

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Young "Wat" McNeill Is Mustang Pilot



An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England (Special)—Flying to cover in a Mustang fighter for the U. S. bombers striking deep within Germany is an almost daily assignment for Lt. John W. McNeill, Jr., 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNeill, of Red Springs, N. C. Graduate of Red Springs High School, Lt. McNeill entered the AAF Feb. 2, 1942; earned his "wings" November 3, 1943. He is now a combat pilot with Col. Avelin P. Tacon's Mustang fighter group flying deep penetration support and escort with U. S. bombers.

Sgt. Halja B. Haire, who is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire of Route No. 2, Raeford.

Mrs. William Lamont, Jr., who has recently moved back to Ft. Moultrie from Ft. Screven, is in Raeford for a few days while Major Lamont has duty in Jacksonville, Fla.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Williams have returned to Ft. Jackson after a ten day leave spent at Myrtle Beach and with relatives in Raeford.

PROMOTED

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cole were notified this week that their son Herman Cole of the Navy, had been promoted to petty officer, third class.

Crops Damaged By Dry Weather

Truck Crops Especially In Need of Rain: Wheat and Oat Crops Look Good.

In the June report released yesterday, the Crop Reporting Service of the N. C. Department of Agriculture declared that all crops, especially truck crops, are now in need of rain. Wheat and oat crops were described as excellent.

According to the release, the dry, hot weather has curtailed sharply the production of commercial early Irish potatoes and snap beans, and has damaged other truck crops. Tobacco farmers, it said, have had considerable difficulty getting plants to live.

"The tobacco stand appears to be about average, but growth is irregular and very slow at the present time. On the other hand, weather conditions have been highly favorable for maturing splendid crops of wheat, oats and barley," said Crop Reporter J. J. Morgan. He added that cotton is up to a good stand and is "making very satisfactory progress."

Peaches.

The production of the total farm and commercial peach crop was estimated at 2,280,000 bushels on June 1, compared with 252,000 bushels in 1943 and the 10-year average 2,074,000 bushels. Weather conditions in May were generally favorable for growth and development of the peach crop. Temperatures were unusually high during the latter part of May and rains were infrequent, but the month began with wet soil and reports indicated no shortage of moisture on June 1.

Irish Potatoes.

On June 1, growers of commercial early potatoes were anticipating a harvest of 3,608,000 bushels, less than 55 per cent of the 6,600,000 bushels produced in 1943 and 76 per cent of the 16-year average of 4,743,000 bushels. Indications are that 6,000 cars will move by rail and boat and about 800 carlot equivalents by truck. Yield per acre is indicated at 110 bushels as against 165 last year.

United War Fund District Meeting Here June 26

Mrs. Mark W. Clark, Wife of Commander of Allied Armies in Italy To Speak At Fayetteville.

Executive Committees of District Ten of the United War Fund of North Carolina will be the guests of Hoke county on the evening of June 26th, when a dinner will be served them at the Armory in Raeford.

John E. Johnson, of Lumberton, has been named chairman of the district and W. P. Saunders, of Robbins is Quota Committee member for the district which is composed of Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland counties.

Tommy Upchurch is Hoke county chairman, and will be master of ceremonies at the dinner to be held here.

The drive will be formally opened in North Carolina with a meeting and a pre-campaign rally to be held in Fayetteville on September 19th. Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of the commanding general of the armies of the United Nations on the Italian front. The actual solicitation of funds will begin on October 9.

SMALL GRAINS

Unless growers act now to set aside and contract for sufficient good seed for planting the 1944 small grain crop, there will be another shortage of seed as in 1943.

4-Hers On Camp At Rockfish

The Hoke County members of the 4-H club are on their summer camp this week. The camp is being held at Rockfish on the Lake of the Raeford Power and Manufacturing company, the camp on Singletary lake not being opened this year due to gasoline shortage. Miss Hall, home agent, and A. S. Knowles, county agent, and several members of their staff are supervisors and instructors for this encampment.

Phelps Is New Gin Specialist Succeeds Johnson

Raleigh, June 14.—A. B. Phelps, Lumberton cotton ginner and gin repairman, has been appointed gin specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, according to A. B. Fairley, Warehouse Division head. Phelps succeeds Fred Johnson, formerly of Raeford, who resigned as specialist last October to go with the Federal Department of Agriculture.

In making the announcement, Fairley declared that the activities carried on by Johnson from 1943-44 cotton crop was much greater than during the previous year—due to discontinuance of gin service during the past season.

"This is a free service provided exclusively for the cotton farmer. If he feels at any time that he has not received proper ginning, he should notify the State Department of Agriculture," said Fairley.

July Civil Term Superior Court Cancelled

Mixed Term Will Be Held For Hoke Beginning August 21st.

Governor J. M. Broughton this week ordered the regular July civil term of Superior Court of Hoke county cancelled at the request of the Board of County Commissioners.

The request explained that there were no urgent cases on the court docket and only a very few cases which could be ready for trial by July 31, when the term was to be convened.

Clerk of Court John Cameron states that members of the grand jury need not report to the court house until the opening of the mixed term on August 21.

File Applications For Privilege Tax Licenses By June 30

Edgar Womble, deputy collector of the State Department of Revenue, will be at the court house in Raeford on next Wednesday, June 21, for the purpose of advising merchants and professional men in filing applications for state privilege licenses.

He asks firms make applications early to avoid penalty which may be assessed after June 30. Licenses may be secured by mailing application to the Department of Revenue in Raleigh or application may be filed with Mr. Womble and the license will be mailed from the State Office.

Auto Use Stamps Now On Sale

The Federal "use" stamps, which cost \$5, and which are required to be stuck on each motor vehicle using the public highways, are now on sale at all postoffices.

The stamps must be affixed to the car before July 1st. It is recommended that they be stuck upon the windshield by wetting the windshield where it is to be placed rather than applying the water to the glue on the stamp directly. Each car owner should record the motor number, license number make, year and model on the back of the stamp before wetting it, which helps keep down the theft of the stamps.

Court Briefs

James Buddele Barrett, colored was fined \$25 and costs for the possession of a small amount of beer and a small apparatus for making of illegal booze, in county court Tuesday.

Crawford Perkins and Violet Taylor, white, indicted on charges of fornication and adultery, were given a hearing. The Taylor woman was also being held for Federal officers on a May act violation, and sentence was withheld in the local court. Perkins was found guilty and paid court costs.

Junior Marchison paid \$10 and costs for driving a car after his license had been suspended.

J. E. Womble, Jr. and W. J. Upland, each paid costs for speeding.

Children Urged To Fill War Stamp Albums During Drive

In a special message to the owners of War Stamp Albums, particularly those school children started during the school term, are urged to fill these albums out with stamps and exchange them for bonds during the Fifth War Loan Drive which is now in progress.

Campaign chairman David L. Hodgins states that it is going to be particularly difficult for the county to reach its quota during this drive, and the help of every stamp album owner will be needed especially in the quota of \$150,000 in "E."

House Passes "G I" Aid Bill Already Senate - Approved

Out-of-Work Benefits, Loan Features and Educational Aid Included In Act.

Washington, June 13.—Overwhelming house passage sent to the White House today the compromise version of the "G. I." bill of rights, a general veterans' benefits measure.

The senate passed the bill yesterday accepting a conference compromise to adjust differences between the senate and house.

As finally approved, the bill contains these major provisions: Unemployment compensation; \$20 weekly for a maximum of 52 weeks for veterans out of jobs in the first two years after their discharge, with extension of a job placement bureau within the United States employment service.

Education: One year of government-financed education in regularly established schools, including vocational training institutions, with the government paying a maximum of \$500 for tuition and other fees and subsistence allowances of \$50 monthly for a veteran with no dependents and \$75 for those with dependents. In the case of a veteran who entered the service before he was 25, a complete four-year college education would be available provided the veteran qualified and made proper progress.

Financial assistance: Guarantee by the government of 50 per cent of private loans up to \$4,000 to help veterans establish themselves in business or purchase homes or farms. Interest would not exceed 4 per cent.

Any cash benefits received by a veteran under provisions of the legislation has been estimated from \$3,000,000,000 to \$8,500,000,000.

Bible Conference

Miss Laura Perry, Bible teacher from the People's Bible School of Greensboro, will conduct a Bible conference at the People's Tabernacle from June 18 through July 2.

Miss Perry is a well trained and experienced Bible teacher. She is accompanied by her adopted daughter, Peggy, who will serve as pianist, and assist in the vacation Bible School which will be held each morning from 9 till 11.

Everyone is cordially invited to hear Miss Perry each evening at 8:00 P. M.

For Your Part in the Invasion



Buy War Bonds Until it Hurts

Honor Roll Find Donations

Additional contributions totaling \$60.82 for the Hoke County Honor Roll Fund were announced yesterday by Mrs. Paul Dezerne and Mrs. W. B. McNeill. Those received since last week were:

- Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cole..... \$ 2.00
- Mrs. Grier Klouse and Judy..... 5.00
- U. D. C. Chapter..... 5.00
- Mrs. C. M. Davis..... 1.00
- Hoke County High School..... 10.62
- Mt. Pleasant Home Dem. Club..... 5.00
- Upchurch Milling and Storage Company..... 25.00
- Boy Scouts..... 15.00

MEETING MONDAY

There will be a meeting of all members of the general committee of the Honor Roll Fund on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Commissioners room of the Court House. Reports of the finance committee and the Roll election committee are to be made at this time. Mrs. McLaughlin, general chairman, asks that all members of the committee be present promptly at 8 o'clock as the meeting will be very short, though one of great importance.

Four Bombardiers Join "Caterpillars" Club In Texas

Bombardier Cadet Harold E. Stone, husband of the former Miss Elizabeth Warren of Raeford, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warren, was among four bombardier students who on May 23th, bailed out of an AT-11 down at the Big Springs Bombardier school, Texas.

All men landed safely but it was said that the pilotless plane was "badly damaged." Cadet Warren was commissioned a lieutenant and given his bombardier wings on June 10.

Green Peas.

Mrs. Wilmer McBryde had green peas grown in her garden for dinner on Sunday, June the eleventh.

Attend Helton Funeral

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral services for Lt. Lawrence Helton last week were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Helton of York, Pa., Mrs. G. W. Blackwell and daughter, Mary Belle of Meadow View, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Reames of Apex, W. H. Tapp of Rocky Mount, Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb of Black Mountain, Miss Mary Frances Tapp and Miss Geraldine Wright of Raleigh, Miss Emma Brooks Tapp of Washington, Lt. Billie Plummer of Goldsboro, Lt. (jg) Julius Jordan of Charleston, Pvt. Milton Jordan of Auburn, Miss, and Miss Buena Baldwin of Biscoe.

Ready for the Luftwaffe



As far as the eye can see our American anti-aircraft guns wait for the day they will go into action when Goering's fast dwindling air force will make a stab at stopping our invasion of Fortress Europa. These guns are bad news to Axis airmen. Here is one place where your War Bond money went.

Army Signal Corps Photo

From U. S. Treasury

Fifth War Loan Drive Off To Good Start Here

Chairman Hodgins States That About 10 Per Cent Of County's Quota Bought First Day.

The Fifth War Loan Campaign got away for a good start on the opening day of the drive Tuesday, according to D. H. Hodgins, county drive chairman, despite the fact that many of the county's workers were extremely busy with work on their farms.

Mr. Hodgins stated that satisfactory results were reported by a number of township chairmen and that at least \$20,000 worth of bonds or nearly 10 per cent of the County's Quota were purchased on the opening day, though many workers were detained from canvassing their assigned sections of the county.

Sales by the Retail Merchants committee headed by Tom Cameron were also reported to be substantially above expectations and that a number of large purchases of bonds by manufacturing concerns and other businesses which have representatives or agencies and stores in the county were expected to be credited to Hoke County.

Mrs. Paul P. McCain, chairman for the Sanatorium area and also district chairman for women stated that the drive had apparently got off to a most successful start in all areas from which she had received reports, and that the Sanatorium campaign was started the first of the month, with all indications that the community there would exceed purchases in any of the previous drives.

Bond Sales Booth

A booth has been placed on Main Street in Raeford by the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company that will be used by groups each day throughout campaign from which bonds will be sold. It will be staffed by representatives of the women's clubs. The attractive booth is well-constructed and at the end of the campaign will be taken to the armory, and will be available for use in future street sales campaigns for other movements.

Reports from over the country indicate that the news of the invasion has made people far more bond conscious than they have been in recent months and that sales are satisfactory everywhere, despite the fact that the Treasury Department reported last week that more bonds were cashed in in May than in any month since the war started. The goal for the nation is \$18,000,000,000. Hoke county's quota is \$206,000, or about 20 per cent greater than in the fourth War Loan drive.

Rev. W. C. Reed Will Open Evangelistic Services Sunday.

Raeford Baptist Church To Hear Kennedy Orphanage Superintendent Next Week.

A very cordial invitation is extended to our visitors and friends to attend our protracted meeting next week. Rev. W. C. Reed now superintendent of Kennedy Baptist Orphanage at Kinston, N. C. will be our visiting minister. Mr. Reed in former years was principal of Bulls Creek consolidated school located in Catawba County of this State. He served this school for eight or more years.

Mr. Reed has been preaching for several years. He did some supply work during his principalship at Bulls Creek. Several years ago he took a pastorate at Maiden First Baptist Church in this State. About a year ago he was asked to take the superintendency of Kennedy Home. The Reverend Mr. Reed consented to become superintendent of the orphanage and has been doing a remarkable work there during this past year. Brother Reed has wide experience and is an able preacher. We are fortunate indeed to have him come to us for a week.

Services begin Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock and continue through fourth Sunday night at the same hour. We plan a day service Monday through Friday at 10:00 A. M. You are cordially invited to say or all of these services.

J. D. Whitnant, Pastor.

First Cotton Blossom

The first cotton blossom discovered in Hoke county this season to be brought to the office of the News-Journal was brought in yesterday, June 14, by David Ray, of the Elwood Farm, of Raeford route two.