



## Albert Smoak Of Fourth Marines Killed At Iwo

Pfc. Albert Smoak of Ashley Heights was killed in action March 21 while participating in the fighting on Iwo Jima, according to a message received from the Navy Department Sunday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smoak.

Albert was a member of the 4th Marines Division and had been stationed on Guam for a number of months before the invasion of the Volcanic islands. He entered the Marines in 1942 and prior to going to the Pacific had been stationed at Paris Island, New River, Norfolk and Camp Bradford, Cal.

A graduate of Hoke High with the class of 1940 he attended Louisville college for two years before entering the Marines. His father is principal of the Ashley Heights school and his mother is a teacher there. They have been connected with the Hoke county schools since 1928 when they came to the Antioch school from South Carolina.

Besides his parents, Pfc. Smoak is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Earl Montague, whose husband is a lieutenant in the AAF and is stationed at Spokane, Wash., and Miss Mary Anne Smoak of the home.

## Charley M. Gibbs, Jr. Is Wounded At Iwo Jima

C. M. Gibbs, Jr., of Dunn, son of the Rev. C. M. Gibbs who is executive secretary of Fayetteville Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, has been reported hospitalized because of wounds sustained in the battle of Iwo Jima. Gibbs was a member of the Fourth Marines.

## Home From France

Lt. Lt. Gilbert M. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Ray of Rockfish, arrived home Monday night from overseas duty and will spend a leave at home. Lt. Ray has been in service since 1941, serving on Ascension Island, in France and Germany. He holds the Silver Star medal, it having been awarded him for gallant action in France during the first weeks of the invasion.

Sgt. George L. Caddell spent a short while at home last Thursday with his mother, Mrs. E. G. Wickline at Raeford, Route 2. He has been stationed at Reno, Nevada, but was enroute to West Palm Beach, Fla. Mrs. Caddell accompanied him to Raeford and will spend a while with Mrs. Wickline and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sumner, later joining Sgt. Caddell in Florida.

## Promoted

Miss Bertha McNeill, daughter of Mrs. Annie McNeill of the Antioch community has recently been promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade. Lt. McNeill is serving with the Naval medical corps and is now stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Pvt. Edward Wade of Route 1, Shabbon, has been assigned to Field Artillery and is receiving his basic training at Fort Bragg. He spent the past week end with his parents.

Word from Capt. T. B. Lester, Jr., who recently went overseas, states that he has pneumonia and is now in Scotland. Recent letters from him state that he is slowly convalescing.

Major Graham Dickson, who arrived in Charleston last week from overseas service and was at Stark General hospital, has been sent to a hospital in Colorado.

Luke McNeill is leaving today for Raleigh to be assigned to duty, having been inducted into the navy. He is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill to be in the service.

Lt. and Mrs. Harris Parker of Fort Bliss, Texas, are spending a twenty day leave with Mrs. Marfy Mott and John Parker. Lt. and Mrs. Parker and Miss Myra Mott spent last week end in Vass and Cameron with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. John Baker.

Lt. Joe E. Lovette of New Orleans, La., is spending a 10-day leave with his family. Last week end the Lovettes visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lovette in Randleman.

Mrs. Mary Mott received news this week from her son, Robert. He is

## Mrs. M. R. Smith Is Installed Matron Of Eastern Star

### District Officers Conduct Ceremony Of Masonic Order Here Monday.

Mrs. M. R. Smith was installed as worthy matron of the Raeford chapter No. 226, order of the Eastern Star, at installation ceremonies held Monday night in the masonic hall. Edwin E. Smith was installed as worthy patron.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Joe Gullledge, associate matron; Lucy F. Clark, associate patron; Mrs. Paul Dezerne, secretary; Miss Ila Graham, treasurer; Mrs. Starr McMillan, conductress; Mrs. J. N. Andrews, associate conductress; Mrs. N. H. G. Balfour, chaplain; Mrs. J. W. Coates, marshal; Mrs. W. P. Baker, organist; Mrs. Harry Greene, assistant organist; Mrs. N. A. McDonald, Adah; Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Roth; Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr. Esther; Mrs. Dora McLeod, Martha; Mrs. Jesse Gullledge, electa; Miss Lona Graham, warder; and Mrs. C. W. Saele, sentinel.

Mrs. Amelia Harley, district deputy grand matron of Fayetteville, was the installing officer. The dedicatory prayer was offered by George Harley, district deputy grand patron. During the evening talks were made by the outgoing worthy matron, Miss Josephine Hall, and the incoming worthy matron and patron.

An informal social followed the ceremony, at which fine delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Dora McLeod, Mrs. J. R. Hampton and Mrs. W. L. Maness.

## Capt. Paul Dickson Given Bronze Star

Captain Paul Dickson, Jr., of Raeford, has been awarded the Bronze Star, according to a message received here yesterday by his wife. The citation reads as follows:

PAUL DICKSON, 0-399495, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Seventh Army, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from August 8, 1944, to December 1944, in France. Serving as Air Liaison Officer on board the USS Kaasan Bay at the time of the invasion of Southern France, Captain Dickson, by his tireless cooperation and special experience, made an outstanding contribution to the successful air support given the Seventh Army by the USS Kaasan Bay. As the Seventh Army Air Officer with the 2nd French Armored Division during the advance from Baccarat to Strasburg, Captain Dickson coordinated the air support for the division advance and by the exercise of tact and sound judgment, and the courageous performance of duty under enemy fire materially assisted the ground-air efforts of the Seventh Army, as is testified to by the effective air support rendered the Division during this phase of Army operations. Entered the military service from Raeford, North Carolina.

Mrs. Eunice Jennings has accepted a position in the Hoke County Board of Education office. She is replacing Mrs. Harold Laton.

J. D. Wright, building contractor of Tulsa, Okla., expects to leave today for his home, after spending a while here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright.

An old time party was given last Friday night in the Wayside community house by Mr. John Parker and Mrs. Mary Mott, honoring their guests, Lt. and Mrs. Harris Parker and Lt. Joe Lovette.

## Back At School

Principal T. C. Jones, of the Rockfish school, is back on the job and is somewhat improved after a month during which he underwent three nose and throat operations at Duke hospital.

somewhere in Germany with the 395th Infantry.

S-Sgt. Angus Currie, who has been on furlough, will leave tomorrow for Camp Blanding, Fla.

Cpl. Ralph L. Cox, one of the seven returned veterans of the 101st Airborne division, who are doing army textile publicity work through the textile centers of the South, was heard in an interview program over Radio station WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., last Friday during a twenty five minute program which began at 3:35 o'clock. Cpl. Cox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cox of Raeford and is expected to visit his parents soon.

## Miss Boyce Continues As Hostess For Service Center

Mrs. J. W. Currie, who has been co-hostess with Miss Flora Boyce at the local Soldier's Center, has resigned and is now at home. The Soldier's Center has meant much to the servicemen in this community. It continues to mean that, but since so many of the men left the nearby army camps, one hostess was all that seemed necessary.

## 20,000 Prisoners Killed By Nazis Says Investigator

### "Murder Factory" Operated Under Mercy-Killings Statute At Hadamar.

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, April 9 A Nazi "murder asylum" in which 20,000 political prisoners, Jews and slave laborers are estimated to have been put to death has been uncovered by First Army troops.

The murder factory was hidden in a German insane asylum at Hadamar, four miles north of Limburg. German civil authorities themselves estimate that 15,000 victims were gassed and cremated and another 5,000 killed by drugs and poison and buried in communal graves in the cemetery near the walls of the asylum.

Those imprisoned by the Nazis for political reasons and foreign slave laborers—particularly Russians, Poles and Dutch—who became too weak to work were put to death under the guise of "mercy killings" after being systematically starved until doctors diagnosed them "as hopelessly ill."

The establishment was operated under direct orders from Berlin, it was said, and at least 15,000 men, women and children were gassed and cremated by specially selected SS guards.

After residents of Hadamar repeatedly complained of the stench of burning bodies and gas, and the bishop of Muenster had written a protesting letter, the Nazis switched from gas to hypodermic injections and from cremation to mass burial to do away with the last 5,000 "euthanasia" cases.

All victims were executed under the Nazi "mercy killing" statute passed in 1939 and used by party leaders as legal sanctions for the mass murder of their enemies and slaves who were unable to work.

The murder factory was unmasked as the result of information given by German civilians and detective work by a British investigator, Capt. Brinkley Hamilton.

Three Germans who ran the asylum—a 70-year-old doctor, a 45-year old chief woman's nurse and a middle aged chief warden—were arrested.

## Canning Sugar Applications To Be Made April 19-20

Applications for canning sugar for the first half of the 1945 canning season will be taken at all school sites in Hoke County except the Hoke High school building on Thursday and Friday, April 19-20, from 3:00 to 7:00 P. M. on both days. In addition to the school sites there will be some one at the Little River community house at Lobelia on each of the above named days and at the same hours.

Letters of instruction will be sent to each house that has children in school. If you have no children in school please ask your neighbors child to bring you a sheet from school. If you do not get one of these sheets, be sure you know how many quarts of fruit and vegetables you canned in 1944, how much preserving you did, and how much was granted you by the board.

Be sure you take all of your War Ration Book 4's with you. They are necessary before your application can be completed.

Be sure and go to your nearest school for your race on the above dates as those two afternoons are the only times you can make applications before June.

## Dam At Mott Lake Breaks; Road Is Flooded In Camp

The dam of Mott Lake, located in the Fort Bragg reservation, broke this week and waters flooding through the opening in the earthen dam washed away about 50 yards of a reservation road. Cause of the break is as yet undetermined.

## Now More Than Ever Zip the Lip ALWAYS

The members of the senior class have chosen "Brother Goose" for their production this year. The parts are being assigned, and the play will be given sometime next month. Miss Lucy Glenn Gill will coach the play.

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## Hoke High Team Wins FFA Stock Judging Contest

### Daniel Baker And Zeb Moss Score 480 Points In Six School Competition Monday.

The Hoke High stock judging team, in competition with teams from five other school teams from Hoke, Scotland, and Richmond counties, won first place in the district Future Farmers of America competition held at Laurel Hill Monday.

The team was composed of Daniel Baker and Zeb Moss of the local FFA unit, and scored a total of 480 1-2 points to top the Huffman team which scored 475 1-2. Laurel Hill scored 359; Rockingham, 461 1-2; Elerbe, 410 1-2; and Gibson 424. The perfect score in the contest was 600 points. Dairy cattle, hogs and poultry were judged.

This is the second district contest to be won by the Hoke FFA group this year in similar competitions. In December the local unit won over the other five schools in a FFA ritual contest.

On May 14, the entire local group of 30 members will compete in an FFA field day program to be held at Hoffman when softball, boxing, horseshoe pitching, high and broad jumps, and the 100 yard dash and 4-man relay events will be the field events, according to W. P. Phillips, agricultural teacher and sponsor of the FFA unit here.

## Hoke High News

On display in the front hall is a kit of materials on Inter-American relations sent to the school by Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The purpose of this exhibit is to educate the school pupils to appreciate the people in their neighboring republics of the Americas.

On Wednesday of last week "Electronics on Parade," a film on testing radio tubes, was shown to the physics class. Mr. White has a new tube testing outfit he is using in connection with his laboratory work. To give the the pupils extra experience, Mr. White will be glad for members of his class to test tubes for anyone who will bring them to school. The physics class also enjoyed a travelogue depicting the interesting and scenic places in Florida.

Miss Fisher's home room presented a playlet showing some of the usual occurrences in the school room at assembly last Wednesday. Frances Bowling led the devotional and introduced the pupils taking part on the program. Mildred Mays took the part of the teacher. "The Skater's Waltz" was played by Sara Neal McKeithan. The hygiene lesson in the form of a poem, "The Flu" was given by LaVerne Walters and Alfred Leach. Jimmy Sinclair led the English lesson by reading "Penrod's Letter."

Mrs. E. B. Campbell, county nurse, Miss Flora Ray, from the state board of health, Mrs. Heath, and Mrs. Seashore visited the high school Monday and Tuesday and checked on the physical defects of the pupils. Slips showing these defects will be sent to the parents sometime soon.

This week the different home rooms in the high school are cooperating with the P-T. A. in the clothing collection campaign. The home room that collects the largest number of pounds per pupil will be given permission to go on a picnic Monday.

"Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," a film showing the history of canning, was shown to Mrs. Durham's home economics classes last week. "Threads of Fashion," a story of the manufacturing of thread and cotton materials was also shown in connection with the study of textiles.

Mrs. Durham's second and third-year classes are completing a project of making spring suits and dresses.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. C. McLean, the pupils are painting the study hall.

Members of Miss Myrma McKeithan's sociology class had a winter roast on the school campus last week.

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## Judy McLean Odom Of Rockfish Dies

Judy McLean Odom, six month old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Odom, Jr., of Rockfish, died Saturday night, April 7, at Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethel church Monday morning by the Rev. W. L. Maness. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

## Purnell Locklear Fined For Owing Small Distillery

Purnell Locklear, Indian of Quawhiffle township, paid \$30 and costs and still fee, for possession of a "little still where I makes a little liquor for my own use," when he pleaded guilty to possession of materials and equipment for making non-tax paid liquors in county court Tuesday.

Albert Austin Miller, white, of Florida, and Eddie Wilkerson, negro, each paid costs for speeding; Will Watson, Jr., and Alene Thomas, negroes, paid costs for possession of illegal liquor; John D. McNeill, negro, was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads for the theft of a quantity of hay from the Upechurch Milling company; Andrew Melvin, negro, paid costs for allowing another to drive his car while it was improperly equipped; Heck McNeill paid costs for the theft of a cotton planter from H. L. Atkinson, on whose farm he lived last year.

## Hoke Narrative Report For March

(By Josephine Hall, home agent)

"Well Planned Meals From the Pantry Shelves" was the title of the demonstration at the March home demonstration clubs in Hoke County. One hundred and forty two club women attended the 12 meetings. Preserving eggs in water glass was also discussed at each meeting.

The home agent spent one day in March at Lumberton where she attended a meeting of agents from the district.

When Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Maxwell of the Antioch community, learned, after killing a beef, that the community cannery in Raeford was not in operation the home agent was called in and assisted with the canning of 98 quarts of meat.

The Ashmont club sponsored the Lone Star Quartet from W.P.F.F. Raleigh, at the Ashmont school one night during the month. A round \$45.00 was added to their club treasury as the result.

The home agent attended a meeting on freezer lockers which was held March 19.

The Pine Forest club served 38 members of the Kiwanis club at the Pine Forest community building on the evening of March 29. Dr. E. R. Collins, of State College, was the speaker on the program. Twenty five dollars was cleared from the supper.

Waste fat was collected at each club meeting during the month. An average of seven pounds per club was brought to the meetings. Six dozen jar lifters were ordered through the clubs and distributed at March meetings.

The home agent gave assistance with the serving of the annual Junior-Senior banquet at the Hoke High school and with a Kiwanis supper served in the Hoke high lunch room.

432 Red Cross kit bags were packed and shipped from the home agent's office. The agent gave one mattress making demonstration and one slip cover demonstration in March. 45 library books were checked to club members at meetings. The five 4-N clubs met in March with 197 club members present. The demonstration at these meetings was on "Better Bread."

Motor Car." This course is largely directed toward developing better skill and attitudes in driving.

On Monday of this week, school began thirty minutes earlier. This schedule was planned to give the pupils longer working hours in the afternoons.

In addition to the regular text, Mrs. Cameron is teaching a unit on filing to the pupils of her general business class.

## Boiler Installed At Cannery Gives Big Capacity

### Unit Now Ready For Custom Work For People Of County; Capacity About 600 Quarts Daily.

A new 15 horse power boiler has been installed at the Hoke cannery and the plant is now ready for the summer food preservation season. It was stated yesterday by W. P. Phillips, of the Hoke High agricultural department.

Mr. Phillips states that the cannery will be in operation throughout the growing season this year and will have a top capacity of about 600 quarts of vegetables per day. Tests on the new installation were made early this week and in the past two days a large number of apples and carrots have been processed and canned for use in the school lunchrooms.

The plant was installed in 1943, when a used boiler was in service. This boiler was condemned last season and the plant operated only a short time. The new one arrived some weeks ago and has been installed by students in Mr. Phillips' classes at Hoke High. The cannery will be operated by Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Jack Durham, teacher of home economics at the high school.

## Mrs. Mary L. Maness Dies At Robbins

Mrs. Mary L. Maness, widow of the late L. S. Maness, and step-mother of the Rev. W. L. Maness, died at her home near Robbins Monday. She had been ill for seven or eight years, having been confined to her bed almost entirely. For the last two weeks she failed rapidly and was seriously ill only three days. Mr. Maness and other members of her family were by her bed-side when she died. She died at the age of 84 having been a faithful wife and beloved step-mother in the home for forty one years.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon from Tabernacle Methodist church by her pastor, the Rev. B. O. Merritt, and burial was made in the church cemetery at Robbins.

## POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

It is being published that there are people who believe that Hitler will entrench in the mountains of southern Germany and carry on a guerrilla warfare. Were he to stop now he has done more damage to the world than any human who has lived.

For some years after the surrender which ended the Civil War, farm produce sold for good prices, and the country rebuilt remarkably fast. But after the prices fell to low levels in 1873, farmers began a policy of raising more on their farms by planting a larger acreage. Forty acres to the mule, 25 acres in cotton and 15 in corn. They averaged 8 bales of cotton and 100 bushels of corn. But they went more into debt by this method.

When farmers made anything, they have often been the victims of money sharks. They paid too much for nearly everything they bought, and this, added to the low prices they were paid for their produce, made it a hardship to exist at all.

Before it went into politics, the Farmers' Alliance did much good. Goods were bought at wholesale prices by Locals, and there was some co-operation in selling. The best pair of shoes I have worn were bought through the Farmers' Alliance for \$2. I wore them for two years every day, and then swapped them with a neighbor for a new \$3 pair, and was badly cheated.

The GOVERNMENT has professed great interest in the welfare of the farmers for the past fifteen years, and I doubt that many farmers understand how his benefits come. There has never been anything good done where someone else was impoverished to the extent another had benefited. That is cheating Peter to pay Paul.

I do not know why the world hates Christians, but it always has. Christians are said to be harmless and undefiled. If they are Christians, that is true. But the Christians, since Christ, have suffered almost continually, and at times the greatest efforts were made to totally destroy the Christians altogether, and the (Continued on page Two)