

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Missing In Action

OCEAN CITY, MD., May 12—Mr. and Mrs. H. Ralph Hastings of Ocean City, Md., have been notified by the War Department that their son, Jack, has been missing in action since April 4, in an action over Eniwetok, in the South Pacific.

Sgt. Hastings was a waist gunner on a B-24 and had recently been awarded the D. F. C., Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for bravery beyond the line of duty.

Cpl. Allen Fuller of Hickory and Fort Bragg spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Fuller.

Seaman James Wood of Charleston spent the week end with Mrs. Wood formerly Miss Margaret Baker.

Sgt. Angus Currie of Fort Jackson, S. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Currie of Allendale township, spent the week end with Mrs. Currie, formerly Miss Alberta Campbell.

Sgt. Alfred Cole of Camp Davis spent the week end with family here. He was accompanied home by Sgt. Fletche and Galmist of Penn., also stationed at Camp Davis.

Baptist Church

Sunday School Sunday morning 9:45; Mr. A. S. Knowles, superintendent.

Preaching 11:00 A. M.; B. T. U. Sunday evening 6:55 P. M.; Mr. Robert Gatlin, general director; Preaching service 8:00 P. M. by the pastor; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:45.

Raeferd Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister
Sunday
9:45 A. M. Sunday School, Mr. F. B. Sexton, Supt.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship, sermon by the pastor.
8:00 P. M. Senior Vespers—"What is a Christian Home?" Leader, Elmira Whitley.
6:45 P. M. Fellowship Hour for Soldiers.
7:00 P. M. Pioneer Vespers—"Accepting Our Share of Responsibility." Leader, Neill Blue Sinclair.
8:00 P. M. Evening Worship, sermon by the pastor.
Monday
8:00 P. M. Auxiliary Birthday Celebration. Guest speaker, Dr. John M. Alexander.
Tuesday
7:30 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal.
Wednesday
8:00 P. M. Senior Study Period.
8:30 P. M. Mid-Week Prayer Service.
Thursday
8:30 P. M. Adult Choir Rehearsal.

Raeferd Methodist Church

All members and friends of the church are urgently requested to be present at the morning service Sunday at 11:00 a. m. The pastor and the Board of Stewards plan to present plans for the building fund campaign at this service.

Sunday school will begin promptly at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Mr. Tom Cameron, general superintendent.
Youth Service 7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship Service 8:00 P. M. Parkers Chapel
Our regular service will be held at 12:15

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A community Vacation Bible school will be held at the Presbyterian Church from 9:00 to 12:00 each morning from June 5th through 9th. The following courses have been selected for the departments: Beginner, "The Little Children's World," by Shumate; Primary, "Bible Homes and Homes Today," by Reed; Junior, "What Is in Your Bible?" by Bowen; Intermediate, "Discovering God in Christian Personality," by Clyde; Senior, "But As for Me-A Study of Micah," by Kilst.

All boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 are invited to come and are asked to register on Friday, June 2, between 9:30 and 11:00 A. M. The churches cooperating are the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian. The school will be under the direction of Miss Audrey Brunkhurst.

D. H. Hodgkin Named Chairman Fifth War Loan Drive

Mrs. W. L. Poole To Lead Women; Tom Cameron Chairman of Retail Merchants Group

The Fifth War Loan drive, which opens on June 12th, will be headed in Hoke County by Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, who was named campaign chairman this week by State Chairman, C. T. Leinbach of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. W. L. Poole, for the past three drives, chairman of woman's committees for the county, was again named to serve in this capacity.

A new group will aid in the drive in June when the Retail Merchants Committee will be active as a unit in selling bonds. This group will be under the leadership of Tom Cameron. It is expected that there will be special War Bond days at the stores here, and in all other retail businesses throughout the county.

Quotas for the state and county are expected to be released within the next few days.

Legion And Aux. Will Have Supper For B. W. I. Boys

All Servicemen At Home On Furloughs Invited To Attend Barbeque Tonight.

In honor of the boys of Hoke County who are now at home on furloughs after serving in the British West Indies for the past two years, there will be a barbeque supper at the Armory this evening, given under the sponsorship of the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion, and the Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Julia C. Cain Buried Here Monday

Mrs. Julia C. Cain died Sunday morning at her home at Raeferd, route 1, after a brief illness. She was the daughter of the late John Carter and Jane Hair at Sampson county. She was the widow of Duncan C. Cain of Hoke county.

Surviving are a son, J. W. Cain, Raeferd; and a daughter Mrs. G. V. Baker, Raeferd; a half-brother, J. V. Crtter, Godwin, and a half-sister, Mrs. Doc Covington, Godwin.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4:30 at the Raeferd Methodist Church. Services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor assisted by Rev. W. F. Trawick. Burial was in the Raeferd city cemetery.

Cherry Will Speak In Fayetteville

Raleigh, May 17—Speaking engagements for Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor, were announced here today at the State Cherry-for-Covernor headquarters by William B. Umstead, campaign manager, include a rally on Friday, May 19, when Mr. Cherry will speak in the Cumberland county court house at Fayetteville at 8 P. M.

Abandonment And Still Cases In Court Tuesday

Three men indicted on charges of operation of a blind tiger still and four charged with possession of still beer featured a lengthy session of county court Tuesday at which only four cases were tried.

Charlie McMillan, negro, and Tom Baxley, white, were each charged with abandonment. McMillan pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon payment of court costs, and was ordered to pay \$5 per week to his wife and children, through the clerk of the court for a period of two years.

Baxley was found guilty and sentenced to two years on the roads, with sentence suspended upon payment of costs and payment each week of \$10 to the court's clerk for his wife and three children.

Porter Barton, Indian, John Buster Townsend and Eddie Anderson, negroes, were found guilty of possession of mash and a still for the purpose of making blockade liquor and were fined \$25 and the costs each. Willie McPhaul, Paul C. McNeill, Edmund Johnson and John Govan, negroes, were found guilty of possession of still beer. The still and beer were found in the Antioch community, and the raid was conducted by Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin and Deputy J. C. Wright.

Dodger Behrman Leads Glider Team To Win Over Red Robins

397th Infantry Team Of Ft. Bragg To Meet Red Springs At Robbins Park Sunday.

The 326th Glider Infantry, sparked by White Behrman on the mound and Mike Koslo, both former Brooklyn Dodger players, took measure of the Red Robins Sunday for a second time when the Camp Mackall boys won their second Robbins Park encounter 9 to 5.

Behrman, after a shaky first inning when the Robins scored four on six hits, settled down and allowed only one other bingle for the rest of the game.

Green, for the Robins, and Kasio and Mika of the Gliders each got 2 hits for 4 trips to the plate.

326th— R H E
9 12 3
Robins— 5 7 4

Batteries: 326—Behrman and Bradshner; Robins—Nyari and Clark, Bounds.

397th Play Sunday
A strong 397th Infantry team from Fort Bragg will meet the Robins at their park in Red Springs Sunday, May 21.

Ginners To Seek Higher Base Price For Cotton Seed

George Ashford Elected President of Association; Carolinas And Virginia Groups To Combine.

A floor of \$60.50 per ton for cotton seed, this price to be paid to the cotton grower, will be asked of the Office of Price Administration by the North Carolina Cotton Ginners association. This move was one of the principal actions of the ginners who met last week in three district meetings held in Raeferd, Gastonia and Scotland Neck.

Last year's base price was set at \$53 per ton, it was pointed out, and this price was considered too low, by many processors and by practically all farmers. The \$60.50 price has the backing of farm organizations throughout the cotton growing area.

George T. Ashford, secretary and general manager of the Liberty Manufacturing company of Red Springs, was elected president of the ginners association to succeed J. A. Vaughan of Elm City.

Other officers include E. L. Peterson, Clinton, Troy B. Webb, Shelby, and J. W. Robbins of Scotland Neck, vice presidents, R. B. Reaves of Raleigh, executive secretary.

Directors include J. A. Vaughan, Elm City, A. D. Cashion, Cornelius, Edwin Pate, Laurinburg, R. E. Evans, Charlotte, Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg, P. D. Herndon, Kings Mtn., R. B. Reaves, and B. B. Everett of Palmyra.

The association approved the proposed merger of the ginners association with the ginner groups of Virginia and South Carolina. The merger will probably be completed early next year, according to Mr. Ashford and will be known as the Carolinas-Virginia Cotton Ginners association.

Tommie Upchurch Will Lead Hoke War Fund Drive

Attends Meeting Of Directors In Raleigh Last Week.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., has been named chairman of the Hoke County campaign for the Second United War Fund drive which will be held in October of this year, it was announced this week from Raleigh by Major L. P. McLendon, state chairman.

County chairmen met with the directors of the campaign in Raleigh last Thursday and Friday when plans for the drive were made. Robert V. Titus, of New York and a regional director of the United War Fund was the principal speaker.

Quotas have not yet been assigned, though the quota suggested by national headquarters was accepted by the State body. Last year over three million dollars were raised in the state, in addition to other funds raised for local uses during the campaign. In Hoke county the War Fund and the campaign for the Hoke Soldiers Center were combined.

A military secret
Is an Army trust
To zip the lip
Is an Army must!

High Boys Lost Game, Win Game

On Wednesday afternoon, May 10, the Hoke County High School baseball team made a comeback to win over the Red Springs baseball team here at the baseball park. For the first three innings the Hoke boys racked up three tallies for each frame. Several outstanding plays were made. Alan McGee and Joe Upchurch each got a three-bagger and several of the other Raeferd players rapped the Red Springs pitcher for two-sackers. Clayton Bouyer and Floyd Keith were the battery for the Hoke team. The final score—16 to 8 in Raeferd's favor.

The following Friday afternoon, May 12, the boys from HHS dropped one to the fast-moving Parkton ball team here. The barotouted Parktonians scored three runs in the initial inning. In the last of the third, Alan McGee, mighty batsman for the local aggregation, smacked a two-bagger, stole third, and then slipped into home for the Hoke team's lone tally. The most exciting point of the game came when a blond, curly-headed Parkton lad stepped up to the plate, connected with a high outside ball, and sent it high over center field all the way to the fence, spoiling the Hoke High team's record of not being "home-runned on" for the current season. The battery for HHS was Jimmy Warner and Floyd Keith. The final score—4 to 1 in Parkton's favor.

Jim Howell Sends Honor Roll \$10 From Washington

Makes Donation For Himself And Mother In Honor Of Three Brothers In Service.

Jim Howell, who is connected with a war materials plant in Seattle, Washington, sent a check to Mrs. Paul Dezerne this week as a contribution from himself and his mother to be used in the erection of the Honor Roll on which is to be listed the name of each man and woman from the county who has served in the armed forces of the Nation.

The letter reads as follows:
Dear Mrs. Dezerne:
I get the News-Journal out here and I see that a fund is being raised to erect an honor roll listing the names of all men and women in the armed forces from Hoke County. Having three brothers in the service, Pete, Dan, and Walter, I consider it a privilege to contribute to this great cause.

Enclosed is my check for ten dollars. List the contribution as: Mrs. P. C. Howell—\$5; Jim Howell—\$5.
Yours, truly, Jim Howell
726 Twelfth Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington.

Gwynn And Turner Speakers For FMC Commencement

Forty Eight To Receive Degrees Tuesday, May 30th, At Red Springs.

The 1944 commencement at Flora Macdonald will begin on Saturday, May 27, when the alumnae will hold their regular business meeting, reunions, and luncheon. Miss Natalie Moffatt of Farmville, Virginia, professor of Bible at FMC, will be luncheon speaker.

Senior class day exercises will be held Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium, followed by the capping ceremony and other class activities on the campus.

Sunday morning, the Rev. W. Reid Turner, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Florence, S. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the college auditorium. Dr. Vardell will hold the customary vesper service for the girls at 6:30, and the Rev. John H. McKinnon of the Maxton Presbyterian church will speak to the college Christian association at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Monday evening, the annual commencement concert will be presented, and on Tuesday morning, graduating exercises will be held. Dr. Price H. Gwynn, head of the educational department at Davidson college, will deliver the commencement address. 48 students will receive their degrees at this time.

MAXWELLS GIVE SUPPER TO BOYS AT HOME

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maxwell last Wednesday evening included Tom Conoly, James Stephens and Earl Bouyer, just home from Trinidad, John K. McNeill, Jr., Charleston, and Buck Currie, of Waycross, Ga.

Mayor McFadyen Proclaims D-Day Hour Of Prayer

Prayer Services For Our Invasion Armies Will Be Held In All Churches.

In a proclamation issued yesterday Mayor N. L. McFadyen issued a call to all persons of Raeferd to join with the churches of the town in the observance of hours of prayer on the day of the invasion of Nazi-held Europe.

Immediately the word comes that the invasion has begun, the fire siren will be sounded, one long blast, and this will be followed by the ringing of the bells of the several churches. This is to be followed by a prayer service of half-hour's duration in each of the churches. Other services will be held during the day, and the churches will be open at all times.

All stores and business houses, if they are open when the word of invasion arrives, are asked to close for this first prayer service.

The proclamation of Mayor McFadyen reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the day of the Invasion of Europe by our armed forces together with the forces of our Allies, generally referred to as D-Day is approaching, and many of our own men will participate in the invasion in which we are all gravely concerned, and

WHEREAS, in connection with the churches of Raeferd the following program has been established; immediately upon receipt of the news that the invasion has begun the fire siren will be sounded one time, rather long, followed by the ringing of the church bells calling everyone to prayer and to the prayer services which will be held in all the churches in the town at that time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, N. L. McFadyen, Mayor of the Town of Raeferd, do proclaim that the first thirty minutes following the announcement of the invasion be dedicated to prayer and I urge everyone to attend the special prayer services at the churches, and I further urge all places of business to close for this period making it possible for all to attend.

DONE at Raeferd City Hall this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty four.

N. L. McFadyen,
Mayor of the Town of Raeferd,
North Carolina.

Hoke High News

Faculty Play Friday Evening

"Adam's Evening," a three act play will be presented by the high school faculty Friday night at 8:30 in the high school auditorium. The faculty cast is ably supported by several local people which includes Mrs. Audrey Conk, Starr McMillan, and Dee Austin. Mrs. Conk majored in dramatics in college and Dee made several tours with the Carolinas Play-makers. Starr McMillan needs no introduction as a black face comedian. This should be one of the best plays ever presented here. Proceeds of the play will help to buy uniforms for the high school band.

The Beginning of the End

Examinations for Seniors are being conducted this week. This is in order that they may have time for practice for commencement events. They are expected to continue attending classes when not wanted for practice.

Examinations for other students will begin May 25.

Commencement Events

May 19—Faculty Play, Adam's Evening, 8:30 P. M.

May 28—Baccalaureate Sermon, 11:00 A. M.

May 30—Seventh Grade Commencement, 10:30 A. M.

May 30—Class Night, 8:30 P. M.

May 31—Graduation Exercises, 8:15 P. M.

State Test in Safety

A standard test in traffic safety was given Wednesday to thirty-five students who have been using as a textbook Man and the Motor Car.

Visitors
The seventh grades of the county were visitors at the high school Wednesday, May 17. They were entertained by various classes and departments and given a free lunch.



The Flora Macdonald student council for 1944-45, recetly elected, are shown here. Evelyn Whisnant of Jacksonville, Florida, student body president, centers the group. The other officers are, beginning with the top row, left to right, Dorothy Walker of Elkin, Murphy McDonald of Maxton, Mary Niblock of Concord, Vivian McQueen of Mullins, S. C. Betty Rogers of Whiteville, Mary Johnson of Kenly, Carolyn McKay of St. Pauls. On the bottom row are, beginning at the left, Elizabeth Hodgkin of Antioch, Nancy Meekins of Columbia, N. C., Sara Britton of Whiteville, and Mary Catherine McCormick of St. Pauls.