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## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### NOTICE

Christmas packages may be mailed overseas to servicemen on Monday, October 16, the time being extended one day.

### Lt. Gilbert M. Ray Awarded Silver Star For Gallantry

First Lieutenant Gilbert M. Ray of Rockfish, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in France, when an engineering unit with which he was assigned built a footbridge across a river there while subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. The citation reads: First Lieutenant Gilbert M. Ray, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, is awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action on July 7, 1944, in France. Lieutenant Ray was a member of a unit assigned the task of building a footbridge across a river which separated our troops from the enemy, to enable the crossing of infantry troops. From the beginning of these operations, the troops constructing the bridge were subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and casualties were heavy. The partly constructed footbridge was hit by artillery fire, which practically wiped out the assembly section. Confusion and lack of manpower at first hindered immediate operations, but with complete disregard for his personal safety, Lt. Ray assisted in final assembly of the bridge by helping regain control of the men, reorganizing and aiding working parties. Lieutenant Ray's coolness and fine display of leadership under enemy fire were an inspiration to his men. His courageous efforts aided materially in successfully accomplishing the mission. The actions of Lieutenant Ray on this occasion reflect the highest credit on himself and the Armed Forces.

Lt. Ray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ray of Rockfish. He entered the service in March, 1941. He had his basic training at Fort Belvoir and was assigned for a year with an engineering unit which was on Ascension Island. He was then returned to the States and entered OCS at Fort Belvoir, being commissioned there on July 7th, 1943, just a year before the day on which his gallant action drew for him the citation for the Silver Star Medal.

### Promoted

Henry Monroe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Monroe of Raeford, has recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. It was learned here this week.

Col. Monroe is stationed at McDill Field, Tampa, Fla., where he has been connected with the supply department for some months. A former resident of Laurinburg where he was connected with the Laurinburg and Southern railway, Col. Monroe is serving under another Laurinburg man, Col. Lee Tucker, who is field commandant.

Marshall Gillis Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ray of Rockfish, has recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to information received this week by his parents. Sgt. Ray is serving in France with an ordnance unit. He went overseas last December.

Pvt. Mary Pope Matthews, Wac of Fort Sam Houston, Tex., is spending a 21-day furlough here with her stepmother, Mrs. J. L. Pope.

Cpl. Max Pickler of Fort Sill, Okla., is spending a fifteen dayfurlough with his aunt, Mrs. E. R. Pickler at Ashley Heights.

Capt. Robert McDonald has been transferred from Langley Field, Va., to Camp Polk, La.

James Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander, and Tommie Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, have returned from the Naval Recruiting Station and are home on leave awaiting further call for duty.

Pfc. John Lee Stephens, who is stationed at Fort Macon, N. C., is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens.

It has now been made public that the 83rd Infantry Division—the outfit that took St. Malo and its fortress "Citadel," are fighting in France. From this "83rd Thundering Herd" hail several of the Hoke county boys, one of which is Pvt. Jesse G. Butler of Rt. 2, Raeford.

### Eugene Johnson Dies In Germany Sept 22

Mrs. Fred P. Johnson received word Friday through the War Department that her son, Pvt. Eugene Parker Johnson was killed in action in Germany on September 22nd.

Pvt. Johnson was serving with an army unit and had been driving an ammunition truck since the invasion of Normandy. He had served in Panama for about two years. He returned to the States last year, and after a period of advanced training, was sent to England. He had been in France since the early days of the first invasion of Europe.

Pvt. Johnson is the son of Mrs. Fred P. Johnson of Raeford and Mr. Johnson, who is now with the USDA at Stoneville, Miss. His wife is a resident of Washington, D. C. A brother, Phillip Johnson is also in the army in France. Surviving also are a brother and sister, Paul and Joan, of Raeford.

### \$160 In Prizes For School Children Cotton Pickers

#### Merchants Of County Give Money To Winners Of Contest

In cooperation with the schools, and merchants and businessmen throughout the county, the Farm Extension Service is sponsoring a cotton picking contest with all school children. The contest will run from October 11 to November 10. The contest is designed to encourage more cotton picking among school children, reports County Agent A. S. Knowles.

Prizes will be offered by age groups for children of the white, Indian, and negro schools. In addition a prize will be offered to the school that picks the most cotton, based on a percentage basis.

A large number of merchants and businessmen made the contest possible by their liberal contributions. Those giving toward this contest are as follows:

Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company, \$10.00; Raeford Oil company, \$5.00; Hoke Auto company, \$5.00; McLaughlin company, \$10.00; Farmers Furniture company, \$5.00; Baucous's Cash store, \$10.00; Israel Mann's \$5.00; Collins Dept. store, \$5.00; W. L. Alexander, \$2.50; Graham's Service station, \$5.00; McDonald's Esso station, \$2.50; Raeford Gin company, \$10.00; A. W. Wood, \$2.50; Wright's Esso station, \$2.50; Upchurch Milling company, \$5.00; J. A. Hodgins & Son, \$3.50; Alex. McCormick, \$5.00; Duffie Gin company, \$5.00; Dundarach Trading company, \$5.00; Hoke Hoke Drug company, \$5.00; Davis & Co., \$2.50; Amos Furniture company, \$5.00; Macks & Co., \$2.50; Raeford Theatre, \$5.00; Home Grocery, \$5.00; Lee Service station, \$2.50; Bank of Raeford, \$5.00; Newton's Service station, \$2.50; and N. H. G. Balfour, \$2.00.

### Ray Family To Hold Reunion At Galatia

Members of the Ray families, descendants of early Highland settlers, Malcolm, Hugh, Lewean and Col. Duncan Ray, who settled in this section in the middle 1700's, will gather at Galatia Presbyterian church on Sunday, October 22nd, according to an announcement this week from the Rev. Louis Duncan Ray, of Detroit.

A first reunion of the clan was held last year, at which time a great deal of family history was reviewed.

There will be regular church services at 11 o'clock, and a basket lunch will be served on the grounds. At 2:30 the reunion will be held. The Rev. Mr. Ray has traced much of the history of the family including some thousand years genealogy while existing as a family in the Clan Macdonald of the Scottish Isles, and the antecedent of this group to about 1000 years. B. C.

### Revival At Edinburgh

The revival meeting at the Edinburgh Community church, in Raeford, is progressing nicely. The Rev. Bennie L. Maness is assisting in the meeting. There will be services each evening at 7:30 through Sunday night. Come and worship with us.

Speaking of mailing overseas packages to servicemen, Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr., wants to know who else in the county has mailed them for four years in succession to the same person.

Seaman Second Class Malcolm K. Seasons is stationed at Little Creek, Va., where he is in training for a gunners mate.

Pfc. Hubert Cameron has recently been transferred to Camp Pickett, Va.

### D. H. Yarborough Released By Jury In Negro's Death

#### Prominent Hoke County Farmer Manager Shoots Carson Jones In Self Defense.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide" last Thursday morning following the coroner's hearing and investigation of the shooting of Carson Jones, 18 year old negro, by David H. Yarborough, manager of the W. T. Covington farms, early that day.

The shooting occurred about 7 o'clock Thursday morning at the barn on the Covington farm, according to Sheriff D. H. Hodgins, who investigated the shooting. Immediately after the affair Mr. Yarborough called the sheriff's office and told him to come out to the farm. A young negro, Redel Melvin, accompanying Jones, and an old highly respected negro, John Fairley, witnessed the shooting. The sheriff reported that Mr. Yarborough's story of the shooting was verified by the eyewitnesses. Jones had been ordered off the farm some time ago and Thursday morning he came up to the barns. Mr. Yarborough stopped him and asked him why he was on the place. Jones stepped up quickly and grabbed at Mr. Yarborough's throat, but succeeded only in getting hold of his shirt and undershirt which were torn when Mr. Yarborough twisted away. Jones made a move as if to take a pistol or knife from his pocket, and when he did, Mr. Yarborough pulled out his pistol and shot three times. One bullet took effect in the negro's heart killing him instantly.

After the sheriff's investigation Coroner Dr. R. A. Matheson, summoned a jury which consisted of Harry Greene, John Walker, W. C. Odum, L. J. Campbell, W. C. McLeod, and John McKay Blue. After hearing the testimony of all the witnesses, the jury decided that Yarborough killed the negro in self defense.

Issue New "A" Gas Books Nov. 2 to 7

The new "A" Gasoline ration books will be issued by the War Price and Rationing board of Hoke county at the office in Raeford beginning on November 2nd and continuing through November 7th.

Each applicant must bring his or her 1944 registration card. If unable to apply in person send someone with the card for your "A" book, during this time.

Little River  
In Little River township members of the board will be at the Community house at Lobelia from 2 to 6 p. m. on November 1, to issue books for that community.

### Hold Harvest Day

Wednesday, October 18, will be Harvest Day at Sandy Grove Methodist church. Barbecue and chicken salad dinners will be served, and country produce and fine handiwork will be auctioned.

### Report From Soldiers' Center

Your hostesses beg leave to report the activities of this community project to the War Fund Committee and also through the local press to all interested friends of whom there are many.

Reporting each manifestation of interest in the work would take up too much of both time and space but each and every donation has been thankfully received and enjoyed by the soldiers. We have had many appreciative letters, expressing all good wishes for "The Soldiers' Center" and for Raeford from those who have gone away.

We have continued this year our assistance to those who wished to find places to live—also to those who have asked us to find suitable renters for their apartments or rooms. Also, we have, as far as possible, tried to make things pleasant for the wives of the soldiers, coming into unfamiliar surroundings and among total strangers.

Volunteer workers come down each Sunday morning and serve breakfast. This, and the increase in food prices, have required that we buy more supplies than formerly. However, it is certainly worth the price both in money and service and we wish to express our gratitude and admiration to those who so generously contributed their Sunday morning rest to this worthy cause.

The local post office and express agency being closed at times before the soldiers can get here has given us the opportunity to send off their packages, etc. for them and also to

sign for and receive them. Many of the boys come to us feeling strange and homesick, needing an ear for their troubles or a shoulder to weep on—some just need to feel that somebody is interested and they will sit down and tell you about their home, families, loved ones, anything back where they'd love to be. It is wonderful to feel that one has helped in small ways to ease their loneliness.

We have been your representatives in this work now for two years and three months and we thank all of you who have made our service possible. We love to sew on their buttons, their insignias, and darn holes, to make dates with the girls, to find magazines to put on the troop trains, or do the one hundred and one other things as they present themselves, but of which we keep no record.

Now for statistics which speak for themselves.

Report for this year, 1944, to date, October 1, 1944:

Month	Visiting Servicemen	Civilians	Served Meals
January	519	172	365
February	395	157	292
March	464	136	247
April	428	137	308
May	432	139	236
June	534	137	211
July	569	166	453
August	593	163	337
September	414	143	259

4,348 1,330 2,818  
Respectfully submitted,  
Flora McNeill Boyce  
Ruth Gordon Currie



ROY L. McMILLAN of Raleigh and native of Wagram was the speaker at last Thursday meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club. Mr. McMillan gave a most interesting review of recent events in his talk, "America, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and held his audience well over the usual 30-minute period outlining and discussing some of the vital post-war problems with which John Citizen will be faced and asked to solve in the coming years.

### More Names Given For Honor Roll

The following additional names have been received by the Names Committee, of which Mrs. Ina Bethune is chairman, of the Hoke County Honor Roll.

**WHITE**  
Cashwell, Eugene  
Hinson, Jack John  
McFarland, Hazel Grey  
Norton, Ralph  
Wallace, Melvin Harold

**COLORED**  
Blue, Samuel  
Griffin, John D.  
Griffin, Benjamin F.  
Griffin, James  
Heuden, General Lee  
Howard, Thirida  
Kelly, John E.  
Kemp, James D.  
Steele, Garlee  
Scriven, William  
Thomas, David  
Thompson, James

### Mrs. Harriet Dees

Funeral services for Mrs. Harriett Christian Dees, 71, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Jones near Overhills, Cumberland county, were held at Mt. Pleasant Christian church Monday.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. H. O. Wooten and Mrs. W. L. Jones of Little River; five sons, F. L. and Daniel Dees of Portsmouth, Va., H. E. Dees of Raeford, A. D. Dees, of Winston-Salem and Marlin Dees, serving with the army in France; two sisters, Mrs. N. A. McNeill of Maxton and Mrs. Aex McMillan of Raleigh.

### Stuart Car Wrecked In Two Car Crash

The car of Miss Helen Patricia Stuart was badly damaged when sideswiped by another car driven by Pte. Irvin J. Resnich last Friday. The wreck happened near the Puppy Creek bridge on Fayetteville road, and the Resnich car was thrown into the creek.

Neither was injured in the wreck, and a vestigation of the wreck by of settlement was agreed between the owners.

Sheriff Hodgins stated that Resnich, who was driving to Florida, Resnich told Sheriff that he must have fallen from the wheel, having driven it at the time for the past 24 hours. Misses Jenny Warren and Annie Webb were accompanying Miss Stuart to Fort Bragg at the time of the accident.

### Hold Annual Meet November First Lumbee Coop Will

The fourth annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation will be held Wednesday, November 1, at 10:30 a. m. in the Hoke county court house, Raeford, Manager D. J. Dalton announced today.

The committee on nominations consisting of A. F. Currin, chairman, of Rowland, Hubert Prevatt, Rowland; Neill McInnis, Fayetteville; J. H. Brisson, St. Pauls; E. A. Wright, Red Springs; Alex. McIntyre, Laurinburg; W. M. Monroe, Raeford; James McIntyre, Maxton; and Belton McNeill, Maxton, met in the co-op office, October 5 and named the following nominees to be voted on for directors at the annual meeting on November 1: C. A. Alford, Rowland; J. R. Caddell, Maxton; Mrs. Lucy Smith, Raeford; E. Morris, Maxton; Marshall Newton, Raeford; J. McN. Gillis, Fayetteville; J. E. Morrison, Red Springs and C. L. Ballance, St. Pauls; and Lambert Lewis, Pembroke.

According to the by-laws of the cooperative, Mr. Dalton states that names may be added to the list of nominees by petition of fifteen members or by nominations from the floor at the meeting of the members.

The annual meeting of the members will be the most important event of the year for the cooperative's 1300 members. The program will include the election of a board of directors for the incoming year and reports from officers and committees on the progress made by the cooperative during the past year.

Mr. Dalton pointed out that the cooperative has extended electric service to farms wherever possible, as a part of a program to encourage the best use of electric labor-saving and food-producing equipment along its lines. Since January, 1943, War Production Board regulations have authorized the connection to rural power lines of nearby farms able to use electrical devices in livestock, dairy and poultry production.

The cooperative now operates 480 miles of rural distribution lines in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland counties and has an application on file to build 230 additional miles of line.

### Rockfish Church To Have Ingathering

The Tabernacle Baptist church at Rockfish will hold its ingathering on October 19th. A barbecue and a picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour. Farm produce and fancy work will be auctioned by County Agent A. S. Knowles. The public is invited.

### Bethel Ingathering Next Thursday

The annual ingathering of Bethel Presbyterian church will be held at the Community house, just three miles from Raeford, on Thursday, October 19.

Barbecue and chicken salad dinners will be served. This will be followed by the auction sale of needle work, home canned fruits and vegetables, cakes and goodies, and the cotton and other farm produce.

### Box Supper Oct 17 At Wayside For War Fund Benefit

There will be an old fashioned Box Supper at the Wayside Community house on Tuesday night, October 17. The boxes will be filled with delicious things to eat and will be auctioned off, the proceeds going to the United War Fund. The public is invited.

### "Early Birds" Give \$1321.50 Opening War Fund Drive

#### Chairman Tommie Upchurch Highly Pleased With Excellent Start Of Drive For \$5750 Fund For War Aid.

Hoke county got off to a most excellent start towards its goal for the United War Fund drive of the county this week. Treasurer Wilmer A. McDonald reported at noon yesterday that during the first two and a half days of the campaign showed that "Early Birds" of the county had contributed \$1,321.50 towards the \$5,750 fund.

The "Early Bird" club was created last week when the county commissioners jumped the opening gun of the campaign with a contribution of \$100 that was received by the treasurer without personal solicitation by any of the campaign workers, and it was announced that all those making their contributions on the same basis would be accorded membership in the club if their donations were received by noon yesterday.

Nearly one-fourth of the sum asked of the entire county has now been received and all without personal solicitation. Chairman Tommie Upchurch stated, on hearing this report, "That's fine. That shows that the United War Fund and the Soldiers Center are close to the hearts of the folks 'back home' in this country. We felt like we were being asked for a lot of money for this drive and some of us thought it was going to be mighty hard to raise it. Now I feel sure that our folks are going to respond to this call and that our solicitors will receive every cooperation from everyone they see. We're just bound to put this drive over now and I do hope that every man, woman and child in the county will contribute to this great cause. Hoke county has a big stake in this war, with well over a thousand men and women in the services, and we know we are aiding our own men and women when we contribute to the United War Fund."

"The fine work our own Soldiers' Center is doing for the sons of other American families," Mr. Upchurch continued, "is explained in the report of Mrs. Currie and Miss Boyce and I hope that every one in the county will read the report which is published in the News-Journal this week. The support of our Center is to be derived almost entirely from our United War Fund drive and, as long as soldiers come to our county for rest and recreation we want to continue this Center as their headquarters while here."

The solicitation of funds began Monday with a group of workers assigned to every community of the county, and the drive was planned that the canvas could be made within 10 days, and it is hoped that reports received by the treasurer by next Wednesday morning will show that the county has exceeded its goal in this drive.

"Early Birds"

Members of the "Early Bird" club and their contributions are:

Hoke County \$100  
Robert H. Gatlin 10  
Baucous Cash Store 50  
Mrs. Lizzie J. Tolar 5  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tolar 7  
The Bank of Raeford 100  
Raeford Dry Cleaners 10  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald 5  
Miss Jessie B. Ferguson 5  
Harvey S. Warlick \$2.50  
Miss Mildred Campbell \$2.50  
Miss Frances Campbell \$2.50  
Antioch township (Ira Newton) 33  
Carl Morris 25  
W. C. Pendergrass 5  
Mrs. W. L. Poole 10  
Mrs. R. B. Lewis 25  
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cameron 30  
Archie Howard 15  
Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin 15  
Dr. Marcus Smith 25  
Campbell Co. 10  
Reaves Drug Store 10  
Bluemont Beauty Shop 5  
R. L. Murray 50  
E. E. Fridell 5  
Price Morris 5  
Graham Shop 5  
L. F. Clark 10  
N. McL. McDiarmid 50  
I. Mann 40  
Upchurch Milling Co. 50  
T. B. Upchurch Inc. 100  
Davis Dime Store 20  
Dorothy Bovet 5  
Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont—\$1.25

Mrs. J. A. Green 1  
Mrs. Reba Roberts—\$50  
Mr. McCall—\$25  
Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin 1  
Mrs. Benita Hutchinson 1  
Hoke Oil and Fert. Co. 100  
McDonald's Esso Sta. 25  
Hoke Cotton Warehouse 25  
Farmers Furnishing Co. 50  
Mrs. W. L. Smith 3  
T. B. Lester 15

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