



Capt. Wat McNeill At Miami AAFRS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 17.—Capt. John W. McNeill, 23, of Red Springs, N. C., 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. Capt. McNeill, a P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang pilot and flight commander, flew 66 missions and 297 combat hours during eight months in the European theater of operations, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters. His wife, Sarah Margaret, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNeill, Sr., all reside in Red Springs.

S. G. Barbour Writes From Jar Prison

Stewart Gordon Barbour, who has been a prisoner of war of the Japanese for nearly two years, has written his mother that he is well and getting along all right. This is the first letter his family has had from him and it has been over a year since his first and only card was received. Barbour is the son of Mrs. Nancy G. Barbour of Hillboro and J. R. Barbour of Romland, and a nephew of Mrs. Roland Covington of Raeford. He spent much time in Raeford with the Covingtons and is well known throughout the county.

Pvt. Robert W. Currie is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Currie.

Lt.-Col. Henry Monroe is now at Camp Kearns, Salt Lake City, Utah, having been at McMill Field, Fla., for several years. Mrs. Monroe is with her people at Laurinburg.

Sgt. Alfred Cole of Fort Bliss, Texas, has been at home on furlough for the past ten days.

Lt. Herbert S. McLean, Jr., has notified his parents of his safe arrival in the Southwest Pacific.

Zane Grey Norton, who was recently inducted into the navy, is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

Pvt. Buck Pate of Camp Polk, La., is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pate. He and his father spent last Sunday in Fort Jackson, S. C., visiting Pvt. Johnnie C. Pate.

Peoples Tabernacle Church

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
3:00 P. M.—Juvenile Service. All parents and young people are urged to attend this service which will be conducted by the Rev. Frank Maulsby of Fayetteville.
6:30 P. M.—Young People's meeting.
7:30 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by Rev. Frank Maulsby.
7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.
7:30 P. M. Friday, Missionary meeting.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister
All services held in the church.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 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.—Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.
8:30 P. M. Wednesday—Adult choir rehearsal.

Hours and Dates For Services At Philippi

The date and hour of services at the Philippi Presbyterian church has been changed from the second and fourth Sundays to the first and third Sundays, and will be held at 4:15 P. M. This change has been made so that the Rev. Mr. McMahan can meet his preaching engagements at other churches.
Rev. E. Donald McMahan will preach at Philippi next Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 4:15 o'clock. A full attendance is urged.

"Zip The Lip" On Military Matters Still Important

More Than Ever "Silence" Means "Security," Says War Department.

A recent statement by Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, lists the total Armed Force personnel of the United States as approximately twelve million in number. The huge number of organizations into which the members of the Armed Services are cast have myriad interdependent relationships. The vast undertakings of the military and naval might of this country constitute a continuing lesson in coordinated effort. The concept is that the services operate in a multitude of places and under sharply differing conditions as a team of one man. Interwoven through the whole fabric of our war effort, strict security measures are always of paramount importance—at the fighting fronts in all parts of the world, in the vast system and service behind the front lines, at all Armed Forces installations in this country, and in each community.

Security means keeping all of our vital information safe—it means denying the enemy any knowledge of our dispositions, our plans, our weapons, and our men. Justifying itself many times over as our forces meet desperate and fanatical enemies, security finds its real bench mark in the saving of lives of American fighting men and in the attainment of our objectives with minimum use of the crucial factor of time.

In comment on the "transcendent importance" of the safeguarding of military information and upon that "it is all but impossible—to put too much stress upon this subject," a current War Department publication says: "All who are in positions of authority are counseled to greater diligence on behalf of security measures—There is no release from this responsibility until the war ends, as the subject grows in importance at the same rate that our forces become increasingly engaged in operations overseas."

The fiercest battling against both Germany and Japan lies ahead. In an Associated Press dispatch filed from Paris prior to the start of the German winter offensive, Don Whitehead, who has covered the operations of the U. S. First Army since the Normandy landings, said: "Thousands of new gold stars will appear in the windows of American homes this winter—the hardest and most savage fighting of all the invasion is under way." Security at home and security abroad always go hand in hand. It is not a far cry from any point in this country to the fighting fronts around the world. Small facts of vital information, properly safeguarded here, may well spell the difference between life and death for some of our country's gallant fighting men. The road of silence on military matters is the highway to military security. Now more than ever, silence means security.

Rent Office Gives Instructions To Explain Rules

LAURINBURG, Jan. 17.—Landlords putting housing accommodations on the rental market for the first time must register this property with the Area Rent Office within 30 days of first renting, George W. Jeffrey, director, stated today.

"I make this statement," Mr. Jeffrey said, "because we intend to make certain that registration of housing accommodations in this area is 100 per cent. All landlords must have their rental properties registered. This is for their own protection, for failure to register subjects a landlord to the penalties provided in the Emergency Price Control Act."

At the same time, Mr. Jeffrey advised tenants who move to ask to see the landlord's copy of the registration statement covering the accommodations they have just moved into. This is for the tenant's protection, as the statement shows the maximum legal rent which can be charged for the accommodations.

"Where such a change of occupancy occurs, the landlord is required to file within five days a notice of the change," Mr. Jeffrey added. "This notice, which the rent office will provide, must have on it the new tenant's signature."

Registration of rental property is not an involved process, Mr. Jeffrey explained. The form is in triplicate. The original of the statement remains on file in the rent office. One copy is sent to the landlord, and one to the tenant.

Cage Game Friday Night January 19, Benefit Polio Fund

The basketball games, both boys and girls, with Red Springs which was originally scheduled to be played at Red Springs Friday, has been changed to Raeford. The first game will begin at 7:30. The proceeds will be donated to the Infantile Paralysis fund.

Both Hoke High and Red Springs have fine teams this year, and this benefit game promises to provide the fans a generous batch of thrills in addition to that got from contributing to the Infantile Paralysis fund, and the Polio Committee is grateful to the school authorities of Red Springs who cooperated generously in making this change in schedule so that the funds may be contributed to the fight against infantile paralysis.

Win Two From Wagram

The basketball double-header, played here with Wagram Friday night, January 13, resulted in victory for both Hoke High teams. The boys' game was spirited and changed leads many times until the last quarter when Hoke gained a 3-point lead which was held until the final whistle. At the end of the game the count was Raeford 21, Wagram 18. Cole, McNeill and Warner were outstanding players for the winners, while F. McNeill was the star of the Wagram team.

The Hoke High lassies led at half time 12 to 2. The Wagram team came back in the second half to score 10 points, with the Raeford scoring 9, which made the final score 21-12 in favor of Raeford. Watson and Currie led the attack for the losers and McNeill, Klouse and Cameron stood out for Raeford.

George Michas Is Ordered To Leave County By Court

George Michas, white man and cook at a local eating place, was ordered to leave the county by yesterday or serve 12 months on the roads by Judge Henry McDiarmid in county court Tuesday. Michas was found guilty of fornication and adultery in a case involving him with Josephine Bailey, negress.

Michas paid a \$100 fine and costs of the action and officers of the sheriff's and police departments state that he has very definitely left the county. The Bailey woman was fined \$10 and costs in lieu of a two months jail sentence.

Obie Lee Moore, white man from Tennessee, paid \$50 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon. Calvin Christian, negro, paid costs for speeding; John J. Jones, negro, satisfactorily explained to the court that he had confused his several bank accounts due to some draft difficulties, and was let off on payment of court costs and redemption of the checks. James Burns, negro, paid \$10 and costs on assault charges; Roscoe McMillan, negro, paid \$25 and costs for reckless driving in lieu of a 6 month sentence on roads; Page Rush, negro, paid costs for having improper brakes on car; Bill Love, negro, and Tom Cash, white, each paid costs for drunkenness.

Calvinists Return To Church House

All regular services of the Raeford Presbyterian church will be held in the church building beginning with the morning Church school and worship services Sunday morning. Reconstruction of the building, damaged some months ago by a fire, has reached the point where the building can again be used, it was stated.

Special Services At People's Tabernacle

There will be special services at the People's Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 3:00 which will be a Young People's service conducted by the Rev. Frank Maulsby of Fayetteville. All parents and young people are urged to attend this service. Then at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Maulsby will be speaking at the evening service. Make plans to enjoy these services.

Fred Johnson Returns To Mississippi

Fred Johnson, Federal gin specialist, who has been in North Carolina and Washington since October, returned to Stoneville, Miss. this week where he is stationed.

March Of Pines Campaign Open In Hoke Monday

Everyone To Be Given Opportunity To Help In Raising Funds For Polio Fight.

Seeking to raise \$691 in Hoke County for the Infantile Paralysis fund, some 150 adults, the Boy Scouts and all of the school children of the county started out on a highly concentrated drive Monday which Chairman N. L. McFadyen expects to raise the county's quota in record time.

The annual March of Dimes campaign has a new meaning to the people of North Carolina, Mr. McFadyen stated, in that last summer the state suffered its most severe epidemic of the dreaded infantile paralysis disease and the ravages of this affliction were very deeply impressed upon us. Hoke county was fortunate in having but one victim and he is now well on the road to recovery, due largely to the effective treatment rendered through this fund to which our people are now asked to contribute, Mr. McFadyen continued. "We have a good organization this year," he stated, "and with 150 community leaders, with the schools under the direction of Supt. K. A. McDonald, and the Scouts under Tom Cameron, this should be one of the most effective drives we have made for the fund. Everyone should contribute and everyone will be given an opportunity to do so. Coin boxes are being placed in all the stores and business houses in the county, and those not approached may send their contributions to me or to the Bank of Raeford, or make it direct to any of the solicitors or school children."

Hamlet Takes Two From Hoke Hi

Those who attended the basketball double-header last Tuesday night in the high school gymnasium saw two of the most thrilling games in many seasons. This was the first loss of the season for the local boys who were topped by two points. Warner's accurate shooting, McNeill's handling the ball, and Clark's ability to break up the Hamlet plays, kept Raeford in the lead throughout the first half. In the second half Crawley and Miller pulled Hamlet from the bottom, but they could never manage more than a three point lead. No one knew what the outcome would be until the final whistle blew, and the score stood: Hamlet, 23; Raeford, 21.

The girls' game was fast and well-played also, but Hubbard and Durham proved to be too accurate in their shooting for the locals to keep up. Klouse, Currie, and Cameron did well for Raeford. The girls' final count was Hamlet 23, Raeford 8.

Group Attending Shriners Meet At Charlotte

Seven Shriners and a class of eleven candidates for the order and a number of their wives active in the Masonic branch body for women, the Eastern Star, are in Charlotte this week attending the annual meeting of the Oasis temple.

Members of the Shrine who are attending are J. B. Thomas, M. R. Smith, Grady Leach, Lacy Clark, Ed Smith, and Paul Dezerne. Candidates are W. L. Alexander, Arch Graham, W. M. Thomas, Ryan McBryde, J. W. Coates, W. P. Baker, Doug McLeod, Neill A. McDonald, Dr. R. A. Matheson, Dave Hodgkin, Israel Mann and L. E. Reeves. This group of candidates is scheduled to be the largest from any individual Masonic lodge in the state taking the degree work at this meeting, it was stated.

Buy Town Licenses

The car and truck licenses for vehicles owned and operated by businesses and residents of Raeford are now on sale at City Hall. It was stated yesterday by Mayor N. L. McFadyen. Truck and car owners are asked to buy their plates immediately.

2-Weeks Superior Court Term Is Canceled

A two weeks' term of Robeson Superior Civil court scheduled to convene January 15 has been canceled. Clerk of Court Wesley C. Watts states that the next term of court will be a criminal term beginning January 29. It is announced further that, because of the scarcity of gasoline, each judge will preside over the courts of his district during the next three months. Judge K. Nimocks of Fayetteville, resident judge, will, therefore, preside over the courts of the district that includes Robeson and Hoke counties.

Fort Bragg Has Seaplane Base At Mott Lake

Liaison Planes Of Cub Type Use Hoke County Lake As Landing Surface.

FORT BRAGG, —Jan. 17.—Mott Lake, the largest body of water located on this huge reservation has become a "seaplane" base. Liaison planes of the XXXII Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg have been fitted with pontoons and can be seen daily making landings and take-offs from this large body of water and taxiing across its choppy surface. These small L-4 type airplanes are equipped with 65 HP motors and are known as "Grasshopper" planes. They correspond to the popular "Cub" planes widely used in commercial and private flying before the war. Overseas they are used as "Eyes of the Artillery" in liaison and observation work. At Fort Bragg liaison pilots and crew members of the XXXII Corps are being trained in this type of aerial activity.

Overseas it was found that these Grasshopper planes frequently could land in remote and inaccessible areas on water or lakes where it would be impossible to land planes with conventional types of landing gear. On landing in these areas rescues could be effected, for marooned or isolated airmen or fighting men, supplies could be carried in where it had been necessary to drop them before, and the securing of valuable information could be facilitated. Thus Fort Bragg, and specifically, Mott Lake, was designated as a testing place for the grasshopper planes to become amphibious. Brigadier General Jerome J. Walters, of 607 St. Louis St., Springfield, Mo., commands the XXXI Corps Artillery at Bragg.

Final Sixth War Loan Report Is Excellent One

County Well Over All Quotas, Says Chairman D. H. Hodgkin.

Hoke county went well-over all quotas in the Sixth War Loan drive, according to the final Federal Reserve report made public early this week by Chairman Dave Hodgkin. \$145,161.50 was invested in "E" Bonds while the quota for this type was \$113,000. The overall total of bonds purchased and accredited to Hoke county was \$293,360.50, while the quota was \$168,000.

J. W. McPhaul To Open Retreading Plant Here Soon

The Auto Inn tire and recapping service is expected to begin operation within the next two weeks, it was stated yesterday by J. W. "Buck" McPhaul, owner of the Auto Inn.

The plant will operate an electric mould for recapping car and small truck tires, and a large steam mould for work on truck tires, it was stated. John Henry Currie will be the plant operator, according to Mr. McPhaul, who explained that a factory representative of the company built and is installing the equipment will be with the Auto Inn for some time adjusting the machinery and instructing the operator. An addition to the building has been erected and some of the machinery is now being placed.

Mr. Vander McNeill Not So Well

Mr. Vander McNeill has had several rather severe heart attacks since he returned from Highsmith's hospital. Otherwise he is in good spirits and feels very well. Miss Love and Miss McCall are nurses now with him.

Want Hoke Money To Erect Locker Storage Plant

Only 71 Lockers Rented Of Required 300 Necessary To Secure WPB Priority Approval.

Sounding out the genuine interest of the people of Hoke county in a freezer locker storage plant a committee named last week has secured rent payments of \$15 each annually from 71 individuals of the county, it was stated late yesterday by A. S. Knowles and Miss Josephine Hall of the farm and home agents' offices.

Advance payments of a year's rental by at least 300 individuals is necessary to secure the necessary War Production Board approval of a priority for the materials needed to the erection and installation of a 500 locker plant, equipped for the curing of meats, and the quick freeze of meats and vegetables and fruits.

One businessman, speaking for a group interested in the erection and operation of the plant, stated early this week that a hurried canvass of interested persons showed that local capital would be available for this purpose. He stated that he was sure the plant would be one which would justify the investment of the \$35,000 required, and that many farmers would be interested in securing stock in such a company formed for the operation and management of the plant.

A much wider sign up of individuals and payment of the rental fee for the first year will be necessary, it was stated, before any thing further can be done about applying for the WPB approval of the project. Only about one-fifth of the necessary total of 300 have signed so far, but the committee appointed last week is to make a special effort within the next week, and a general meeting of all interested persons is planned later this month to discuss the progress of the sign-up.

Miss Hall pointed out that farm women and their families would benefit greatly by the use of the plant, having fresh green, home-grown vegetables and fruits available each month of the year, as well as having a place where their meats could be cured at any time of the year. This should give them a chance for a far more balanced diet of more tasty foods, she stated, that is now available to many of our farm families.

The following people have rented freezer lockers to date:

- J. M. Baker, G. W. Ray, Lacy McNeill, J. W. McBryde, I. L. Newton, Mrs. J. H. Plumer, D. A. McDougald, J. O. Vessey, H. R. McLean, J. McN. Gillis, M. L. Jones, C. L. Thomas, Ina T. Lentz, J. R. Hendrix, Angus C. Keith, E. A. Wright, J. A. Webb, H. L. Gailin, M. M. Culbreth, A. A. Graham, J. A. Jordan, Louis Parker, W. M. Thomas, J. L. McFadyen, J. M. Norton, N. A. Monroe, A. V. Sanders, M. D. Yates, B. D. Wright, Jim Reynolds, A. K. Stevens, John K. Parker, J. A. Baucom, H. A. Cameron, A. McEachern, Carl G. Riley, J. D. Tapp, John W. McPhaul, J. W. McPhaul, J. C. Wright, J. L. Warner, Martin McKeithan, F. S. Knowles, M. L. McKeithan, F. G. Leach, T. C. Sinclair, R. H. and B. L. Williamson, Julian H. Wright, F. W. Riley, A. B. Tapp, N. H. G. Balfour, T. D. Potter, D. J. Dalton, F. F. McPhaul, Tom Cameron, N. L. McFadyen, Mrs. W. M. McLean, W. W. McLean, J. M. McGougan, Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Marcus R. Smith, W. J. McDiarmid, O. F. O'Brian, W. J. Coates, Herbert McKeithan, F. B. Sexton, D. M. Brown, Alton Potter, Josephine Hall, Walter Gibson, R. D. Parker.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister
10:00 A. M.—Church School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the Rev. J. G. Phillips.
12:00 Noon—Board of Education and Church school Council meeting with Rev. Phillips.
3:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship choir rehearsal.
7:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship meeting.
7:30 P. F.—First session of church school of Missions, Miss Margaret Smoot and Mrs. B. B. Cole, speaker. (Text—"Christ after Chaos," by Bishop Arthur J. Moore).
7:30 P. M. Monday—Second session of school of Missions, Mrs. V. R. White and Mrs. C. L. Thomas, speakers.
7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Last session of school of Missions—Speakers, E. E. Smith, Mrs. D. M. Davis and Mrs. Younger Sneed.
7:30 Friday—Choir rehearsal at Parsonage.