



Sgt. Irvin Currie Given Merit Award

Sgt. Irvin R. Currie, son of Mrs. Kate D. Currie of Red Springs, Rt. 1, was recommended for the award of Certificate of Merit, by Captain Marion L. Harkey, of the 83rd Signal company, while serving in Germany, for meritorious service from March 1 to April 16, 1945.

He was serving in charge of a wire team with the 83rd Division and the recommendation states that his exceptional ability in installing and maintaining wire communication between units of the division "contributed materially to the success of the spectacular sustained drive by the division from the Rhine to the Elbe river."

Sgt. Currie had previously been awarded the Bronze Star medal for service prior to July, 1944. Currie entered the service in November, 1942.

W-O Joe McBryde Awarded Bronze Star

WITH THE 6th INFANTRY DIVISION IN EUROPE—Chief Warrant Officer Joe A. McBryde, 261st Infantry, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the division's military operations against Germany in Germany and Austria.

Mr. McBryde has been cited for the period from March 17 to May 5, 1945, during which time the 6th Infantry division, as a part of Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, broke through the Siegfried Line at Saarlautern and then drove 600 miles through Germany and deep into Austria.

Mr. McBryde, as assistant regimental motor officer, was responsible for the maintenance of all vehicles in the 261st Infantry. In the face of the rapid advances under combat conditions of the troops on many occasions, only one vehicle was lost to the organization as the result of mechanical failure. Mr. McBryde at one time assisted in the recovery of six vehicles under enemy fire at a great savings to the United States government.

The citation reads, in part: "With no regard for personal comfort and convenience, Mr. McBryde has devoted himself to the care of the vehicles of the regiment and has never failed to deliver in readiness the transportation so vital to the tactical success of a rapidly moving situation. The initiative and aggressiveness with which he has pursued his task of maintenance and the outstanding devotion to duty, which has characterized his accomplishments throughout, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service."

Mr. McBryde's father, Mr. B. McBryde, resides at Shannon.

With Rainbow Division At Dachau Prison

Cpl. Alton P. Belflower, son of Mrs. Rosa Belflower of R1 Lumber Bridge, was with the 42nd Division which killed the SS guards and released the 32,000 prisoners held by the Germans in this concentration camp at Dachau.

Of all accounts of this cruel display of the utter bestiality of the Germans, probably the most gruesomely realistic is that of an unnamed Army reporter which was written for the Rainbow Division's own paper, the World News, for its issue of May 1, a copy of which reached the News-Journal this week. It is being re-printed in this issue of the News-Journal.

Lewis McNeill, 52-c, spent the week end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeill.

Boatswain Mate 2-c William Falmage Bobbitt has arrived safely on Okinawa, according to message recently received here. In January, he returned from nine months service in the European theatre.

Capt. Neill James Blue is at home on furlough, recently returned from Europe.

William Poole, has completed his basic infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and is at home on furlough for two weeks. He will report to Ft. Meade when his furlough is over.

Miss Helen Patricia Stuart returned from a weeks visit in Washington, D. C., which she spent with Miss Isabel Bethune and Mrs. Bill Truesdale.

Boy Scout Camp Opens July First At Singletary

Staff For Camp And Weekly Rates Are Announced.

Boy Scouts in the Cape Fear Council are looking forward to July 1, for that is when Summer Camp begins at Lake Singletary. At Camp Singletary, Scouts will have complete jurisdiction over a large area for a period of 6 weeks. The lake is over a mile square, and there are thousands of acres of woodland at and around the camp which the Scouts may explore during their summer outing.

Well-built cabins will accommodate the boys and young men during their stay, and all troops will eat together in a central dining hall except when they have a cook-out.

Swimming, life saving, pioneering, cooking, bird study, and camping are merit badge subjects that will be emphasized, while each troop will also have the opportunity of living together as a unit for a week.

The cost for one week of camp is \$10.00 per scout. For each additional week, the cost will be \$9.00 per scout. The location of Lake Singletary is four miles below White Lake and 13 miles from Elizabethtown. Scouts may go to Elizabethtown by bus, and be transported to camp in the camp truck.

The Camp Staff this year will include 5 men and 11 senior scouts, in addition to troop leaders.

Courtland W. Baker, Scout executive, will serve as Camp director; Carroll Tinsley, assistant scout executive, will be in charge of the dining hall; C. M. Gaskins, field scout executive, will be waterfront director; J. Oatley Lee, field scout executive, will be in charge of advancement; and Robert Lee Pitts, Jr., will be a provisional scoutmaster.

Capt. W. M. Currie Lost In Sinking Of Jap Prison Ship

People of Raeford who knew Capt. and Mrs. W. Mark Currie, residents here during 1940, will regret to learn of the death of Capt. Currie, which was recently announced by the Japanese government on June 16.

He was being transferred with 1775 other prisoners of war in a Japanese transport. On October 24, 1944, the ship was attacked by an Allied submarine and sank in the South China sea, 200 miles from the nearest land.

The Japanese report stated that only five prisoners escaped in a small boat and that four were retaken by the Japs.

Capt. Currie, a native of Enid, Okla., lived in Raeford for about a year with the John McGoogans. He was transferred to the Philippines arriving there just a few days before war was declared. Captured at Corregidor, he was interned there for sometime until shortly before his death when he was being transferred to a camp on the Jap home islands.

With The Army People

The Officers Wives club met Thursday with Mrs. Younger Sneed and Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr. Mrs. Townes presided in the absence of the vice chairman, Mrs. Bert Nash. Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr., was elected chairman of the club.

High score in bridge was won by Mrs. Jordan, low in rummy by Mrs. Turner and bingo prize by Mrs. Volturne. Guests of the club were Mrs. Lawrence McNeill and Miss Florence Lester.

The club will meet Thursday, July 3, with Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Kamm. Anyone just moving here please call Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr., telephone 4181.

Brother Of Mrs. Seate Dies At Apex

APEX—William Carey Holland, 79, of Apex, died at Rex hospital in Raleigh Friday morning after a lingering illness. He was the son of the late Winnie Hunter Holland and Turner T. Holland of Apex.

Funeral services were held from the Salem Baptist church near Apex on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. E. Atkins, assisted by the pastor of Salem church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Seate of Raeford and Mrs. M. P. Carroll of Apex; one brother, Alsey B. Holland of Little Rock, Ark., and several nieces and nephews.

Entrants In Cotton Contest Must File Before July 1st

Hoke county farmers wishing to enter the State Five-Acre Cotton contest should file application at the county agent's office before July 1, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. This contest will be based on production along with latest approved practices in growing cotton. Further information can be obtained at the county agent's office. There are \$3,000 in prizes offered for those winning in the contest.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

by D. Scott Poole.

In February, 1863, our smokehouse was robbed. Something awoke me, and I found mother crying. I said, "what's the matter, mother?" and she said, "why child, we haven't a thing in the world for breakfast." A dog was barking fiercely and someone was urging him on. A neighbor was on the trail of the rogues who had robbed us.

But they were too far gone to recover any of the stolen goods. Mother had sent wheat and corn to mill the day before, and the new meal and flour and all our supply of meat was gone. Two bushels of meal was found in a barrel at the head of a branch just beyond our spring—left behind because the rogues had more than they could carry. Our nearest and good neighbors furnished us food for breakfast.

We had four milk cows and a flock of sheep. Father came home from the Yankee prison in Elmira, N. Y., in the latter part of April. Mother had not heard from him in nine months, but he hailed at the front gate one morning, and we all met him. He did not come in, though, until he had gone to the creek, bathed and put on fresh clothes.

Father borrowed enough bacon from Uncle John Poole to do us that summer, and we ate three beaves and three muttons before hog-killing that fall. We had chickens, and eggs in plenty. Sweet milk, butter, eggs and—oh, plenty to eat, and father was at home.

We rejoice at the prospect of peace. But there was no assurance of real peace. How long will the Germans observe their promises to be good? When the Allies begin to try those arch fiends for their high crimes against humanity, what will be the reaction of those more-than-beasts?

A young German officer informed the high command just a few days ago that a Nazi is a German, and all good Germans are Nazis. There you are. Judging from their work in organizing their forces, all who were not Nazis were either put to death, confined in detention camps and killed at leisure, or starved to death. Nazis are of opinion that only Nazis are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Therefore, the inhabitants of this earth must be hewn down to a special few, and they are not to trust each other, and love is an imaginary men once imagined. HATE is to be cultivated.

If the OPA were practical, they would reduce the price of molasses one half, and then cane growers would make more sugar and less syrup or molasses. Molasses now sell for ten cents a pound higher, sugar 6 for 7 cents.

There should be more tobacco factories. There are only tobacco factories now where they were when the first "malafact" tobacco was put up. There were tobacco factories in many North Carolina towns when I first grew up, and those towns flourished. But the "truists" put them out of business.

Bin Gump has returned home, after a year spent on a Jap infested island, upon which he landed when his plane had engine trouble, and he had to bail out. He is now at home, happy with little Ferdinand and Millie.

The Germans made no effort to take care of prisoners of war; that would be kindness. They are strangers to love and kindness. Nazis must be the most base of the human family.

I believe I gather my views from reading, that Germans and others of like views, are no longer capable of human kindness and the finer graces. They do not respect age nor sex. It is surprising the depths to which they have fallen. They are totally devoid of all that is right and good.

Their latest invention of destruction is a robot bomb that will fol-

Expect To Name High Principal This Week

It is expected that a principal for the Hoke High School will be named this week, according to County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald. The board has been investigating a large number of applicants for the position recently vacated by V. B. White, who goes to Fayetteville Jr-Sr. high schools next term. Mr. MacDonald stated yesterday that a number of very capable schoolmen have applied for the Hoke High post and that so many fine qualifications made the task of the final decision difficult.

County Board To Meet

The county Board of Education will meet next Monday morning at 9:30. MacDonald stated that a number of important matters were to be discussed at this meeting.

Major Tolar Commands Troop Carrier Supply

A US Troop Carrier Base, European Theatre of Operations.—When the hundreds of Troop Carrier C47s flew in through a heavy barrage of enemy flak and ground fire to parachute supplies and relieve the encircled American garrison of Bastogne and enable the troops there to thwart von Rundstedt's all-out counter-offensive, two former Enfield grade school buddies, Sgt. Louis N. Gray and Cpl. Joe E. Hudgins, were dropmasters with the responsibility of sending the vital material floating down accurately.

The entire supply was prepared under the direction of their commanding officer, Maj. Gray W. Tolar of Lumber Bridge.

Chavis Child Is Buried In McColl

The 14-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Chavis died Monday night and was buried in McColl, S. C. Tuesday afternoon. The child's father works with C. L. Stephens.

LIBRARY NEWS

The following new books have been received in the library, non-fiction: Stewart, 'Names on the Land'; Hansen, America's Role in the World Economy; Stevens, Russia Is No Riddle; McKimmon, When We're Green We Grow; deAguirre, Escape via Berlin. Tobacco Tycoon, story of James Buchanan Duke. Fiction: Forester, Commodore Hornblower; Flack, Family On the Hill; Caldwell, Widehouse; Langley, Lion Is In the Streets; Silvers, If This Be Forgetting; Slaughter, Touch of Glory.

Mrs. William Lamont attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Reid, in Batesburg, S. C., Monday. Mrs. Reid, who had been sick for several months, died Sunday. Her husband died just six weeks ago.

William Lamont returned Tuesday from Moore County hospital where he underwent an operation several weeks ago. He is slowly recuperating but has to be in bed most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morris and daughter are spending some time at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mac Poe of Sanford is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Paul Dezernie.

Mrs. Graham Dickson and son, George, have returned from Denver, Colo., where they spent a month with Major Dickson, who is receiving treatment at Fitzsimons' hospital there.

Mrs. W. B. Crumpton entered Memorial hospital, Charlotte, today for a nose and throat operation.

low sound waves. Their whole intellectual powers seem to run toward the destruction of all other persons, and they have nothing resembling love toward one another. To expect a permanent peace, while such beings in human form are on the earth, is the height of foolishness.

All this shows what a scientific education will do for human beings if spiritually a altogether neglected. I do not believe a sufficient change can come to either the Germans or Japanese unless they are educated in Christianity and its more-than-human teaching. Keep all the adult persons in close confinement, and teach their children, as they should be is the only remedy.

An intellectual woman columnist in our state said two or three years ago: "The world has gone to the Devil, and science is the goat." Science, without the Spirit, is a form of paganism, a soul-devouring Devil-possessed human conceit.

Presbytery Will Meet In Raeford Monday

A meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery has been called for Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock in the Raeford Presbyterian church for the purpose of receiving into the Presbytery Rev. S. E. Howie, pastor of Highland church of Fayetteville. The Presbytery will appoint Howie to install Mr. Howie in the church.

Stray Bullet Kills Aberdeen Youth

Aberdeen, June 26.—Dannie Lowder, 17, was mortally wounded by a stray bullet while having dinner in John Marcus Cafe here Sunday about 8:30 p. m.

The shot was reported to have been fired by W. Glenn Davis, night policeman, in an attempt to stop a speeding motorist passing through town. Policeman Davis, according to witnesses, attempted to shoot the tires of the speeding motorist and the bullet glanced, entered the window of the cafe and penetrated the neck of Lowder. He was rushed to Moore County hospital but died before reaching it.

The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lowder of this community; four brothers now in the armed services; and one sister.

Mrs. George Biggs Dies At Antioch

Mrs. Ida McNeill Biggs died at her home in the Antioch community Wednesday night at 11 o'clock after an illness of about 5 years. She was the daughter of the late Mary Anne McMillan and Henry McNeill of Robeson county. Funeral services were held at the Antioch Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Mann. Interment was in the church cemetery. She is survived by her husband, George C. Biggs; three daughters, Miss Orlie Biggs, Miss Hazel Biggs, Mrs. W. T. Everleigh, all of Red Springs; three sons, Clayton Biggs of Red Springs, Daniel G. Biggs of Rocky Mount and Cpl. Henry Biggs of the United States army in Italy; one brother, Archie McNeill, and 10 grand children.

Ration Notes

Canning Sugar

Sugar ration allotments for canning will be mailed from the Hoke County board as soon as an additional supply of stamps are received, it was stated this week. The original supply allowed the board was insufficient to fill the requests of more than 500 persons whose applications have been approved.

Fuel Oil

All who use fuel oil for heating and hot water are asked to get application blanks at the Hoke ration office immediately. All applications must be processed by July 15, and prompt attention to this matter is requested.

3rd Quarter Truck Gas

Coupons to truck operators will be issued between July 2nd and July 15. Those calling for coupons after July 15 will have their allotments reduced.

Chicken Ceiling

The ceiling on chickens sold by farmers was reduced from 40c to 35c effective June 22.

More Grain Diverted For Food-Feed

The new WFA order, restricting the use of grain for alcohol or export, will divert more corn to livestock feed and to industrial processors, says T. D. Potter, chairman Hoke County AAA Committee. Mr. Potter points out that the new order does not apply to corn acquired under contract prior to June 11.

Corn supplies are reported to be substantial but it is not getting to market fast enough. In an effort to encourage movement of corn to the markets all farmers having extra corn on hand should plan to sell it now. Mr. Potter said that, according to OPA, the present ceiling prices on corn reflect parity to the farmers and will not be increased.

No Court Tuesday

No cases were heard in county court Tuesday. Only three cases were on the docket and these were postponed until next week due to various causes.

Lumbee Coop Gets \$154,000 Loan For Electrical Lines

"C" Project Submitted To REA To Serve 750 Customers In Three Counties.

An allotment of \$154,000 from the Rural Electrification Authority was announced this week for the Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative. It was stated yesterday by D. J. Dalton, manager.

This loan to be made to the cooperative is to cover construction of a part of the "B" project which was approved by the REA a number of years ago, and construction of which was halted by war freezes of critical materials. Mr. Dalton stated that materials had been released from priority ratings, but that due to current labor conditions it was doubtful that construction would be started for sometime.

With 720 customers assigned for service when construction is completed a third project was recently completed and submitted by the Lumbee coop to the REA for approval. These extensions would be 230 miles in length, and would serve residents of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. The cooperative now has 300 miles of line in operation with 1300 customers. The "B" project will be 220 miles long and serve 750 customers, it was said.

Tobacco Twine Supply Is Short-Save It, Says A A A

To avoid a possible shortage of tobacco twine, it must be used conservatively, says T. D. Potter, chairman Hoke County AAA Committee. Mr. Potter states that in 1944, the cotton yarn industry produced 814,000 pounds more tobacco twine than the War Food Administration's estimated requirements of 1,386,000 pounds. This year, however, with requirements of 1,806,000 pounds, production of only 1,860,000 is scheduled. This leaves a margin of only 54,000 pounds.

The AAA leader points out that twine manufactured last year and still in the hands of farmers and dealers provided the only cushion if this year's production should prove inadequate. As a means of conserving this material, Mr. Potter urges all farmers and dealers in Hoke county, having tobacco twine carried over from last year's heavy production, to use it only for tobacco purposes.

Farm Committee For Transportation To Be Abandoned

The services of the Hoke County Farm Transportation Committee, which has been serving the farmers in the county in connection with the Office of Price Administration and the Office of Defense Transportation, will not be available after June 30, 1945.

After June 30, all farmers will make their applications for gasoline and fuel oil at their local OPA board instead of their AAA office.

Esso Allots \$1,000 To Hoke Bond Quota

J. N. Bridgman, field supervisor, with headquarters in Fayetteville, announced today that Standard Oil company of New Jersey had purchased War Bonds in the amount of \$500,000 in North Carolina in connection with the 7th War Loan drive. In line with the company's policy of allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Hoke county has been allotted \$1,000.

County Canning Plant Open

The county cannery, located on the grammar school grounds in Raeford, is now in operation. Persons interested in having foodstuffs canned may make arrangements for processing them by seeing W. P. Phillips, agricultural teacher at Hoke High, who is in charge of the plant.

Communion Service

The regular quarterly Communion service will be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The attention of all the members of the church is called to this service.

A cordial invitation is extended to all people in Raeford whose church membership is in churches elsewhere. A hearty welcome will be accorded all Christian people to this service.