

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Capt. Neill James Blue, Air Observationist, Is Awarded Air Medal

Captain Neill James Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue of Raeford, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement, according to a recent message received here by his family.

Capt. Blue is assigned to the 340th Field Artillery battalion which was attached to the 66th Division serving in France and Germany. His medal was awarded for achievement while acting as forward observer for the artillery, during which he was credited with 47 missions over enemy territory.

### George Baker Awarded Combat Infantry Badge

Pfc. George M. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baker, Route 1, Raeford, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. Pfc. Baker, now stationed at an advance base somewhere in the Pacific, won the coveted award for satisfactory performance of his duty in ground operations in the Palau Islands.

Pfc. Baker was inducted into the army in April, 1943. He received basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, after which he was assigned to an infantry regiment. During his army career he has been an army postal clerk and a radio and telephone operator. In addition to the Combat Infantryman Badge, he has been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon and the Army-Civilian Ribbon. He reports two brothers serving in the Army-Civilian Ribbon. He reports two brothers serving in the Army-Civilian Ribbon.

### Receives Purple Heart

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bell, of Raeford, are proud to announce that their son, Pfc. J. Bell, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action while serving with the 7th Army.

### Awarded Bronze Star

Clement A. Burns, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Burns, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service, according to information received here last week. Pvt. Burns was serving with a armored unit somewhere in the South Pacific. He entered the service about December 1, 1944, and has been overseas since March of this year.

### Quail Hatched On Road Truck

Clay Lilly, highway supervisor for Raeford, exhibited a most unusual sight in Raeford Tuesday afternoon, and with the strange sight went a most unusual story.

During the afternoon he was operating a road grading machine on the shoulder of a highway near town, the blade of the grader ran over and killed a mother quail. He stopped and found that none of the eggs of the 13 in the nest was hurt and the nest was apparently untouched. The grader had been set just high enough to have killed the bird. He picked up the eggs and placed them in a totesack, hoping that when he arrived home could find a bantam hen which was inclined toward motherhood which would finish the mother quail's job. But—birth was too near, no additional incubation was needed, except what was derived from the totesack and the heat of Tuesday's sun. When Mr. Lilly arrived home, eleven chick quail had hatched. The other two eggs are being given proper pre-natal care with Mr. Lilly pacing the floor expectantly and with hopes that all will be hatched and live to enjoy a tender and watchful childhood before he releases them this fall.

### 50-Year Diplomas Granted To Six At Davidson

Dr. Watson M. Fairley, of Montreat and formerly pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, was one of a group of six graduates of Davidson college who received specially prepared 50-year diplomas at the commencement exercises of the school last week, when the class of 1895 held its reunion.

### V. R. White Named To Principalship Fayetteville Hi

#### Hoke High's Principal For Past Four Years Will Head Junior And Senior High Schools.

V. R. White, principal of the Hoke High School for the past four years, was elected to and accepted the principalship of the Fayetteville Junior and Senior Schools of Fayetteville at a special meeting of that city's school board held Monday evening.

Mr. White will succeed W. B. Harrell who has held the position for the past ten years, and has now been named principal training officer of the North Carolina division of the Veterans Administration. It is understood that there were 15 schoolmen considered by the board prior to the selection of the local man for the post.

Mr. White came to Raeford from Biscoe, where he had been principal for six years, and there and in Raeford he has made excellent records in school management. A native of Belviders, he is a graduate of Guilford college and holds a master degree from Wake Forest.

Since coming to Raeford he has been active in the work of the Kiwanis club, and is vice president of the organization. He has been active in Scouting since a youth, retained the Eagle rank and has headed troops as scoutmaster. He is now a member of the Western District Committee of the Cape Fear Council.

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The band has been organized and excellent musical training is given these students. Our visual education program has been enlarged and has taken a definite and sound place in our system under Mr. White. The lunchroom program has been thoroughly organized under his direction, and progress has been made toward student self government.

"During his four years here," Mr. McDonald concluded, "Mr. White has laid extra stress upon good work in the academic departments in both the elementary and high schools and marked improvement in scholarship averages has been secured. We will have difficulty in securing an equally

### Hoke Deer Hunters To Meet Monday

There will be a meeting of the deer hunters of Hoke county next Monday night at the courthouse at 8:30 to consider a number of proposed changes in the game laws for Hoke county. All persons interested in deer hunting are asked to be at the meeting. Hinton James want to know the hunters' wishes in the matter.

### D. B. McFadyen Home From Hospital

D. B. McFadyen has returned to his home near Raeford from the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville where he has been a patient since the night of May 30th, when he was painfully injured when his car was struck by a hit-and-run truck driver. Mr. McFadyen sustained severe cuts and bruises and a fracture of a knee, when his car was practically demolished by the sideswiping truck. His daughter, Betty, was also cut about the face and legs in the accident. They were returning home from Hoke High commencement exercises when the wreck happened. A. W. Wood, who serves with Mr. McFadyen on the county school board, was the first to arrive at the scene and stayed there until help could be summoned and Mr. McFadyen carried to the hospital.

Police and Sheriff's officers are all seeking to identify the truck which was involved in the accident, and though several damaged wounds were shown that make it unlikely in heavy south of Raeford, none were believed to have been involved in the local wreck.

### Rules For Library Use Are Given

Anyone who lives in Hoke county may borrow books free. A book may be loaned 14 days, and may be renewed once, unless another borrower has filed a request for it. Each borrower is responsible for all books taken in his name, and must pay for books damaged or lost. Change of address must be reported promptly.

Each borrower may take four books at one time, and all taken must be in the name of the borrower. Each borrower under 14 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on his registration card before books are borrowed.

A fine of one cent will be charged for each day a book is overdue. This includes Sundays and the day the book is returned. New books for boys and girls are being received by the library. Those who have not done so are urged to join the Read for Fun World Parade, the library's vacation reading project.

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PROUD OWNERS OF WAR BONDS—Fifty-three pupils of the Raeford Grammar school, forty-nine of whom are shown in the picture above with their mascot, became members of the Walt Disney club of War Bond owners two weeks ago, when they were awarded their Disney certificates at a special exercise which followed the Grammar Grades commencement program. Mrs. H.

### 50 Eligible For Discharge Will Stay In Army

FORT BRAGG, June 13.—More than 50 men here eligible for discharge from the service under the army's point system have elected to remain in the service until Japan is defeated. Reception Station No. 4, through which men returning from the European and other theaters of operation are processed, almost daily receives men desiring to remain in the army although having many points over the 85 required for discharge. The majority of these are regular army enlisted men whose service dates before the war.

Forty men now assigned to Reception Station 4 have elected to remain in the army. These are all Regular Army men of the first three grades with overseas service to their credit. Some members of the cadre of the Field Artillery Replacement Training center here likewise are remaining in the army.

Although men passing through Reception Station 4 stay at Fort Bragg but a few hours before starting on their furloughs, a few have paused long enough to tell briefly their reasons for not taking a discharge. A few typical cases follow:

Sgt. Jasper W. Lurge, enlisted in the army in September, 1934, and elected to remain in the army, and Sgt. James W. Lurge, enlisted in the army in September, 1934, and elected to remain in the army, and Sgt. James W. Lurge, enlisted in the army in September, 1934, and elected to remain in the army.

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### Presbyterian Church To Have Picnic Friday

All the members of the Presbyterian church and their friends are invited to a church picnic on the church grounds Friday, June 15, at 7 o'clock. This picnic will be in celebration of the conclusion of the Daily Vacation Bible school. This picnic has been held at noon on Friday of the Vacation School, but this year, it has been decided to hold it at 7:00 to enable the entire church family to be present. It is hoped that all the people of the congregation will be on hand.

Negro county agents in 43 counties report that production of chickens is being increased to help solve the meat shortage.

### Bond Rally Planned For Hoke County Wednesday, June 20 With Group Army Personnel To Present Great Program

#### 27 Given Diplomas By Hoke High On Last Wednesday

#### Five Student Speakers For Diplomas Talk On "Universal Peace"

Seven seniors were granted diplomas at the graduation exercises of Hoke high school which were held Wednesday evening, May 30, in the school auditorium. No special program was obtained for the program but five students, each using a phase of the theme of Universal Peace, spoke briefly and effectively prior to the presentation of the diplomas.

The salutatory was given by Judy Klause, America's Obligation by Donnie Lytle, class president; Individual Responsibility by Angelo Sorrentino; Education in Peace by Shirley Blue and the valedictory by Harriet Jones.

Those receiving diplomas were: Donnie Lytle, Miriam Miller, Laura McDonald, John McGregor, Louisa McKeown, Mary Pate, Marshall Ray, Thomas Rex, Annie Sorrentino, Mary Lee Wilburn, Ethel Whitton, James Elmore, Vera King, Elizabeth Jones, Grace Jones.

Major H. H. McGehee, Hoke High School, gave the invocation. The program was presided over by Mr. McDonald, principal of Hoke High School, and Mr. J. L. Bell, superintendent of schools.

### Knowles Advises On Tobacco Where Crop Has Few Leaves

Where tobacco is blooming before reaching proper growth, it is advisable under present growing conditions, to top it as soon as possible and leave a good top sucker to grow so as to make use of available fertilizer. Tobacco that was severely damaged or broken off by hail should be hauled in as a manner as to save a good thrifty growing sucker. Should the warm weather and good moisture conditions continue for a few weeks, it is believed that the crop will improve to produce near a normal crop.

Arasan treatment of peanut seed helps to keep cows and foxes from eating the peanuts, says Warren Bateman, a Tyrrell County farmer. Requirements for textile bags are up 20 per cent from 1944 and allocations of textiles for bags are down 5 per cent.

### Several Returned Veterans To Speak; Parade Led By Military Band; "Fish Fry" Supper

A fish fry at which a thousand or more plates will be served and a parade led by an army band will precede a giant War Bond Rally to be staged in Raeford on Wednesday evening, June 20, was announced yesterday by Neill A. McDonald, Jr., 7th War Loan chairman.

Planning one of the biggest get-togethers held in the county in a number of years, Mr. McDonald, Lawrence McNeill, Hoke county war finance officer, Mrs. W. L. Poole, chairman of women for the county, and Tom Cameron, aided by the community and township chairman throughout the county, expect to stage an event that will attract persons, whole families of them, from every section of the county.

Beginning at 7 o'clock, the fish supper will be served by the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion and members of the Auxiliary, with beautiful servings promised to all guests. Commander M. T. Provey, Adjutant J. S. Poole, Israel Mann and Post Commander N. E. G. Bellamy are in charge of the supper, proceeds of which will go to the Legion treasury.

Beginning at 8 o'clock, there will be a parade of military personnel from the localities in the county, with members of the group all wearing military uniforms. This is to be followed by a five-minute talk by Neill A. McDonald, Jr., and a five-minute prayer by Rev. J. L. Bell.

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### Mr. Upchurch New President Of Bank Of Raeford

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Raeford, held June 7, T. B. Upchurch, Sr., was elected president, H. L. Gatlin 1st vice president and F. E. Sexton 2nd vice president. Mr. Upchurch succeeds the late E. R. McNeill as president of the bank.

### Hay Crop Down From 1943

RAEFORD, June 14.—The 1944 hay harvest totaled only 1,142,950 tons, compared with the 1,236,989 tons produced in 1943, Curtis Tarleton, State Department of Agriculture statistician, reports. However, he points out, the increased value of all hay last year—an average of \$27.40 per ton against \$24.10 for the previous year—ran the value of the 1944 crop to \$31,318,000 compared with \$29,788,000 for 1943.

Mrs. D. Newton and children of Faison visited home folks here last week.

### American Guide Books Now On Sale

The American Guide Books, which were published by the Raeford Women's club, are now on sale by members of the different departments. In these books are listed the honor roll of World War I and II, a history of Hoke county and much other interesting and helpful information.