

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Award Bronze Medal To Sgt. Currie

WITH THE 83rd Infantry Division in German—Sgt. Irvin R. Currie of Red Springs, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action against the enemy in Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Currie of Rt. 1, Red Springs.

Citation or incident for which award was made as follows:  
"For meritorious service in Carantan Sector, Normandy, France, from 4 July 1944 to 19 July 1944, as line man, under heavy enemy fire maintained communications to the front lines."

### Air Medal Presented Lt. Luther Dew

HEADQUARTERS, 13th AAF, PACIFIC.—2nd Lt. Luther Dew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dew of Lumber Bridge, has recently been presented the Air medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area."

Lt. Dew is a co-pilot with the 13th AAF's Bomber Barons (5th bomb group). He has participated in 13th AAF Liberator strikes against enemy installations throughout the Southwest Pacific and is at present engaged in blasting Japanese positions in support of ground forces in the Philippines. He entered the AAF in October, 1943, and joined his present overseas organization, the Bomber Barons, in June, 1944.

He is a former student of the University of North Carolina and received his pilot training at Avon Park, Fla., Cochran Field, Ga., and was commissioned at Moody Field, Ga., in October, 1943.

### Wins Promotion The Hard Way

WITH THE 540th ENGINEERS IN FRANCE.—That line, "there'll be no promotions this side of the ocean," isn't quite true. But men are getting them the hard way—earning them in the field after they have proved they can handle a job for which there is a rating vacancy.

The 540th Engineer Regiment's officer has announced seven new promotions for enlisted men in the line companies of his command. For these men the promotions have come neither easily nor quickly. All have been in the army at least 33 months—some three years. All have served overseas either 27 or 28 months. All have the Good Conduct medal.

The list of promotions included Samuel B. Hendrix, 29, of Raeford, from technician fifth grade to corporal.

Each of these men wears six campaign stars in his Africa-Europe-Middle East theatre ribbon for the major campaigns in which the famed 540th Engineer Regiment has participated. A veteran among outfits now serving in the European Theatre of operations, the 540th has been in Africa, Sicily, Italy, including Anzio. The Regiment came across southern France shores last August and now is fighting the battle for Germany.

Cpl. Hendrix, the son of Mrs. Agnes B. Hendrix of route 2, Raeford, is an assistant unit foreman.

### Commissioned

P. A. Webb, Jr. of Raeford, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on March 14, after successfully completing officer's candidate school at Quantico, Va., the Leatherneck's only O-C school. He received training at Chapel Hill and then was sent to Quantico in November of last year.

Lt. Webb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Webb and is spending a ten-day leave with them. He will report for further duty at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California at the end of his leave.

He is a graduate of Hoke High school and attended Appalachian State Teachers college. Lt. Webb has one brother in service, Walter, who was stationed in Trinidad for two years, but who is now serving with an infantry unit in Holland.

S 2-C Zane Grely Norton, USNR, who has just completed boot training at Bainbridge, Md., is spending a nine day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norton.

W. E. English, CM 1-c, is home on leave from Camp Parks, Calif.

S-Sgt. James Cecil spent the past week end at home.

## Bronze Medal Is Presented Widow Of Pvt. D. McRacken

### General H. C. Coburn Makes Award At Services In Red Springs Sunday.

A special recognition service was held at Red Springs Baptist church Sunday morning, when the Bronze medal, for heroism in action, for Pvt. Douglas McRacken was presented posthumously to his wife, Mrs. Maggie Mae Norris McRacken, by Brig. Gen. Henry C. Coburn, Jr., surgeon, of Fort Bragg.

The service was arranged by the Charlie Hall Post, American Legion, and the Rev. Troy Jones, pastor of the church. Members of the Legion post and Legion auxiliary attended in a body.

Preceding the presentation, a brief sacred service was held by Mr. Jones and Chaplain H. G. Besinger, after which Chaplain Bedinger introduced Brigadier General Coburn.

After taps were sounded by the Legion bugler, Dickson Currie, the flags were retired by the Legion color bearers, Silas Collins and James Odum.

Private McRacken was a son of Mrs. A. B. McRacken of Red Springs and the late Mr. McRacken of Dunderbach. Besides his mother and wife, he is survived by a baby daughter, Myrtle Ann, and several brothers and sisters. He had previously been awarded the Purple Heart.

## Funeral Services For E. B. McNeill

Funeral services for the late E. B. McNeill were conducted from the home last Friday. A throng of friends and relatives from all over the county and surrounding towns attended the services to pay a final tribute to a man who had contributed much to the welfare of the community. Interment was in Raeford cemetery. All business houses in Raeford were closed during the funeral hour.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral rites were: the Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Teague and daughter, Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Gabes Holms and daughter, Emily Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Max Heins and Bettie Heins of Sanford; John McKeithan of Raleigh; Mrs. Jonah McCaulay of Biscoe; Neill McKeithan, Talbot Johnson, Mrs. Ella Heckard of Aberdeen; Miss Annie Borse and Mrs. John Phillips of Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Sutton, Vardell Williamson, O. J. McConnell of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Pete McQueen of Clinton; William H. Holden of Wake Forest; and Pete Stanton of Red Springs.

## Mrs. Maude Tolar Dies At Parkton

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Brown Tolar, 65, who died at her home Friday after an illness of 2 weeks, were conducted from the Presbyterian church at Parkton, Sunday at 4 p. m. by the Rev. C. F. Kirkpatrick of Maxton. Interment was made in the Parkton cemetery.

Pallbearers were L. M. Powell, Duncan Malloy, J. F. Bule, Lacy Armstrong, Dan McMillan, and R. J. Furrage.

Mrs. Tolar was the widow of the late M. R. Tolar. She is survived by five children, Mrs. D. H. Lavette of Lumberton, M. R. Tolar of Lumber Bridge, Mrs. Ertle Williamson of Hyattsville, Md., Douglas S. Tolar of Kinston, and Ruth Tolar of the home. She is also survived by several grandchildren.

## Summer Courses

Two terms of summer school beginning June 11 and July 23, are announced at Presbyterian Junior college. Courses will be given at Freshman and Sophomore levels and in the first semester the ground school course in aeronautics will be offered, and flight training may be taken at a nearby airport. Strong courses in English, Mathematics, Spanish, French, Chemistry, Physics, History, Bible, and mechanical drawing are to be offered.

## "The Crucifixion" To Be Given Here On Good Friday

Stainer's Cantata, The Crucifixion will be presented here on Good Friday, March 30, by the choirs of the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches, and members of the Chantade Music club. The cantata will be given at the Methodist church at 8:00 p. m., and will be under the direction of Miss Audrey Brunkhurst, director of music at the Presbyterian church.

## Federal All-Risk Crop Insurance Available In Hoke

### New Program Offers Greater Protection Against Weather Hazards.

The new Federal all-risk crop insurance program now being offered Hoke County cotton growers is an important help in stabilizing the economy of communities, according to T. D. Potter, chairman of the Hoke County AAA Committee.

"The new insurance program not only offers individual growers protection against the unavoidable hazards to cotton growing, but helps to keep the community in a healthy condition as well," he declared.

"We all remember the terrible droughts of 1934 and 1936. Many farmers were completely wiped out during these years, and those who managed to keep going had little or no crop to sell. As a result, they couldn't meet mortgage payments and other obligations. They couldn't buy machinery, furniture, clothing or other necessities.

"Whole communities suffered from these crop losses," he added, "but with crop insurance it needn't have happened. Crop insurance would have protected crop investments and would have absorbed the economic shock to the communities."

The present program offers cotton growers a choice of coverage of 50 or 75 percent of their average farm yields, and protects against such unavoidable hazards to crops as drought, floods, storms, frost, wildfire, snow, excessive rainfall, hail, fire, lightning, wind, plant disease, winterkill, and insects.

The insurance program is administered locally by the AAA, and growers have until April 10, 1945 to apply.

## Guide Book Group Wants Names All War One Veterans

All names of World War I veterans of Hoke county are wanted for printing in the American Guide Book, which is being completed by the Woman's club. An incomplete list of those men who were sent from Hoke county has been secured from a News-Journal of September, 1918. All veterans who have moved into the county during the last few years and have not placed their names with the local American Legion, are asked to leave their names at the office of Dr. R. L. Murray in the next day or so, as all material is being secured to be sent to press very soon.

A very interesting history of Raeford and Hoke county, written by D. S. Poole is to be printed in this book, and the committee feels every family in the county will want a copy of the American Guide Book for their home.

## Dr. Watson Dies In Greenville

Dr. Thomas Melville Watson, 50, died suddenly at his home in Greenville at 5 o'clock Monday, March 12, of a heart attack. Dr. Watson, a native of Riverton, Scotland County, began his practice of medicine in Maxton, where he made many friends. After leaving Maxton, he was associated with Dr. Van Buren Sidbury of Wilmington for a number of years before settling in Greenville.

Dr. Watson is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Patterson Livingston of Wagram; a son, Charles, and a daughter, Janet; also his mother, two brothers, Dan W. and Duncan McNeal Watson.

Funeral services were held at Greenville and interment was at Spring Hill cemetery at Wagram. Among those attending from Maxton were: Dr. McClelland, Miss Maggie McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. John Pace, Mrs. John McKinnon, Miss Jane McKinnon, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hasty.

## Bastogne Hero Rewarded



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. makes further plans with Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe after Patton's men lifted the siege of Bastogne. Gen. McAuliffe had just received the DSC from Gen. Patton. Help speed their plans with War Bonds.

# Freezer-Locker Will Be Installed Here

## Locker Rental Committee Authorizes Formation Of Local Corporation To Start Building At Once.

Hoke County is now to have its own Frozen Food Locker Plant! At a meeting of the local Locker Rental Committee Monday night, D. J. Dalton, chairman of the committee, announced that more than 180 lockers have now been rented, which permits application to the War Production Board for priorities to build a plant with 300 lockers.

Mr. Dalton stated that it is expected enough additional lockers will be rented before the application is granted to permit a plant with at least 500 lockers, which is the usual size plant now being built in many communities throughout North Carolina. In addition to the lockers there will be additional space provided for bulk storage of foods at zero temperature.

The new plant will be centrally located in Raeford and several sites are now under discussion. Quick freezing facilities will be provided in the new plant so that foods can be frozen at 20 degrees below zero. Large space will also be provided for salt curing of pork as well as for chilling and aging of beef and other meats. Vegetables and fruits will also be processed and frozen and the most modern equipment provided for handling of poultry, fish and game.

Abner S. Knowles, county agent, stated that many farmers who have not as yet made their applications for lockers will now do so when they know the plant is definitely to be built. There are also many residents of Raeford who will want lockers, now that the plant is assured. Every other locker plant in the state is now rented to full capacity and when that is done here, additional applications for lockers can only be put on the "waiting list" for a long period.

The committee unanimously elected Thomas B. Upchurch, Jr., to membership on the committee in recognition of the outstanding work he has done in bringing the public interest up to the point where the plant is now to become a reality to serve not only the residents of the town but the farmers of Hoke county.

Tom Cameron stated that the matter of securing a capable manager for the new plant has been under discussion and that a desirable candidate for this position would be ready for submission to the officers of the new corporation as soon as it is organized and ready for business. T. D. Potter and N. H. G. Balfour and others on the committee pledged their full aid in the renting of additional lockers as well as in the work of forming the new corporation to build and operate the plant.

Subscription lists for stock in the new corporation were authorized to be opened by the committee and it is hoped that ownership of the new enterprise will be wide-spread

throughout the entire county. The capital stock is to be \$35,000.00 which is to consist of 350 shares of \$100.00 par value each and to be paid for as called on by the board of directors. The books will be opened immediately and will be closed on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Applications for stock can be made to D. J. Dalton, chairman of the committee or to T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Tom Cameron, T. D. Potter, N. H. G. Balfour, J. D. Tapp, Marshal Newton, F. F. McPhaul, N. F. Sinclair or Daniel McGill.

Since the locker plant is a public enterprise intended to serve the entire community, it is the hope of the committee that the ownership will be represented by stock subscriptions of moderate size by many people in the county.

A brief canvass of representative men in the community indicated that all of the funds required can readily be secured but it is first desired that everyone in the county who wishes to do so shall have a full and equal opportunity of owning stock in the company. Based on the operation of other locker plants in the state which have been in business several years, it is believed that the stock will show a very satisfactory record in dividends.

Charles W. Townsley, representing Community Foods, Inc., a company affiliated with the Carrier Corporation and whose business is the design, engineering and construction of locker plants, was present at the committee meeting and presented blueprints and technical information of the greatest importance as to the most modern and efficient methods of locker plant construction operation.

Mr. Townsley stated that, so far as is generally known, no locker plant in the country has ever closed up once it started, which is very definite proof that locker plants are making money. On the other hand, about 80 percent of the locker plants have had to increase their size once, two or three times since they started. He said that in talking with Dr. Brady of the State College, the one point which the doctor stressed was "not to build the plants too small." Locker plants have a habit of growing far beyond the size thought adequate in the beginning as people find thru experience that they soon want two, three or even more lockers to take care of their food.

There are now well over 6,000 locked plants in operation throughout the country and Dr. Brady estimated that there will be at least 200 such plants in North Carolina when the state is fully developed. The committee which has worked so hard to get the plant established in this community is to be congratulated on seeing to it that Hoke County is one of the leaders in this field, as it has been in so many others in bringing the most modern and efficient means of food preservation to the progressive citizens of Hoke County.

## War Fund Drive Of Red Cross Nears Completion

### County Contributions Total \$7,045.38 With Nearly All Division Leaders Reporting.

The War Fund Drive for the Red Cross is nearly completed and Hoke County has considerably oversubscribed its quota, according to H. L. Gatlin, Jr., drive chairman, who states that only three subdivisions into which the county was divided have failed to reach quota and that nearly every group leader and school division has made final reports.

The Bank of Raeford, which has acted as treasurer for the drive, reports that \$7,045.38 had been deposited to the special account at closing time yesterday afternoon, and that this was \$1,645.38 over the quota.

The drive will continue throughout the month and persons who have not contributed may make them direct to the treasurer at the Bank of Raeford or to Chairman Gatlin, it was said.

## Local Agencies Given Control Beer Licenses

### Number Of Changes In Control Of Beer Sales Made By General Assembly.

RALEIGH, March 20.—Several changes in the laws governing the sale and distribution of beer in North Carolina were made by the 1945 General Assembly.

The North Carolina Committee-United States Brewer Foundation, in an analysis released today, said these amendments will:

Authorize county and municipal governing boards to refuse renewal of retail beer license when "applicant has, during the preceding license year, committed any act or permitted any condition for which his license was, or might have been revoked."

Authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to revoke, refuse or deny renewal of license to retail or wholesale dealer exposing for sale or having in his possession any non-tax paid beer.

Prohibit an agreement between distributor and retailer whereby the retailer is required to purchase all products exclusively from the distributor. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent a distributor from purchasing an outlet, lending money or supplies to a retailer in order to secure a monopoly on the outlet's business and prevent the retailer from buying other brands of beer.

Permit municipal and county courts to act in revocation proceedings filed with the Commissioner of Revenue. This section also eliminates the 1943 provision which abates proceedings before municipal or county boards when complaint filed with the commissioner.

Require all applicants for retail and wholesale licenses to meet same conditions as retailers in securing state beer licenses. These requirements include: (1) applicant must be bona fide resident of North Carolina at least one year; (2) applicant intends to carry on business for himself or under his direct supervision; and (3) applicant has not been convicted of a felony, crime involving moral turpitude or violating the prohibition laws.

Make it a criminal liability for any person, firm or corporation "engaging in any activity for which a state, county or municipal license is required . . . without obtaining such license or continuing such activity after expiration of any state, county or municipal license."

## Wagram High To Have Square Dance

A square dance, sponsored by the senior class of Wagram High school, will be held on Thursday evening, March 29 at 8:30 o'clock in the Wagram gym. Proceeds from the evening will be used for the class annual. The public is cordially invited.

## Amputee Leg

Friends of Alex Reid, colored, much respected janitor of the Bank of Raeford, will regret to know that he is in Moore County General hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate a leg.

The Rocky Mount Fat Stock show will be held on April 4 and 5, says a report from Leland Case, Extension Animal Husbandman of the State College Extension Service.