

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Bruce Conoly Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England.—Technical Sergeant Bruce Conoly, 23, of Raeford, N. C., top gunner on an Eighth AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, has been presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in heavy bombing assaults on vital Nazi targets in Germany and the occupied countries of Europe. The presentation was made by Colonel Karl Truesdell, Jr., of Washington, D. C., group commander.

Sgt. Conoly, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Conoly of Raeford, entered the service July 15, 1942, prior to which he was an automobile mechanic for McMillan Motor company.

### Paratrooper Lands Safely Despite Machine-Gun Fire

Pfc. Ralph L. "Baby" Cox, of Raeford, a member of a paratrooper outfit which trained at Fort Benning, kept strict account of the number of jumps he made. No. 16 was made somewhere in England and No. 17 landed him in France. This was his third night jump—and it was his first over enemy territory and his first trip down through Nazi machine gun fire.

A letter to his wife here says: "The field I hit in was just a little thing but the Germans had a machine-gun in each corner—and if anybody wants a thrill that's a good way to get it. There were slugs passing through the plane even before we jumped. After we jumped we could hear them as they went by and felt them ripping through your chute, but I got down OK and am still alright."

Seaman first class Roger Dixon and Mrs. Dixon are spending several days here. Seaman Dixon is enroute from his former station at Boston to California Naval base. Mrs. Dixon has been in Boston with him for the past month.

### Commended

Air Service Command Headquarters: "Somewhere in England"—Tec 5 Woodrow Blue of Raeford, N. C., was one of the Air Service Command drivers recently commended for his efforts in keeping supplies moving up to the airfields from which our bombers and fighters are smashing the Axis.

For every bomber or fighter taking off from an American base in England, truckloads of bombs, cartridges, spare parts and fuel are required. These drivers deliver the goods.

Roads to bomber stations in England are not smooth strips of asphalt, but rough improvised side-roads which curve and twist through fields and woods. The load behind the driver is often labeled: "Danger-High Explosives."

Recognition of Tec 5 Blue's outstanding work was received from his Commanding Officer.

## Wartime Rationing Guide

**PROCESSED FOODS**  
BLUE A8 through V8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

**MEATS & FATS**  
Red A8 through W8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

**SUGAR**  
Sugar stamp 30 and 31 (bk. 4) good for five pounds for indefinite period.

**CANNING SUGAR**  
Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.

**SHOES**  
Airplane Stamp No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

**GASOLINE**  
A-10 coupons now valid and will expire August 8.

**NOTE:** Rationing rules require that every car owner immediately write his license number and state on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

**RENT CONTROL**  
All persons renting, or offering for rent, any living quarters whatsoever must register each dwelling unit with rent control office in their rent area. In counties not under rent control, persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit complaints to OPA on complaint forms which are available at the local War Price and Rationing Board.

## Probation Violator To Serve Two-Year Sentence On Roads

Judge Q. K. Nimocks Invokes  
4-Year Old Sentence Against  
Egbert T. Kennedy.

Egbert T. "Red" Kennedy was ordered this week to serve a two-year road sentence pronounced in Hoke County Superior Court on the 22nd of April, 1940 by Judge Henry L. Stevens, for violation of the term of a five-year probation.

The sentence was invoked Monday by Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville following presentation of the evidence of violation of the probationary terms by the probation officer of Scotland county.

Kennedy, whom officers say lives "just here and there," was convicted here on drunken driving charges in 1940. The probation officer cited the fact that in July 1942, he was convicted in Scotland county for being "publicly drunk" and paid court costs and a medical bill; again in February 1943 he was convicted on charges of public drunkenness and indecent exposure, and paid \$10 and costs; an again in March, 1943, he was convicted of violation of the Internal Revenue laws for possession of illicit liquor making equipment and has served a year and a day in the Federal reformatory at Peterburg, after having violated a Federal probation granted by the Rockingham Federal Court.

Kennedy was returned to Hoke county last week following his release from the Federal prison, and was given a hearing before Judge Nimocks Monday at Fayetteville, when the sentence was ordered put into effect. He was taken to a prison camp yesterday from the county jail.

## Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwynn Clayton, Minister  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Lester Baker, Superintendent. Lesson topic: "Woman's Part in National Life."  
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship, Sermon by the pastor.  
7:00 p. m.—Young People's meeting.  
8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship, Sermon by the pastor.  
Monday, 8:00 p. m.—Cottage Prayer meeting at the home of Angus Prevatt.  
Tuesday, 8:00 p. m.—Mid-week Prayer meeting.  
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.—Missionary meeting.  
Saturday, 8:00 p. m.—"Front Porch Revival Service," at the home of Mrs. Jack Cole.

## Maxwell Loses Barn And Feed By Fire

Lightning struck the barn on the Walter Maxwell farm in the Antioch community and the barn and its contents were destroyed by the fire which resulted.

The livestock were out of the barn and tenants drove them from the lot into an adjoining pasture, but were unable to save any part of the hay, corn, wheat, oats, or numerous pieces of farm equipment stored in the barn and shedroom.

This is the second big barn to be destroyed in this manner within the past two years on Mr. Maxwell's farm.

## Ex-Service Men May Enter College

Veterans of the present war may enter college at once and apply for benefits under the Service Men's Readjustment Act of 1944, which was signed by the President June 22. Presbyterian Junior College has been notified from Washington to this effect. The college will cooperate by admitting any ex-service man who has been honorably discharged and who served for as much as 90 days in the armed forces. Veterans may enroll in the preparatory or collegiate department according to their educational qualifications.

Compensation, which will cover the entire expenses of attending college, including \$50.00 per month board and \$25.00 extra per month if there are dependents, will be paid for each veteran enrolled in college or high school. Payments will begin the day application is made. Presbyterian Junior College is cooperating fully with the Veteran's Administration in providing education for returning soldiers. Discharged veterans should communicate with the college for further information.

## Five White Men Report To Bragg For Induction

Five white men from Hoke county reported to Fort Bragg Monday for induction into the Army. They were: Hugh Arch McKenzie, Jack Pershing Gibson, Bennie Ralph McMinis, Burris Briwn Shankle, and William Lester Hinson.

## Revival Services

The Reverends Willie Capps of Steadman and Charlie Baker of Pine Level will conduct a series of revival services at the Church of God here beginning August 6th.

## Lt. Col. Ellisworth P. Curry Succeeds Reed As Commander L-M Airbase



Lt. Col. Ellis P. Curry, one of America's outstanding airline pilots before the war and now one of the top-ranking pilots of the First Troop Carrier Command, has been appointed Commanding Officer of Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, glider installation of the First Troop Carrier Command. He succeeds Lt. Colonel James H. Reed, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., who has received an undisclosed assignment.

## Home-Brew, Liquor, Dogs And Autos Cause Indictments

Negro Ordered To Pay For  
Chickens Killed By Dog Takes  
Appeal.

In county court Tuesday two cases were heard involving charges of driving drunk. Luther Johnson white, was released after the state agreed to a nol prosee after the presentation of the evidence. James Buddie Barrett, negro, was sentenced to serve 90 days, the sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

William Currie paid costs for care and reckless driving. Reece Duke, negro, paid costs for drunkenness; Lucy and Mattie McLaughlin and Lum Thomas, all negroes, each paid costs for having home brew.

Weidon McRimmon, negro, was found guilty of allowing a dog to run at large and permitting it to damage property, to-wit: to kill a number of chicken belonging of W. L. Mautsby. The court ordered McRimmon to pay court costs and \$35 of which was to be paid to Mr. Mautsby in restitution for the loss of the chickens. The negro filed notice of appeal to Superior Court.

## Red Cross Report

The following report shows what has been made and shipped from the Hoke County Red Cross Chapter through the Camp and Hospital Committee and the Production Program for the first 6 months of 1944.

To Fort Bragg—35 bed pan covers, 60 bedside bags, 60 hotwater bottle covers, 36 housewives (sewing kits), 1 layette, 11 pairs curtains for Officers' mess, 23 pairs curtains for Hospital mess, 4 subscriptions to Liberty magazine, 2 subscriptions to Coronet.

The Red Cross office at the Maxton-Laurinburg Air Base was sent three afghans and 6 bed shirts.

The following items were sent to Camp Mackall: 30 pairs curtains for Service club, 112 arrangements of flowers for Chapels for Sunday services.

A number of articles were also sent to the Southeastern Area Red Cross Office in Atlanta. These were distributed to army and navy hospitals in this area. These items were as follows:

100 bed pan covers, 100 bedside bags, 200 housewives, 50 pairs bedroom slippers and 150 unfilled kit bags.

288 filled overseas kit bags were shipped to Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation.

All the items named above were estimated at a minimum value of \$501.25 which was furnished by the local Red Cross Chapter. A number of organized groups participated in the construction of the various articles. Among these were the Raeford Garden club, the Hoke County Home Demonstration clubs, The Raeford Woman's club, the Sunshine club at the Sanatorium, Hoke County 4-H club, and various church circles in the county.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron is Hoke County Production chairman and Miss Josephine Hall is camp and hospital chairman. Both of these ladies have expressed their appreciation for the splendid cooperation of the women in the county in making this semi-annual report possible.

## Lt. Watson McNeill In Group Bagging Nazi War Supplies

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England.—Supporting the Allied Armies drive in France, Lt. John W. McNeill, Jr., Red Springs, N. C., is flying with a Mustang fighter group that claims the following targets in the first six days of dawn-to-dusk combat missions.

Three enemy aircraft shot down in dog-fights.

Twenty-five ammunition carloads exploded.

Ten light tanks destroyed and 20 damaged from dive-bombing.

Five railroad bridges, 10 locomotives and 115 freight cars destroyed; 19 locomotives and 90 cars disabled.

Twenty-five aircraft set ablaze; railway lines hit.

Fifty trucks demolished and 57 more wrecked.

The 23 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNeill, of Red Springs, is a combat pilot in his group under the command of Col. Avelin P. Tacon, Jr., Mobile, Ala.

## VICTORY GARDEN

Prepare now for the fall Victory Garden. Play safe by producing your own vegetables because war needs must be met.

## One Out Of Ten Will Get Tires Here

Following a rationing board meeting Tuesday which applications for all types were carefully studied, it was announced that under the present quotas allotted the county, only one applicant out of each ten could be issued tire purchase certificates.

Despite announcements to the effect that there are plenty of tires, the local board, it was stated, can issue tire purchase certificates only for the number of tires the State OPA Office allots the county, and at present there are ten times as many applications as there are tires allotted to the county.

## Jurors Drawn For August Term Of Superior Court

Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, dean of the Superior Court judges of the state, is scheduled to convene the August term of Hoke County Superior Court here on August 21st, according to John B. Cameron, clerk.

The following jurors were drawn this week for service during the term, which is expected to try both criminal and civil cases.

R. A. Smoak, Quewhiffle; L. D. Williams, Raeford; Roger Maxwell, Blue Springs; R. H. Gibson, Stone-wall; J. A. McBryde, Stone-wall; H. E. Currie, Quewhiffle; R. J. Hasty, Blue Springs; W. T. Holland, Stone-wall; H. R. McLean, Raeford; Israel Mann, Raeford; W. J. Maxwell, Raeford; E. B. Blue, Little River; A. J. Lunday, Raeford; J. W. Scull, Jr., McLaughlin.

C. H. Marks, Little River; B. F. Ray, Raeford; E. G. Capps, McLaughlin; John McKay Blue, Raeford; A. K. Currie, Raeford; Dewey Hendrix, Stone-wall; R. W. Rushin, Allendale; John C. McBryde, Antioch; C. L. Stephens, Raeford; R. D. Strother, Quewhiffle; J. A. McLaughlin, Allendale; John Henry Currie, Blue Springs.

G. V. Baker, Raeford; L. W. Stanton, Raeford; M. B. Warren, Raeford; E. E. Fridell, Raeford; W. C. Ellis, Blue Springs; Will Rose, McLaughlin; O. W. Gillis, McLaughlin; J. E. Conoly, Raeford; J. L. Wood, Raeford; C. M. Baker, Raeford; R. S. Allmond, Quewhiffle; and I. W. Key, Little.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Tim Pridden has written a new book, "West Goes the Road," a novel of the early days of America, and this book is now in the library.

Other new books are: "Wedding Day," Messer; "Daybreak for Our Carrier," Miller; "Fair Stood the Wind for France," Bates; "The Women of the Perch," Gorden; "The Case of the Dowager's Etchings," King; and "Towards Zero," Christie.

The members of the library board as well as the staff appreciate the time and effort that has been given to the library in an effort to do something for the children. Messdames W. P. Phillips and Albert E. Porter have given generously their time and talent in telling stories for the children during the weekly story hour. It is regretted that this work had to be discontinued due to the polio epidemic, but it is hoped that the hour may be resumed as soon as the quarantine is lifted. In the meantime we wish to thank Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Porter for their very unselfish help.

## Million 4-H'ers Will Take Part In National Farm Safety Week

One million 4-H Club boys and girls throughout the United States will do their part in observance of National Safety Week, July 23 to 29, to help "Save Manpower for Warpower."

This will be the second year that 4-H'ers have participated in a nation-wide safety program to impress farm people with the vital need of preventing accidents on farms that result in 18,000 deaths and 1.1-2 million persons injured annually. Last year more than 400,000 club members in 31 states enrolled in the National 4-H Farm Safety Activity, and made a very creditable showing. Members in 44 states are enrolled in the activity this year.

An outstanding achievement incentive as this year's 4-H Farm Safety Activity, William G. Mennen, of Newark, N. J. is providing roundly \$10,000 worth of honor medals, U. S. War Savings Bonds, National 4-H Club Congress trips and college scholarships as awards respectively to county, state, sectional and national winners.

## Hoke County Bond Purchases Total \$280,618.25

"E" Bond Purchases Still Below  
50 Percent Of \$130,000 In Fifth  
Loan Quota.

Total purchases of all War Bonds in the Fifth War Loan Drive reached \$280,618.25 Monday, according to a Federal Reserve report made public yesterday by Chairman David H. Hodgin, chairman of the Hoke drive committee.

Mr. Hodgin stated that these sales put the county well over its \$206,000 quota for all types of bonds for the drive, but that sales of "E" Bonds had amounted to only \$58,480.25 or slightly less than 45 percent of the \$130,000 "E" Bond quota.

He called attention to the fact that all "E" Bonds purchased through July 31 would count towards the Fifth Loan quota and said that the committee hoped purchases of these bonds would be greater towards the end of the month.

The state has an "E" quota of 39 million dollars and Tuesday's report showed that seventy percent of the quota had been subscribed by the state as a whole, while a number of counties had exceeded their "E" Bond quotas and were still buying.

## Cotton Textiles At War Program Show At Laurinburg

Edinburgh, Waverly And Morgan  
Mills Sponsoring Army  
Show There Next Tuesday.

A special showing of the Army movie "Cotton At War" will feature the Textile field day at the Laurinburg High School on next Tuesday. It was announced today by L. B. Singleton, personnel director of the Edinburgh Mills.

The program will be given at several times during the day so that all workers, especially those connected with textile plants will be able to attend. Music will be provided by the Post Band of Fort Bragg and a speaker of note from the Armed forces will be presented at each of the presentations.

The Cotton Textiles at War program has been worked up by the Quartermaster Corps to stimulate production of vital war materials made from cotton. The show at Laurinburg is sponsored by the Edinburgh Mills of Raeford, The Morgan Mills and the Waverly Mills of Scotland county. It is being presented in the major textile centers of the Southland to show the great part textiles and other cotton products are playing in this war.

The Edinburgh Mills, the Morgan Mills and the Firestone Mills of Gastonia, are so far, the three North Carolina concerns which have sponsored special Vocational Training programs for war production workers, and the schools have been of immense value, according to Mr. Singleton, in preparing unskilled workers for jobs which require experienced operators. Two full-time trainers work in the Edinburgh mills giving instruction to its employees and special machines have been set aside in each department to Mr. Singleton, is now vocational coordinator in this effort to increase production by training workers in the shortest time possible.

Just this week J. S. Dorton, state director of the War Manpower Commission, has called on the other textile plants of the state to emulate the example set by the Edinburgh and Morgan Mills and use newspaper advertising campaigns to show the vital part cotton is playing in the war and convince their employees that in making yarns, cloth and other military fabric textile workers are producing fighting materials that are equally important with shells, guns, airplanes, ships, tanks and the like.

The Army show "Cotton At War" was produced by the QMC for this same purpose, and Mr. Singleton states that this show will very aptly tie-in with the newspaper campaign which was recently completed in the News-Journal by the Edinburgh concern.

## Honor Roll Fund

Mrs. Paul Dezerne, Treasurer  
Raeford, N. C.

Previously reported \$682.79  
Mrs. Charles Allison, of  
Lake Placid, N. Y. 2.00  
TOTAL \$684.79