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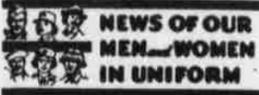
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Dougald McCracken Killed In Action

Dougald McCracken, native of the Dundarrach section of Hoke county, and recently of Red Springs, was reported killed in action in France by the War Department Monday. A message to his wife, the former Miss Maggie Mae Norris of Red Springs, was received Monday.

He was the son of Mrs. James McCracken of Red Springs and the late Mr. McCracken of Dundarrach. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by a daughter two years of age, three brothers: Peter, R. B. "Brick" and Herbert McCracken; two sisters: Mrs. Jesse Parks of Shannon and Mrs. John McCorquodale of Fayetteville.

Wounded In South Pacific

Word has been received here that Capt. J. R. Barbour, a nephew of Mrs. Roland Covington, has been badly wounded in an action of the South Pacific. Capt. Barbour's brother, Stewart Gordon Barbour, has been a prisoner of the Japanese since Wake Island was overrun, having been a member of the small garrison stationed there. Their home is in Hillsboro.

In Battle Of Saipan

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McBryde of Dundarrach have recently heard from their son, Corporal Wilson McBryde, who is with an Army Engineering unit. He reports that he went through with the Battle For Saipan, where he first was under enemy fire. He says: "Well, this is really it. For the first time I have been under enemy fire and it sure makes a guy feel different. . . . and landed on the island of Saipan on June 17th. It was a long thought fight. I guess was one of the lucky ones. I never got a scratch, so there's nothing to worry about."

Corporal McBryde has been in the Pacific area since October 15, before the attack on Pearl Harbor and underwent the bombing attack. He was stationed there until a short time before his unit joined the Saipan task force. A brother, Cpl. Duncan B. McBryde, is stationed at Fort Bragg, where he has been for the past two years.

Pvt. James Currie returned today to New York where he is with the army postal service. He spent a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

Pvt. J. H. McNulty of Aberdeen Proving Grounds is spending several days here with his wife.

Comes Home

Sgt. Bruce Conoly, gunner on a B-17 which has been operating out of England for some months, has arrived somewhere on the east coast, and soon expects to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conoly. Sgt. Conoly holds a number of medals and awards for meritorious service on a number of bombing missions over German-held Europe.

Pvt. and Mrs. W. W. Hendrick announce the birth of a baby girl, Mary Glenn, on August 17, 1944. Mrs. Hendrick was the former Miss Mary Frank Monroe. Her husband is serving in the armed forces overseas and is at present in New Guinea.

Sidney Sykes, Jr., H. A. 2-c, has returned to Camp Perry, Va., after a ten day furlough, which he spent at home and Wrightsville Beach.

Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, Aug 23—Arriving here with Class 44-I was Cadet Denver R. Huff Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver R. Huff, Sr. Siler City, N. C., began the final period of pilot training at this advanced two-engine school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. After a few more weeks of intensive training on the ground and in the air he will receive the coveted silver wings of a bomber pilot and become flying officer in the Army Air Corps. Cadet Huff was formerly a utilityman's helper at Sanatorium.

Call Off McInnis Family Reunion

The annual reunion of the McInnis Clan held the last week of August of each year, has been called off this year due to the epidemic of infantile paralysis epidemic, it was announced yesterday.

Farm Specialists Study Corn Crops In Hoke County

State And Federal Soil And Fertilizer Men See Tests Conducted On County Farms.

A large group of soil and fertilizer specialists of State College and the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry Tuesday joined Hoke County farmers in inspecting a series of corn fertilizer and cultivation tests which have been conducted on several farms in the county.

The experimental plots were on the farms of John Parker, J. M. McGowan, Ryan McBryde, Mrs. Don Ray and T. B. Upchurch, Inc. They included cover-crop and fertilization tests, spacing and fertilization and variety tests. They were under the direction of B. A. Krantz, assistant director of the Ag. Extension service at State College.

Farm leaders in the observation group included: J. W. Goodman, W. H. Rankin, Dr. E. R. Collins, G. L. Winchester, E. C. Jernigan, and J. H. Jeter of State College; Dr. M. S. Anderson of the Bureau of Plant Industry of Washington; O. F. McCrary, C. M. Brickhouse, B. F. Ferguson, district farm agents, Tom Cornwell, T. W. Cathey and H. A. Patten of the State AAA Committee. Members of the Hoke County group included County Agent A. S. Knowles, J. C. Hutchinson, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., J. M. McGowan, W. P. Phillips, and Ryan McBryde.

Many of these men had been out inspecting crops in other counties in past weeks and all were of the opinion that the crops in this section were the best that they had seen anywhere in the state.

Death Claims James P. Smith, Inventor And Plow Maker

Funeral Rites Conducted Friday Afternoon; Burial In Raeford Cemetery.

Funeral services for James Peter Smith, 79, Hoke county farmer and inventor, were conducted from his residence on Aberdeen Road, Friday afternoon at five o'clock. His pastor, the Rev. J. D. Whisnant, minister of the Raeford Baptist church, had charge of the services. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was the inventor of the Smith plow which he manufactured in the Smith Plow works from 1905 until several years ago. He has since devoted his time to farming.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jennie Looper Smith; a son, David Smith, of Raeford; a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Walters, Raeford; Stepson, Robert Looper, Little Creek, Va.; stepdaughters, Mrs. Roger Dixon and Mrs. J. H. McNulty, Raeford; Mrs. Charlie Gordon, Gloster, Miss.; Mrs. Herman King, Sanford; brother, A. M. Smith, McColl, S. C.; sisters, Mrs. J. A. McRae, Clis, Ala., and Mrs. Annie Covington, Columbia, S. C.; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Lumberton Tobacco Market Sells Over 6,000,000 Pounds

Lumberton, Aug. 23—Lumberton's tobacco market has been keeping up a fast pace, with more than 6,000,000 pounds of leaf sold up to the middle of this week. Prices also continue high, with actual figures early this week showing that Lumberton is paying more than 50 cents a hundred above the government ceiling price on the average.

Some tobacco has been selling above \$50 per hundred, but the usual run on top baskets is \$47 and \$48 per hundred. Tips are beginning to hit the market now. While these ordinarily do not bring high prices, good baskets are bringing \$40 and above on every sale.

"The condition of tobacco is having much to do with prices," said Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of sales. "Farmers should be careful about wetting down their tobacco. Often this results in damage and a lower price on the pile. One thing farmers can do, however, that is helpful. They should build their loads so as to make baskets weigh as near 300 pounds as possible.

Alfalfa in North Carolina averages 1.9 ton per acre, or more than twice the yield of other tame hay. Some growers will double the average yield of alfalfa this year.

A Dust Bowl on Saipan



This is the crossroads in Charan-Kanca, Saipan, with the military traffic bringing up supplies to advancing Marine units raising plenty of dust. It did not take the Leathernecks long to get the roads in order and traffic moving.

Dupree Negro Gets Life Sentence On Breaking Charge

Lonnie Ray Fails To Appear; Five Divorces Granted By Judge Dixon.

George Dupree, negro youth and former bellboy of the Raeford Hotel, was sentenced to serve the term of his natural life in State's prison by Judge Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, after he made a plea of guilty of second degree burglary in the criminal sessions of Superior Court Tuesday.

Dupree was under indictment for breaking and entering a woman's apartment while she was sleeping, and for attempted rape. The woman, Miss Mae Conway, an employee of the hotel, testified that some time after she had been asleep, on the night of August 2nd, she had been awakened by the touch of hands upon her body. She saw the negro, whom she immediately recognized, kneeling by her bed. She screamed and the negro fled. As he left the room a guest of the hotel, B. E. Brady, entered the hall and saw him leaving the girl's bedroom. The negro ran into a vacant room and remained there until Police W. R. Sanders and the night clerk of the hotel arrived from the first floor. All testified that they were attracted immediately to the scene by the loud screams of the woman.

Frank Wright, Jr., a negro youth, was sentenced to serve five years in State's prison for the burning of a feed barn of Henry McDiarmid. The negro was tried last January but judgment was continued then and in April because the court believed that others were involved in the case. Judge Dixon suspended the sentence and put Wright on Probation for five years. He is to pay court costs by the next term of court.

Johnny Melvin, negro, charged with incest, pleaded guilty to assault upon a female and was sentenced to serve two years on the roads.

Duncan McPhatter, negro, came clear up a directed verdict of the court, of charges of embezzlement of money for the sale of a jack from a truck belonging to Harry Epstein. Lillie Mae McArthur, negro woman, was given a sentence of two years in jail, suspended upon payment of costs and \$250 to Alex Shaw to defray hospital costs. The McArthur woman shot Shaw in the arm, and the arm had to be removed following a drinking party at her house near the Robeson county line in Anclote township.

Webson McRimmon, negro, was found guilty of drunken driving and paid \$50 and costs in lieu of a 4 months road sentence; In another case he was ordered to pay court costs and to pay Lee Maulsby \$50 for the loss of chickens killed by a dog belonging to McRimmon which he allowed to run at large.

Lonnie Ray, negro, charged with the rape of Beatrice Cherry, negro, and out on a \$750 bond, was called and failed to appear. The court ordered a capias issued.

Willie Taylor, an escaped negro convict, was found guilty of the theft of an auto belonging to Pvt. John W. Eller of Fort Bragg. He was given a sentence of 5 years to begin at the end of the term he was sentenced on Page Five

M. T. Poovey Named Commander Legion Post At Banquet

State Commander George K. Snow Speaker At Meeting Friday Evening.

M. T. Poovey, superintendent of the Edinburgh Mills, was elected commander of the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion at a banquet meeting of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary held at the Raeford armory last Friday evening.

Other officers elected were N. H. G. Balfour, vice commander, and J. S. Poole, who was renamed adjutant of the post. These officers will be installed at a meeting to be held at the courthouse on September 11th, at 8:15 p. m., it was stated yesterday.

Some 100 members and guests attended the meeting and representatives from Legion posts at Red Springs, Aberdeen, and Fayetteville were in attendance. The barbecue supper was prepared and served under the supervision of members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

George K. Snow, of Mt. Airy, Commander of the State Department, was the principal speaker for the occasion. Mr. Snow proposed that for the purpose of rehabilitation of the returning veterans of this war, a State Commission of Veterans be appointed. He expressly stated that this commission should be staggered and that they serve without pay. This commission would direct the work planned for the paid County representative in every county of the State aiding all veterans with their problems in securing hospitalization, money benefits already voted for them, educational benefits, loans and other aids which have been approved for the returning servicemen. He pointed out that after the last war there were no service commissioners to whom the veterans could turn and that they had to depend upon their friends to do what they could to waive though the Federal red tape in order to obtain just treatment under the various State and Federal Veterans-aid laws.

Frank Sasser, state service officer of Fayetteville and Paul Noel, his assistant, explained the facilities of their office, which are available to all servicemen in securing hospitalization and other aids for ex-servicemen. "An honorable discharge is the only thing necessary," Mr. Sasser stated. "Then the veteran can make application through his Post's service officer or through the office at Fayetteville.

Brief messages of greetings were brought to the post by C. I. Tyson, commander of the Aberdeen Post, and Morrison Peterson, commander of the Red Springs Post. N. H. G. Balfour, retiring commander, was toastmaster for the occasion.

Clark Family To Hold Reunion Saturday

Mrs. Flora M. Clark announces that the annual reunion of the Clark family will be held this Saturday at her home in the Bethel community. All connected with this family are invited to attend and bring their basket for the usual picnic dinner

Hoke Schools Open September 18

The opening of the Hoke county schools has been postponed until September 18, it was stated late yesterday by County Superintendent Kenneth A. MacDonald.

The delayed opening is in compliance with the request of State health officials to the infantile paralysis prevention program in other counties and the prevalence of scarlet fever here. Mr. MacDonald stated that if there was need for further delay, a meeting of the Board of Education would be called during September to take action.

Twenty Names Are Added To Service Roll Of County

Committee Asks For Additional Names Of Servicemen And Women From County Not Yet Listed.

Twenty names of men and women from Hoke county who are, or have been, in the armed forces of the United States since 1940 have been added to the Honor Roll list since the publication of the first group of nearly nine hundred names last week.

Everyone is requested to read this list and the list published last week, very carefully, and if they know of any native of Hoke county, or anyone who calls Hoke county his or her home, and who is not listed on these two lists—please notify Mrs. Ina Bethune, names committee chairman, at the Hoke County Library, Raeford, N. C.

The additional names are:

- WHITE
- (Correction) McFadyen, Jr., William Munroe
- Gentry, Samuel Welborn
- Powell, James Nash
- Maxwell, Jr., Neill Archie
- Currie, Robert W.
- Wooten, Oscar
- Randieman, Ralph Joe
- Chason, Colon
- Currie, William Gwiltney
- Cameron, William Oscar
- Sumner, Sidney Edgar
- Sanders, Luke
- Carter, Jr., Robert Lee
- Dickerson, Ervin Wheeler
- McNeill, Robert Matheson
- Weaver, Robert Wilson
- McDuffie, Edwin Lee
- Holland, Jr., Hudson H.
- Matthews, Mary Elizabeth Pope
- Calloway, Warren
- Dockery, Robert J. (Colored)

Jail And Bus Station Found Insanitary By Grand Jurors

The Hoke County grand jury reported to Judge Richard D. Dixon Tuesday that the county jail and the Raeford Union Bus Station had been inspected and both were found to be in insanitary condition.

The jury recommended also that the janitor's service in the courthouse be improved; that the jail be cleaned and kept clean; that the toilets in the bus station be put in repair and that a screen door be placed between the waiting room of the bus station and the hotel dining room which it adjoins.

J. B. Thomas is forman of the grand jury and A. D. Austin, clerk.

Loy Joins Mills Training Staff

William L. Loy has been named director of the staff for Training and Safety of the Edinburgh Mills of Raeford and associated concerns, it was announced yesterday by L. B. Singleton, personnel director.

Mr. Loy was formerly manager of the US Employment Service in Rockingham. He is a graduate of the Textile school of State College and was formerly connected with the Burlington Mills in Alamance county before his employment by the War Manpower Commission.

Mr. Singleton states that Mr. Loy will have under his direction the Vocational Training Program, which is now in operation in the plant here, and at Waverly, Morgan and Scotland Sheet Mills in Scotland County. A full-time staff of teachers train inexperienced, sub-standard and transfer-workers in the operation of the various types of machinery until they become first class operators.

Assisting in the instruction of workers at the Edinburgh Mills are Annie Hinson and Edward Smith. Several classes have completed training work for supervisors at this plant and now all new workers are being given this training while they are earning.

Fayetteville Man Dies As Truck Overtakes Here

Ice Truck Swerved From Highway To Miss Smashing Into Cars At A & R Tracks.

W. D. Lockamy is dead and James E. Tyndall suffered back and leg injuries when their truck overturned after Lockamy turned it off the highway to avoid crashing into two parked cars at the Aberdeen and Rockfish railway crossing about a mile north of Raeford at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Lockamy was killed when he jumped from the still rolling truck after it had left the highway but still was moving fast enough to hit the troop train moving across the highway there. Apparently he jumped, leaving the uncontrolled truck to hit a bank of dirt in the field which turned the truck over onto the driver smashing his head and body, killing him instantly.

Tyndall and Lockamy were employees of the Colonial Ice and Fuel Co., of Fayetteville and were enroute from Aberdeen to Fayetteville with approximately 24,000 pounds of ice. As the truck rounded the curve about 100 yards west of the railway tracks Tyndall said that they were going at a fair rate of speed and when the brakes were applied they scarcely slowed the heavily loaded truck.

"Jump, the brakes won't stop this truck," Tyndall stated. Lockamy shouted to him. There were two cars stopped by the flashing railway safety signal, and about that same time the troop train began crossing the highway. After Lockamy had got the truck off the highway to avoid hitting the cars, the still speeding truck appeared as though it would hit the troop train down the tracks. Lockamy jumped but Tyndall remained in the cab. Almost immediately Lockamy left the cab the truck turned over on him.

Lockamy is the son-in-law of Mrs. L. J. Campbell of Raeford and just about two hours before the accident happened he had stopped at the Edinburgh Mills to speak to his mother-in-law and inquire about his wife, who was making her home here with her mother, Mrs. Campbell. His wife had left Raeford Tuesday for Chicago to spend sometime.

Lockamy is the son of Mrs. Ida Lockamy of Lumberton Road, Fayetteville.

Funeral services for Mr. Lockamy will be held at the Jernigan Funeral Chapel in Fayetteville at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

4th Reg. And Glider Teams Win First Tournery Rounds

The Fourth Regiment of the Training Center at Fort Bragg knocked out the strong Florence Airbase team by the decisive score of 13 to 6, in a batsman's picnic game to open the invitational tournament play of eight servicemen's teams at Robbins Park in Red Springs Sunday.

In the second game of the afternoon the 326th Glider Infantry of Camp Mackall nosed out the 2nd Regiment team from Bragg in one of the best played games seen at Robbins Park this season. Whitley Behrman struck out 12 of the 2nd Reg. batters and allowed only four hits. While Leonard struck 10 and kept the Glider's 10 safeties well scattered for the nine frames. Behrman literally won his own game by tapping out a long single in the eighth to score the winning run, giving the Gliders a 3 to 2 lead that was not overcome.

Next Sunday's doubleheader will see the 515th Parachute Inf. of Camp Mackall cross it us with the 396th Inf. of Fort Bragg in the curtain raiser, and at 4 o'clock the Red Robins will meet the Squadron V team from the Florence Airbase. Semi-finals will be played on September 3, and the championship contest is set for September 10.

4-Hers To Give Air Program Saturday

Three Hoke county 4-H club members are scheduled to appear on a program to be broadcast over WPTF Saturday of this week, it was stated yesterday by County Agent Abner S. Knowles.

Mr. Knowles states that Landon Yarborough of Bethel, Pearly McDowell of Rockfish and Alfred Leach of Bethel, would be heard at 11:45 a. m. in an interview program about their 4-H projects and how these club activities were being applied to general farm practices. L. R. Harrell is scheduled to be the interviewer.