

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Horace Williams Now Listed As Dead By Navy Department

Horace Williams, BM 2-c, who was reported as missing in action on January 21, 1945, is now officially listed as dead, according to a telegram received this week by his wife, the former Miss Johnny Autry, of Raeford and Red Springs.

Details given by the Navy stated that Williams lost his life while serving aboard the aircraft carrier, Ticonderoga, which was hit by three Jap suicide planes in an action off Formosa.

Williams, a native of Georgetown, S. C., was a resident of Red Springs and before entering the service was employed by the Mid-State cloth mills there. He enlisted in 1941 and trained at Norfolk TS. Then he served two years in the Atlantic before going to the Pacific area. Surviving are his widow, and four brothers: Cpl. W. B. Williams and Cpl. J. R. Williams with the army overseas, and James and Hilda Williams of Georgetown.

Lt. Col. James G. Currie left this week for Ft. Leonard Wood to report for duty.

Capt. Paul Dickson landed in the States Saturday, having come on the Queen Elizabeth. He reached Brazeal and home Monday. After a thirty day rest he will report to El Paso, Texas.

Luke McNeill, who has just finished his boot training for the navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McNeill. Sgt. John K. McNeill, Jr., and Mrs. McNeill also spent the week end in Raeford.

Joe Upchurch of the Navy and the Lake Champlain, spent six days with his parents this week.

S 2-c Zane Gray Norton of Bainbridge, Md., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norton.

Sgt. Hallie Haire left Friday for Mississippi after spending a thirty day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire of Raeford, Rt. 2.

Pfc. Will F. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wright, has just arrived home from Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, where he received his honorable discharge from the army.

George Weaver On Aircraft Repair Ship

Fifth Air Service Area Command, Philippines.—Pfc. George B. Weaver of Raeford, is now stationed aboard one of the army air forces new floating aircraft repair depots. The boat is attached to Col. Leo H. Dawson's Fifth Air Service Area Command, and Pfc. Weaver works in the all-important dope and fabric shop, where airplane control surfaces are repaired. Prior to entering the army Pfc. Weaver was editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance, Windsor, N. C. He has been overseas 8 months. Pfc. Weaver is authorized the army good conduct medal, the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two bronze battle participation stars, and the Philippine liberation ribbon with one bronze battle participation star.

Pfc. Weaver is the son of Mrs. G. H. Weaver of Raeford and has a wife and son, Mrs. Leonita C. Weaver, and George Arthur Weaver, 6 years old.

Miami, Fla., Aug. 15.—A group of overseas veterans heading for homes

Seven Clinics In County Opened By Health Department

Dates Given For Immunization Treatments For Typhoid, Dip- theria, Whooping Cough And Smallpox.

Montrose, Bowmore, Dundarrach, Raeford and Rockfish were visited this week by members of the Hoke County health department for the first of a series of four clinics to be held at these places, and Antioch and Wayside will be visited today to complete the first round of these seven communities where Typhoid, Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Smallpox immunizations will be given.

All children are required by law to have Diphtheria and Whooping Cough vaccinations by the end of their first year, and children from 6 to 9 months may receive the Diphtheria vaccine safely, while any infant over 6 weeks old is hardly affected by the whooping cough vaccine. Diphtheria requires two doses one month apart; typhoid requires three doses and whooping cough four doses, at weekly intervals.

The schedule of future clinics is: Montrose—August 20, 27, and September 3 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. Bowmore—August 20, 27, and September 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. Dundarrach—August 22, 29, and September 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. Rockfish—August 22, 29, and September 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. Antioch—August 16, 23, 30, and September 6 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m. Raeford—August 21, 28, and September 4 from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m. Also every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m.

The Raeford clinic will be held at the health department and those in the county will be held in the community houses in the respective communities.

In North and South Carolina arrived at Miami Army Air Field in a single day as Air Transport Command's Caribbean Division reached the 1,000-a-day peak in flying troops home from widely scattered theaters. The group included Cpl. Samuel B. Hendrix, 30, Rt. 2, Engineers, 33 months service in Europe terminated in German, seven battle stars.

Helping Get Army Out Of Europe

With the 75th Infantry Division in the Assembly Area.—After nearly 100 days of front line fighting, Pfc. Daniel R. Currie of Raeford, a member of the 730th Field Artillery, of the 75th Infantry division, is now working to move American soldiers to the United States and the Pacific. The 730th is staffing Camp San Antonio, one of the 17 vast tent camps of the Assembly Area Command in Northwestern France.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Maxwell E. Rich, the 730th was in action 99 of its first 126 days on the continent. Rushed into the Ardennes breakthrough on Christmas Eve, the 730th was later moved south to help clean up the Colmar Pocket, where it distinguished itself fighting with the first French Army. From there, the division moved north to Holland—the Maas River sector—and then fought along the Rhine and the Ruhr.

Pfc. Currie wears 3 battle stars, and the good conduct and meritorious service plaque ribbons. He attended Hoke high school. His wife, Mrs. Lillie Parks Currie, lives at Raeford.

Awaiting Shipping Room

With the 75th Infantry Division in the Assembly Area.—Transferred from his old organization because of high points, Sgt. Clarence M. Willis of Raeford, Rt. 2, now is a member of the 730th Field Artillery Battalion, 75th Infantry division, moving American troops to the United States and the Pacific. While awaiting his turn to ship home, the 730th is staffing Camp San Antonio, one of the 17 vast tent centers of the Assembly Area Command in Northwestern France. Major General Royal B. Lord heads the Area Command, which processed 8,000 men daily and can accommodate 270,000 troops at one time.

Before joining the 75th Infantry division, Sgt. Willis fought with the 541st FA BN in the "Central European" campaign, and wears 1 battle star, the Good Conduct, Pre-Pearl Harbor, American theatre, and the ETO ribbons. He attended Hoke high school. His father lives at Rt. 2, Raeford. He entered the army September 16, 1940, and has served overseas from April 26, 1942 to April 20, 1944 and from February 3, 1945 to the present date.

Tires, Meats, Shoes Remain On
Controlled List, Says Bowles.

McGoogan Re-Named Officer Of Tax Supervisors

J. A. McGoogan, tax supervisor of Hoke County, was re-named vice-president of the State association of Tax Supervisors, at a meeting of the officers and executive committee of the group which was held last Friday at Chapel Hill. Virgil Joyce, of Forsyth, was re-elected president.

The executive voted not to hold an annual meeting of the association this year, but approved a series of district meetings to be held throughout the state.

United War Fund Program Needed Year After V-Day

County Chairman McGoogan Cites Continued Need For Our Armed Forces.

Belief was expressed here by John A. McGoogan, chairman of United War Fund of Hoke County, that the work of the National War Fund will have to continue for at least one year after V-J Day.

President Truman has given us two reasons, Mr. McGoogan said, why the world-wide causes supported through the National War Fund should be carried on with an undiminished sense of responsibility. In his radio address on the night of August 9, the President said:

"Victory in a great war is not something that you can win once and for all, like victory in a ball game. Victory in a great war is something that must be won and kept won. It can be lost after you have won it—if you are careless or negligent or indifferent. Europe today is hungry. As winter comes on the distress will increase. Unless we do what we can to help we may lose next winter what we won at such terrible cost last spring. Desperate men are liable to destroy the structure of their society to find some substitute for hope—we must help to the limit of our strength. And we will."

"I think all would agree with the President," said Mr. McGoogan, "that the private relief agencies of the National War Fund have a task to do that is indispensable and unique in carrying to those who have suffered most a timely expression of sympathy and neighborly concern from the American people."

Further, he concluded, we must remember that as long as our men and women are in the armed forces, we must keep the USO at their side. That job is not done until the last service flag comes down because the last GI has come home.

On Way Home

With the 35th Infantry Division, Assembly Area Command, France.—Pfc. Kenneth A. Haire is enroute home from Europe with the 5-Star "Santa Fe" Division, which in ten months battled across the Elbe River to within 42 miles of Berlin. The 35th ended its occupational duties in Germany during the second week of July and moved to Camp Norfolk, one of the Assembly Area Command's 17 redeployment camps near Reims. Elements of the division served as honor guards for President Truman when he arrived at Antwerp. Hitting Omaha Beach July 7, 1944, the 35th forced the Germans from St. Lo, broke the counter-offensive at Mortain, swept across France, cracked into Germany's Saar Valley on December 12, and then whipped into Belgium and Luxembourg to wither Von Rundstedt's Ardennes bulge.

Following a shift to the Vosges Mountains, the division dashed 300 miles north through Holland to jump the Roer and Rhine rivers, crushed Siegfried line defenses, and scooped up more than 30,000 POW's by V-E Day, to mark the end of over 1600 combat miles in the ETO.

Pfc. Haire is the son of Hugh Haire, Rt. No. 2, Raeford, N. C. He holds the following decorations: Combat Infantry badge, ETO ribbon, Good Conduct ribbon, Purple Heart.

50-Gallon Still Raided Here

A 50 gallon still and other equipment was captured by county officers Crawford Wright and H. E. Dees last week. The still was located in a patch of woods in Que-whiffie township.

Walter Sinclair and Willie Thorton Albrooks, negroes, were taken into custody, and officers stated they admitted ownership of the still, which was not in operation at the time of the raid. They will be given a hearing August 23, it was said.

Legionnaires Seek Regular Meeting Place For Post

Two High School Awards An- nounced To Be Presented An- nually To Outstanding Stu- dents.

The presentation of two awards, to the boy and girl of the Hoke County high school who attain the most outstanding record, were approved by the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion at the group's meeting Monday evening.

The post voted to make the awards annually, and a committee was appointed to select the candidates, composed of A. W. Wood, N. H. G. Balfour and J. Allen Jones. This committee will set up rules under which the awards are to be made and post them on the school bulletin board.

D. H. Hodgkin, recently named service officer, was authorized by the post to make arrangement for carrying out the work of the office.

The post, which has been meeting in the courthouse, decided to make definite arrangements immediately for a meeting place where the monthly meetings and other legion activities will be held. Several other projects and civic activities were discussed and plans for their prosecution are to be presented at the next meeting, according to Commander W. L. Poole.

Dr. McMillan Will Preach Sunday To Presbyterians

Wagram Native Again To Ap- pear In Raeford Pulpit.

Dr. Hudson McMillan, a missionary to China under the Southern Baptist board, will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at the regular morning worship. Dr. McMillan is a native of Wagram and has many friends who will be delighted with this opportunity to hear him preach again.

Since his return to this country from China when he was released from a Japanese prison, Dr. McMillan has been serving in an executive capacity with the Southern Baptist Missionary board with headquarters in Richmond, Va.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. H. K. Holland, is on vacation with his family in Montreat. He will return to Raeford the first of September.

Car Confiscated By Hoke Court

Alexander McRae paid costs for reckless driving and \$60 costs for carrying a concealed weapon in county court Tuesday. Bill Corbett paid \$10 and costs for drunkenness and resisting arrest and was put on good behavior for two years.

Leon Gilchrist paid costs for transporting illegal liquor and the court ordered his car confiscated. Six others paid costs. They were: Archie Ross, drunkenness; Harris Easterling, drunkenness; Carrie Mae Easterling, improper brakes; Isabel McKay and Alice Tisdale, possession of illegal whiskey; and Robert Alexander, illegal parking. All defendants were negroes.

Lumberton Market Sells 6,000,000 Lbs. For High Average

LUMBERTON, Aug. 15.—Lumberton tobacco market has been selling big quantities of tobacco ever since the market opened this season and has been breaking all price records in the history of the market. Through last Friday the Lumberton market had sold 5,871,285 pounds of tobacco and Friday's average for the 5,871,285 pounds sold that day was \$43.43 a hundred pounds.

Monday's six sales opened the second full week of selling since the opening, and all warehouses are filled every sale. Up to this week the highest daily average was \$43.68 a hundred.

Tobacco farmers have been highly pleased with the prices they have received at Lumberton since the opening and are high in their praise of the Lumberton auction system. Six sales are guaranteed, with morning sales beginning at 9 o'clock and afternoon sales beginning at 1:40 o'clock. Seven warehouses are handling the Lumberton auctions this year.

Hoke Quota United War Fund Set At 4,192 For 1945

The Hoke County quota for United War Fund drive which is to be conducted in the county d' October was set at \$4,192 or \$1 above last year's figure, John A. McGoogan, county fund chairman stated yesterday.

Mr. McGoogan stated that probably as much or more would be needed for the fund during the first year after the war as was needed in the past year, and that plans were being made in Hoke county and the state to cooperate fully with the fund this year so that none of the relief agencies nor the USO would suffer due to a slackening on the part of the people now that all the fighting has ceased. The armed forces will still have many men in need of the USO facilities scattered over the face of the globe, he said, and the question of morale will be greater now than when fighting was in progress, and all of these facilities will have to be maintained pretty fully for at least another year.

Faculties Listed For Hoke Schools Opening Sept. 10

Physical Education Post At High School Only Vacancy To Be Filled.

Faculties for the white schools of Hoke county are complete, it was announced yesterday by K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent, with the exception of the physical education instructor for the Hoke high school.

The white schools are to open on September 10, it was stated, and school will end on May 28, if the schedule adopted last week is adhered to throughout the year.

Faculties for the six schools are as follows:

Antioch
Mrs. Bertha Hardesty of Shannon.

Ashmont
R. A. Smoak, principal; Miss Mildred Womble, Mrs. Earl Montague and Mrs. Smoak.

Middouson
J. M. Andrews, principal; Miss Irene Downer, and Miss Hortense McGregor of Laurinburg.

Rockfish
T. C. Jones, principal; Mrs. Walter T. Bostic of Fayetteville; Mrs. Milton Capps and Mrs. Treva T. Koonce.

Hoke County High School
C. H. McGregor, Laurinburg, district principal; Mrs. Graham Dickson, Mathematics; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Durham, home economics; W. P. Phillips, agriculture; Mrs. Dwight Ayres, public school music; Mrs. Chandler Roberts, commercial; Mrs. Doris S. Lester, science; Miss Miriam Watson, Red Springs, English and Latin; Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, English, Latin and library; Mrs. John C. McLean, English and French; Mrs. T. N. McLaughlin, Bible; Mrs. Malcolm McKeithan, eighth grade; Miss Maxine McKeithan, eighth grade and social studies.

Raeford Elementary School
Miss Margaret McKenzie, Gibson, principal and seventh grade; Mrs. F. R. Davis, sixth and seventh grades; Mrs. Alma Ferguson, sixth grade; Mrs. C. H. McGregor, Laurinburg, fifth grade; Miss Sarah Blue, Parkton, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Bill Roberts, fourth grade; Mrs. J. Barnes, third grade; Miss Margaret Register, Wadesboro, second grade; Mrs. Dwight Brown, second and third grades; Miss Lillian Johnson, Holly Springs, first grade; Mrs. Larry Walter, Southern Pines, first grade; Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, piano; and Mrs. Sarah G. Stuart, piano.

KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 11.—The job of helping keep America's giant bombers in fighting trim for their aerial assaults on the Axis awaits Pvt. Thomas A. Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Potter of Raeford. Pvt. Potter was enrolled here this week for Keesler Field's 76-day basic airplane and engine mechanics course, having qualified for the Army Air Forces Training Command technical school with outstanding marks on the army aptitude tests.

Miami Beach, Fla., Aug. 10.—Pvt. Ray E. Zimmerman, husband of Mrs. Kathleen Zimmerman, Raeford, N. C., has been admitted to the AAF Regional and Convalescent hospital, Miami district, for treatment and rest.

The price of cotton staple fiber has been reduced from 60 cents a pound to about 24 cents at present. This means keen competition for cotton.

Hirohita Accepts Potsdam Surrender Terms Tuesday

Emperor Says Atomic Bombs Obliteration Of His Empire Was Inevitable

Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 7 o'clock the leaders of the United Nations announced to the world that Emperor Hirohita of Japan has accepted the unconditional surrender terms agreed upon at Potsdam, and the war of the Pacific ended.

General Douglas MacArthur was appointed supreme allied commander of that area and emissaries of the Japanese emperor are to sign the official surrender papers at Manila, and upon the signing of the papers President Truman will officially declare V-J Day. Under the terms of the surrender the Japanese emperor is to retain his position for a time but he is to take orders from General MacArthur. At such time as the Allies decide, the people of Japan are to be allowed to decide upon their type of government by popular vote.

In announcing the surrender to his people the Emperor stated that the invention of the atomic bomb and its use against them had brought about the decision to surrender.

The Japanese premier, Suzuki, and his cabinet resigned, and at least one member, War Minister Anami, was reported by Tokyo radio as having committed suicide.

Gasoline, Fuel Oil, Released From Rationing

Those gas stamps are not any good any more, you can buy all the gas you want without them, but Chester A. Bowles, OPA Administrator, said you had better take care of those tires for awhile longer, in announcing the end of rationing of gasoline, fuel oil, and canned goods yesterday following the end of the war with Japan.

Meats, fats and oils, sugar, shoes and tires will be rationed for some while longer "until military cutbacks and increased production brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand" the administrator stated.

Within a few hours after the announcement of the end of the war, the War Manpower Commission removed all restrictions on employment. Other wartime restrictions are expected to be removed as quickly as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHEDULE—Monday through Saturdays, except Wednesday, 10:30 to 6:00. Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. Wednesday, 10:30 to 12:30.

Miss Betty McLean has been elected student assistant by the Hoke County Library board to take the place of Miss Shirley Blue, who will enter Duke university in September.

The book chosen as the "Victory Book" of the year by the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, is "My Country," by Russell W. Davenport. Club women who wish to read this book can find it in the library.

Mysteries and light fiction recently received are as follows:

Bullets for the Bridegroom, Dodge; Arrow Pointing Nowhere, Daly; The Curse of the Bronze Lamp, Dickson; Give Me 99 Stars, Taber; Homecoming, Ann Star, Senior Nurse, Humphries.

A number of books from the Junior Library Guild has recently been placed on the shelves and the boys and girls are invited to come in for something to read.

Honor Roll

- WHITE**
Dickerson, Charles Lenwood
Gillis, Harold Leon
Hobson, Henry Malcolm
Hobson, Howard Clarence
Parks, Kenneth Brown
Rockhall, Craig Wesley
Thompson, Wilbert
- COLORED**
Baldwin, Willie Ophelia
Cooks, James Arthur
Franklin, Joe
Kelly, Hilton Nathaniel
Leach, G. L.
McBryde, Jerry Layton
McDougald, Cleveland
McGregor, William James
Morrison, Albert Lee
Murphy, James Artis
Ross, Benny G.
Singletary, Wendell