

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

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The Marshals . . .

Pfc. George Baker, who is serving with forces in the Marshalls reaching him within just about one month and "I sure do enjoy reading it. There is nothing like your home town paper to read when you are far away", he says, and "The Marshalls Islands are a right good way from home."

. . . And Camp Grant, Ill.

Pvt. Hart Mershon writes that after nearly two years in service with a medic unit at Fort Bragg, he is now taking his basic training in medicine, living in tents and the weather is both windy and cold, even wearing an overcoat. But he adds, "Guess that my soft life is over. It's healthier than sitting at a desk in an induction center all day at least." Pvt. Mershon, from Brunswick, N. J., was a frequent visitor to Raeford and was the handy man for Mrs. Currie and Miss Flora Boyce down at the Soldier's Center here on nights when he wasn't courting one of our local belles. In his spare time from fixing lamps, hanging curtains at the Soldier's Center and from his social activities, he found time to write some interesting articles for the News-Journal - news-reporting being his civilian life job.

. . . And Bouganville

And Staff Sergeant George A. Collis, who bosses a mess down in Bouganville, has been given a special commendation for excellence for feeding his outfit while in service in the New Georgia and Bouganville campaign. The commendation reads as follows:

"The excellent performance of your duties as Mess Sergeant during and after campaigns, has aided materially in the success of these operations. By skill, initiative and foresight, you have at all times, carried out your duties in a manner that has typified the fine spirit and cooperation, factors which have always been foremost with Battalion. I wish to commend your loyalty and efficiency in the performance of your duties with organization."

Sgt. Collis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Collis, live at Raeford. He is an alumnus of Durham High school and he attended the University of North Carolina as well. In the Division Special Service Show, "Perimeter Parade," Sgt. Collis sings with a quartet which entertains various organizations after duty hours.

His overseas service includes duty in New Zealand, Fiji Islands, and Guadalcanal, and combat duty in New Georgia and Bouganville.

B. B. Cole, Jr., has been promoted to petty officer, 31c, according to a letter received this week by his parents. His brother, Hermon, received this same rating just a week previous of B. B.'s promotion.

ARMY AIR FIELD, Casper, Wyo., June 7.—Announcement was made recently of the promotion of William H. McBryde to the grade of corporal. Corporal McBryde, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McBryde, Red Springs, route, is in training at the Casper Army Air Field as an aerial gunner on a B-24 heavy bomber.

Sgt. Walter Webb of Camp Van Dorn, Miss., arrived Tuesday to spend ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Webb.

LIBRARY NEWS

The story hour conducted by Mrs. W. Phillips Friday afternoon was very much enjoyed by the children present. She will again tell stories to the children through the third grade Friday at 3:30 at the library. The Library board wishes to thank Mrs. Phillips for these story hours.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Bethune conducted a story hour for the children from the fourth grade up, and also displayed several new books. There will be a story hour for this group next Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Among the new books received at the library are the following: "A Treasury of American Folklore," by R. A. Botkin; "This Day's Madness," a story of the American people against the background of the war effort, by Mercedes Rosebery; "Editing Small Newspapers," a handbook for young journalists, by Walter Rae; "I-B Soldier," by Private Joe Jones, husband of Betty Smith who wrote "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"; "The Case of the Crooked Candle," by Gardner.

Cpl. James N. Maxwell now stationed for his post after spending time at Venice Fla., left Monday a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxwell at Dundarrach.

United War Fund Group To Meet Here Monday

Chester A. Kerr, State Executive Director, To Explain Details Of Drive To District Leaders.

Leaders in the annual campaign for the United War Fund, which will be held this fall, will gather in Raeford Monday evening from the six counties of District, Ten, to hear Chester A. Kerr explain the details of the drive.

Mr. Kerr is executive director of the campaign which has its state headquarters in Winston-Salem.

Tammy Upchurch, Jr., chairman of the Hoke County fund for 1944, will be master of ceremonies. John E. Johnson, of Lumberton, district chairman, and W. P. Saunders, district quota committeeman of Robbins, will be speakers on the program.

The group will be guests of Hoke county at a dinner which will be held in the Armory which will be prepared and served by John McGougan and Harry Greene, et al, incorporated.

A number of Hoke county citizens have been invited to attend, according to Mr. Upchurch, and these will be asked to serve as township and area chairmen during the drive this fall. Mr. Upchurch asks that all those to whom invitations have been mailed to plan to be present so that a general meeting of Fund workers will not be necessary this fall.

Conservationist Garrett Visits Hoke County

E. B. Garrett, of Raleigh, director of the Soil Conservation service in North Carolina, was a visitor in Raeford yesterday. Mr. Garrett was supervisor of the State Sanatorium farms from 1924 through 1930. He states that there are now 18 conservation districts in the state with agents serving in 64 counties. Further expansion of the work before the end of the war is dependent upon the manpower situation, he says.

The agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has as its purpose the upbuilding of the fertility of the soils, the protection of the growing forests and the reclamation of eroded lands that have ceased to produce crops of profitable extent.

Mineral Needed For Hogs

During the past few weeks a large number of hogs have become sick or unable to walk because of a deficiency of mineral in their diet. It is recommended that farmers keep before their hogs at all times a mineral mixture consisting of 10 pounds of Agriculture limestone, 5 pounds of steam bone meal or 16 per cent acid phosphate and 2 pounds of salt.

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

Funeral Services Held For T. E. McVicker

Funeral services for Thomas Erwin McVicker, aged 74, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the home by the Rev. W. L. Maness, assisted by the Rev. Hary K. Holland. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Mr. McVicker was a native of this section and had made his home in the county throughout his life. He was a member of the Methodist church, for many years being connected with the Parkers Chapel until moving to Raeford when he moved his membership to the Raeford Methodist church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Margaret McLeod, and six children: Mrs. J. B. Hare, and Mrs. Robert Cox of Raeford, Mrs. James D. Johnson of Sanford, John T. McVicker of Portsmouth, Va. and Raeford, and Graham McVicker of Fayetteville.

Honor Roll Fund

The following additional contributions to the Hoke County Honor Roll Fund have been received by the committee since last week, according to Mrs. Paul Dezerne, treasurer of the fund.

Blue Springs Home Dem Club	\$ 5.00
Lat L. Kathryn Squires	5.00
J. F. McPhaul	1.00
Hoke County Schools	55.92
Mrs. J. A. Wilson	1.00

Previously reported \$67.92
\$564.87

TOTAL \$632.79

The Boy Scout Camps

The Cape Fear Council Camp for Boy Scouts will be at Lake Singletary near Elizabethtown this year. It will open on July 2, and will run for six weeks. 100 scouts can be properly handled each week and the cost will be \$10.00 per week. A scout may stay as many weeks as he desires.

Registrations must be in at least one week in advance of the week planned to attend and must have the doctor's certificate. This is for the protection of the boy and the Scout organization.

The Camp for negro scouts will be at Jones Lake and will open on July 18 and continue for two weeks. Negro scouts are under the same regulation as the white camp.

Knowles' Notes

By A. S. Knowles, County Agent.

Now that farmers are harvest ing their small grain with combine it is necessary that the small grain stubble be cut as low as possible with a mowing machine in order to give the lespedeza that is planted a chance to grow rapidly and make better quality hay when harvested. Farmers are urged to mow the stubble in order to conserve all hay possible because of the extreme shortage of hay at this time and the prospects of the fall hay harvest.

Asheboro Man Dies Instantly When Struck By Truck

Hubert Wesley Ferguson Killed Near Antioch As He Thumbs A Ride.

Hubert Wesley Ferguson, Wilmington shipyard worker, was instantly killed Thursday when struck by a truck near Antioch while starting to get into a pickup from which he had a thumbed a ride.

The accident happened just after Ferguson had flagged the pickup truck of F. F. McPhaul, driven by George McEachern, negro, which stopped on the right side of the highway just as two trucks approached, one from Raeford being driven by William Alonzo Faulk, negro, and carrying a heavy load of cinder building blocks, and the other from Red Springs being driven by John McGugan, truck operator, of Red Springs.

Ferguson stepped to the right side of the pickup just after the Faulk truck had swung off the pavement to avoid crashing into the rear of the McPhaul truck, according to witnesses. Apparently Ferguson became frightened and stumbled under the Faulk truck after it had almost passed him. His head was struck and badly crushed by the rear wheel of the Faulk truck. Dr. R. A. Matheson later stated that from his investigation he found that the shipyard worker had come to his death unavoidably, and he held that an inquest was unnecessary. Bonds under which Faulk and McEachern were held had been set at \$300 each. Sheriff Hodgkin states that he expects these bonds will be refunded upon direction of County Judge, McDiarmid next Tuesday when the coroner report is to be reviewed.

According to Sheriff Hodgkin, the accident took place on a curve about a mile North of Antioch at a point to which Ferguson had ridden from Raeford with Allie Gillis, who had just turned off the highway and gone toward his home near by. Ferguson had been visiting members of his family at Asheboro and was returning to his job at Wilmington. His body was taken to Randolph county for burial.

Inducted into Navy on June 16 were the following white men:

Eugene Leonard Smith, Elbert Hunt, Laverne McInnis, Dawson Lester Chambers, Fred Dalton Baxley, Bobbie Rosser Davis, Joseph Rudolph Coltrann, Dan Columbus, Hodges and Malcolm Kelly Sessoms, (transferred).

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Walter Monroe Thornburg, William Henry Rodus, Raymond Lester Maxwell, Jack John Hinson, Samuel Wilborn Gentry, John Charlie Emanuel and Charles Paterson Holt

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Roscoe Jones, Colon Chason, Waddell Locklear, William Oscar Cameron, Edward James Bundy, James Lee McDonald, Sidney Edgar Sumner, Luke Sanders, Edwin Wilson Seagraves, Robert Dewey Strother, Jr., Robert Lee Carter, Jr., Zane Grey Norton, Ervin Wheeler Dickerson,

Samuel Jackson Autry, Jonah Hubert Cole, Charlie Furman Jones, John Calvin Ray, Bradley Rayborn Barbour, Leroy Locklear, Leonard Roger Calloway, Robert Matheson McNeill, James Robert West, Howard Neill Melton, Marvin Alexander Ferguson and William Lacy McFadyen, Jr.

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Raeford Methodist Church

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10:00 A. M., Sunday School, Tom Cameron general superintendent.

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Hail Damages Crops In Western Hoke

During the heavy thunder storm and rain which struck the County Monday evening, some areas of the county, particularly Quewhittle township, suffered considerable crop damage from hail.

Estimates of damage ran from about 10 percent for the crops on the Tom Holland farm to a field of fourteen acres on the farm of N. F. Sinclair which reported to be a total loss. Some areas in the peach orchards were damaged partially by the hail.

Other damage from hail which fell last Thursday in the Dundarrach community has been reported, according to Cecil De w.

Another No-Hitter

Sanford, June 17.—Hamp Coleman, who will pitch for North Carolina in the Carolinians all-star game at Charlotte Friday night, tossed a no-hit game for the Whiteville Juniors against Sanford in the eastern eliminations. His teammates rapped out 19 safeties for a 21-0 victory. Coleman previously pitched a no-hitter and one-hitter for Red Springs High school this year. He struck out 14 Sanford batters.

Attends School For Tax Instruction

H. W. B. Whitley attended the school on the Federal Income Tax laws, which was conducted in Raleigh last week by members of the American Bar Association.

Two Lose Drivers Licenses In County Court Trials

Willie Shaw and Weldon McRimmon, both negroes, were deprived of their drivers' licenses Tuesday in court when they were found guilty of operating cars while under the influence of intoxicants. McRimmon pleaded guilty to operation of a car without brakes, but filed notice of appeal on the driving drunk charge. Fines of \$50 and costs were assessed by Judge, Henry McDiarmid in each case.

William Henry Lowe, white, paid costs for speeding and Arthur Smith, white, paid costs for possession of a small amount of non-tax paid liquor. Leon Brooks, negro, was found guilty of larceny of some cakes from the Raeford Hotel, which the warrant charged he had taken after he had been discharged from a job in the cafe. He was fined \$5 and costs.

Cleveland Blue, negro, was found guilty of simple assault on Thomas Burke, negro. Judgement was withheld upon request of Attorney H. W. B. Whitley, representing Blue, who asked a week to prepare counter charges against Burke.

Some Inducted, Others Examined For The Services

Three groups of white men of Hoke county transacted business with the Selective Service System this week when some were examined for service and others entered the army and another group began service with the navy.

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Tenant Purchase Program

under which selected tenants and farm workers are enabled to buy family sized farms over a period of forty years. Over forty percent of the farmers in American are tenants. One-third of these move every year, contributing to the increase of rural poverty. Farmers without farms are tax hindrances; farmers with farms are tax payers. The Tenant Purchase Program is a gigantic effort to combat roving, shiftless tenancy which tears down the family. In your County of Hoke, there are 26 Tenant Purchase borrowers who repayed in 1943 more than double the amount due that year.

FARM DEBT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM has saved thousands of farmers from bankruptcy and eviction. Farmers of the nation have been saved over \$100,000,000 in debt reduction alone. Thousands of foreclosures have been stayed by invoking the Farmers Mortgage Moratorium law, which has been extended to March 4, 1946 and any farmer may have foreclosure postponed for three years.

Critics contend the Administration is wasting the government's money. In direct refutation of this allegation, I wish to say that during the past fiscal year the administration loaned \$97,500.00 and actually collected \$130,000.00. In North Carolina last year, the total due on rehabilitation loans was \$4,044,306, while the amount collected was \$4,245,271. Installments purchase loans due amounted to \$408,928, while \$948,286, or double the amount due, was collected.

In Hoke county, the Tenant Purchase borrowers were due to pay \$6,294 and actually paid \$13,539. Repayments on operating loans due was approximately \$42,000 with collections of \$45,342.

The foregoing figures are significant, since Farm Security borrowers are the bottom income group, and by all the credit standards are the poorest risks among the farmers.

Mr. McCall closed his talk with a compliment to Zeb E. McDaniel, whom he said is putting this county office on a sound basis and has shown splendid improvement here since he was put in administrative charge.

McCall Discusses Farm Security At Kiwanis Meeting

Activities of Agency Outlined By Raeford County Supervisor

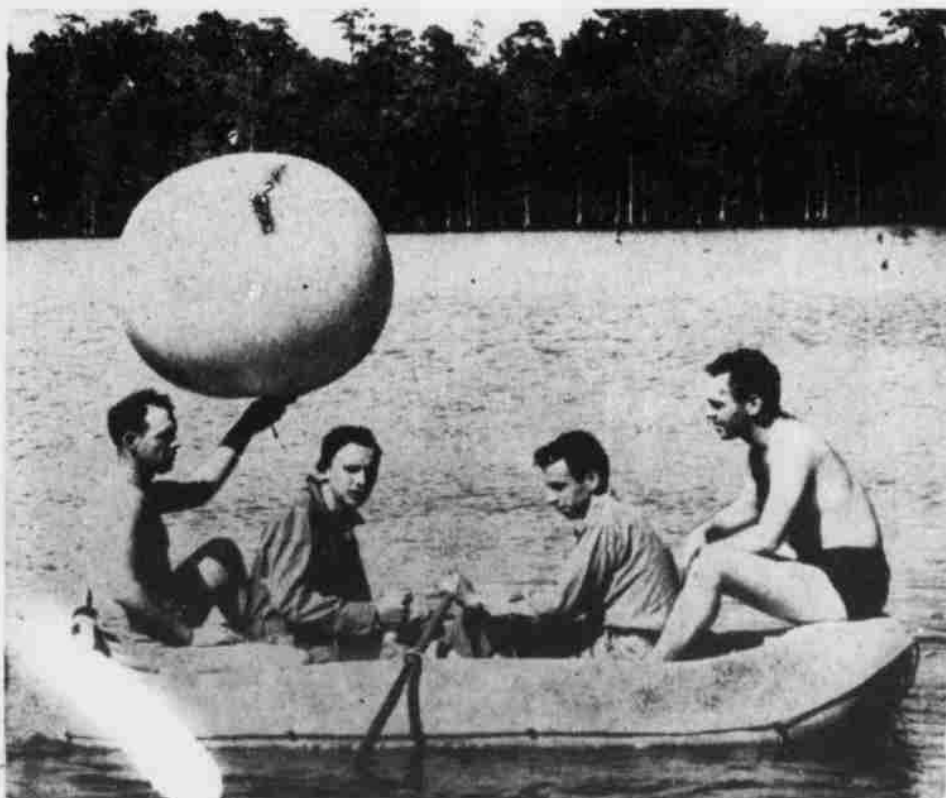
On Thursday evening the Raeford Kiwanis Club was its principal speaker Zeb E. McCall, Farm Security Administrator, supervisor in Robeson county. McCall was introduced by Zeb E. McDaniel, supervisor of Hoke.

Mr. McCall devoted his talk to an outline of the activities of the agency which he represents. "The Farm Security Administration being a government agency and supported by you taxpayers, you as taxpayers of the County of Hoke, are entitled to know just how your money is being spent. The success or failure of our work is commensurate with the support or non-support of the general public.

In the early days of the depression, state relief administrations were making grants of food and money to more than a million poverty stricken farmers, just as they did for the city's unemployed. This form of relief did little permanent good. It did temporarily help the farmer, yet in too many cases, the farmer at the end of the dole period was no more self-sustaining than he was at the beginning of such relief. He was not creating anything. Then, in 1934, the Federal government began to lend money to the small farmers with which to buy livestock and tools needed to make a better living and assist them to become more nearly self-sustaining. This plan spread rapidly and developed into the rehabilitation plan of assistance to the low-income farmer and abandoned the handout or dole system of relief.

Today Farm Security Administration is serving the underprivileged farmers in every state in the Union. Contrary to widespread misconception it is not a relief agency, nor is it a Community Chest. The money Farm Security uses in making rehabilitation or production loans and real estate loans comes through congressional authorization to borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and this money has to be paid back.

The various phases of Farm Security Administration's Programs are: Loans at 5 percent interest to the "1 gallus" farmers unable to get credit elsewhere for the purchase of seed, livestock, work stock and equipment. Additional services are rendered through the functioning of community and cooperative service, medical care, hospitalization, purchasing and marketing and the sanitation program.



PILOTS PRACTICE WITH LIFE RAFT.—These Troop Carrier Command pilots at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base go for a ride on the rubber life raft. The Hydrogen-inflated balloon is used to hoist the aerial of the Gibson Girl radio, automatic transmitter, which is being operated by a crank by pilot directly under balloon. Left to right are: Lt. Warren E. Freeman of Alva, Okla., Lt. Robert A. Pannick of Irvington, N. J., Lt. William C. Baumann (with oars) of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Lt. Alfred J. Tarr, Jr. of Dallas, Texas.