

NEWS OF OUR MEN-WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Bronze Star Given Sgt. Irvin R. Currie

The bronze star for meritorious service in France was awarded this week to Sergeant Irvin R. Currie, according to an announcement received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Currie of Red Springs, route one.

Formerly with the Lumbee Electric company here, Sgt. Currie is now serving with a Signal Corps unit and has been in France since the early days of the invasion. The award was made for particularly hazardous and meritorious service for the period between July 4th and July 19, according to the announcement.

Pfc. Raymond A. McBryde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. McBryde of Red Springs, route one, is now completing his training on a Liberator bomber at Pueblo, Colo., airbase. He is gunner of the crew and expecting to see service overseas soon.

Word has been received from Sgt. Murdock McDuffie, who has been serving with the armed forces in England for the past twenty-four months, that he is now stationed somewhere in France.

Promoted to Major

Captain James K. David, of the Army Air forces, was promoted to the rank of major on July 29th, in Sioux City, Iowa. Major and Mrs. David and baby, Kaye, have been living in the west since Major David's return from the European theatre of war last August.

1st Sergeant Graham Clark of Fort Jackson, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cothran have received word from their son, Lt. Fletcher P. Cothran notifying them that he has arrived safely in Teheran and likes the country there fine. Mrs. Cothran, the former Miss Gloria Valencia, is now at the home of her parents in Los Angeles, California.

Cpl. Dan Howell has returned to Camp Ellis, Ill., after spending 15 days with his mother, Mrs. P. C. Howell.

Staff Sgt. Talmadge English, still in Curacao, has been promoted to 1st Sgt.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Carolina Recreation Committee has sent out bulletins with suggestions for games and simple activities for home and family life. These should be very helpful at this time when parents are concerned over keeping children happy and contented at home during the polio epidemic.

One of these bulletins is a list of books for reading aloud. It is said that one test of a good children's book is whether it can be read aloud and enjoyed. The books on this list and many others are to be found in Hoke County Library, and parents are urged to come in and select some for reading aloud.

The Recreation Committee says that in order to contribute to the efforts of your State Health Department and the North Carolina Polio Emergency committee the State Recreation committee wishes to lend their efforts not only to assist in curbing the spread of infantile paralysis but to keep fun and family play alive. We cannot dispense with recreation in the home in the time of war or epidemics. Therefore, it is the parents responsibility to keep their children at home and to use imagination, intelligence and energy to stimulate home recreation.

The manpower shortage and our participation in civic activities have had a tendency to crowd out the normal play and close companionship of the family group. Now is the time to start. Toys and games, no matter how expensive, will not solve the problem—neither are they essential. The house and backyard are full of play equipment if only you can see the possibilities. This new role as play leader for the family groups does not require constant supervision or playing every game, but just a little interest and attention to stimulate them to use their own initiative and imagination.

Anyone interested in seeing these suggestions for games and activities is asked to drop in at the library and read them.

Among new books received in the library are included in the following: In What Topp Ship, Eaton; Cores, Corpses de Ballet; Berlin, Land I Have Chosen; Gann, Island in the Sky; Chang, Chiang Kai-shek; and Hope, I never Left Home.

Sexton Succeeds Ryan McBryde As Rationing Chief

War Price And Rationing Officials Express Regret Over Resignation Of Board Chairman

F. B. Sexton, Raeford hardware dealer, was named chairman of the Hoke County Ration Board Tuesday night to succeed Ryan McBryde who resigned from the post on July 24th after serving as director of the county organization since January 1, 1942.

Mr. McBryde explained that due to the press of other matters he felt could not longer give the time necessary to carry out the work of the board effectively, and he thought it best to give up his membership on the board. He was named chairman at its inception.

The board as now constituted consists of Mr. Sexton, chairman, J. Benton Thomas, A. K. Stevens and K. A. MacDonald. On Tuesday evening the board members expressed their regret over the resignation of Mr. McBryde and attempted to get him to reconsider. Mr. McBryde expressed his thanks to the board members for their cooperation during the past two and a half years and to the people of Hoke county who have so well adapted themselves to the unusual restraints placed upon them by the rationing system.

Mr. Sexton, the new chairman, has been a member of the board since its organization and has been active in the various phases of the work of the board. Little or no change is expected to result in the operation of the board due to the change of directors.

Mr. McBryde is senator-elect from this the 12th state senatorial district and is at present serving on the State of Education and is a member of the board's finance committee. He also operates the Raeford Lumber company and has extensive farming interests.

Promotion Announced After Death Of Lt. North Lilly

On August 7th the promotion of Lt. Clay North Lilly to First Lieutenant, was announced by the War Department. Lt. Lilly, pilot and instructor in the Air Forces, died in the Napier Field, Ala., post hospital on July 3. He had entered the airforces in March, 1942, and commissioned about a year later. Soon thereafter promotions were frozen and he remained a second lieutenant throughout his more than two years of flying service. He was the son of Clay Lilly of Raeford.

Funeral Services For George A. Clark Held At Candor

Funeral services for George A. Clark, 68, were held Monday afternoon at five o'clock from the home in Candor. Burial was in the Candor cemetery. The Rev. George F. Houch, pastor of the Candor Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

Mr. Clark was a brother of Postmaster Lacy F. Clark of Raeford. At the time of his death, Sunday, he was a patient at the Moore County hospital at Pinehurst.

Need Aircraftmen At L-M Airbase

Edward L. Joyner, Civil Service representative, states that aircraft workers are critically needed at the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base. Aircraft engine mechanics, trainees, electricians, instrument mechanics, hydraulic installers, machinists, leather workers, canvas workers, woodworkers, and sheet metal workers are especially needed. People experience auto mechanics, electrician, instrument repairs, hydraulics, carpentry, seamstress, and sheet metal work, may qualify for these jobs.

Mr. Joyner states that you may secure an application at any first or second class post office. Mail the application to Mr. Edward L. Joyner at the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, or come in person.

When his help left him, Paul Hill of Goldsboro, planted soybeans where he had applied 750 pounds of 3-9-8 tobacco fertilizer per acre. He is planning to buy a tractor and combine, and shift to corn and soybeans, and small grains and lespedeza.

Grazing hogs on soybeans and lespedeza saves 15 to 40 per cent of grain and protein supplements.

Opening Dates Hoke County Schools May Not Be Changed

Unless the polio epidemic spreads into this section it is expected there will be no change in the planned opening dates of the Hoke County schools, it was stated here yesterday by K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent.

The white schools are scheduled to open on September 7 and the negro and indian schools will open on October 2nd. However, Mr. MacDonald added, that should the situation demand such a move, a called meeting of the Board of Education would be held later this month to consider delayed opening dates.

So far, Hoke county has escaped without a single case of the dreaded infantile paralysis, though at least one case has been reported in each of the surrounding counties. Robeson has three cases, with one resulting in death; Cumberland 3, Scotland 1, and Moore 2, it has been reported.

Stricter observance of the Health Department order restricting the gathering of children is being asked by state and county health officials, and parents are again urged to keep their children at home and not let them go into crowded places. The state has planned definite action to prevent the early opening of schools in some counties which planned to begin their fall terms in August.

Hold George Dupree Without Bond On Serious Charges

Raeford Hotel Bellboy Charged With First Degree Burglary And Attempted Rape

George Dupree, 24-year-old bellboy at the Raeford hotel, is in the Hoke county jail awaiting trial in Superior Court on charges of first degree burglary and attempted rape of a white woman employee of the hotel. Held without bond, Dupree was given a hearing last Thursday before Justice W. R. Barrington. The negro was taken into custody by W. R. Saunders, night policeman, almost immediately after he fled from the room of the woman, whose scream attracted Saunders and B. E. Frady, a guest of the hotel, to the scene.

According to testimony given at the hearing the negro entered the room of Miss Mae Conway shortly after midnight, using a passkey taken from the clerk's desk. As he neared the bedside the sleeping woman awoke and recognized the man whom she said was plainly visible due to brightness of reflected light from the street. She screamed and Dupree ran. Frady, who was awakened by the screams, related that he rushed to the door of his room in time to see the negro come out of a room and who, upon seeing Frady, entered a vacant room and closed the door. Frady remained there in the hall until Policeman Saunders arrived to enter the room and bring out the thoroughly frightened negro.

Dupree was known to both Frady and the Conway woman and was positively identified as the person who entered her room, at the hearing. Frady is a traveling man who stops at the hotel at regular intervals and identified Dupree as the man who came out of the woman's room and as the one entering the vacant room and remaining there until Saunders arrived.

It is expected that Dupree will be tried before Judge Richard Dixon when he convenes a term of Superior Court here August 21.

Army Wives Invited To Use Clubs At L-M Airbase; Pope Field

MAXTON AIRBASE, Maxton, N. C., August 9, 1944.—An invitation to use the facilities of the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base Officers' Club has been issued by Lt. Colonel Ellsworth P. Curry, commanding officer, to all women whose husbands are Army Air Force officers assigned to overseas duty.

Extension of club privileges is part of an AAF program designed to lighten the burden carried by officers' wives who are denied the company of their husbands because of the demands of the war. Colonel Curry pointed out.

Officers' wives desiring to take advantage of this offer may contact Lt. Berhart Kenney, officer in charge of the Officers' club at the base.

Officers' wives may also take advantage of a similar offer extended by Col. Glenn Salisbury which opens the Pope Field Army Air Forces Officers' club to wives of air force officers.

Tax Refunds Being Made At Rate Of 3000 Per Week

Each Payee Account Is Handled In Its Turn At Greensboro, Says Collector.

Declaring that every effort is being made to expedite refunds on 1943 income tax returns C. H. Robertson, Collector of Internal Revenue, said refund checks are being mailed to taxpayers of the North Carolina District at the rate of 3000 per week.

"To every taxpayer of this district who is entitled to a refund on his 1943 return, I would like to say," Collector Robertson stated, "your refund is being processed as rapidly as possible. I cannot tell you exactly when your refund will come through, because it might be today and it might not be for a few months. But I can promise you that you will be paid interest at the rate of six percent per year for every month your refund is delayed after March 15.

Throughout the country we have about 18,000,000 refunds to make. In each case, the return must be compared with employers' withholding tax receipts and other documents. In many cases, returns contain errors that must be corrected.

"This involves a tremendous amount of work that must be done with a comparatively small staff, due to wartime manpower shortages. Obviously, the entire 18,000,000 refunds cannot be completed at the must wait another few months.

"However, a million checks are being distributed every three weeks and so you can see that, in your case, you may get your refund fairly soon."

Robertson suggested that taxpayers refrain from writing letters to inquire about their refunds, because, in fairness to all taxpayers, the checks are being written in the order in which they are mechanically processed.

However, if a taxpayer has changed his address since he filed his return, he should advise the collector of both his old and new address.

Judge R. D. Dixon To Preside Over Superior Court

The Honorable Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, will preside over the August term of Superior Court which will be convened here on August 21st, it was stated yesterday by John Cameron, clerk of court.

Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, dean of this branch of the judiciary, was originally scheduled to preside at this term, but an exchange has been arranged, it was stated.

Both criminal and civil cases will be heard during the week, according to Mr. Cameron.

James Wilson Named Head California Disabled Veterans

Raeford Native, Mayor Of Taft, Cal., Given High Post Of Veterans Organization.

James A. Wilson, Jr., son of Mrs. J. A. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson of Raeford, who now is Mayor of Taft, California, where he is engaged in the clothing business, has been named commander of the California Department of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Wilson served in World War One and was wounded in the breaking of the Hindenburg liner.

The following account from a Taft newspaper, cited also a reprint of a word of honor extended Mr. Wilson by the Los Angeles Examiner:

"Complimentary to Taft and Mayor James A. Wilson, the Los Angeles Examiner published the following regarding the mayor's election to the office of department commander of California's Disabled American Veterans:

TAFT MAYOR HEADS STATE DISABLED VETS

California's Disabled American Veterans reached into the prosperous oil town of Taft and took its Mayor for their new state commander.

James Wilson, 48, clothing merchant, now is his second term as Chief Executive of the Valley City, was elected department commander, defeating two opponents.

County Court

In county court Tuesday before Judge H. McDiarmid Jimmy Scott and Charlie Oxendine, a soldier, pleaded guilty of operation of a liquor still. Each of the indians was given six months on the roads, with sentences suspended upon payment of \$60 and costs. Scott paid his fine but the soldier remains in the county jail. The still was taken and the men captured on Rockfish creek near Raeford by County Police J. C. Wright and W. R. Saunders.

Lula Thomas and Chester Thomas, negroes, paid costs for possession of home brew. Lula Thomas also paid costs for driving a car without driver's license. Purcell McPhaul, negro, paid costs for drunkenness, and Green Huey, negro, paid costs for careless and reckless driving.

In the only case heard last week, Daniel Shaw, J. D. McGeachey and Robert Smith, paid costs for possession of home brew.

Marines Use Ox Carts

Saipan, Marianas Islands.—Down a dusty road, near the Saipan fighting front, roared a mechanized attack headed by tanks.

Following it, in proud disdain, were three Marines in an ox cart with a machine-gun mount on the rear. Somehow we felt it defied description.

\$5,670 Goal Set For Hoke County United War Fund

Campaign For Funds For War Fund And County Soldiers Center To Begin Late This Month.

The Hoke county goal for the United War Fund has been set at \$5,670, it was stated yesterday by T. B. Upchurch, Jr., county chairman, following a conference with members of the War Fund Committee.

Mr. Upchurch stated that this was an increase of \$635 over the amount requested last year, a fund that was oversubscribed as have all the other campaigns for war purposes conducted in the county.

The War Fund is a consolidation of some 20 recognized and approved agencies which serve to bring recreation to our men and women in the armed forces and to carry relief supplies and administer relief in countries which have been overrun by the Axis armies. Included in this budget also is the sum of \$1500 for the operation and maintenance of the Hoke County Soldier's Center which is located in the Aberdeen and Rockfish passenger depot building and through which are cleared practically all special local activities for the entertainment of soldiers who come to Hoke county from the nearby camps of Bragg, Mackall and L-M Airbase.

Hoke county was host at a dinner recently to leaders of the United War Fund drive for this district when plans for the campaign were presented under the direction of J. E. Johnson, of Lumberton, district chairman.

Mr. Upchurch stated yesterday that the drive here would begin the last week in August and would be completed early in September. A special school for campaign workers will be held here on August 15th, the hour, place, to be announced, when Mr. R. A. Moore, district supervisor, will give the workers the solicitation plans.

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ODT Acts To Assure Prompt Movement Farm Products

Growers, Truckers, And Processors To Meet At Lumberton August 16 and 17.

WILMINGTON, Aug. 9.—The Wilmington Office of Defense Transportation today announced meetings of growers, haulers, processors and receivers of leaf tobacco and cotton and cottonseed products in 19 eastern carolina counties will be held in Lumberton August 16 and 17 respectively to elect Industry Transportation Advisory committees.

"The Office of Defense Transportation is attempting to insure an orderly and continuous movement of tobacco, cotton and cottonseed products from farms to market with a minimum of truck mileage and motor fuel," G. T. Musselman, district ODT manager, said, "and is calling on these industries for assistance and advice."

At 8 p. m. Wednesday, August 16, producers, haulers, dealers, and receivers of leaf tobacco will meet in the Joe P. Moore grammar school auditorium in Lumberton to elect Tobacco Industry Transportation Advisory Committee.

At 3 p. m. Thursday August 17, producers, haulers, dealers, and receivers of cotton and cottonseed products will meet at the same place to elect a Cotton and Cottonseed Products Industry Transportation Advisory Committee.

"These committees," Mr. Musselman said, "will make recommendations to the district manager of ODT concerning the insurance, recall, review, reconstruction, suspension, cancellation or revocation of certificates of war necessity pertaining to commercial motor vehicles used or to be used in the transportation of the commodity with which the committee is concerned."

"As such recommendations may vitally affect the operation of all producers, haulers, dealers and receivers of these commodities, the importance of their attending this meeting cannot be over-emphasized."

Counties affected are New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Onslow, Bladen, Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Jones, Scotland, Cumberland, Robeson, Columbus, Brunswick, and Sampson in North Carolina; and Marion, Dillon, and Horry counties in South Carolina.



VOTERS IN KHAKE—These young Tar Heel voters, now wearing khaki, study a soldier-voting chart at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, installation of the First Troop Carrier Command, to get the "low-down" on North Carolina procedure of absentee-voting. Whether it'll be Roosevelt or Dewey, you'll have to ask the serious-looking soldiers, left to right, Cpl. George Robert Graham of Red Springs, Cpl. Horace D. Ledford of Charlotte, and Sgt. Frank W. Rogers of Asheville.