and 28, at which time the next Court of Honor will be held.

Church Choirs To Present Stainer's "The Crucifixion"

Fort Bragg Men Will Be Soloist For Easter Musical Event At Methodist Church Friday Evening.

The Easter cantata of Sir John Stainer, "The Crucifixion," will be presented at the Raeford Methodist church on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock under the direction of Miss Audrey Brunkhert, pastor's assistant of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

The choir of the Raeford churches and the Chaminade Music Club are combined to provide the chorus and soloist will include Pvt. Leslie Parker, tenor, Cpl. Paul Krueger, bass, of Fort Bragg. Cpl. Paul Bartholomew also of Fort Bragg will be pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.