

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Lt. Gilbert M. Ray Awarded Silver Star

WITH THE U. S. FORCES, France—1st Lt. Gilbert M. Ray of Hoke County, N. C., fighting in France since the first week of the invasion, is one of a group who have received the Silver Star for exceptional heroism and service in combat.

Presentation of the awards was made at an impressive ceremony by Major General Leland S. Hobbs, 30th Division commander.

Hamp Nicholson Is Home

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 20.—Sgt. Hamp B. Nicholson, 24, of Wagram has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

As a B-17 Fortress armorer-gunner, Nicholson flew 10 missions while in the European theatre of operations, winning the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He is the son of H. B. Nicholson of Wagram, entering the army in 1942. His wife, Gladys, lives in Wakulla.

Hoke Colored Boy Killed In Action In France

Word from the War Department has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Graham of Bowmore, confirming the death of their son, Cpl. Ardis E. Graham, on November 25. Cpl. Graham was with the 761st tank battalion in action under Lt. General George S. Patton, 3rd Army commander. Graham and his crew were recently commended personally for their bravery, skill and stiff opposition shown in attacks on the Germans. Before entering the service, he was employed in war work in Boston, Mass. He was a graduate of Upchurch high school here and a former student of A. and T. College in Greensboro and Nashville Tenn., State college.

A copy of the Trinidad Guardian, printed in the Port of Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I., carries an interesting picture of Major General Firmo Freire, chief of staff to the president of Brazil decorating Col. R. B. Lewis, commanding officer of Fort Reid. The award is a silver star that was given for promoting Brazilian goodwill. Awards of this order, which is two centuries old are made in recognition for hospitality and the name of the president of Brazil to non-citizens of Brazil in special services rendered to that country.

Among officers of the old 252nd Coast Artillery who are in Raeford at present are: Major Buck Blue at home on two week's leave from Boise, Idaho; Major Younger Snead at home on a month's leave from Trinidad; and 1st Lt. Hartman Yarborough, enroute from Fort Sill to Fort Jackson. Capt. Neill James Blue will come in from Sill this week.

Cpl. Bill Davis of the Columbia Air base spent the weekend at home with his mother.

Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Lester visited relatives in Raeford over the weekend.

Lt. Jg. Kermit Crawley visited his parents and wife in Raeford for a few days before resuming his duties at sea.

Word has been received that Pvt. Roscoe Currie has arrived safely in England.

W. E. English, CM 1-c, is spending a leave with his grandmother, Mrs. Dora English of Route 2. He will leave on the 27th for Davisville, R. I. for a new assignment.

Can't Spare This Driver

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Irving Weber, 41, won a postponement of his traffic violation case today. His employer told the judge that Weber drove a diaper delivery truck and could not be spared from his work.

A minimum 1945 producer price of 27 cents per dozen for candied eggs has been announced. In areas not selling candied eggs, the price for eggs from farmers is 24 cents per dozen straight-run.

The new daily hog market at Kingston is handling about 300 hogs per week and providing the farmers of that section with a good market.

Each ton of lespedeza hay removes the amount of potash found in 85 pounds of muriate of potash or 800 pounds of 0-14-7 topdressing.

Pageant At Bethel Sunday Dec. 24

The Young People of Bethel church will present a Christmas pageant on Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 7 o'clock in the community building, Blue Springs township. The public is invited.

John L. Russell Claimed By Death

Former Employee Of News-Journal Dies In Veterans Hospital.

John L. Russell, veteran of World War I and former resident of Raeford, died Friday, December 8, at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville after an illness of only a few hours. Mr. Russell had entered the hospital for treatment and an operation and complications developed which resulted in death.

Funeral services were held at the McDougald Funeral Home chapel Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Dr. James B. Turner, of the Baptist church, conducted the services.

Burial was at Hillside cemetery and members of the American Legion were pall bearers. They were C. W. Odom, Fred Burney, Henry Eidson, F. T. Jones, W. E. Matthews, and J. W. Jones. There were many floral tributes. The final note of the burial service was the blowing of taps by Alton Munns.

Mr. Russell was born in Fayetteville, August 28, 1890, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Russell, who lived in Laurinburg until their deaths some years ago. His father was postmaster at Laurinburg during the first World War and was a lawyer and church leader.

John Russell married Miss Lella Blue of Comberland county October 26, 1919, who survives with one son, David Harrison Russell. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. L. Nichols and Mrs. O. K. DuBose of Laurinburg; Mrs. Robert H. Eadie of Charlotte; W. C. Russell of Albemarle; G. H. Russell of Lexington; E. A. Russell of California and Pfc. George E. Russell of Madison, Wis.

Mr. Russell was a printer and was working in Fayetteville at the time of his death.

He worked at length for the News-Journal three different times. He was one of the first foremen and linotype operators that the late Paul Dickson had on the paper. Later he worked for Paul Jr. and was with the paper under Mrs. Dickson's management the winter and spring of 1943. He was an expert linotype operator and knew all branches of printing. He had been highly nervous since the first world war and this was a great handicap.

J. M. McDuffie Home

John Murdoch McDuffie is at home again after having been a patient in Moore county hospital. Tho' quite weak he is able to be out and downtown. He thinks he will soon be all right, as he says "You can't down a working man."—(and a "talking one")—Social Editor.

No Deer-Shirt Tail Off

A deer hunt last week by Raeford deer hunters resulted in a "water haul." Neill A. McDonald had to have his shirt tail cut off. It was a mighty pretty shirt and the piece that was cut off and hung on a tree limb was not there after the hunters had dispersed.—Most likely its back on the shirt.

Store Hours

Donald Davis, manager of Davis 5, 10, 25c store, announces that his store will observe Saturday hours on both Friday and Saturday of this week; that is, the store will stay open until 9 P. M.

Otis Langdon Is Now At Reaves

Otis Langdon is again connected with Reaves Drug store as prescriptionist after a stay in Florida. The drug store has a new closing schedule, according to L. E. Reaves, owner. It is open each night until 9 o'clock.

SHILOH CHURCH

Wm. B. Gaston, pastor
Christmas Cantata Sunday evening at 7:30 to be presented by the Young People's choir.

BETHEL CHURCH

Morning Worship—11 a. m.
Christmas Pageant—5:30 p. m.



With Heartiest Greetings To Each Member Of
Our Fine Family of Readers at This Christmastide

THE NEWS-JOURNAL STAFF

Last Rites For D. Daniel Black Held At Galatia

Funeral services for Duncan Daniel Black, 70, prominent farmer of Seventy First township, who died in Highsmith hospital Friday, were conducted in the home Sunday at 4:30 p. m., with burial in Galatia cemetery. The Rev. Donald McMahan officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. K. Holland of Raeford.

Serving as active pallbearers were Gordon Hart, Neill Gillis, John Parker, Albert Guin, Jack Lumbford, J. A. Newton. Honorary pallbearers were the officers of Galatia church and David Lindsay, Percy Maddox, P. A. Webb, Dr. R. L. Murray, Dr. M. R. Smith.

Mr. Black was a native of Harnett county, the son of Duncan and Christine McRae Black. He was a member of Galatia Presbyterian church and had been a resident of this community for the past twenty-five years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Black; one son, J. A. Black of the home; three daughters, Misses Katie and Allie Black of the home and Mrs. D. K. Parker of Raeford, Rt. 2; one brother, Neill D. Black of Manchester; five sisters, Miss Isabel Black and Mrs. S. C. West of Manchester, Miss Minnie Black of Selma, Mrs. Amarantha Ray of Durham and Mrs. Hector Black of Fayetteville; and three grandchildren.

Ed Peele Undergoes Operation Friday

Ed Peele, popular salesman of McLaughlin company hardware, was taken seriously ill last Thursday and went to his home from his place of business. He was found to be suffering from appendicitis and was taken to Moore county hospital where he was operated on Friday. He is getting along nicely, from last reports.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
1:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
5:00 P. M.—Young People's choir rehearsal.
6:30 P. M.—Pioneer and Senior Vespers.
7:30 P. M.—Union service, with special music by members of the Chaminade Music club.
5:30 P. M. Monday—Christmas candlelight vesper service.
8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Adult choir rehearsal.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister
10:00 A. M.—Church School with appropriate devotionals.
11:00 A. M.—Christmas Service, with solo, anthem and other Christmas music. Sermon topic, "The Babe of Bethlehem."
6:30 P. M.—Pageant by the Youth Fellowship directed by Miss Smool.

7:30 P. M.—Union Christmas service at the Presbyterian church. Adult choir rehearsal Friday evening at 7:30 at the parsonage. Please join with us in making Christmas a most worthwhile event spiritually.

Special Services At Phillipi Church On Christmas Eve

On Sunday afternoon, Christmas Eve, a special Christmas service will be held at Phillipi Presbyterian church near Raeford at 3:00 o'clock. The service has been moved up one hour.

The Rev. Donald McMahan of Fayetteville will deliver a Christmas message.

Following the sermon gifts under the Christmas tree will be distributed. Names were drawn at the last meeting. All members and friends are urged to attend and to note the change in the hour.

County Nears Over- All Bond Quota; "E" Bond Sales Lagging

Chairman Hodgkin States Total Sales Now Stand At \$153,016.50 With Only \$76,000 "E" Bond Purchases.

Hoke County sales of "E" Bonds in the Sixth War Loan campaign are far behind the quota, according to D. H. Hodgkin, chairman of the drive, but the county is within \$15,000 of its overall quota.

Total sales reported by Mr. Hodgkin yesterday were \$153,016.50 compared with a quota of \$168,000. Of this but \$76,000 was for "E" bonds, while the quota for this type of bond is \$113,000.

Sales through the month of December will be counted toward the county quota, it was said, but Mr. Hodgkin stated that the War Finance committee was considerably disappointed in the "E" bond purchases. This is the lowest overall quota and the lowest "E" quota in the several drives, and since the excellent crops of the county had brought fine prices this year, it was expected that Hoke would have little difficulty in reaching the quota for the individual type bonds during this drive.

Ration Notes

The Ration Board wishes all truck owners to take note that truck gas will be issued for the first quarter of 1945 beginning on December 27. All applicants must bring new registration cards and War Necessity certificates so that the gas may be issued.

The Ration Board will meet Friday night of next week instead of Tuesday night.

New "A" Coupons Friday
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Thursday is the last day to use "A-13" gasoline coupons. On Friday six "A-14" coupons in each basic "A" book will become valid. Each of the new A-14 coupons will be good for four gallons. They will remain valid through March 21, 1945.

Peoples Tabernacle Church

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
Lesson Topic: "The Ground of Universal Joy."
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
7:00 P. M.—Christmas program, all are invited to attend.
7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Midweek prayer service.
7:30 P. M.—Missionary meeting.
There will be a Christmas program at the Peoples Tabernacle. The program will consist of the primary children followed by a play by the intermediates. Last will be a pageant by the young people of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend. The public is cordially invited to attend.
7:00 P. M.

LIBRARY NEWS

Among the new books recently received in the library are the following: Keepers of the Faith, by Loring; Give Us This Day, Taber; Bugles In Her Heart, Larrimore; Till Death Do Us Part, Carr; Joan Chooses Occupational Therapy, Cobb; Your Career In Music, Johnson; Brave Ships of World War II, Leeming; Pilots Also Pray, Lt. Tom Harmon; Dr. Ellison's Decision, Seifert; Girl Without A Country, Poston; and Kitchens Near and Far, Smith.
A number of very attractive books have also been received for boys and girls for holiday reading.
The library will be closed Dec. 23 through Dec. 26, for the Christmas holidays.

Soap left in fabrics may make them dingy, yellow, or even brownish in streaks. The fibers may eventually be weakened by such treatment. Don't slight the rinsing job.

Many Transfers In Real Estate In Raeford Made

Walter Baker Buys Williford Home For \$11,650 At Auction Wednesday; Hardware Sale Closed.

Trading in real estate in Raeford has been quiet in the past few weeks and transfers for the transfers of a number of pieces of business and residential property have been filed with the clerk of deeds in the past few days.

In the sale of the buildings located on Main Street and formerly owned by Loyd and formerly owned by Upchurch Pugh, C. J. Benne, the director of the Home Economy store, has become the new owner. On these buildings is now occupied by the Smith Radio Service, another by a photo-concern, and the third houses the economy store.

The Johnson company, cotton and fertilizer and farm supply concern of Dunn, has purchased a lot 25 by 125, located on Elwood street and near the county office building. The property was owned by Mrs. J. A. Walters.

N. B. Sinclair has sold a vacant lot which runs from Elwood to Edinborough street to J. L. McNeill and the lot in turn was sold to the Hoke Auto company.

At an auction held yesterday of and others. Adjoining property which real property of the estate of the late Mrs. Julia Williford, her home and four lots adjoining were bid off by Walter D. Baker for a price of \$11,650. J. W. Ferrell Company conducted the sale.

Final papers were filed with register of deeds, W. W. Roberts, yesterday, for the sale of the Raeford Hardware company to W. D. Brown formerly was occupied by a warehouse of the hardware concern, was purchased by L. E. Reaves, Jr.

Though papers have not been recorded, J. Luther Wood confirmed the report that he had purchased the group of store buildings known as the Hein's property located just rear of the Bank of Raeford on Elwood street. This property was formerly owned by the Upchurch corporation and was originally built for the local telephone exchange, and an upstairs apartment was the Heins home. The apartments are now occupied by Dan Campbell and the F. A. Keiths, Mr. Wood operates a furniture store in the street floor buildings.

With The Army People

Mrs. M. Baumgartner was moved from Rex hospital in Raleigh to hospital No. 1, room 201, at Fort Bragg Monday. Anyone wishing to visit her may do so at the hours of 2.4 and 6.8. Mrs. Baumgartner is greatly missed by the members of the Officers Wives club. She is a friend to all and does much club work and we hope she is among us again before many weeks.

Mrs. Albert C. Heath returned to New York city Monday to spend Christmas with her daughter. She has been visiting her son, Lt. Morris L. Heath.

Lt. and Mrs. Ed Lyle have moved from the Austin home in Raeford to Fayetteville. Mrs. Lyle was the Red Cross director in the Officers Wives club and we regret to lose her.

Captain and Mrs. Frank Bain are on leave and are visiting in Minnesota.

Lt. and Mrs. Corlis Jordan, who reside in the home of Dr. Brown, are now at home after a pleasant leave in Indiana.

Lt. and Mrs. T. L. Curran are enjoying a leave at the home of Lt. Curran in Texas over the Christmas season.

Lt. and Mrs. J. O. Banks are on leave and are visiting in Mexia, Tex.

A meeting of the Officers Wives club was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Burton. Mrs. Taylor was her co-hostess. A most delicious luncheon was served before a beautiful fire. The room was decorated with Christmas pine, all in making a festive background for the meeting. Bridge and rummy were played during the afternoon. It was decided the next meeting be held January 4, the place to be announced later.

The grand champion bull at the Aberdeen-Angus sale recently held in Atlanta, Ga., sold for \$2,700 and the champion female for \$3,100. Soums like happenings of 1918 to 1929.