

NEWS OF OUR MEN...WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Raeform Man Helps To Build B-29 Air Bases

21st BOMBER COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam. (delayed).—Sgt. Armond D. Black of Raeform, N. C., is one of hundreds of enlisted men at a huge Superfortress base in the Marianas whose diligent efforts have made it possible for the giant B-29 bombers of Major General Curtis E. LeMay's 21st Bomber Command to strike regularly at the heart of Japan's war industry. Sgt. Black is in ordnance in a combat unit commanded by Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., who led the first B-29 striking force from Saipan to bomb Tokyo's aviation industry on November 24, 1944.

Tribute has been paid Sgt. Black and the others for their toll in constructing their B-29 bases. They arrived last August and September and, since aviation engineers were busy with the high priority task of airstrip building, they constructed homes for themselves and for the aerial combat crews who arrived later.

Sgt. Black, whose mother, Mrs. Maggie P. Flow, lives on Route One, Sanford, entered the army in August, 1941.

Rockfish Soldier Awarded Combat Medal In Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—Private First Class John D. Stubbs of Rockfish, N. C., has been cited by the 331st "Spearhead" Infantry Regiment of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the 5th army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat. The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Pvt. Clayton Bouyer is spending a fifteen-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bouyer. He has just completed his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida and will report to Fort Meade, Md., after his furlough.

Pvt. Dan Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campbell, is spending a nine day furlough at home. He has just completed basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and will report back to duty at Fort Meade, Md.

Mrs. William Crenshaw has received the Purple Heart awarded her husband who was wounded on January 6, while serving in Belgium with the 6th Armored Division of Patton's 3rd Army. Cpl. Crenshaw is now convalescing in a hospital in England. His wife is the former Miss Ann Currie of Raeform.

Sgt. James M. Maxwell, who has been at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxwell for the past two weeks, has returned to Jackson, Miss., where he is stationed.

W. L. Poole, Jr., stationed with an Infantry training unit at Camp Blanding, Fla., has recently been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to message received this week by his parents, Col. and Mrs. Poole.

Sgt. Eugene Gordon, now stationed at Camp Butler, is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gordon.

T-5 Matho D. Cunningham, son of R. C. and Hattie Cunningham, who is serving in Italy, was recently awarded the good conduct medal by his commanding officer.

Private Flying Committee
WASHINGTON.—A twelve man advisory committee on non-scheduled flying to represent both the private flyer and the aviation industry has been created by T. P. Wright, CAA administrator. This committee is to be composed of seven leaders in private flying activity and one representative each from aircraft manufacturers, airlines, aviation consumers, fixed base operators and state aviation officials. In announcing the creation of this committee, the administrator call for nominations from the general public and stated that members' terms of service will be staggered and of short periods so as to obtain a wide cross section of opinion from private flyers and other non-scheduled operators.

One of the cost factors favorable to aviation is that airline distances between cities in most cases are approximately 20 per cent less than either the highway or rail routes.

County Passes Red Cross War Fund Quota This Week

Most Communities Have Reported Generous Gifts As Drive Nears Final Stages.

\$5,879.85 was reported received by the county organization in the Red Cross War Fund drive yesterday as the drive enters the last few days, according to County Chairman H. L. Gatlin, Jr. This amount is well over the \$5400 quota for the county, and additional reports to be filed this week are expected to carry the total to well over \$6,000.

With but barely half of the quota reported last Wednesday, conclusion of the drive by the end of this week appeared doubtful, according to Mr. Gatlin. However, he states, all community chairmen and area leaders are asked to make their final calls this week and report total collections for the fund as early as possible.

The Sanatorium area, while last week reached its goal, now reports that the quota has been doubled by gifts received within the past few days. Edinburg, the first unit to pass its quota, has also reported additional receipts. Edinburg and Upchurch negro schools were among the earlier groups to reach quotas. Additional areas passing their quotas included: Allendale, Antioch, Montrose, Pineforest, Rockfish, Raeform (Residential), Wayside, Arabia, and Little River. Other schools going over the top are: Macedonia, Indian, and Shady Grove, negro.

In Little River, where Sam Comer was township chairman, the canvass was made by him. He states that he received wonderful cooperation and secured a generous subscription from every person seen, except one lone man, who failed to contribute. "That should be something of a record," he stated. "I have never had that near a perfect record in any other sort of campaign I ever worked in, and I sure appreciate the wonderful support given the Red Cross by our folks."

Congratulations
In reply to his notification of the national chapter that the county had exceeded its quota to date, he exceeded its quota for the drive. Chairman Gatlin received a message of congratulations from the Atlanta District office.

LIBRARY NEWS

John Gunther, author of Inside Europe, Inside Asia and Inside Latin America, has written a novel, The Troubled Midnight, which is now in the library. Other books of fiction are: Great Son, by Ferber; The World We Live In, Bromfield; Farewell to Tharrus, MacLean; Mother Went Mad On Monday, Hueston; The Brother, Wilson; The Headmistress, Thinkell; Appleby's End, Innes; This Man and This Woman, Brush; and Nan Thursday, Dale. Non-fiction: Keep the Peace Through Air Power; Parents Can Be People, Baruch; Anything Can Happen, Pappas; and And God Was There, Brink.

Regular Dances Are Planned At Wrights

The new entertainment center erected by Bill Wright was opened on last Saturday evening. Known as "Bill's" located on Highway 15-A a mile north of Raeform, the new concrete structure was filled with a gay crowd.

The place will feature two dances a week, according to Mr. Wright, and these dances will be held on both Friday and Saturday nights of this week with music by the Southern Night Owls. Barbecue, dancing and billiards are featured each day from 12 noon to midnight.

Lespedeza Seeding

Farmers should make a special effort to get their lespedeza seeded during this month, urges County Agent A. S. Knowles. Other hay crop seeds are scarce and high in price. Plans should be made now to have adequate hay production for livestock available on the farm. If lespedeza seed has not been purchased, this should be done now as seed is getting scarce.

Certification Of Small Grain

Farmers having small grain eligible for certification by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, must file an application before April 15, it was stated today by A. S. Knowles, county agent. Application blanks may be secured at the county agent's office.

OPA Requires Form R 596 Of Truckers

Before an operator may be able to get gasoline coupons for his truck for the second quarter, he is required to fill out Form R 596, which he may get by calling by the local War Price and Rationing Board. These forms are to be completed and returned to the office the week of March 26th when coupons will be issued for second quarter. Everyone is urged to apply during this period.

Canning Sugar
This office has had several inquiries in regard to sugar for canning this season. To date we can only give the following information. There will be two registrations—April and June—dates and places to be announced later. Each person is allowed twenty pounds for preserving and canning; however, the amount issued will be based on amount canned last year. Applications will be taken at registration sites, sent in to the board, and board members will determine and approve amount to be issued.

Hearing Waived By Negro Held For Killing Another

Lawrence Jones Blasts David Betha With Shotgun At Close Range.

Lawrence Jones, negro, is held in the county jail without bond for grandjury action during the April term of Superior court charged with the first degree murder of David Betha Saturday night after Jones' wife refused to leave Betha and go home with her husband.

Betha received the full charge of shot and wadding in the abdomen from a shotgun fired at close range, and according to investigating officers, died almost instantly. A short while later, Jones was arrested by J. C. Wright, deputy sheriff, and Chief W. J. McQuage of the Raeform police.

Officers report that Jones and his wife were visiting in the negro section near Sanders sawmill Saturday night about nine o'clock. Jones prepared to go home but his wife is said to have told him to go on home that she was going to stay a while longer with "her man" nodding to David Betha. After some argument, Jones left, went to the home of his mother, secured a shotgun, and returned to the sawmill section. He told officers that he got out of the car, asked his wife to get in and leave, but she insisted on staying with Betha. Jones is said to have pulled out the concealed shotgun and fired on Betha without further ado. He returned to the car and drove home, where he was arrested a short while later.

"Rum" Song Written For 252nd C. A.

Danton Walker, New York columnist, says that one of the popular songs of today, was written for, up and about the 252nd Coast Artillery while it was serving in Trinidad. Walker quotes Lt. Paul Bethel brother of Fred Bethel, a radio ad man as his authority. Bethel writes: "The song was made up about and for the 252nd Coast Artillery Regiment; being the first in Trinidad, we made the biggest impression on the native population. That portion of the piece the Andrews Sisters call 'From Chickachickcharee to Monos Isle' should be 'From Chachacharee to Monos Isle.' The former, pronounced 'Chack-a-chu-care-ee,' a small island which stretches from the northern part of Trinidad to the Cape of Paria, Venezuela, and was the headquarters of the 252nd C. A. Monos was Hq. of the 1st Bn. of the same regiment. Chac has a large leper colony, to which the men of the 252nd C. A. contributed several thousand dollars the Christmas of 1942."

Postwar Aspirations Poll Among 598 Vets

WITH THE U. S. 41st DIVISION, Philippines, March 14.—An Army poll among 598 veterans of the 41st infantry division has been in the Pacific three years with 20 months of combat from New Guinea to the Philippines, shows the following postwar aspirations:
One hundred eighty want to go back to their civilian jobs, 87 former students plan to return to their studies, 61 want to win college degrees under the "G. I. Bill of Rights", 36 intend to make the army a career, 45 are going back to the farm, 12 non-farmers want to till the soil, 36 ex-farmers look forward to city work, 50 will take technical training for new jobs, and 93 were undecided.
None thought the world owed him a living as a civilian.

Postpone Hearings Of Charges Against Sidney L. Lewis

Soldier Witnesses From Fort Bragg Fail To Appear Follow- ing Assurance That The Army Would Present Them.

The hearings of the two assault charges laid against Sidney L. Lewis, Raeform hotel operator, were postponed two weeks Tuesday by Judge H. C. Whitley, on the request of H. C. Whitley, defendant's counsel, an associate attorney, Lewis of Fayetteville was unable to present.
Chief state's witness Horton Goff and Luther P. soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg, were also absent when the case was called. In consenting for the motion for postponement, Solicitor McNair Smith told the court that Goff, wounded in the abdomen by a bullet from Lewis' gun, had phoned stating that he was unable to attend the hearing, and had requested that the solicitor request a non-suit in the case brought by him. Goff is also reported to have said that Pelfrey was out on bivouac and was unable to appear.

Chief of Police W. J. McQuage, states that he had been assured of the appearance of the soldiers at the hearing by Col. Larsen, provost marshal of the fort, and this turn in the case was unexpected.

Lewis is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Goff, and with assault with a deadly weapon upon Pelfrey. He has sworn out a warrant against Goff charging drunken and disorderly conduct. Goff is a veteran of three years army service, two of which were served in the South Pacific. Both soldiers have excellent army records, according to the Provost Marshall's office.

In cases disposed of by the court, Theodore Cheek and Marvin Jones, negroes, each paid \$10 and costs for an affray; Lonzo Alford paid costs for drunkenness; Carlee Shaw, negro woman, drew two 60 day sentences for drunkenness and for transporting; she was then ordered for further investigation on charges brought by Federal agents. Lonnie Johnson lost his drivers license and paid \$50 and costs for driving drunk, and paid costs in lieu of a 60-day sentence for transporting. Lonnie Morrison, negro, paid costs for drunkenness; Donald Shaw, former tenant of H. R. McLean, was ordered to pay costs of a hearing for removing crops without satisfying liens on crop held by Mr. McLean, and to pay him \$10.63 for corn removed and sold.

Top-Dress Small Grain At Once Says Agent

Small grain should be top-dressed at once with 61 to 32 pounds of soluble nitrogen per acre, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. This amount of nitrogen can be supplied by applying 100 to 200 pounds of Nitrate of Soda, or 80 to 160 pounds of N. L. or Cal-nitro or sulphate of Ammonia, or 50 to 100 lbs. ammonium nitrate. Where the soil is deficient in potash, 50 to 100 lbs. of muriate of potash per acre should be added to the above recommendation.

Names Of Servicemen

The following names have been added to the Honor Roll:
COLORED
Ellis, John Jr.,
Graham, Herbert
McEachin, Leo
McLean, Burlah
Correction: published last week, Watters, Robert Lee; should be Walters, Robert Lee, white.

Ration Notes

The Hoke County Fuel Oil Panel has received instructions saying that a fuel oil ration will be available for those farmers who install oil burning tobacco cokers this year. The Panel wishes to make it clear that the issuance of fuel oil stamps does not guarantee the availability of oil. The panel suggests that you go to your dealer for this information.

You Make That Much?

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Did you make \$362,880 last year? If you didn't, says a report from two Jims, your income tax would not pay the bill for one day's firing by just one artillery unit on that island. Sgt. Bill Ross of the Marines did the figuring and said that one day the 12th regiment of the Third Marine division fired 21,000 howitzer shells at the Japanese. That's \$315,000 worth. The tax on a salary of \$362,880, with only a \$500 deduction, figures out at \$314,986.

School Board To Hear Upchurch Replacement Plans

Plans for the replacement of facilities of the Upchurch High School, the county's only high school for negroes, will be discussed at a meeting of the county school board April 2, it was stated yesterday by K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent.

Two of the four buildings of the plant were destroyed by an early morning fire, last Thursday. Supt. MacDonald states that classes have been carried on regularly since the day after the fire, though the use of the Rockfish and Silver Grove churches near the school property. These buildings will probably be used by the school for the rest of this term, it was said.

25 More Recruits Needed To Fill Technicians Quota

Roy McMillan Makes Appeal To Women To Help Staff Army Hospitals.

Raleigh, March 14.—North Carolina women can ill afford to let the State fall short of its quota of 103 recruits for training in the Women's Army Corps as hospital technicians, it was stated today by R. L. McMillan, director of the N. C. Office of Civilian Defense.

McMillan emphasized that the army has requested the state to meet its quota by March 20, less than a week from now, in order to assure sufficient army hospital technicians to care for the ever-increasing stream of ill and wounded soldiers returning to this country from battlefronts abroad.

"The lengthening casualty lists show many of these heroes to be North Carolinians, men of our own flesh and blood," stated McMillan, a veteran of World War I. "It behooves North Carolina women to consider seriously the patriotic contribution they can make by joining the WAC to serve in army hospitals, where these returning heroes urgently need their help. They have given the utmost required of them, and the least we can do is to see that they get adequate hospital care."

McMillan appealed to interested women to contact immediately the Army Recruiting Station nearest to them for information about joining the WAC. The state must provide about 25 additional recruits to meet its quota for hospital technicians. The drive, in progress for a month, has the endorsement of Governor Cherry, who designated OCD as the State agency to cooperate with the army in securing the desired number of recruits.

Governor Cherry has urged every eligible North Carolina woman to consider seriously the service she can render in the WAC as a hospital technician.

Pick Trustees At N. C. University

RALEIGH, March 14.—The Legislature, in joint session, today confirmed the following as trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina:

For terms expiring March 31, 1937: J. B. Fearling of Bertie, William H. Sullivan of Guilford, Lionel Well of Wayne, for terms expiring March 31, 1953: Wade Barber of Chatham, Samuel M. Blount of Beaufort, Victor Bryant of Durham, Gertrude Carraway of Craven, John W. Clark of Guilford, Collier Cobb, Jr., of Orange, George S. Coble of Davidson, Mrs. Laura W. Cone of Guilford, John G. Dawson of Lenoir, Joseph C. Eagles of Wilson, Samuel J. Ervin of Burke, W. Roy Hampton of Washington, J. Q. LeGrand of New Hanover, Henry A. Lineberger of Gaston, Francis M. Newsom of Forsyth, Glenn C. Palmer of Haywood, Edwin Pate of Scotland, J. C. Pittman of Lee, J. E. Ramsay of Rowan, Roy Rowe of Pender, J. Benton Stacy of Rockingham, Kenneth S. Tanner of Rutherford, and William B. Umstead of Durham.

Planes Scare Sharks

LOS ANGELES.—A Catalina flying boat crew saved the lives of 23 American merchant seamen whose vessel had been torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Unable to land on the ocean because of heavy seas, the crew of the flying boat circled over the helpless seamen, who were drifting in lifeboats, throughout the night, dropping life preservers, rafts and food, and scaring off a school of man-eating sharks. In the morning two other Catalinas appeared and kept diving almost into the water until a Naval vessel arrived and rescued the seamen.

Evander B. McNeill Dies At Home Here Sunday Night

Funeral Services For Prominent Businessman-Farmer To Be Held Friday Morning At Home

Evander Blue McNeill aged 77, passed away quietly at about nine o'clock last night last night after an illness of about two years.

Funeral services will be held at the home on Friday morning at eleven o'clock, with the Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeform Presbyterian church officiating. Burial will be in Raeform cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John McKay Blue, C. L. Thomas, N. A. McDonald, A. K. Stevens, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Archie McKeithan and W. J. Coates.

Mr. McNeill was a native of Moore county, having been born there on January 29, 1868. He was the son of Dr. John Norman and Mary Eliza Blue McNeill. He attended the well known Union Home school of which John E. Kelly was headmaster.

As a young man he was in the turpentine business in Cumberland and Montgomery county of this state and also in Alabama. Returning to this state in 1901, for some time he made his home at Timberland with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Blue and in 1902 he moved to Raeform to become associated with the late J. W. McLaughlin, J. C. Thomas and Dan Davis in the McLaughlin company, which they organized and built into one of the leading mercantile businesses of this section. He was also interested in a number of other commercial concerns and served as president of the Bank of Raeform, vice president of the Upchurch Milling and Storage company, and was a large stockholder in the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company and the Raeform Power and Manufacturing company. Besides, he owned and operated a number of farms in the county. Due to failing health he had given up much of the actual operation of these interests several years ago.

A devoted and active member of the Raeform Presbyterian church, Mr. McNeill gave liberally to its support, and was instrumental in the erection of the present handsome building. He had served the church as an elder for a number of years. He was a former town commissioner, served two terms on the Board of County Commissioners, and in 1937 and 1939 represented the county in the General Assembly.

Mr. McNeill was married to Miss Mattie Scales of Monroe in 1904. She died in 1908. Since that time he has kept his own home open but spent much time with his sister, Mrs. Blue. His last years have been spent in his home with his one son, J. Lawrence McNeill and family. Though quite sick for the past few weeks, he never complained and was conscious until the last. Mrs. Blue visited him earlier in the evening and he appeared quite cheerful during their conversation.

Surviving are one son; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Blue and Mrs. Smith McKeithan of Raeform; and a brother, the Rev. Malcolm Daniel McNeill of Sanford.

Rockfish PTA Buys Lunch Equipment

Lunchroom equipment installed in the Rockfish school this year has been purchased by the Rockfish Parent-Teachers association at a cost of \$135, according to a report read Monday night by Mrs. A. W. Wood, treasurer of the organization, which met at the school.

The lunchroom was planned early last year, and throughout the sum-mer months much food and supplies were conserved by members, in preparation for the opening of the room last fall. Equipment was installed early in the school year and successful operation of the lunchroom, with hot meals at very low cost to the children, was reported.

The program was opened by a report of the president, Mrs. M. S. Gibson, of the part the children of the school are taking in promoting matters related to our nation's war effort. This report was amplified by County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald, who gave a summary of the war activities of children of the schools of the county.

Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin, Bible teacher of the Raeform and Hoke high schools, exhibited work done by students of her classes in religious education. Mrs. McLaughlin presented also fifteen students of the school, whose program exemplified the Bible instruction work with a summary of elements covered in the course of instruction.