

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM



S-SGT. DANIEL E. CHASON

### S-Sgt. D. E. Chason Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chason of Lumber Bridge, Rt. 2, have received the second notice from the War Department stating that their son, S-Sgt. Daniel E. Chason, who was reported missing, was killed in action on December 21.

S-Sgt. Chason entered the service with Co. L of the National Guard in 1940. He received his military training at Fort Jackson, S. C.; Camp Blanding, Fla.; and Camp Atterbury, Ind., before being sent overseas a year ago. He was in the infantry, serving with a unit of the 30th Division on the Western front. He was in France in the early days of the Normandy invasion and participated in many of the battles across France, Belgium and Germany.

S-Sgt. Chason was born near Lumber Bridge, and lived there practically all his life. He had been a member of Ephesus Baptist church for several years. He was a person with a good character and high ideals. He had many friends both old and young. Surviving are his parents, two brothers and several sisters.

#### Promoted

An Air Transport Command Base in England.—The promotion of Sgt. James E. Baker, son of C. M. Baker of Raeford, N. C., to the grade of Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Forces, has been announced by the Headquarters of Brigadier General Earl S. Hoag, commanding general of the European Division, USAAF Air Transport Command.

S-Sgt. Baker entered the service in September, 1942, and received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. He attended Armorer's school at Lowery Field, Colo. He has served in the British Isles with the European division for the past 18 months and is a member of the maintenance section of this ATC base.

S-Sgt. Baker's organization is the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe which operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldiers' mail and returning the wounded soldiers to the United States.

Staff Sergeant Luther W. Clarke of Camp Chaffee, is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Clarke.

James Alexander, who is receiving his boot training at the Naval base, Bainbridge, Md., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander.

Cpl. and Mrs. Carlton Niven, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Niven, left yesterday for Roxboro, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Niven's mother, Mrs. M. D. Gentry.

Sgt. Jack Pope, Cpl. James Stephens, Cpl. Tom Conroy, Sgt. Wilson Yarborough and William Harris are home on furlough from Camp Chaffee, Ark.

S 2-C Tommy T. Davis of Bainbridge, Md., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Mrs. Cyrus Thompson of Raleigh spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Sarah McEachern McNeill. Mrs. Thompson and Arch McEachern attended the funeral of a cousin, Miss Carolyn McNeill in Savannah, Ga., last week.

### Edinburgh Mills Making Critical War Materials

#### Duck Yarns For Tents, Bed Rolls, Leggings Listed Among Materials Urgently Needed.

Eighty percent of the output of the Edinburgh Cotton Mills of Raeford is going into materials listed as needed "critically," and the rest of production is for "essential" material, it was stated here yesterday by J. C. McKinnon and M. T. Poovey, manager and superintendent of the mills.

So critical is the demand for cotton yarns for the making of duck to be processed into tents, leggings, bedding rolls and arctic overcoats, it was stated, that the War Manpower Commission has given the local war plant a top rating for securing workers in this emergency.

Since the recent message of the President in which he expressed the need for some kind of legislation to control manpower and a means to stop absenteeism, the WMC has classified all types of industries and their products according to the present demands for their products by our armed forces. Ammunition for guns and duck cloth were placed on an equal basis in this reclassification it was stated.

Mr. McKinnon stated that of the total output of the local mills 80 percent is for "critical" yarns going to processors who make the yarns into the vitally needed duck cloth, or into cordage for the navy, and the other 20 percent is classified as "essential."

"Our bottleneck here is in absenteeism," stated Mr. McKinnon. "We have a potential production capacity of about 20 percent more than our present weekly output," he continued.

"If our present force were to work full time this 20 percent increase in production could be obtained."

"We hope the recent ruling will help us in impressing upon our employees the fact that ours is a vital war industry, and that each one of them, in working full time each week, is contributing directly to our nation's war effort," he concluded.

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Gibson Held Sunday

Mrs. Blennie C. Gibson, aged 67, died last Thursday while a patient at a Fayetteville hospital. Mrs. Gibson had been ill for about two weeks. Funeral services were conducted from the Antioch Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon with the Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the old Antioch Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson was the widow of J. C. B. Gibson, a prominent farmer of the community who died several years ago. A native of Cumberland county, she was the daughter of Daniel and Allie Colom Biggs.

Surviving are her step-mother, Mrs. Jane Biggs and two sons, John C. and Walter Gibson of Red Springs; four sons, G. C. Biggs of Red Springs, Rt. 1, L. A. Biggs of Shannon and Wayne Biggs of California; two sisters, Mrs. Rubie Shelton of High Point and Mrs. Hugh Thompson of Johnson City, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

#### Cpl. Joe Murrell Back In States

His friends in Raeford will be glad to know that Joe Murrell, now in the marines, and former State patrolman stationed here, is back in the States.

After 25 months in the South Pacific, and taking part in five island engagements from the Solomons to Saipan, he arrived at his home in Jacksonville, N. C. last Tuesday for a 30-day leave. After his leave he will report to the Brooklyn navy yard where he will be attached to a motorcycle patrol.

When interviewed in Wilmington, while on his way home, he said, "Tell all the folks in Raeford I'm still kicking, and sure would like to get back up that way."

"I picked up a sun tan and managed in some way to even gain a little weight, but boy am I tired."

### Upchurch Cookhouse Damaged By Fire

Fire damaged the cookhouse in the yard of the Clyde Upchurch home Monday afternoon. The fire had made considerable headway before it was discovered. Quick response of the fire company saved the building from being a complete loss.

### Sgt. Joe Hancock Missing In Action

Mrs. Joe Hancock received a message yesterday from the War Department stating that her husband, Sgt. Joe Hancock had been missing in action since January 11th. He was with the 45th Division of the Infantry serving with the Seventh Army in France. Sgt. Hancock had been in combat since the first of October.

He entered the service in February 1944, and had been overseas since July, 1944. Prior to his enlistment he was employed at Fort Bragg and made his home in Raeford with his wife, the former Miss Margaret Morris, and three children. Sgt. Hancock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock of Greensboro.

### Soldiers In Paris Sentenced To Hard Labor For Looting

#### Major Graham Dickson Of Raeford Was Defense Counsel For Ten Men.

Ten more enlisted men, members of a Railway operating unit serving in France, were sentenced to serve from 20 to 30 years at hard labor by a military court sitting in Paris this week.

The men were defended by Major George Graham Dickson of Raeford. An impassioned plea that the defendants were victims of extraordinary temptation in the midst of unusual conditions made by Major Dickson failed to move the members of the court martial after the defendants, in signed statements, admitted black market deals in stolen government property.

Quantities of coffee, meats and cigarettes taken from boxcars of their trains were looted and sold, according to the evidence, and the men were found to have bundles of French currency in their possession when they were arrested.

### Light Docket In County Court

The car of George Rubith Locklear, Robeson county indian, confiscated recently on order of Judge Henry McDiarmid upon conviction of the indian on illegal liquor charges, was returned to him this week and the indian was fined \$300. The car was returned when investigation showed that it was mortgaged.

Marley Martin Long, white, of Jackson Springs, paid costs for speeding. David Cook, negro, paid costs on conviction of assault upon Bud Steward, and also paid \$10 for repair of Steward's glasses and was ordered to pay a medical bill.

Ester B. Stinebaugh and his wife, Jennie B. Stinebaugh each paid costs for an affray. The man also paid costs for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Ernest Headen was given 60 days for larceny of corn, which testimony showed had been sold to two people and collected for, though delivered to only one of them. The sentence was suspended upon payment of costs, refunding the money for the corn, and he was put on good behavior.

### Growers Risk Losing Future Cotton Rights If 1945 Acreage Cut

How much cotton will a farmer be able to plant in 1946 or 1947?

That may depend upon how much acreage he plants in 1945, says A. L. Ward, of the National Cottonseed Products association, and this fact should be weighed carefully in planning acreage this season.

Cotton acreage is not restricted this season, he points out, but in past control programs "Acreage history" has been used to determine a grower's right to benefit payments, loans and other benefits under government program. Because future programs may also be based upon acreage history, a grower may endanger his future opportunity to grow cotton by failure to plant enough acreage in 1945.

Ward added that some farmers will not be able, due to conditions beyond their control, to plant as much cotton acreage this season as in the past; and this may endanger acreage goals established by the War Food Administration unless growers increase acreage where they are able to do so.

"Because of the importance of cotton and cottonseed as a war crop, source of food, feed and fiber, and source of income to producers it is highly important that every effort be made to reach these acreage goals," he said.

### Robert E. Guin Dies Of Burns; Funeral Today

#### Five Year Old Child Catches Fire Pouring Gasoline Can At Hoffman.

Robert Earl Guin, aged 5, died the Moore County hospital early yesterday morning as the result of severe burns received when his clothing caught fire from flaming gasoline which he had poured out near a fire.

At about 8:30 Tuesday morning, the child was playing near a fire used by pulpwood cutters employed by the boy's father, Cecil B. Guin, and his grandfather, J. L. Barbour, of near Hoffman. The gasoline was stored in cans for use in pulpwood trucks. His father explained that at times some of the workers would pour oil on the fire which was contained in a steel, drum-type stove. It is thought the child was imitating these men and perhaps poured the gasoline on the fire. When discovered by his grandfather the boy was running towards the house nearby. Mr. Barbour caught the child and tried to extinguish the flames with a sweater he was wearing. Then Mrs. Guin rushed from the house with a quilt and the blaze was smothered.

The child was taken immediately to the post hospital at Camp Mackall, two miles away, where first aid treatment was given. He was later removed to Moore County hospital where he succumbed at 3 a. m. Wednesday morning.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home this afternoon at one o'clock, and burial will follow in the Raeford cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Guin are former residents of Wagram, and moved to Hoffman about three weeks ago. Besides his parents, the child is survived by a brother and sister, Richard Leroy and Linda Fay Guin, of the home.

The family is very appreciative of the fine treatment given the boy by the Mackall hospital doctors and attendants, and for the many courtesies shown them by the military personnel of the base.

### James B. McKenzie Taken By Death

Funeral services for James B. McKenzie, aged 60, were conducted from the Sandy Grove Methodist church yesterday afternoon by the Rev. W. L. Maness and the Rev. J. W. Mann. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. McKenzie died at his home Monday afternoon after a brief illness. A native of Robeson county, he was the son of Hugh and Rachael McArthur McKenzie, and was a prominent farmer of Hoke county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie McKenzie; four daughters, Mrs. Arch Gentry of Clarkton, Mrs. Wiley Russell of Wagram, Mrs. Cole Williams of Red Springs, and Miss Mildred McKenzie of the home; two sons, Pvt. James McKenzie of the AUS, and John McKenzie of the home; one brother, John McKenzie of Shannon; two sisters, Misses Ella and Mary McKenzie of Shannon; and three grandchildren.

#### J. B. McIntyre Attends Theatre Convention

J. B. McIntyre attended the two-day convention of Theatre Owners of the Carolinas in Charlotte the first of the week. Mr. McIntyre and the Paul Dickson heirs, owners of the Raeford theatre are at work on plans for enlarging, making more comfortable and generally improving the present movie house, in keeping with present demands and the original ideas of the builders.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The book-stock in the Hoke county library is 3211, or in other words, one-fourth of a book for each person in the county. This is an inadequate number of books. Anything that can be done to increase the stock would be a great help to the cause of education and general culture in the county.

The county, city, library board, Woman's club, and the state cooperate in the support of the library and contribute to a yearly budget of nearly two thousand dollars. If this budget could be increased, it would allow the library board to increase its purchase of books. (As this was written a patron of the library came in asking for a book which the library does not have.)

Mrs. E. B. Young and Mrs. E. B. Young, Jr., of Danville, Va., are visiting Mrs. Paul Dickson, Sr.

### Armory To Be Scene Of Birthday Ball

The annual dance for the benefit of the "March of Dimes" on the occasion of the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday in Raeford will be held in the armory, with a band from Maxton providing music for a square dance.

The dance, set for Wednesday night, January 31, is being planned by the Raeford committee in charge of the local solicitation of funds for county Infantile Paralysis fund and proceeds will go for this cause. According to Mayor N. L. McFadyen, chairman of the county committee, asks that square dancers from the entire county attend the dance.

### Consumers Save On Electricity

#### Customers Of Carolina Power And Light Company Save 59 Millions In 11 Years.

(From The News and Observer)

"Tar Heel customers of the Carolina Power and Light Company—residential, commercial and industrial—were able to save \$59,435,014 during the 11-year period ending December 31, 1943." Rate Expert Edgar Womble of the State Utilities Commission said yesterday.

"Reasons for the high customers' savings," Womble said, "were rate reductions made in cooperation with the State Utilities Commission and the increased consumption of power during the period."

"The company also operates in South Carolina, about one-fifth of its business is in that state. Therefore, without resorting to detailed figures, we may say that the total savings to all customers of the company in both states approximates \$75,000,000, a tidy sum for the 11-year period."

According to Womble, most of the rate reductions were made in 1932, 1934, 1936, 1937 and 1939. And the customers' savings jumped proportionately from \$372,872.05 in 1933 to \$495,602.93 in 1934; \$3,812,696.91 in 1936; \$3,937,513.93 in 1937; \$7,554,960.72 in 1939; and to \$11,837,696 in 1943.

A breakdown of the total savings shows the following savings by classes: Residential, \$24,240,872.88; commercial, \$18,745,256.34; and industrial, \$16,448,885.57.

#### Consumption Increased

Simultaneously with the increase in savings to customers, the consumption of power increased. The sale of current jumped from 269,648,460 kilowatt hours in 1943.

During the 11-year period the company sold a grand total of 5,495,484,087 kilowatt hours to all Tar Heel users of current. Of this total, 813,364,272 kilowatt hours were used by residential consumers; 624,923,810, commercial consumers; and 4,057,196,005 by industrial consumers.

The total number of customers grew from 47,607 in 1932, to 49,957 in 1933, to 102,568 in 1943.

The average cost of current to residential customers dropped from 6.29¢ cents per kilowatt hour in 1932 to 2.76 cents in 1943; commercial rates dropped from 8.23 cents per kilowatt hour in 1932 to 1.84¢ cents in 1943; and industrial rates dropped from 1.35¢ cents in 1932 to .963 cents in 1943.

### Benefit Dance At Arabia Monday

There will be a square dance Monday night at Hendrix's grill at Arabia for the benefit of the Hoke county Infantile Paralysis fund, it was stated yesterday by N. H. G. Balfour of the Stonewall township Polio committee.

Dan McKenzie and his breakdown musicians have been engaged to provide the music and some colorful callers are expected to be present.

The committee arranging the dance is composed of Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Mrs. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Balfour and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yates.

### Polio Fund Nets \$55 At Dance In Blue Springs

The square dance at Blue Springs Community house on last Wednesday night netted \$55 for that township's Polio fund. A second dance for the benefit fund was to be held there last night.

### Church Of God

Marion Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School—10 A. M.  
Preaching Service—11 A. M.  
Evening Service—7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Service—Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

### More Interest Is Being Shown In Freezer Plant

#### Over 100 Lockers Have Been Rented. Says County Agent Knowles.

During the week new interest has been shown in renting individual freezer lockers among farmers. According to reports from A. S. Knowles, county agent, over one hundred lockers now have been rented. Last week only about one-fifth of the required number had been rented. As the paper goes to press, more than one third of the necessary lockers are rented.

Farmers should pay their \$15.00 rental fee at once, it was explained, for by doing this, they can have access to the locker this summer, provided all necessary lockers are rented within the next few days. The \$15 rental fee covers rental cost for the first year after the plant starts its operation. Fees may be turned in to D. J. Dalton at the REA office.

The individual locker is of about 6 cu. ft. in size and will hold 200 to 250 pounds of meat that may consist of beef, pork, chicken and other meats. Certain fruits and vegetables may be stored in the locker also.

Some lockers have been rented to farmers from every township in the county and to several living in adjoining counties. Any farmer is eligible to rent a locker, regardless of race or where he lives. F. F. McPhaul of Antioch community says: "We Hoke County farmers want to live as good as farmers anywhere. We want to eat as good food as other farmers, and if other farmers can have access to freezer lockers, we want a plant in our county."

Those renting lockers during the past week are as follows: Mrs. Ina P. Bethun, F. C. McPhaul, L. A. McGugan, Clarence Lytch, W. F. Brown, J. A. Hodgins, C. S. Maxwell, D. H. Yarborough, C. F. Tapp, Mrs. R. B. Slagle, W. L. Thornburg, K. A. McDonald, Marion Gatlin, J. D. Howell, H. L. Gatlin, Sr., Mrs. J. A. Farmer, W. L. Poole, Myrtle L. Johnson, Mitchell Epstein, J. L. McNeill, C. L. Stephens, John F. McFadyen, Jr., J. A. McGowan, R. A. Smoak, N. F. Sinclair, and J. D. Mason.

### Hold Services For Mrs. French A. Hall This Afternoon

Mrs. French Albert Hall died early Tuesday morning at her home in Raeford following a heart attack about two hours earlier. She was fifty-six years of age and had been in declining health for several years. Mrs. Hall was a native of Robeson county, but for the past thirty years had made Raeford her home. Before her marriage she was the former Miss Julia Chavis.

Surviving are her husband, French A. Hall; five daughters, Mrs. J. E. Short and Mrs. Jim Jenkins of Charlotte; Mrs. R. L. Mc Duke of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Berber Niven and Mrs. Pauline Clark of Raeford; one son, French Albert, Jr., of the home; one brother, Jasper Chavis; and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at four o'clock at the People's Tabernacle with the Rev. H. Gwyn Clayton, pastor, and the Rev. J. H. Dellinger of Gibsonville, conducting the services. Burial will follow in the Raeford cemetery.

pallbearers will be A. V. Sanders, J. L. Teal, W. G. McQuage, Clayton McCrimmon, Harry Dees and Will Wright.

### Ration Board News

Ceiling price on No. 1 white and yellow corn for Hoke county is \$1.33 per bushel.

Scarcity of many items of merchandise is getting acute. The Hoke county War Price and Ration Board urges the citizens of the county to use stamps for all rationed articles and to assist the ration board in its "Hold the Cost of Living Campaign." Articles that are very critical at the present are: tires, all rubber goods, fuel-oil and coal, gasoline, and milk.

### Annie Barnes Dies At Shannon Home

Annie Barnes, aged 85, respected negro woman of the Shannon community, died at her home there last Friday. Funeral and burial services were held at St. Johns Baptist church Sunday afternoon by the Rev. McSwain, pastor.