

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Howard Lindsay Dead In France

Mrs. Howard Lindsay has received word from the War Department that her husband Private Lindsay, was accidentally killed while serving with a Coast Artillery Unit in France. His death occurred on July 14, according to the message which was received on August 5. A letter this week has confirmed the original message.

Pvt. Lindsay is the son of Paul Lindsay of Bennettsville S. C., and his wife and 10 months old son, David Ray Lindsay, whom the father had never seen, make their home with relatives on the Scott Currie farm near Raeford. They formerly lived at Red Springs with Pvt. Lindsay's uncle, Frank Lindsay. Mrs. Lindsay is the former Goldie Scott of Surry County. Her husband had been in the army nearly four and a half years and has been in England and France over a year at the time of his death. He was 23 years of age.

"Little Clyde" Sees Other Hoke Boys On Mediterranean

V-Mail brings the News-Journal a letter from Lt. Clyde Upchurch who is with an ordnance outfit over in Italy, giving us the twentieth change of address he has had since he hit the coast of Africa many months ago. Each change gets his paper to him a bit earlier and we are glad to make them. He writes that he sees Paul Dickson and Brown Hendrix very often, and that Bill McLean of Red Springs is stationed close by, that they all get together and read the News-Journal—"We are all well and busy, and anxious to get back to Hoke County."

Note: If you are sending your son or husband the paper, please keep us posted on the changes of address. Each change we make on our mailing list shortens the time it takes to get the paper to them, and we want them to get the paper with as little delay as possible. Most of the boys, particularly those overseas, depend upon their families to notify the paper of address changes.

Too, give us news and information concerning them. They are not going to brag on themselves and their deeds, but these things they do tell their home folks in their letters. The folks here at home are interested in what all the boys of the county are doing and those other boys taking the paper are very anxious to have news of their friends serving on other fronts. Help us make the "Service News" an interesting column for everyone. Ed.

Awarded Silver Star

Lieutenant Robert Eugene Bruton, of Fayetteville, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in France. Lieutenant Bruton also received the Purple Heart for wounds he received in action. He is now in a hospital in England and well on the way to full recovery. Lt. Bruton is with the 79th Infantry Division now fighting in France.

His wife is Mrs. Christine McNeill Bruton of Route 2, Raeford.

Pvt. Tom McLaughlin, of Camp Van Dorn, Miss., arrived Sunday to spend a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin.

Sgt. Charles Lee Cothran visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cothran, of Red Springs, this past week. Sgt. Cothran is stationed at Esler Field, La.

Horace P. Andrews, recently commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Andrews. Ensign Andrews has been assigned to North Carolina State College for specialized work in engineering. He is a graduate of State College and prior to entering the service was employed by the War Department as a chemist.

Friends here will be interested to learn that A. M. Carter now serving overseas, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mrs. Carter, the former Miss Elizabeth Cromartie who lived in Raeford a number of years, makes her home in Augusta. Her mother and two children are with her there.

Honor Roll Fund

Previously Reported	\$699.79
Mrs. Katie Blue Covington	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Pittman	5.00
Mrs. T. D. Hatcher	3.00
Total	\$702.79

Community Leaders Selected For 1944 War Fund Drive

Group Township Chairmen Hear R. A. Moore Outline Plans For Campaign For Oct. 9 to Nov. 1

The annual drive for funds for the Hoke County Soldiers Center and the United War Fund, which have been combined since last year here, will be conducted from October 9 through November 1st, it was stated Tuesday evening by Tommie Upchurch, chairman of the county drive.

The announcement was made at a meeting of county campaign leaders who gathered at the courthouse to hear R. A. Moore, district supervisor, outline the solicitation plans and to study these plans under the direction of Robert Gatlin, educational chairman.

Hoke county has been assigned a quota of \$5700, of which \$1,500 is for the operation of the Soldiers Center in Raeford. The rest is for the United National War Fund, which includes the activities of the USO, the United Seaman's Service, the War Prisoners Aid, and sixteen agencies approved for carrying out relief work in countries which have been overrun by Axis armies.

Township chairmen named to direct the work are those men who are directors of the County Farm Bureau. They are: Marshall Newton—McLaughlin T.; Crawford Thomas—Raeford; Ira Newton—Antioch; J. W. Hastly—Aliendale; N. F. Sinclair—Quewhiffle; Donald Yates—Stonewall; J. M. Norton—Blue Springs; and C. H. Marks—Little River. Mrs. Paul P. McCain will be chairman for Sanatorium and vicinity. J. Benton Thomas is chairman for Raeford business section.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Dr. M. R. Smith are on the general committee representing the county USO organization. Wilmer MacDonald is county treasurer; A. S. Knowles, John A. McGoughan, Ryan McBryde, N. H. G. Balfour, Zeb McDaniel, K. A. MacDonald, and W. J. Coats are to assist in the county organization. Publicity is to be handled by H. L. Gatlin, Jr., and Douglass Coxie.

Mail Xmas Gifts Overseas Early

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15—"Do your Christmas shopping early," has long been a cry made to the public, but this year the plea is, "Mail your overseas soldiers' Christmas packages early."

Lt. Col. Hartley B. Dean, Fourth Service Command postal officer, points out that soldiers' yuletide packages will be accepted for mailing as early as August 15 and no later than October 15, and he states, "People are advised to mail their Christmas packages as soon as possible and not wait for the deadline. The sooner the post office receive these packages the better the chances are for the soldiers to enjoy Christmas on December 25."

Col. Dean called attention to the regulation that overseas Christmas parcels "for members of the Army personnel leaving home stations en route for overseas shortly before or subsequent to October 15, will be accepted after October 15, up to and including December 10, upon presentation by the sender of a change of address notification from the addressee, received prior to September 30, provided the parcels come within the prescribed limits of weight and size and endorsed 'Christmas parcel.' Only one such parcel will be accepted from any one person to any one individual having an overseas APO address."

The War Department ruling on Christmas greeting cards is that those sent to soldiers overseas must be sealed and prepaid first class mail.

Christmas parcels may not exceed 5 pounds in weight or 36 inches in girth combined. Packages must be boxed in metal, wood, solid fiber board or strong double-face corrugated fiberboard with strong gummed paper tape or tied with strong twine or both.

Perishable matter will not be accepted and mailing of fragile articles is discouraged. Absolutely prohibited for overseas shipment are intoxicants, inflammable materials (including matches and lighter fluids), poisons or compositions which may kill or injure another, or damage the mails.

Col. Dean stressed "Addresses must be legible—type or written in ink. It is desirable that the complete address be shown on a sheet of paper inside the package in the event the outer wrapper becomes torn, mutilated or destroyed in transit."

First Bale Cotton Reported Picked

Nan Tillman, negro employee of T. B. Upchurch, states that he and members of his family have picked out over 1500 pounds of seed cotton. 700 pounds was picked Saturday morning and the rest was picked Monday. The field is located near the Upchurch home and is opening fast. This date, Saturday August 12, is believed to be the earliest date on which a field has been generally open enough for picking in many years.

Doubleheader For Baseball Fans At Robbins Park

First Games Of Tournament Scheduled For Red Springs Sunday August 20.

The first doubleheader of the invitational tournament which is being played at Robbins Park at Red Springs the next four Sundays are scheduled for play Sunday August 20th between two teams from Fort Bragg, a Camp Mackall Team and the Florence Airbase.

The opening game of the tourney will begin at 2 p. m., according to Manager Tom Cope. The 4th Regiment team of the Replacement center at Fort Bragg will meet the Florence Airbase boys. At four o'clock the 2nd Regiment team will meet the 326th Glider Infantry of Camp Mackall.

No children under 16 are admitted to these contests due to police restrictions. Servicemen are admitted to all games at Robbins Park for half price or 25c each, according to Mr. Cope.

County Court

Only three cases were heard by Judge Henry McDiarmid in county court Tuesday. Richard Murray, negro of Washington, pleaded guilty to parking on highway. A taxi of the Lee Taxi company rammed into the back end of Murray's car and both were badly damaged. Murray settled these damages and paid court costs on the parking charge. Donnie Shaw and Henry Campbell, both negroes, paid costs for public drunkenness.

Asks Oil Consumers Return Applications

Fuel oil users, who have not returned their fuel oil applications to the office of the War Price and Rationing Board are warned that failure to do so before August 22nd will result in delayed issuance of their oil coupons.

The blanks were mailed out early in June and to date, about 25 percent of the users have failed to file their blanks with the board. If they arrive after August 22nd it was said that they would not be considered until all other allocations had been made.

The WPA asks housewives to eat as many small-sized potatoes as possible in August because they cannot be stored.

The enrichment of bread and the increased use of milk are improving the diet in important vitamins and minerals.

Crimes Of Passion Fill Docket Of Superior Court

Judge Richard Dixon Of Edenton Will Convene Week's Term Here Monday Morning.

Only new eight cases are docketed to be heard in the criminal part of the week's term of Superior Court which will be convened here Monday morning by the Honorable Richard Dixon of Edenton.

Lillie Mae McArthur, Antioch township Negro woman, is charged with assault with a shotgun with intent to kill Alex "Buddie" Shaw. Shaw was shot in the arm on June 10 at the Watson gin near Red Springs and so badly wounded that his arm was amputated.

R. H. Beck, white, is charged with assault upon Lee Maulsby.

George Dupree, Negro youth, is held in jail without bond awaiting trial for breaking and entering and attempted criminal assault on a white woman, Mae Conway. The offense is said to have taken place at the Raeford Hotel during the nighttime. Both defendant and plaintiff were employees of the hotel.

Johnny Melvin, Negro, is charged with carnal knowledge and incest.

Weldon McRimmon, Negro has appealed two cases from judgements of the county court. He was convicted of driving drunk and also of allowing his dogs to run loose and to kill chickens belonging to Lee Maulsby.

Duncan McPhatter, Negro, is charged with selling property not his own and devoting the money for his personal use. The complaint brought by Harry Epstein alleges the Negro sold a jack from a truck belonging to the plaintiff.

Lonnie Ray, Negro, released recently from the jail after instituting habeas corpus proceedings, is charged with carnal knowledge of Beatrice Cherry.

Donald Hathcock, white, and a seaman of the Merchant Marine, is under indictment for the seduction of Julia Ellis under promise of marriage. The offense is said to have taken place in November of last year. Hathcock has been away at sea and returned home this week when warrants were served on him.

Several other cases which have been brought over or continued from previous terms are expected to be concluded during this term, it was stated yesterday by John B. Cameron, clerk of court. These have not been docketed, he said, and will be heard on recommendation of Solicitor Ertle Carlyle.

Robins Nose-Out Florence 5-4

The Red Springs Red Robins nosed out the Florence Air Base 5 to 4 in a thrilling 10 inning battle here Sunday. Bill Lowden with 2 out in the 10th banged a solid single into center field to score Pate who had singled and stole 2nd. Lowden and Pate were the leading hitters with 2 for 4 for the Robins. Allen, starting Robin hurler weakened in the 8th and was relieved by Coleman who held the Air Men down the balance of the game.

Summary: Robins 5 runs 9 hits 2 errors, Florence 4 runs 10 hits 1 error; Batteries: Robins—Allen, Coleman and Bandoch; Florence—Allen and Callahan.



TON-TO-THE-ACRE-TOBACCO—While Iowa is arguing with her sister states about which grows the tallest corn, Leonard Bratcher has set something of a record for Tall Tobacco. He is shown here as his mule draws a sled full of primings from a field of the new "400 Variety" golden weed grown on one of the farms of T. B. Upchurch, Inc. This field of 14 acres will average better than six feet in height, and many plants will go over seven feet. The average stalk has some 25 leaves though some has been topped out above the 32nd leaf. Mr. Upchurch estimates that it will produce about a ton of fine leaf per acre.

Mailing Cards To War Prisoners Available

W. R. Barrington, secretary of the Hoke chapter of the Red Cross, states he now has on hand, the special mailing cards which friends or relatives may send to persons who are prisoners of war or civilian internees of the Axis nations. These cards will carry a message of 24 words and may be obtained free. No postage is required.

Farmers Must Get Purchase Permit To Buy Lumber

Farmers of Hoke County entitled to rated orders for lumber to use it for essential main and repair of implements and service buildings, according to Hodgin, chairman of the county committee.

A "Farmers' Lumber Certificate" a rated order, he said. A dealer fills a farmer's order supported certificate may extend the rating to place a "certified and rated" with his supplier for replacement of his stock. "During this time of Lumber Certificates is the only way we can be sure of keeping enough lumber in the yards to meet essential farm needs."

Farmers who need lumber should apply to the county AAA office in Raeford for certificates. The county AAA committee is authorized to issue certificates when the lumber will be used to maintain or repair farm buildings, other than dwellings, or maintain and repair farm implements or for other approved uses essential to food production, or to construct necessary buildings, other than residences, when the cost will not exceed \$1,000 during the calendar year for any particular farm. The committee also may issue certificates for lumber needed for emergencies. For construction which must be approved by the War Production Board, the committee also receives farmers' applications and makes recommendations, but does not issue certificates.

Farmers' Lumber Certificates cannot be issued for lumber to be used for dwellings, Mr. Hodgin said. Dealers are expected to have small amounts of lumber to sell to civilians in general for the maintenance of dwellings and for other uses for which no rated orders are issued.

Mrs. Julia Williford Dies After Illness Of Nine Years

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia McEachern Williford, 70, who died at her home in Raeford Saturday night were conducted from the home Monday afternoon at five o'clock. The Rev. W. L. Maness assisted. Burial services were at the graveside in Alloway Cemetery in Red Springs.

Mrs. Williford, the widow of the late Augustus A. Williford, was the daughter of the late John H. McEachern and Mary Ann McNeill of the Lumber Bridge section of Robeson county. She was a member of one of the first classes to be graduated from the Woman's College at Greensboro and for a number of years was a teacher in the public schools of Georgia and North Carolina. Until her illness she was active in the church and civic life of Raeford and the county.

Surviving are two sisters: Mrs. Henry H. Hodgin and Mrs. Neill McKinnon of Red Springs. Four nieces and four nephews also survive.

Group White Men Report To Bragg For Induction

The following white men compose a group from Hoke county who will report to Fort Bragg this morning for induction into the armed forces.

James Nash Powell, Neill Archie Maxwell, Jr., Willie C. Locklear, Robert W. Currie, Oscar Wooten, Ralph Joe Randleman, Colon Chason, Howard Atlas Baucom, William Gwaltney Currie, William Oscar Cameron, Sidney Edgar Sumner, Luke Sanders, Robert Lee Carter, Jr., Ervin Wheeler Dickerson, Robert Matheson McNeill, Robert Wilson Weaver, (Transfer).

Cotton Loan Value Given At 22.36c

Middling inch and a thirty-second cotton, which is the general length of the One-Variety grown in Hoke county, will have a loan value this fall of 22.36 cents, it was stated yesterday by T. B. Upchurch, Jr., president of the N. C. Cotton Cooperative Association.

George K. Snow To Speak Friday At Legion Gathering

Ellis Williamson Post To Give Barbecue At Armory; Officers To Be Elected.

George K. Snow, of Mt. Airy, state commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of members of the Ellis Williamson Post and Auxiliary which will be held in Raeford Friday evening.

The meeting will open with a barbecue supper which will be served at the Armory at 7:30, it was stated yesterday by N. H. G. Balfour, commander of the post.

In addition to Commander Snow, District Commander Mason of Dunn, and Service Officer Frank Sasser of the Veterans Facility of Fayetteville will also make short talks regarding their work.

Adjutant J. S. Poole states that Commander Snow is an able speaker and his address will be an inspiring one. He will deal with the work set out for the Legion in the rehabilitation and the placement of returning veterans of this war. This phase of the post-war work, it is pointed out, can best be handled by those veterans of the last war, who went through that period of re-adjustment after World War One, when no organization nor no government body was set up to aid and advise the dislocated veterans.

New officers of the post will be elected at a short business session which will follow the formal program. The matter of the proposed plans for a Legion Hut will also be considered, according to Mr. Poole. He adds that had the Post had such a building in which to center its activities, it probably would have been more active than has been the case in the past few years.

County Agent's Timely Notes

By A. S. KNOWLES

Harvest Quality Cotton

Cotton farmers are asked to harvest their crop of cotton this fall so that it will produce the largest amount of quality cotton possible, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent. In order to harvest the best crop of cotton it is necessary to pick it when it is dry, keep the trash out, pick before weather damage and keep good cotton separated from poor or trashy cotton. By doing a good job of picking and preparing the cotton for the ginner, Hoke County has an opportunity to again win the cotton trophy by keeping down all foreign matter and improving the quality generally.

In 1943 Hoke County farmers harvested its best crop so far as quality is concerned and by doing so won the annual trophy for the county that makes the most improvement in the quality. There is still room for improvement and I am sure all cotton growers that are concerned with cotton can even do a better job this year.

Harvesting Lespedeza For Hay

Farmers are urged by County Agent, A. S. Knowles, to cut their lespedeza for hay within the next few weeks before all farm help will be harvesting cotton. Farmers are asked to examine their lespedeza from time to time and to mow it when first signs of shedding of lower leaves starts.

The best plan for harvesting lespedeza is to mow it in the afternoon when it is thoroughly dry, leave it for approximately 24 hours and rake into wind rows. Leave in the wind rows approximately 24 hours and either bale in the field or haul it directly to the barns. Lespedeza put in shocks or stacks is often damaged from rains.

Farm Field Tour

Hoke County farmers will have an opportunity to study the results of fertilizer experiments of corn, cotton, and peanuts in the county on Tuesday afternoon, August 22. The following schedule will be carried out:

1. John Parker's farm, 1:30 P. M.
2. Mrs. Dan Ray's farm, 2:30 P. M.
3. T. B. Upchurch Inc. farm, 3:00 P. M.
4. J. I. McGougan's farm, 3:45 P. M.
5. Ryan McBride's farm, 4:30 P. M.

These fertilizer experiments are being conducted on these farms in cooperation with the N. C. Experiment Station and the Cotton and Corn Variety demonstrations on the T. B. Upchurch Inc. farm is being conducted in cooperation with the N. C. Corp Improvement Association. All of these tests should be of interest to all farmers desiring to improve the production of corn, cotton, and peanuts.