

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Traffic Directing Has Its Exciting Moments In France

WITH THE 26th INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Directing of traffic ordinarily is considered a routine assignment by the Military Police, but Lt. Ray Mount, of Waycross, Ga., and Pfc. Richard Neely, of Raeford, got a warm reception in a small French town recently.

Just as they moved into the town to supervise traffic, Germans laid down a heavily artillery barrage. Both dived under the nearest jeep. It was a well-populated location, four other men having beat them to the spot. Six men under a jeep left a few exposed limbs and Lt. Mount and Pfc. Neely debated if it would be better for them to try to reach their own jeep a hundred yards away.

The Germans ended the debate with a direct hit on the Lieutenant's jeep. When the barrage ended, Lt. Mount hopefully explored the wreckage of his jeep for the last chocolate bar he had brought with him from the United States. It was casualty of war.

Lt. Mount is the son of Mrs. E. R. Mount, of Waycross and Pfc. Neely is the husband of Mrs. Jessie Mae Neely of Raeford.

1-C William Alexander of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

B. B. Cole, Jr., AM M 3-c is spending a fifteen day leave with his parents. He has been transferred from Banana River, Fla., to Norfolk on PBM Anti-submarine patrol.

Cpl. James Stephens of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas is spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens.

Capt. Frank Williams has arrived overseas safely with an infantry unit in France, according to a message received Monday by his wife.

Sgt. and Mrs. Wilson Yarborough of Fort Smith, Arkansas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Yarborough this week.

Corporal and Mrs. Carlton Niven of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas are spending a furlough with their parents in Raeford and Roxboro.

## With The Army People

Mrs. Becky Jack is leaving for her home in Penn. Sunday where she will spend the next three weeks.

Friends of Mrs. Norma Banks will be happy to learn that she is much better and will be up and about in a few days. Mrs. Banks has been suffering from tonsillitis.

A few army couples got together last Saturday evening and enjoyed a hot-dog roast. They were Lt. and Mrs. Heath; Lt. and Mrs. Neilson; Capt. and Mrs. Jordan and Capt. and Mrs. Hafner.

Lt. R. R. Hafner has been promoted to the rank of captain. This promotion being effective last Saturday.

Lt. and Mrs. Neilson who at one time resided in Raeford and who at present are living in Lillington, visited with Lt. and Mrs. Heath Saturday.

Lt. and Mrs. S. Ruggiano are enjoying a leave in Baltimore, Md.

Lt. and Mrs. R. S. Sutton are now on leave which they are spending in New Orleans, La.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Tom Yates are the proud parents of a baby girl born at the Fort Bragg hospital on November 22. Sgt. Yates is stationed with a unit at Pope Field and he and Mrs. Yates make their home at the L. E. Reaves residence.

1st Sgt. and Mrs. Spurgeon Pettit are newcomers to Raeford. They came here from Timberland. They are now residing in one of the apartments in the Johnson building. Sgt. Pettit is stationed at Camp Mackall.

Lt. and Mrs. Hellewig who have been residing in the home of Pfc. and Mrs. Roscoe Currie have left Raeford for a new assignment.

Pfc. and Mrs. Tom Moore and son, Tommie, spent the past week end in Sumter, S. C. visiting relatives.

Tech Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred Graschang also are newcomers to Raeford from Timberland. They are residing in one of the apartments in the John-

## Ask Hoke Give Christmas Boxes For Sick Soldiers

Miss Josephine Hall Lists Suggested Items; Quota Of 150 Boxes Set For County.

"The Hoke County Camp and Hospital Council has been asked to furnish 150 Christmas packages again this year," says Miss Josephine Hall, chairman of the Council. Last year about 175 boxes were filled by women of the county and were carried to Camp Mackall where they were distributed among the patients at the hospital on Christmas morning. This year 100 packages will go to Mackall and 50 to a regional hospital at Fort Bragg.

The value of the Christmas package should be no greater than \$1.00 which include nuts, homemade cookies, or fruit cake which might be sent. The contents of the package should be listed outside and the name and address of the sender should be placed inside.

The following items have been suggested as articles that might be put in the Christmas packages: playing cards, writing paper, new comic books, pocket editions of books, small dictionaries, note books, combs, soap, handkerchiefs, small puzzles, brain teasers, regulation army ties, cigarettes, sewing kits, candies, pocket knives, shoe shine equipment, wash cloth, address book, pocket frames for pictures, cleaning fluid, regulation socks, talc, shaving lotion, razor sets or blades, pocket flash lights, small blocks of fruit cake, cookies, and nuts. The packages should not contain apples, oranges, or tangerines, as they are too perishable. It has also been suggested that not so much shaving cream and tooth paste be sent.

The various organizations of the county, Raeford Woman's Club, Home Demonstration clubs, Church groups and others are being asked to furnish these packages. Individuals who are not affiliated with any of these groups are also urged to contribute a package. "Last year we had splendid cooperation in this project and we hope to receive it again this year," said Miss Hall.

The wrapped packages must be taken to the two army posts on Monday morning, December 18th so it will be necessary to have them in Miss Hall's office by Saturday, December 16th. This is a splendid way to have a part in preparing a cheerful Christmas for our servicemen and women isolated in hospitals, and out of contact with their families during the holiday season.

## Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, sermon by pastor.  
6:30 P. M.—Pioneer Vespers—"Understanding What Takes Place in Worship."  
6:30 P. M. Senior Vespers—"Whom We Worship."  
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship, sermon by pastor.  
3:30 P. M. Monday—Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary.  
7:30 P. M. Monday—Elders' and Deacons' meeting.  
7:30 P. M. Wednesday—Prayer meeting.  
8:15 P. M. Wednesday—Adult choir rehearsal.  
7:30 P. M. Thursday—Young People's Prayer Service.

## Peoples Tabernacle Church

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by pastor.  
6:30 P. M.—Young People's meeting.  
7:30 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by the Rev. Jim Green of Greensboro, general superintendent of The People's Christian Movement and president of People's Bible School of Greensboro.  
7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.  
7:30 P. M. Wednesday—Missionary meeting.

Mrs. J. L. McInnis of Blue Springs township is spending some time at St. Pauls in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Mussewhite. Mrs. Mussewhite's little six-year-old son, Melvin, is a patient at the Polio Emergency hospital at Hickory, but doctors report that little Melvin's condition is favorable. Mrs. Mussewhite is with her son at the hospital.

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## Artist and His Seal



Spence Wildey, creator of the 1944 Christmas Seal, displays a poster showing the modernistic postman he drew for the Seal which will be sold from Nov. 20 to Christmas to support the 1945 fight against tuberculosis.

## Western District Court Of Honor Held At Maxton

Annual Banquet Of "Scouters" Business Men To Be Held December 8th.

The Court of Honor for the Western District was held in Maxton on November 24th. Mac Gaskins, field executive, had charge of the court. There was a good representation of the scouts present and several of the Maxton people were there as visitors.

Two of the scouts made applications for the Eagle award and upon examination were found to be qualified for the award and will be so recommended to the National Council.

The boys coming up for Eagle application are Bill Butler of Laurinburg and Billy Peele of Laurel Hill. These awards will be made at the next meeting of the Court which will be in December.

Second awards were made to Leitch Patterson of Troop 39, Edsel Ray of Troop 52 and Vernon Smith Jr. of Troop 54.

First Class awards were made to the following scouts from Troop 54 of Springfield: E. H. Shankle, Jr., George Smith, James Barnes, Hermon Barnes, Monroe Tyndall, and Wallace Ammen.

The Star award was made to the following boys of Troop 52 of Laurel Hill: Earnest Meekins, Alex Barber and Eleeby Jeffcoat.

Merit Badges were awarded to the following scouts: Troop 20: Bill Butler, Troop 39: John C. Hasty, William Frostick, David Phillips, Roland Seals, Mack Jernigan, and Leitch Patterson; Troop 50: Coleman Russell, and William Purcell; Troop 52: Billy Peele, Alex Barber, Ernest Meekins, Gene Harris, Charles Smith, Alfred Gaudler, Harold Herndon, Earl Bradley and Horace Gibson; Troop 53: Henry Martin, Archie Williams, Eugene Snipes, Alfred Bridgers, Curtis Rhye, H. E. Hegwer, and Ralph Fields; Troop 54: L. H. Shankle, Jr., George Smith, Monroe Tyndall, and Wallace Ammen.

The annual banquet for Scouters will be held on December 8th at 8 P. M. in the Laurinburg school cafeteria. All scouters and those interested in scouting are invited to be present. The price will be one dollar a plate. You must secure your ticket and report to W. C. Covington at Wagram by December 1st.

This will be an interesting meeting lasting one hour and fifteen minutes according to the announcement by the program committee. Officers for the new year will be elected, reports on the work in the district will be given, and an address by Dr. L. C. LaMotte of Maxton will feature the program.

Miss Maudie Poole of Belmont was also home for the holidays. Mrs. A. K. Currie had all the members of the Poole family who were in Raeford for a Thanksgiving dinner and reunion.

Capt. and Mrs. Bane, who have been making their home with Mrs. H. A. Cameron are giving up their apartment this week. Since Mrs. Hubert Cameron is making her home here, Mrs. Cameron will not continue to rent her upstairs apartment.

Douglas Monroe underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday at Highsmiths hospital in Fayetteville.

Misses Judy Klouse and Retha Howell spent the past week-end at WCUNC visiting Miss Betsy Ann Cole.

## Miss Smoot To Direct Methodist Activities

Miss Margaret Virginia Smoot of Goldsboro has accepted a position with the Raeford Methodist church as Director of Religious Education and Music. On Friday the first of December she will begin her attendance that morning at 9:45 a. m. the district meeting at Aberdeen. 4:00 P. M. she will attend the session of the Woman's Society and choir practice at the parsonage.

Miss Smoot is a daughter of the late Dr. M. L. Smoot of Fayetteville. She comes to the Raeford Methodist church highly recommended and well qualified for her work.

## Christmas Seal Sale By Letter Again This Year

Sale of the Christmas Seal for the tuberculosis fund will again be conducted by Miss Aris Shankle, seal chairman for the county, and the sale will be made by letters as has been the custom for the past several years, it was stated.

Letters are now being mailed out and those receiving the seals are asked to send payment or return the seals immediately.

## Merrill New Reaves Store Pharmacist

E. E. Merrill, a native of Southern Pines, is now connected with the Reaves drug store of Raeford, having arrived here Monday from Virginia Beach to begin his new work.

Mr. Merrill has been connected with a drug store at the resort city for the past four years and prior to that time was with stores at Southern Pines since his graduation from the pharmacy school of the University of North Carolina. He was a classmate of Mr. Reaves, and received his graduate license in 1931.

Mr. Merrill is married to the former Miss Mildred Marrow of Southern Pines and Plymouth. They have two children. Mrs. Merrill and children expect to move to Raeford early next year.

## County School News

The high school Dramatic club, Comus, is preparing to work on a one-act play to help promote greater sales of War Bonds and Stamps. Several members of the club have been reading various plays from which they will select one for production this week.

Comus pins will be ordered as soon as members of the club pass the requirements which will make them eligible to wear the pin. A member may compose an original play poem or skit and present it before the club, or may memorize and give, before the other members of Comus, any good poem or excerpt from any well known play. A great deal of talent has been discovered in members of the club of which good use will be made throughout the year.

In the final foot ball game of the season played at Raeford on Thanksgiving Day, Whiteville defeated the Raeford team 31 to 7.

Thirty-six boys have gone out for basket ball this season. The girls have been practicing for some time. The first game of the season will be played at Raeford December 15 with Biscoe.

Mrs. Durham's first year home economics classes are completing their first project for the year, the making of pinafors. The second and third year pupils are making skirts and woolen dresses.

On Friday morning the pupils of the high school went to see the picture "Wilson." The production had a cast of 12,000, with 96 historical characters. This picture, for its historical and educational values, is one that every school child should see. The school authorities are grateful to Mr. McIntyre for the extra showing of the production.

The Beta club, as usual, is sponsoring the sale of War bonds and Stamps during the Sixth War Loan drive. This is one of the projects of the club.

Mrs. Cameron's general business class members have been studying the use and mechanism of the telephone. Mrs. Robert Gatlin visited the class last week and gave an interesting and informative talk on the telephone and its uses.

Mrs. Cameron made an attractive arrangement indicative of the Thanksgiving Season for the front hall last week.

The Teen Age club has been functioning nicely since its organization

## Doorknockers Set Tuesday, Dec. 5 As "Bond Day"

Women Of Hoke, Richmond And Scotland Seek Sales Sufficient To Purchase B-29 Bomber.

Next Tuesday, December 5, has been officially designated as "Bond Day" in Raeford. The women doorknockers who will conduct the house-to-house sales as well as canvass the business section have divided the town up into areas to be worked by four teams so that the major part of their campaign will be completed in one day.

As a goal for a three-county campaign the women of Hoke, Scotland and Richmond Counties have set their quota for the Sixth War Loan drive at \$600,000 which will be sufficient to purchase one B-29 which they have already headed in the direction of Tokyo, according to Mrs. W. L. Poole, county chairman of women's bond sales.

The plan for the canvass was heartily approved by Sixth War Loan Chairman D. H. Hodgkin and Lawrence McNeill, Hoke county War Finance chairman, who are making a special appeal to all home folks to stay at home Tuesday and all business people to stay at their business houses or offices until they are called upon by the doorknockers. Mr. Hodgkin and Mrs. Poole ask that everyone be ready to make their bond purchases at this time so that the volunteer band of solicitors will not have to make additional trips. "When you hear your doorbell ring, answer it, please," stated Mrs. Poole, in a statement addressed to the home-folks, "as these workers are giving their time you should give them every cooperation in making the drive."

The four sections of the town are those areas as divided by Main and Edinburg streets, and they will be served by the following teams and area chairmen:

NORTH WEST SECTION: Committee from the Educational Club; Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. chairman, Mrs. Marion Gatlin, Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr., Mrs. C. W. Sente, Mrs. N. B. Sinclair and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Jr.

SOUTH EAST SECTION: Committee from Daughters of Eastern Star; Mrs. Israel Mann, chairman, Mesdames Herbert McKeithan, L. S. McMillan, M. T. Poovey, Chandler Roberts and Edwin Smith.

SOUTH WEST SECTION: Committee from Music Club; Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, chairman, Mesdames W. P. Baker, W. R. Barrington, Dwight Brown, Alfred Cole, Jr.

NORTH EAST SECTION: Committee from Literature Club; Mrs. J. R. Hampton, chairman, Mesdames J. W. Coates, N. A. McDonald, Younger Sneed and J. D. Whisnant.

three weeks ago. The purpose of this club is to meet the social needs of the teen age children. All parents are invited to visit the club.

The pupils in the high school are working on one hundred percent membership for P.-T. A. in their home rooms. Mrs. Younger Sneed and Mrs. J. L. McNeill visited the school last week to outline the membership drive.

Mrs. Wedemeyer and Mrs. Gore's home rooms were presented one dollar a piece during assembly Wednesday for having 100 per cent membership in a subscription drive put on by editorial staff of school paper.

The physical education program of the high school is developing pupils in initiative and leadership by letting them direct classes in calisthenics and exercise drills.

The first issue of the "Hoke High Lights," the pupils monthly publication, came out last week. A shortage of materials caused the delay in the first issue, but the next copy is expected to be on schedule time.

School was resumed Friday after the Thanksgiving holiday. To make up for the day lost Thanksgiving school will be taught Saturday, December 2.

The Board of Education will meet in regular monthly session on Monday evening, December 4 at 8 o'clock.

R. A. Smoak, principal of Ashmont school took his little daughter, Mary Ann, to the hospital Tuesday morning. It is unknown what her trouble is. Mary Ann was at school Monday seemingly in good health.

The Hoke High-Raeford Graded school P. T. A. will meet in the high school auditorium Monday evening, December 4, at 7:15 o'clock. The subject is "Know Your School." Mrs. B. B. Cole will preside. Mrs. Belton Wright is chairman of the program committee.