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NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Major James G. Currie Receives Decoration

Mrs. Ruth G. Currie has been notified that her son, Major James G. Currie, has been awarded the Bronze Star. From Headquarters 8th Infantry Division, Office of the Commanding General D. A. Stroh, APO New York, comes this letter dated October 8th:

Dear Mrs. Currie:
I have just awarded the Bronze Star to your son, Major James G. Currie. This award was made by virtue of heroic conduct on the field of battle. The complete citation will reach you in due course.

Permit me to share with you the pride and gratification which this award must bring you, and to congratulate you on your contribution through your son to the success of our military operations.

Major Currie graduated from Davidson College in 1940, went in service the fall of that year and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. He has received training in the army camps of the United States and also in Northern Ireland. Shortly after his 24th birthday he was promoted to the rank of Major. He participated in the invasion on D-Day.

Corp. Walter Howell Commended As Air-Craft Armorer

An 8th Air Force Fighter Station, England.—Corp. Walter L. Howell, son of Mrs. P. C. Howell of Raeford, N. C., is an aircraft armorer in a fighter squadron on this 8th Air Force Fighter station which was commended by Brigadier General Jesse Auton, Wing Commander, for the part played in the destruction of 43 enemy aircraft and the damaging of 23 others on a German-held airdrome recently. General Auton pointed out that it required the cooperation of every member of every organization on this field to prepare the way for and to support its Commanding Officer, Col. Hubert Zemke and his fighter pilots on their strafing run over the enemy airdrome. The mission began as a bomber-escort, but after the bombers had dropped their loads on the enemy airdrome, Col. Zemke and his pilots raked the area again and again until almost every plane in view had been either damaged or destroyed.

Complets Year of Duty Overseas

Netherlands East Indies.—Sgt. Herbert C. Gillis, communications man with an Anti aircraft artillery battalion and son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gillis, Red Springs, N. C., has just completed one year of duty overseas. His wife, Mrs. Thanie Gillis, also lives in Red Springs. Sgt. Gillis, a graduate of Hoke County high school, and farmed prior to his induction into the army in September, 1942. He is a veteran of the Hollandia operation which cut off the entire Japanese 78th Army and again advanced with General MacArthur's forces several hundred miles nearer the Philippines.

Wounded

Mrs. Thomas E. Clinton received word from the War Department that her husband, Sgt. Clinton, was wounded in action in Germany on October 14. Mrs. Clinton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davis.

On Furlough

Pvt. James Currie, who is with the USA Postal Service at Long Island, N. Y., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Currie.

Pvt. Bobby Carter of Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., spent a few days in Raeford this week. He left Tuesday night for Portsmouth, Va., where he will spend the remainder of his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carter.

Laverne McInnis, USNR, is spending a few days with his family.

Pfc. Burian Parrish of Raeford, Route 1, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C., for treatment. He has served in the hospital station detachment and is being treated for a respiratory infection.

Sgt. Hugh A. (Buck) Currie of the Waycross Georgia Army Air Base, is spending this week with his brother, D. Scott Currie and family.

Premonition Tells Mother Son Hurt

Mrs. W. C. Lee of Raeford states that Tuesday night she had a premonition that something was the matter with her son, Seaman I-C Jack Lee, and she decided to phone him to enquire about his health. She reached him at the station hospital at Vernalis, Calif., where Jack had been admitted as a patient a few

Harris Presides Over Court Term Here Next Week

Jurors Listed For Petite And Grand Juries For Mixed Term Criminal And Civil Hearings.

The November term of Hoke County Superior Court will be convened here Monday morning with the Hon. W. C. Harris of Raleigh as the presiding judge, it was stated yesterday by John Cameron, Clerk of Superior Court.

A number of minor criminal cases are to be heard the earlier part of the week, it was stated by Mr. Cameron, but there are none which are of general interest.

The civil docket is very light and it is doubtful if more than the six divorce cases scheduled will be heard.

Jurors for the term include nine of whom are to be selected for grand jury service from the venire of forty-five. The venire includes:

W. A. Smith, Little River; N. A. Maxwell, Raeford; Alex McMillan, Little River; J. F. Chisholm, Blue Springs; Z. V. Brooks, Little River; C. J. Holland, Raeford; H. T. Monroe, McLauchlin; G. D. Vanhoy, Quewhiffle; N. A. McFadyen, Quewhiffle; C. F. Davis, Raeford; J. R. Lucas, Quewhiffle; W. A. Hair, Raeford; J. C. Gibson, Antioch.

A. M. McBryde, Stonewall; Charlie Hendrix, Blue Springs; W. F. Livingston, Stonewall; R. M. Cox, Raeford; R. H. Livingston, Antioch; Martin Cameron, Little River; J. W. Smith, Little River; J. C. Currie, Blue Springs; T. D. Potter, Raeford; T. N. McKeithan, Raeford; Clarence Lytch, Raeford; John Simpson Little River; J. M. McDuffie, Raeford; W. I. Culbreth, Stonewall; W. F. Brown, McLauchlin; M. B. McBryde, Antioch; Hugh Hair, McLauchlin.

K. C. Ritter, McLauchlin; H. M. Bedsole, Stonewall; R. F. Clark, Blue Springs; J. T. Dean, Stonewall; Albert Maxwell, Blue Springs; J. A. Lisenby, Raeford; C. W. Covington, Quewhiffle; Daniel McGill, Little River; M. C. Almond, Quewhiffle; Dan A. Holt, Raeford; M. L. Wood, McLauchlin; Julian B. McLeod, Raeford; W. L. Thornburg, Quewhiffle; W. E. Hughes, Little River; T. B. Lester, Sr., Raeford.

Present members of the grand jury are:

J. B. Thomas, C. A. Lilly, J. R. Hampton, Devote Austin, A. A. Graham, Clarence Brown and T. F. Culbreth, all of Raeford; J. B. Marks of Little River; and D. N. McGougan of Allendale.

Hoke High Wins Grid Opener

In the opening game of the season and the first football game in three seasons Hoke High defeated Rowland here last Friday 13-6. Clayton Bouyer and Floyd Keith each scored for Hoke. Malcolm McKeithan snagged a pass from Bouyer for the extra point. Tomorrow Raeford goes on to Rowland for a return game, and on November 17 the local lads meet some really tough opposition from Fayetteville.

Positions Open In Federal Service

Until further notice the United States Civil Service Commission will accept applications for Office Appliance Repairman positions in Washington, D. C. From 3 to 12 months experience is required, but no written test. Typewriter repairmen are especially needed. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday unless they reside in Washington and vicinity. There is no maximum age limit.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission's local secretary, J. T. Crawley, located at Postoffice, or from first and second-class post offices Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

BREAKS ARM

Little Gene Carroll Sherrill, who, with her mother lives at the Robert's home, fell Monday while skating and broke her arm. Gene Carroll's mother is a popular saleswoman at Reeves drug store. They made their home in Fayetteville before coming to Raeford.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

The Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness and Mrs. J. C. Thomas are attending the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church at Raleigh this week. Mr. Maness states that he would make an unusually fine report of the years work on the Raeford charge.

days before. Her son had broken his arm. He expects that he will get home after the cast is removed. He has been in service since January.



WINNER

BOND CHAIRMAN



David H. Hodgkin, above, will head the Sixth War Loan Campaign in Hoke County, according to War Finance Chairman Lawrence McNeill. Mr. Hodgkin, the county's popular sheriff, was chairman of the Fifth War Loan drive in which the county exceeded its \$205,000 quota. The quota for the drive which starts on November 20th has been set at \$175,000, according to Mr. Hodgkin.

Conducts Services

The Rev. H. K. Holland spent the past week at Rose Hill where he conducted a series of evangelistic services for the Presbyterian church of which the Rev. F. M. Bain is pastor.

Pfc. Marion Blake Receives Citation



U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 8.—Marine Private First Class Marion J. Blake, 20, of Timberland, N. C., is pictured at right above as he received the Second Marine Division Presidential Unit Citation ribbon from Captain M. D. Willcutts, (MC) USN, senior medical officer, during recent ceremonies here. Pfc. Blake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blake of Timberland.

The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to personnel of the Second Marine Division "for outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese held atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20 to 24, 1943." The Second Division, with which Pfc. Blake served during the invasion, "fought a gallant battle against crushing odds, clearing the limited beachhead of snipers and machine guns, reducing powerfully fortified enemy positions and completely annihilating the fanatically determined and strongly entrenched Japanese forces," in the words of the citation. "By the valiant fighting spirit of these men—they have upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."—Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo.



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Roosevelt Wins Over Dewey As Democrats Chalk Up Leads In Senate, House, Governorships

Parent Teacher Association Is Organized Here

Mrs. B. B. Cole Elected President Of New Organization

Hoke County P-T. A. was organized Thursday evening at the high school building. Mrs. B. B. Cole was elected president; Miss Mayne McKeithan, secretary and Mr. A. S. Knowles, treasurer. Mrs. Thomas McLauchlin led the devotional exercise.

Mrs. Cooley of Wagram, president of the Fifth District of Parent-Teacher association, and Mrs. J. S. Blair, former state president and state chairman of Stamps and Bonds for Schools were present.

Mrs. B. B. Cole introduced Mrs. Cooley who spoke briefly concerning P-T. A. work. Mrs. Cooley introduced Mrs. Blair, the speaker of the evening, who spoke concerning the relation of the home and school and the intelligent cooperation of each in the training of children. She stressed the united efforts of education and the general public so as to serve the child the highest advantages in his physical, mental, social, and spiritual life.

Electoral Vote In Doubt As Several Borderline States Keep Shifting From One Candidate To Another.

Though several states keep shifting from the Roosevelt column to the Dewey column and back again, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was assured election to the presidency following an election Tuesday which is expected to set a new high in popular vote cast with over 50,000,000 going to the polls.

Michigan, Ohio, and New Jersey remain in doubt as returns continue to be counted. However, the people stressed the fact by their vote that that a war was on and that "now is not time for that change" which keynoted the Republican campaign for displacement of the Democrats and the New Deal. 51 Senate seats were assured to the Democrats late yesterday and there were increases in the number of representatives for the party. Massachusetts, Missouri and Idaho turned out their Republican administrations and elected Democrats, and several others are on the border line.

North Carolina gave Roosevelt a lead of about four to one and the president ran but slightly behind the state ticket headed by Hoyer for the senate and Cherry for Governor.

The Solid South remained solid and the heralded splits in South Carolina and Texas failed to develop more than a ripple to the waves of "Straight Democratic" tickets which gave Roosevelt a sure margin of 166 electoral votes with which to face Dewey in the contested states.

Amendments

The five amendments to the North Carolina constitution apparently established safe margins by noon yesterday though only about half of the total state vote had been reported at that time.

Mildred Newton Joins Salem Journal Staff

Miss Mildred Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton, was among the 35 students of the University of North Carolina to receive degrees in October. Miss Newton entered the university in June of '43 after completing two years work at Louisburg college.

Receiving her degree of B. A. in journalism, she worked on the Tar Heel, Carolina student newspaper as reporter and feature writer. She was also an active member of the International Relations club and the YWCA.

Miss Newton has accepted a position with the Winston-Salem Journal and will begin her work there as a reporter next week.

Fred Johnson Home For Month

Fred Johnson, gin specialist with the USDA at Stoneville, Miss. cotton experiment farms, is spending November here with his family.

To Hot Springs

Senator Ryan McBryde and Postmaster Lacy Clarke left yesterday for Hot Springs, Ark., to spend two weeks.

Record Vote In Hoke Goes 11-1 For Roosevelt

Ticket Polls Approximately One Margin; Official Count Morning.

Hoke County gave President Roosevelt all Democratic candidates a high margin in the election Tuesday, according to unofficial returns which list the Roosevelt-Dewey vote as 1843 to 160, to set a record for ballots cast in any election in the history of the county.

State and county officers polled approximately the same vote as the President, though some precincts have as yet reported only their national ticket counts. Chairman C. L. Thomas of the county Board of Elections stated late yesterday that returns from at least three precincts were not expected before Thursday morning when the canvas of the vote will be made to determine the official count and that even unofficial counts on many candidates and on the amendments were far from complete.

In the district, the Democratic candidates for the state Senate, Ryan McBryde of Raeford and Arthur Ross of Asheboro apparently had majorities of about 1700 votes each from this county to offset the apparently heavy Republican vote for H. F. Seawell and J. O. West in Harnett, Moore and Randolph counties. H. C. Blue of Aberdeen reported late yesterday afternoon that the McBryde-Ross majority in Moore county would be about 1700.

The official vote of the county by townships will be carried next week by the News-Journal.

Mrs. Marley Has Another Drama Produced At UNC

Sixth Play Of Lumber Bridge Writer Is Favorably Received At Playmakers Theatre.

CHAPEL HILL, Nov. 6.—Big Meetin' Time, a new ritual-play by Clara Johnson Marley incorporating the camp meeting religious practices which swept over the southern states following the Civil War, was produced by the Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina in the Playmakers theatre to a record-breaking audience on Friday evening, October 20, at 8 o'clock in the 99th Series of Experimental Production of new plays. It is claimed by campus leaders that the author has reached new heights in playwrighting judged primarily by the musical build of the play, the folklore used, and its tremendous audience appeal.

Big Meetin' Time was directed by Carrington Cross, assisted by Anne Osterhout, both winners of the Rockefeller Fellowships in playwrighting. The music was directed by Mary Stringfield, member of the University Music department, Nicholas Lindsey, son of America's great poet, Vachel Lindsey, played the leading role in this play. The Kay Kyser Scholarship award was won by Nicholas Lindsey for 1944 on literary work of exceptional merit. Clara Johnson Marley is twice winner of the Sidney Lanier Cup awarded annually by the State Federation of Women's clubs for the best one-act play written in North Carolina. The play winning the State Award in 1943 was Flora Macdonald, an historical play of the North Carolina Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald. The Silver Playwriting Cup was presented by Mrs. James Boyce Hunter, chairman of literature, from Charlotte, at the High Point State Convention.

Clara Johnson Marley's play, "The Old Dram Tree," won the Sidney Lanier Cup for 1944 in the Charlotte State convention of Federated Women's clubs. This drama is historical, incorporating Wilmington's famous "old dram tree" and the gallant searovers in the days of piracy. "The Old Dram Tree" was published recently in the Southern Literary Messenger, Richmond, Va., and broadcast by the editor of the Messenger, F. Meredith Dietz.

Four other one-act plays by Mrs. Marley have been produced by the Playmaker organization. They are: Mary Slocumb, a study of the heroine of the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge; Swamp Outlaws, in which the character of Henry Berry Lowry is the leading figure; Crusoe Islanders, a study of the folk of the Waccamaw river basin; and The Waith of Chimney Rock, drawn from a legend of the folk of North Carolina Blue Ridge mountains.

Census report shows that 9,572 bales of cotton were ginned in Cumberland County from the crop of 1944, prior to October 15, as compared with 10,540 bales for the crop of 1943.