

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Lt. Paul P. McCain Reported Missing In Action Over Nazi Land

Lt. Paul P. McCain, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul P. McCain of Sanatorium, has been reported missing in action since July 12. Lt. McCain, navigator on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, 398 Bombarrier Group, has been in active service in the European theatre since early April. He had recently been awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Air Medal.

Moving From Alaska

Staff Sergeant Elmer Gordon, who has been stationed for a year in the "wilds of Alaska . . . with nothing more than a lot of snow and sub-zero weather and a lot of G. I.'s" writes that he has been transferred all the way to the deep south of Minneapolis, Minn. Sgt. Gordon also says "believe you me newspapers, although a week or more old, really were a shot in the arm. Give my regards to Mr. Poole. I enjoy his medley very much."

Wounded In Action

Sgt. Fulford McMillan, serving with a combat engineers unit in France was wounded in action on July 12, according to word received here by relatives. The wound is a slight one, he writes.

In Normandy

News has been received here that Major James G. Currie is now with a combat unit in Normandy.

Pfc. Tom C. Sinclair is now stationed at the Parris Island Marine base.

Cotton Essay Contest Prizes Mailed Winners

Prizes to the winners of the Cotton Essay Contest, which was held just before school closed this spring, were mailed out this week, it was stated by K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent of schools.

The winner of the all-county award was Miss Harriett Jones of Sanatorium, whose essay also won the third place rating in the statewide contest. Grade winners in Hoke High School were: Betty Holland, Martha Harris, Alan McGee, Jr., Harriett Jones and Arthur D. Gore, Jr. Each of these was presented a prize of money which was contributed by the following firms: Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company, McLauchlin company and the Johnson company.

Airbase Notes

Soldiers at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base are sporting healthy grins these days but it's not due directly to good news from overseas. Furlough time has been doubled, meaning two 15-day trips home a year!

Here's a G. I. coincidence for the books: In 1943 William T. Wheatley of Waco, Texas, enlisted and was sent to an Army school at Riverside, Calif. His sergeant was John Pfeiffer of Pittsburgh. Today, it's Captain Wheatley, engineering officer at L-M Air Base, and his key enlisted man is Master Sergeant John Pfeiffer.

It's said that a woman's place is in the kitchen. Well, Wacs at L-M Air Base have proved something along that line. They won the monthly contest for mess-efficiency as well as saving fats, topping all other mess halls on the base. The award was a \$25 check and a trip to Myrtle Beach.

Meet a musician who played a tune the Japs didn't like. It was on a gun. He's Sgt. Eddie Le Blanc, of Boston, member of the band at this base. Eddie wears the Purple Heart for wounds at Guadalcanal and saw plenty of fighting in New Caledonia. Recent arrival at this base, he toots the saxophone and clarinet in the band.

Uncle Sam's gliders and C-47 transport planes are being dressed up anew, taking on shining coats of silver paint. No longer will these planes be camouflaged, says the Engineering Officer at L-M Air Base. In explaining the new order, he suggested that the final removal of camouflage proves conclusively that now American Air Forces are completely on the offensive.

Dr. J. H. Thornwell New Head English Department Of PJC



Hartsville School Superintendent Elected To Faculty Maxton College.

Dr. James H. Thornwell has accepted the position as head of the English department at Presbyterian Junior College, beginning with the opening of the fall session on September 7. Dr. Thornwell is a well-known educator who has served as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Hartsville, S. C. for a number of years. His family has been outstanding in public and church life for three generations. Upon his resignation in Hartsville, the teachers of the grammar school petitioned the Board of Trustees to name the Grammar School building in his honor, and the school is now officially Thornwell Grammar School. Dr. and Mrs. Thornwell are expected to arrive in Maxton this week, where they will occupy one of the faculty residences.

Dr. Thornwell is a native of Concord, N. C. His father, the Rev. J. H. Thornwell, II, moved to Rock Hill, S. C., and his son, James Henly, III, grew up there, receiving his education in the public schools of Fort Mill, S. C., Catawba Academy in Rock Hill, and at Presbyterian College of South Carolina. He served as principle of history at Mt. Zion Academy in Winnabow. While serving as chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina, young Thornwell studied law and was admitted to the bar in South Carolina. He soon returned to his life work of teaching as superintendent of Schools in Hartsville, Presbyterian College of South Carolina conferred the degree of Doctor of Literature upon him in 1934.

His grandfather, Dr. James Henly, I, was probably the outstanding leader in the establishment of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in 1861. He was the youngest man ever to serve as moderator of the Presbyterian Church, when he was only thirty-four years of age. He was president of the University of South Carolina, of Columbia Theological Seminary, and his extensive writings are still largely quoted in scholarly circles. Thornwell Home and School, Clinton, S. C., the Presbyterian orphan home of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, was named in honor of Dr. Thornwell, I. Thornwell College, on the campus of the University of South Carolina, also honors the former university president.

Second Death From Collision At Air Base

The second death as a result of a mid-air collision Thursday, July 13th, between two gliders is announced by the commanding officer of Laurinburg-Maxton Army Airbase. Flight Officer Nunico A. Russo of New York died in the base hospital of injuries received in the same accident which resulted in the death of Flight Officer Charles H. Davis of Southboro, Mass.

The mid-air collision occurred during a routine combat training flight. The next of kin of the victims have been notified.

BREEDING

Calves of beef cattle should be dropped in the spring, not all through the year.

ELECTRICITY

Make sure the hands and feet are dry when handling electrical equipment, and don't stand on a damp spot.

Farm Safety Week Being Observed

Farmers of the Pee Dee-Cape Fear soil conservation district will join the rest of the nation in a campaign against farm accidents—one of the worst enemies of wartime production by observing this week as Farm Safety Weeks, according to J. C. Hutchinson of the Soil Conservation Service.

Farming is one of the most hazardous occupations, Hutchinson pointed out. Unlike other industries, which have greatly reduced the accident rate by concerted effort during recent years, the accident rate on farms has remained consistently high.

The reduction of farm accidents is especially important during wartime. Since, as President Roosevelt points out in his proclamation on National Safety Week, the nation is depending "upon the skill and labor of the farmers in the gigantic task of waging war"

The loss of time from farm accidents in 1943 has been estimated by the National Safety Council to be double the amount of labor necessary to produce the annual wheat crop of the United States. It represents the equivalent of manpower to produce for each person in the United States 16 bushels of corn, or 313 pounds of pork, or 202 pounds of beef.

This does not take into account personal suffering brought about by the 20,000 deaths and 2,000,000 injuries to farmers, their families, and hired help in 1943 as a result of farm accidents.

Farm Safety Week can be the beginning of a year-round program of accident prevention on the farm that will bring the farm accident rate down to a low level comparable to that which has been attained by industry.

Rev. B. P. Robinson To Preach Sunday For Methodists

The Rev. B. P. Robinson, a former pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, has been secured by the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor, to preach here Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. Mr. Maness states that he feels indeed fortunate in securing Mr. Robinson to supply for him Sunday in his absence.

County Court

Ang McPhatter was found not guilty of participating in an affray with J. T. McPhatter and Dave Graham, but the latter negroes each paid court costs Tuesday in Hoke County Court, and Judge Henry McDiarmid put them on probation for two years.

Tom Baxley, white, paid costs for possession of homebrew Daniel McEachern, Ed Hollingsworth, Mattie Hollingsworth and Charles Little each paid costs for possession of non-tax paid liquor and gambling.

William Claude Thomas, Jr., and Richard James Staton, white boys of Fayetteville, were found guilty of larceny of a bicycle pedal from the bike of Billy Howell. According to evidence, the boys had stolen two or more bicycles in Cumberland County and rode two of them to Raeford. Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed by the court. Upon release, Cumberland county officials have requested local officers to deliver the youths to law authorities there for prosecution on similar charges. The youths had not paid the fines yesterday, and were still in the county jail.

Leo Schwartz forfeited a \$25 collateral posted when arrested Sunday for speeding.

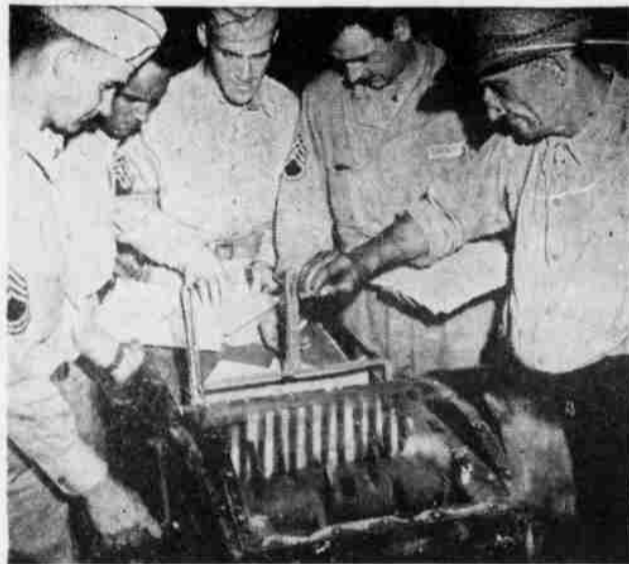
G. I.'s On Leave To Get More Gas

RALEIGH, July 25.—G. I. Joe is going to get more gasoline. After July 25, all service men on furlough will get a gallon of gas a day, up to 30 days, rather than the 3 gallons flat, per furlough allowed previously.

Office of Price Administration officials said the increased furlough allotment is designed to aid the lighter spending a week or more at home, and at the same time, reducing slightly the gasoline allotment of those on frequent 3 or 4 day week end furloughs.

Union Service At Presbyterian Church

The congregations of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches will unite in a service Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. The Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people of the community to attend this service.



Watching the speedy paper shredder at work are T-Sgt. Paul Medley, J. H. Tucker, T-Sgt. Anthony Catanese, S-Sgt. Richard Zieulek, and its creator, Tom Ussery, civilian worker of the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base. The "Ginny," as it has been named by Mr. Ussery, is made of scraps of metal, and shreds old technical orders and papers at a furious pace.

Mr. Ussery is of Red Springs. He built the shredder especially for the destruction of old technical orders which must be destroyed when the Army no longer wants them. They are now shredded at the L-M Air Base and the paper is then salvaged for reuse, while formerly these tons of paper were burned.

Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwynn Clayton, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School, Lester Baker Supt., Lesson Topic: "Gideon's Faithful Few."
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, Sermon by the pastor.
3:00 P. M.—Baptismal Service will meet at the Tabernacle and go in a group to the Trash Pile Bridge, where the service will be held.
7:00 P. M.—Young People's Meeting.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Worship, Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Great Tribulation."
8:00 P. M. Monday—Cottage Prayer meeting at the home of the Rev. H. Gwynn Clayton.
8:00 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting at the Tabernacle.
8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Missionary meeting.
8:00 P. M. Friday—"Front Porch Revival Service," at the home of Mrs. Minnie Thames.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister
Sunday Services:
Sunday School—Mrs. F. B. Sexton, Superintendent, at 9:45 o'clock.
Morning Worship—11 o'clock, Sermon by the minister.
Evening Worship—Union Service at Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. W. L. Maness, Minister of the Raeford Methodist church.
Young People's Activities:
Senior Vespers—6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.
Pioneer Vespers—7 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

CANNING

There will be no holiday for home canning this summer, if we are to eat as well next winter as we did last year.

Group Examined At Fort Bragg Friday

The following men, with Indian, of Hoke County, their pre-induction physical examinations at Fort Bragg Friday.
Curtis Lee Baxley, Nathaniel Lear, L. M. Huggins, Jr., Clifton D. Winfred James Locklear, James Edwin Hasty, Curtis McDowell, William Roland Beckwith, Craig Wesley Rockholt, Paul Spencer Baxley, Jr., William Thomas Brigman, Lucy Ellis, William Edward McNeill.
Grover Melton Cheek, John Elmer McGowan, Augustus Jackson Scarborough, David Alfred Quick, Howard Locklear, Randall Luther Moss, Thomas Franklin Davis, Jr.
Ceel Lee Teal, William Fred Thomas, Clayton Howell Buoyer, Fred Benjamin Lindsay and Albert Collins.

County School News

Ashemont

Mrs. Jason Barnes has been elected to a vacancy in the Ashemont school faculty caused by the resignation of Mrs. Margie Townsend. Mrs. Townsend has accepted a place with the Anderson Creek school in Harnett County. Mrs. Barnes formerly taught in western North Carolina schools and for a time was critic teacher in the school of education of Appalachian College at Boone.

Principal

J. M. Andrews has accepted the post of principal of the Mildouson school. Mr. Andrews has been in school work in Robeson, Scotland and Polk counties. Several years ago he gave up teaching to devote his time to farming interests in this county. Due to the serious shortage of school teachers Mr. Andrews has agreed to come out of his retirement for the duration.

Bus Report

According to the report just submitted to the state for the operation of buses for the school year of 1943-44, 20 buses, 13 for white, 6 for negroes, and 1 for indians, were operated a total of 140,548 miles transporting 889 pupils to and from schools. The total cost for the year amounted to \$13,582.79, of which the county's share was \$399.71 with the balance paid by the state. The cost per mile of operation was 9.38 cents and the annual cost per pupil was \$14.86. The cost per bus was \$680.15. The report shows that the cost for operation for the year was higher than in former years due to the increasing age of the motor equipment and the undue amount of bad weather last winter.

The equipment has had an excellent overhaul and re-conditioning this summer and the school authorities hope to lower the operating cost this year. A larger number of experienced drivers are expected to return to school this year than last.

Grace P. McFarlan Former Slave Died Sunday, Aged 115

Grace McFarlan, Hoke County's oldest resident, died Sunday at the home of George Willis, after an illness of a few days. Blind for the past seven years, the woman had lived until a little over two years ago on her small farm next to the N. McL. McDiarmid place just north of Rockfish creek, and was cared for by Willis and members of his family. For the past two years she had been at the Willis home.

Funeral services were held at the East Freedom Presbyterian church and the Rev. Julius Johnson, of Salisbury, a Hoke County native and son of one of the earlier negro Presbyterian preachers of this section, conducted the services.

According to Willis, Grace was a native of Mississippi and prior to the War between the States had belonged to one of the Purcell families on Drowning creek. Her husband had died fifty-three years ago, according to Grace's own bookkeeping record. Unable to read or write she kept a pine board upon which she cut a notch each Fourth of July after her husband's death. After she became blind George cut the notch for her each year. This board was placed with her in her coffin.

Honor Roll Fund

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

Previously reported	\$684.79
A. C. Keith	1.00
TOTAL	\$685.79

Honor Roll Design Approved Tuesday By Committee

Submitted By Lewis Upchurch On Display At Bank; Erected On Armory

An attractive model for the Hoke County Servicemen's Honor Roll submitted by the County Honor Roll Committee at a meeting here Tuesday night and the committee voted to have the Roll constructed on the property of the National Guard armory.

A number of designs were studied by the erection committee and the committee was unanimously in favor of the design selected. Mr. Upchurch submitted a wood model built to scale on which approximately seven hundred names has been placed. He stated that the Hoke Concrete Works would provide the materials for the construction of the Roll. The materials would be of concrete block and white concrete finish.

The design calls for a large central panel, 10 by 28 ft., on which the names of all men and women of the county in service are to be listed. At each side of the panel are two narrow paneled columns, the panels of which are about 2 feet wide. In one of these panels are to be listed the names of those who have died in service, in the other will be those listed as missing in action.

On the reverse side will be listed the names of the members of the two National Guard companies which reported to Fort Screven a year before the outbreak of the war. In the smaller panels on the reverse side will be listed the names of the commissioned officers and the highest rank they attain during the war, and the names of all men receiving citations.

Model On Display

The model of the Roll will be on display at the Bank of Raeford and on it will listed the names of all the men and women from the county in the services. For those people who want to make anonymous donations towards the cost of construction coin collection boxes will be placed by the model for the reception of gifts. These boxes will be checked daily by officials of the bank and the funds contributed will be turned over to Mrs. Paul Dezerne, secretary-treasurer of the committee. Gifts which the donors wish to be acknowledged may be sent as usual to Mrs. Dezerne or to Mrs. Wil B. McLauchlin, chairman of the general committee.

Check Names Please

All persons who have some members of their family in one of the armed services are requested to see the model and check the list of names recorded thereon to see if all of the members of their family are listed. Should you know of a man or woman from the county who is not listed you are requested to write the name on a slip of paper, giving his home address and any other information needed including branch of service, etc., and place it in a box placed beside the model for that purpose. Mrs. Ina Bethune is chairman of the committee on Names and families may send the names of men, their rank, serial number and branch of service direct to her in care of the Hoke County Library. Other members of this committee are Marion Gatlin, Mrs. A. D. Gore and Miss Peggy McFadyen.

The committee has set November 11th as the date for unveiling and presentation of the Roll and a program befitting the occasion is to be planned under the direction of Miss Josephine Hall, chairman, Tom Cameron, Mrs. A. D. Gore, Mayor Neill McFadyen and Dougald Cox.

Construction of the Roll will be in charge of a committee composed of Mrs. Arthur Matheson, chairman, Mrs. Paul Dezerne, John McGoogan and Lewis Upchurch.

C. And H. Council Is Postponed

The bi-monthly meeting of the Central North Carolina Camp and Hospital council of the American Red Cross, scheduled to be held Thursday, July 13, at Laurinburg-Maxton Air base, was called off because of the infantile paralysis epidemic.

The action was taken by officers of the council at the suggestion of North Carolina State Health authorities. The next meeting, date to be announced by Mrs. W. A. Lucas of Wilson, president of the council, will be held at Laurinburg-Maxton. The council embraces 25 counties in Central North Carolina.