

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Charles B. Johnson, Jr. Member Of B-29 Unit, Cited For Service

A 20TH BOMBER COMMAND B-29 SUPERFORTRESS BASE, India—Technician Fifth Grade Charles B. Johnson, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson of Raeford has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque as a member of an aviation signal company at headquarters, 20th Bomber Command in India. This award, newest of its kind as outlined by the war department, was based on a nine months' period of superior operation and maintenance of communication facilities required by the 20th Bomber command headquarters. By having prompt and efficient communications at all times, the bomber command materially aided in meeting its target dates, and in the successful bombing of vital zones on the Japanese mainland, Formosa, Malaya, China, Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, and Manchuria.

Cpl. Johnson, who has completed thirteen months of service in India entered the army on October 2, 1942, and has been a member of the cited unit for the past 15 months. He was formerly employed by the U. S. Engineers at Wilmington. His wife and son, Charles Thomas, reside at 305 Green Street, Fayetteville. Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Gertrude Cottingham of Raeford.

Capt. Hyde Writes Of J. L. Teal, Jr.'s Death

The following letter has been received by Mrs. J. L. Teal telling of the death of her son, Lonnie, on a battlefield in Germany:

My dear Mrs. Teal:
It is with the deepest regret I express my sincere sympathy to you in your grief at the loss of your son, and our comrade-in-arms, Capt. Jesse L. Teal, Jr., 34 678 307, who was killed in action in Germany on March 15, 1945.

Jesse was a trustworthy and faithful soldier. He believed in the greatness and justice of our cause, and was willing to sacrifice his life for this cause to succeed. His passing has been profoundly felt and mourned by all of us.

It will be a comfort to you to know that your son was a gallant soldier, liked and respected by all the officers and men in his company. We all understand, as we are sure you do also, that he laid down his life for something that is greater than all of us—our own American way of living. We, who fought at Jesse's side and lived with him like brothers will never feel that his death has been in vain.

Jesse was buried in an American cemetery in France, and a Protestant chaplain officiated at the burial.

I shall consider it a privilege to be of any possible service to you in any way whatsoever in the future.

Very sincerely,
JAMES R. HYDE,
Capt., 254th Inf.,
Commanding.

Combat Badge

Cpl. Earl R. Bass, who is with the 75th Division serving in Germany, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, according to a special announcement received by The News-Journal yesterday. His wife, Bonnie H. Bass, is from Raeford.

Pvt. Roy Jones has notified his father, T. C. Jones, of his safe arrival in Germany. He is assigned to the First Army.

Lt. John Alec Smith, son of J. W. Smith of Vass and nephew of Mrs. J. M. Norton of Raeford, has written home that he is in a hospital in Paris with a slight concussion which was caused by the explosion of a shell near him. He is serving with the 9th army.

Dan Cox, SKV 3-c, of the Norfolk Naval Training base, spent a short leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cox.

Neill Brothers at On Leyte

McNeill and Sgt. Ed McNeill, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill of Raeford, ran up on each other the other day—down on Leyte Island. Both boys have been stationed in the Pacific for some months but this is their first meeting. Some weeks ago Bobby Carter, also of Raeford, chanced to see Sgt. Ed in an army postoffice, and the McNeill boys planned to call

Guard Kills Negro Convict As Two Attempt Escape

Alex Hanks Killed And Henry Cummings Is Still At Large In Break For Freedom In Al- lendale.

Henry Cummings is being sought by police and state's prison officials, and Alex Hanks went home in a coffin as the result of a break by two negro convicts from the Scotland county prison camp last Friday, while the men were working on a county-state highway in Allendale township, near the Arch McGugan farm.

Penal Director H. H. Honeycutt announced that Hanks, 19-year-old Warren County man, was shot by Guard Marvin Jernigan and that he ran about 100 yards after being hit before he dropped dead. Cummings, who was under 15418 year sentence from Cumberland county for manslaughter, made good his escape by entering a nearby woods. Search for him by Hoke and Robeson county officers continued in the area for about 24 hours.

Hanks was serving an 8-10 year sentence for assault with a deadly weapon.

In another break Friday night at the Macon County camp, Leonard Curtis was seriously wounded when three prisoners disarmed a guard and broke the ward room door down. Curtis was the only prisoner hit by several shots from other guards, but the other two prisoners escaping, Charlie William Jones and James Hackney, were later recaptured.

Little Clothing Is Given For Relief By Hoke People

Committee Appeals For Greater Contributions For The Nation- al Old Clothing Campaign.

Members of the Hoke county committee in charge of collecting old clothing for distribution in the war zones state that contributions to the campaign so far are very light, and that the county will fall far short of its 75,000 pound quota unless unexpectedly large gifts are turned in by Monday, when the campaign is supposed to end.

To date hardly more than 1,000 pounds of clothing, shoes and piece goods have been turned in at the collection in the Benner building.

All clothing should be wearable, according to Mrs. B. B. Cole, of the PTA, which organization cooperating with the Kiwanis club in sponsoring the drive. Cotton garments—all sizes needed—should be clean but need not be ironed. Woolen garments needing cleaning will be cleaned as funds for this purpose have been contributed by the PTA and other individuals.

Kenneth C. Ritter Taken By Death

Kenneth Charles Ritter, 56, of Rockfish, died in Fayetteville Monday afternoon after an illness of several days.

He was a native of Hoke county, the son of the late J. T. and Susan Blue Ritter. He was an employee of the State Highway Commission for 20 years, having retired several years ago due to ill health.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Belle Bruton Ritter; one son, David K. Ritter, of route 3, Fayetteville; two brothers, N. J. Ritter of Rockfish and Will Ritter of Fayetteville; one sister, Mrs. J. C. Smith of Maxton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Galatia Presbyterian church with the Rev. David Blue and Rev. E. B. Booker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

on Carter and have an "all Hoke County bull session" while the three were on the same island.

Tracy T. Cottingham, Jr., formerly of Raeford, has been given a disability discharge from the army and arrived at his home in Fayetteville last Thursday. He was a member of the Raeford unit of the 232nd C. A., and spent two years overseas with them, returned to the States and served a tour of duty here. Prior to receiving his discharge, he was a patient at Ashford General hospital, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Mrs. W. H. Thompson Dies At Maxton

Mrs. W. H. Thompson, 76, died Saturday morning at her home near Maxton. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. She was buried in the Maxton cemetery beside her husband, who died 14 years ago. At her bedside were three sons, Clyde S. Thompson of Charleston, S. C., Marshall A. Thompson of Washington, D. C., formerly of Raleigh, and W. Alton Thompson of Maxton, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles C. Hutton of Greensboro. She is also survived by five brothers, T. J., S. R. and J. W. Smith of Vass, D. E. of Perkinson, Miss., and A. A. Smith of Picayune, Miss.; two sisters, Mrs. Archie McGill of Maxton and Vass and Mrs. J. M. Norton of Raeford; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Thompson was Annie Jane Smith, eldest daughter of the late Alexander and Harriet Smith of upper Hoke county. She has lived in Maxton 42 years.

Oxford OPA Holds 2 On Gas Coupon Stealing Charges

Former Raeford Resident Under Bond Pending Hearings In Federal Court Next Monday.

Edith T. Rovster of Raleigh and Dorothy Nell Dixon, former resident of Raeford, are free under bonds of \$1,000 each and are expected to go on trial Monday in Federal Court in Raleigh on charges of theft and selling gasoline ration coupons.

The girls, former employees of the Oxford War Price and Rationing boards, were placed under bonds last Thursday following hearings before Mrs. Elsie Garton, U. S. Commissioner.

T. S. Johnson, district OPA director, stated that the girls had been employed at the Oxford board last year and had resigned from these positions of their own accord on December 31, 1944, and the embezzlement of the coupons is supposed to have taken place between December 15 and 31, after they had given notice of their resignations.

According to the Raleigh Times, OPA will charge, said Johnson, that Miss Rovster made fake entries on the ration records, showing that "A" ration books had been issued to certain persons who it developed were non-existent. These books, OPA will charge, were sold at \$10 each. She also is alleged to have embezzled a number of "R" coupons in a like manner and to have disposed of them at from 50 to 75 cents each.

Miss Dixon is alleged to have embezzled some "A" books, and "B" and "C" coupons in a like manner. The supplemental gasoline coupons, OPA will charge, were sold by her from 50 cents to \$1 per coupon.

Miss Rovster had been employed by the Oxford board since January, 1944, and Miss Dixon had been employed for 30 months.

Kiwanis Asks For Day Of Prayer For Conference Leaders

Kiwanis International has appealed to business, civic and religious leaders in more than 2,250 communities throughout the United States and Canada to designate a moment of prayer each day from April 25 to May 9 for divine guidance of delegates attending the San Francisco peace conference.

The service organization, which has a membership of exceeding 144,000 in the two countries, asked officers of clubs to seek the appointments of a community committee to urge the mayors of their respective cities to proclaim the daily prayer period.

In its request to club officers, Kiwanis International expressed the opinion that "the guidance of Almighty God in the deliberations and decisions of this great conference is imperative if lasting peace and international justice are to be attained."

Kiwanis also asked that church bells be rung or a siren sounded at the time designated to call the attention of the public to the daily period of prayer.

Guests in the homes of A. J. and George Freeman for the past week end was their father, J. W. Freeman of Bliscoe and Cpl. and Mrs. Huey Long of Greensboro.

Are you as "busy as a bee." An active bee colony in collecting 65 pounds of pollen visits 500 million flowers.



Trainer Plane Bought With Bonds Sold By Hoke County School Children

A decalcomania crediting students of Hoke County Schools, with purchasing enough War Bonds and Stamps to buy an AT-6 Texan Training Plane has been transferred to an airplane of that type at Foster Field, Texas, AAF Fighter Gunnery School. Here Major Lawrence W. Evans of Lorena, Texas, Post Operations Officer, and WAC Cpl. Gladys L. Quirk of Cresson, Penn., both stationed at the AAF Training Command base decide where to place a decalcomania. The stickers remind pilots of the outstanding war effort exercised by children of the school designated on the decalcomania.

Discharges For Men Forty-Two Or Over

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—The war department today announced that enlisted men 42 years of age or over will be discharged from the army at their request.

The ruling will not apply to any soldier who is undergoing disciplinary action or who is in need of further medical or surgical treatment.

Approximately 50,000 men in the army are 42 or over, the department said.

Soldiers overseas who apply for and are eligible for discharge will be brought back to this country for release at the "earliest practicable date."

FMC To Present May Pageant On Next Tuesday

Annual Outdoor Festival Will Feature Variety Of Folk Dances.

The May Day Pageant at Flora Macdonald college will be presented on Tuesday afternoon, May 1, at 5 o'clock.

The pageant this year will be centered around a group of miners in search of a May Pole, and will include a number of lovely and colorful folk dances. Outstanding among the dancers will be Norma Ann Lewis of Bessemer City, Marjorie Powell of Elizabethtown, and Sara Jean Austin of Thomasville.

An innovation this year will be the opening number of the pageant—a mass drill of white-clad freshmen and sophomores. This will be followed by Scottish folk dances in costume, by juniors and seniors including of course the Highland Fling. These opening features will precede the entrance of the Queen and her court, and the crowning of the queen, after which the pageant will be presented. The May Pole dance by the entire cast will close the festivities.

The pageant is directed by Miss Ethel Bateman, director of physical education.

Lt. Ben F. Currie, who was wounded in a plane crash in the Pacific, has been returned to the States and is now in San Francisco. From there he will go to the Jacksonville Naval Air station.

Mrs. Woodrow McLean of Charleston spent the week end in the home of Mr. W. A. McLean. Sgt. Woodrow McLean is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands.

Lawrence Jones Gets 12-15 Years In States Prison

Superior Court Term Lasts But Five Hours; Three Divorces Are Granted.

In a brief session of Hoke County Superior court held Monday, Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, dealt out justice in the few criminal cases on the docket, heard three divorce cases and adjourned the session.

Lawrence Jones, negro, entered a plea of guilty of second degree murder of Dave Bethea, and this was accepted by Solicitor Ertis Carlyle. Jones shot Bethea to death three weeks ago following an argument about Jones' wife.

Garfield Watkins, negro, charged with abandonment, pleaded guilty, and was ordered to pay \$25 per month towards the support of his two children.

A true bill of second degree murder was returned by the grand jury against Cecil King, white convict, indicted for the murder of another convict at Sanatorium, but due to the fact that King is already under sentence of 40 years on other cases, Solicitor Carlyle asked for a nol prois with leave, and the court ordered King returned to State's prison.

Lonnie Ray, negro, pleaded guilty of assault on a female and was given 18 months on the roads. The court ordered the sentence suspended upon payment of \$500, to defray the costs of bringing Ray back from New York where he was arrested two weeks ago, pay court costs, and any balance to go to Beatrice Cherry the woman he assaulted last fall.

Divorces Granted.
In the only civil hearings of the term, three divorces were granted in the cases of Gladys vs. Amos L. Smith; Nellie Tew vs. William Franklyn Tew, all white; and Alee Adams Cheek vs. Kenneth Cheek, negroes.

Grand Jury.
Neill A. McDonald was named foreman of the grand jury and he and the following were the new members named to that body: E. A. Wine-coff, J. W. McNeill, N. McL. McDiarmid, M. W. Ray, B. F. McDuffie, J. M. Baker and W. J. McBryde. Members from last term are: C. J. Holland, J. B. McLeod, R. F. Clark, A. M. McBryde, G. D. Vanhoy, T. D. Potter, W. F. Livingston and J. W. Smith.

The grand jury submitted the following report.

To His Honor Henry L. Stevens, Judge Presiding.

We, the Grand Jury of Hoke County, beg to submit the following report.

We have examined one bill of indictment and found one true bill.

We have a report from K. A. Macdonald, Superintendent of Schools stating that the school buses are in excellent condition.

We have examined the report of the Justice of Peace and found it to be in order.

We have examined the report of the Mayor and the Town of Raeford and have found it to be in order.

We have examined the County Jail and the Courthouse and found them to be in excellent condition with the exception of one leak from a drain pipe from the roof of the jail. We also have a report that the County Office building is well kept.

We wish to express our appreciation to His Honor Judge Henry L. Stevens for his fine charge and for the cooperation and assistance shown us by him and our able Solicitor F. E. Carlyle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Neill A. McDonald, Foreman.
M. G. Ray, Clerk.

Goats Display Horse Sense; Three "Adopt" Mess Sergeant

CENTRAL LUZON, P. I. (Delayed)—Marines here have a new twist to the pet angle. This time its goats—hundreds of them.

When personnel of the First Marine Air Wing's dive-bomber squadrons landed, they pitched camp near their operating field in central Luzon. The goats took over the Marines. Milling around throughout the entire area bleating happily, they lounge in unoccupied tents during the day.

The goats have adopted their favorite Marines and follow them everywhere—even to church, reports Staff Sgt. Bill Allen, a Marine Corps combat correspondent.

To prove that goats have a generous portion of horse sense, three of them have adopted the mess sergeant. These three are fatter than the rest.

The national pig goal has been set at 37 million head, 18 per cent more than the number raised last fall.