



Pvt. James McKenzie Wounded At Bastogne Is Recovering

THE 119th GENERAL HOSPITAL, England.—Wounded in the right shoulder by an enemy bullet while defending American positions near Bastogne, Belgium, Private James K. McKenzie, 24, of Route 1, Raeford, N. C., is now recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England.

"Pvt. McKenzie is making excellent progress and will soon return to duty," said his ward surgeon.

"My unit was defending a small town against heavy German attacks," Pvt. McKenzie said. "Early one morning we were attacked by an SS unit. I was hit while we were fighting from foxhole to foxhole, only a few yards apart."

Pvt. McKenzie was given emergency treatment by a medical soldier under fire and then walked back to an aid station. After further treatment he was sent to England.

The son of Mrs. Charles McKenzie of Raeford, Pvt. McKenzie formerly was employed by the Midstate Cloth Mill at Red Springs.

Raeford Private Promoted In France

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE—John R. Durham, Raeford N. C., son of Mrs. Alice Durham, 504 1st Hall road, Norfolk, Va., was recently promoted to Private First Class in Southern France, where he is a clerk in the Statistical Section of Delta Base Section, Headquarters, helping to compile a history of this war for the War Department. Overseas for six months, he also served in Italy.

Mrs. Daisy T. Harrell has received word that her husband, Pvt. Thomas G. Harrell has arrived safely in France. He is with an infantry division.

Seaman James McKay, son of Hector McKay in Blue Springs township, who was wounded some weeks ago in Italy, is reported to be improving. McKay was hit by several machine-gun bullets.

Cpl. John Henry McNeill of Camp Chaffee, Ark., is spending a furlough with his parents at Antioch.

Pvt. Cap Pate of Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending an eighteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Pate.

Pvt. Robert Weaver has returned to his camp after spending a furlough with his family.

Sgt. Ebb Barrington of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barrington.

Ration Board News

Food stamps will now expire four months after being made valid. This new policy avoids the disadvantages of having no expiration of stamps or having one block of stamps expire at the same time the next block comes in.

Sugar stamps have recently become valid every 2 1/2 months, but scarcity made it necessary to change the present interval to 3 months for stamp 35. Stamp 35 becomes valid Feb. 1; last date for use June 2.

All tire certificates dated prior to April 1, 1944, are invalid in the hands of either a dealer or a consumer.

Institutional users must file reports of inventory of grapefruit juice and grapefruit-orange juice blended as of the close of business on January 27, 1945, in points by Feb. 10, 1945.

Attention is again called to turn in books 3 and 4 of those inducted into service or deceased.

Due to new regulations effective January 1, 1945 all applications not approved by end of month are automatically rejected.

Peoples Tabernacle Church

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
6:30 P. M.—Young People's meeting.
7:30 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by pastor.
7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.
7:30 P. M. Thursday—"Independent Prayer" meeting at the home of Mrs. James Thames.
7:30 P. M. Friday, Missionary meeting.
A cordial welcome awaits you, attend all services.

County Polio Fund Nearly Doubles Quota For Drive

\$1,277 Already Reported Received By Bank of Raeford. Quota Was \$691.

With a number of workers yet to make final reports in the 1945 Infantile Paralysis campaign for funds contributions in Hoke county are nearly double the assigned quota, according to N. L. McFadyen, chairman for the drive.

At a meeting of the county committee held yesterday, total contributions reported as received by the Bank of Raeford, which is acting as treasurer of the fund, had reached \$1,277, while the amount asked to be raised here was but \$691.

Chairman McFadyen stated that he was very much gratified with the excellent results of the campaign and highly appreciated the splendid cooperation of the many workers who have been responsible for such a fine contribution.

Mr. McFadyen stated that while the campaign would continue through February 15th with both himself and the bank receiving funds until that time, all township and community workers are asked to make their final reports to the bank as quickly as possible.

Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Minister
9:45—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Worship service, sermon by the pastor.
6:30 P. M.—Baptist Training Union.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship, sermon by the pastor.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30. The prayer meeting for Wednesday evening Feb. 14th, will be given by the leaders of the Young People's department of the Sunday school.

Our first Building fund drive of this year is scheduled for Sunday morning, February 11th.

Mr. James L. Kraft, Baptist layman of Chicago, is our Baptist Hour speaker for Sunday morning, February 11th. He can be heard over stations WBIG and WPTF from 8:30 to 9:00 A. M. His subject: "In Business with God."

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.
5:00 P. M.—Junior Fellowship rehearsal.
6:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship rehearsal.

7:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship meeting.

7:30 P. M.—Evening worship.
4:00 P. M. Monday—Circle meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as follows:

Circle No. 1—Mrs. Tom Cameron, chairman, to be announced later.

Circle No. 2—Mrs. M. T. Poovey, chairman, with Mrs. R. B. Lewis.

Circle No. 3—Mrs. G. W. Brown, chairman, with Mrs. Jasper Freeman.

7:30 P. M. Friday—Choir rehearsal at the parsonage.

Urgent Request For Musical Instruments

Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, chairman of the Raeford Chaminade music club, has received the following post card. She hopes that there will be a response to the request and thinks that probably there are families who would like to help in this way.

Dear Club President and Hospital Chairman:

In your publicity regarding "music in Hospitals Week," Feb. 19-24, please make an appeal in your local newspapers for donations, or sale, of guitars, banjos, clarinets, cornets, trumpets, saxophones, mandolins, radios, violas, etc., for use in the North Carolina military and naval hospitals for the wounded. Please make this appeal periodically during the coming months. If you secure any instruments, kindly inform me. You may send them to me, or direct to the hospital. Wishing you success in this undertaking, with much appreciation,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Carl W. McMurray, Chm.
Marion, N. C.

52,829 Bales Cotton

Census report shows that 52,829 bales of cotton were ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1944 prior to January 16, as compared with 41,826 bales for the crop of 1943 ginned to the same date last year, states Mrs. Ada L. Austin, of Maxton, special agent of the Census Bureau for Robeson county.

Harry Hodges And Wife Liberated

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Hodges, Jr., of North Carolina were among the internees in the concentration camp taken by Gen. MacArthur yesterday. When last heard from in May, 1944, Mr. Hodges was being transferred to another camp below Manila but his wife was still at Santo Tomas. Mr. Hodges is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hodges of Fayetteville. He was branch manager of the International Harvester company in Manila. At the University of North Carolina he was well known as a football player. His wife was Miss Katherine Taylor of Elm City.

Mr. Hodges is a nephew of Mrs. John McGoogan of Raeford, and is well known in Hoke county.

Welfare Board To Be Reappointed Under New Laws

Passage of recent legislation will necessitate the reappointment of all county welfare board members by April 1, 1945 in order to provide staggered terms of office, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare announced this week.

Terms of two of the members would have expired on that date. The new act provides for appointment of all three members for terms running for one, two, and three years for the first appointments with subsequent terms to run for three years. Thus only one member's term will expire each year in the future instead of two terms expiring simultaneously under the old law.

One member of the board is named by the State Board of Public Welfare, one member by the county commissioners for each county, and these two jointly select the third member. In the event the two appointees cannot agree on a third member, the appointment is made by the resident Superior Court judge.

The state board at its meeting on February 19 will make its appointments for the first term of three years. County commissioners will make their appointments for the two year term, while the third member chosen this year will be appointed for one year.

Polio Nurses Taking Flight Instruction

Miss Jean Graham, nurse at the polio emergency hospital in Hickory, is taking flying lessons in her spare time. It was learned here recently, she and Miss Kathleen Matthews of High Point took their first lesson Friday.

Miss Graham, formerly of Raeford, is the daughter of Mrs. John Graham. She graduated from Watts school of nursing, Durham, and since then has been at Hickory.

Benner Remodels Two Store Buildings

David Smith, Raeford's radio wizard, has moved from what was formerly the City Market into what was Lee's Cafe. J. D. Benner, who bought those three store buildings from Mrs. Lloyd Pugh, is making a number of changes. He has enlarged his store room by throwing the Economy store and the City market building into one. He has put a petition in what was the cafe, made two entrances and two storerooms out of it.

Mrs. W. A. McDonald's Uncle Dies In Candor

Mr. Cal Ewing, uncle of Mrs. Wilmer McDonald, died at his home in Candor and was buried Sunday afternoon. Mrs. McDonald attended the funeral. Capt. Robert McDonald and Mrs. Mac Jester were visitors in Raeford last week. They came especially to see their brother, Wilmer McDonald, who is a patient at Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville. Capt. McDonald has been transferred from Camp Polk, La., to Fort Jackson, S. C. He is spending a leave with his family in Thomasville.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

H. K. Holland, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
6:30 P. M.—Pioneer and Senior Vespers.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship, sermon by the pastor.
3:30 P. M. Monday—Circles of the Woman's Auxiliary.
8:00 P. M. Monday—Circle No. 10 (Business Woman's).
8:00 P. M. Wednesday—Adult choir rehearsal.
7:30 P. M. Thursday—Young People's prayer service.
8:00 P. M. Thursday—Circle No. 9 (Business Woman's).

Raeford Methodist And Workers Chapel Raise Crusade Fund

Goal Of \$2,000 To Be Reached In 8-Day Drive For Church Rehabilitation.

In just eight days, from last Sunday, January 23 through Sunday, February 4, members of the Raeford Methodist Church and Parker's chapel have reached their quota of \$2,000 in a special contribution to the "Crusade for Christ" fund which is being raised this year.

The crusade is a four year program set up to achieve several objectives of the church and in 1945 a major part of the drive is to raise a fund of twenty-five million dollars for world relief and the rehabilitation of the churches agencies in the more than twenty war-torn countries in which the church has extensive activities.

The Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the two churches, explained that while a special effort was made to reach the quota in the eight days of the campaign, many pledge cards have been sent out which had not yet been returned, and that officials of the church expected a much larger amount to be contributed before the campaign was officially ended.

Red Cross Drive Proclamation

WHEREAS, under the provisions of its Congressional charter, the American National Red Cross, in this fourth year of the war, is fulfilling its obligations to comfort our wounded, to cheer and help our servicemen on every fighting front, and to provide an essential link between these men and their families at home, thereby relieving anxiety and restoring hope to all those who are suffering and in need of aid; and

WHEREAS this organization is helping the people at home to stand firmly behind our fighting men through its collection of blood for our wounded, its shipment of food parcels, medical supplies, and comfort items to our prisoners of war in enemy hands, its production of surgical dressings, and its recruitment of nurses for our Army and Navy; and

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross is also carrying on its peacetime activities by asserting the civilian victims of tornado, flood, and other disaster, and by training the people of our Nation to combat sickness and accident and thus to prevent suffering and death; and

WHEREAS, by the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands, the American National Red Cross is helping to build a better world of unity and peace and brotherhood, recognizing no barriers of creed or race; and

WHEREAS this organization, which represents a tangible expression of the desire of the people to reach out to the Nation's fighting men, now far removed from them, and which is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions to carry out its purposes, is issuing to every citizen of this country its 1945 appeal for a minimum War Fund of \$200,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March 1945 as Red Cross Month, confident in the readiness of the people to respond to the utmost of their ability in support of this organization built by their generous contributions in the past and dedicated to their services in this hour of increasing need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Daughter To Wed And Father Gets Examiner's Job

D. Gilbert Fry has been named driver's license examiner for the district of which Hoke county is a part, to succeed Miss Minnie Belle Fry, his daughter, who has resigned. Miss Fry will be married on Saturday evening, February 24th to Emory Sellers, at the Baptist church in Carthage.

Mr. Fry, formerly superintendent of the garage of the Moore County schools, is expected to begin his new work next week.

Game Hunting Ends Saturday Feb. 10

District Game Protector H. R. McLean, advises that the hunting season ends February 10th. Except that O'possum and Coon may be hunted with dog and gun until February 15th.

Shells were not plentiful due to world conditions. However, most sportsmen had the opportunity of doing some hunting, and they should now be willing to grease up the old gun and put it on the rack.

North Carolina Leading In Draft Rejection Rate

WASHINGTON.—A selective service survey shows that domestic help topped the list of draft registrants rejected for military duty after physical examinations.

The study, just completed, also reveals overall rejection rates lowest in the Pacific northwest and Kansas, while North and South Carolina and Arkansas led the states in the percentage of men disqualified.

Although the state-by-state figures are based on rejections from February through August, 1943, the report as a whole is a 20 per cent sampling of reports of more than 9,000,000 registrants examined from April 1942 to January 1944.

It discloses that during that period 59.6 per cent of such workers as household cooks, chauffeurs and valets were found to be physically disqualified for the armed services.

Rejections were next highest among "emergency" or part-time workers and the unemployed, where 56.5 per cent were turned down, and among farmers and farm managers, where 54.4 per cent were disqualified.

At the other end of the range are students, with only 2.57 per cent of their number turned down, apparently because nearly all are in the lower age brackets.

The report covers men of all age groups summoned for physicals, ranging up to registrants 45 for the early part of the 21 months surveyed.

56.8 In N. C.
Reflecting a heavy total of rejections among negroes, North Carolina's overall rate for February-August, 1943 period was 56.8 per cent of all examined, while Arkansas and South Carolina each had a turn-down rate of 55.9 per cent. Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Virginia were all above 50 per cent.

Oregon had the lowest rejection rate in the country—24.4 per cent; Utah, 26.1; Washington, 28.2; and Idaho, 29.3.

The study of reasons for disqualification is broken into two parts—one covering the period from April 1942 through March 1943, the other the nine subsequent months. This division was made to reflect a revision of physical standards, as well as the start of induction of 18 and 19-year-olds early in 1943.

Over the first 12 months covered by the survey, the 10 leading causes of rejection, together with the percentage of registrants examined turned down for each, were:

Mental disease, 12.5 per cent; mental deficiency, 10.7; syphilis, 9.4 musculoskeletal (injuries, amputations, etc.) 9.3; heart disease, 8.8; eyes, 7.8; hernia, 7.8; nerve ailments, 5.5; ears, 5; and tuberculosis, 4.1.

For the second period this was the lineup:
Mental disease, 17.9; mental deficiencies, 14.2; musculoskeletal, 8.9; heart disease, 7; eyes, 6.3; hernia, 6.3; nerve ailments, 5; ears, 4.7; syphilis, 3.7; and non-medical, 3.3. Physical standards for acceptance of syphilis were lowered in the second period.

Mrs. Gatlin's Mother Mrs. Privett, Ill

Marion Gatlin and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin went to Lamar, S. C., last Wednesday to see Mrs. Privett, Mrs. Gatlin's mother, who was visiting at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Will Pate. Mrs. Privett is very sick and has recently entered a hospital in Florence. On account of her age her condition is considered grave. She is eight-six years old. Mrs. Privett is greatly beloved in Raeford, where she has made many friends during her visits to Mrs. Gatlin.

As the News-Journal goes to press, news comes that Mrs. Privett has had a stroke and is desperately ill.

Carl Morris Returns From Duke Hospital Sunday

Carl Morris, who has been a patient at Duke hospital for four weeks returned to his home here Sunday. Though quite weak, his condition is good, and family and friends hope to see him out again soon.

Bible Instruction In All Schools Is P. T. A. Proposal

March Of Dimes In Schools Brings In Over \$300.

Classes of students of Bible were presented in a special program before the Hoke-Raeford Parent Teachers association.

The program was designed to show the parents and other patrons of the schools the type of work being done in the Bible classes, which are not a part of the regular school work but provided through special funds contributed by citizens of the county.

Following the presentation of the program, which was well received, there was a most interesting discussion of the feasibility and possibility of providing Bible instruction in all the schools of the county. It was decided to ask the other parent-teacher groups to cooperate in the movement. A representative of the Rockfish school present, stated that their group has already discussed the project and was ready to join in the movement. A Mildouson representative expressed the opinion that this school would also cooperate.

Miss Bobbie Mayfield, who succeeds Miss Aris Shankle in the graded school faculty, was presented by Mrs. B. B. Cole, president of the group.

At the Mildouson P. T. A. meeting held Wednesday, they discussed the Bible instruction proposal and approved it.

A teacher of building trades has been secured for the Upchurch school. He began his new work this week, with a large group of interested students. Activities will be limited for some time, it was said, due to lack of wide range of shop equipment.

The March of Dimes campaign which was closed Monday in the schools was a splendid success and showed a fine spirit of cooperation of teachers and students. \$309.46 was raised in the schools, as follows:

Antioch, \$2.62; Ashmont, 7.10 Hoke High, 50.26; Mildouson, 8.10; Raeford Graded, 59.58; Antioch Indian, \$5; Macedonia, \$11; Calvin Martin, \$3; Upchurch, 63.25; Laurel Hill, \$6; Edinburg, 3.50; New Hope, \$2; Timberland, 3.60; Freedom, 12.65; Bowmore, 13.50; Lilly's Chapel, 3.10; Burlington, \$5; Buffalo, \$4; Rockfish Grove, 5.10; White Oak, 3.65; Cedar Grove, 1.50; Friendship, 6.25; Peachmont, 2.50; Fries Mission, 12.10; and McFarland, 1.25.

Hoke High News

First Semester Honor Roll
The following students, having made an average of 90 or above, have been placed on the honor roll for the first semester:

Eighth grade: Milton Mann Jimmy McGougan, Frances Bowling, Patricia McNeill, Archie Livingston, Anne Gore, Betty Ella Benner, Marian Lewis, Duke Marshall, Alice Sutton Matheson, Anne Walters.

Ninth grade: Janie Lou Veasey, Sarah Agnes Guin, Bonnie Kate Blue, Nancy Lee Cole, Meryl Johnson.

Tenth grade: Elizabeth Parker.

Eleventh Grade: Mary Carter, Kathleen Cochran, Lucille Townsend, Bessie Wright, Mary Raye Freeman, Doris Keith, Juanita Long, Edith Monroe, Betty McLean.

Twelfth grade: Shirley Blue, Grace Jones, Harriet Jones, Vera King, Judy Klouse, Donnie Lytle, Laura McDougald, Angelo Sorrentino, Elmira Whitley and Ina Mae Benner.

Basketball Games
Hoke high basketball teams will meet the Red Springs teams Friday night, February 9, at Red Springs. The following Tuesday, February 13, Hoke's boys and girls will play the Hamlet teams at Hamlet.

Play Presented
The members of Comus Dramatics club, under the direction of Mrs. Conk, presented a play, "A Letter from Bob," at the assembly on Wednesday of this week. The play, having war-savings as the theme, was planned and staged for the purpose of promoting savings among the students of Hoke High. Those taking part were Buddy McNeill, Jimmy Sinclair, Bobby Blue, Mary Stewart Covington, Alice Sutton Matheson, Angelo Sorrentino, Paul Johnson, Lana Terrell, Hilda Jordan, and Marian Lewis. Doris Keith was in charge of the devotional and introduced the cast of characters.

March of Dimes
The total collection for the infantile paralysis drive in the high school was \$50.26.

CHURCH OF GOD

Marion Butler, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Worship service.
7:30 P. M. Thursday—Mid-week prayer service.
All are invited to attend these services.