



## Lt. Harkins In Raid On Jap Shipping Gets Transport

A Seventh Air Force Fighter Base, Okinawa.—By blowing up a large transport in an attack on vital Japanese shipping, 2nd Lt. James E. Harkins, 214 Birket street, South Pekin, Ill., recently helped strike a heavy blow at the defenses of Japan's home islands. Lt. Harkins was participating in a strike by P-47 Thunderbolts of a Seventh Air Force squadron against targets in a bay on the west coast of Kyushu.

"We were rocketing from the deck," said Lt. Harkins. "I fired a rocket at a large transport, and as I pulled away, I saw the transport explode. There were 15 ships in the harbor, and by the time we finished our attack, all of the ships had been hit and were either on fire or smoking." The squadron continued to rocket and strafed small ships, factories, and ship building yards to the south of its original strike.

Lt. Harkins' wife, the former Miss Ruth Victoria Robinson, is living on Route 2, Raeford. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Robinson. His father, James D. Harkins, is living at the South Pekin address. As a civilian Lt. Harkins was a machinist with the Caterpillar Tractor company. On August 27, he was promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant.

## Teaching In France

A letter received here this week from J. W. Turlington, former teacher of the Hoke high school, states that he is now stationed in France and is an instructor in an army school for army instructors, where he is expected to be assigned for a number of months.

T-Sgt. Daniel Bruce Conoly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conoly, has received a discharge from the army under the point system and is home. He was stationed at Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla., prior to receiving his discharge at Fort Bragg.

Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Maness of Jacksonville, Fla., spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness.

Lt. Robert W. Elmer of New York City, is spending a ten-day leave with his family in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness.

Sgt. Tom McBryde, who has been serving with the 30th Division overseas, is spending a thirty day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McBryde. Sgt. McBryde will report to Camp Crowder, Mo., at the end of his furlough.

Major and Mrs. William Lamont, Jr., of Fort Moultrie, S. C., have been the guests of Major Lamont's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont for several days. They left yesterday for a trip to the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill have been notified that their son, Pvt. Robert M. McNeill, has arrived safely in the Philippines. He was with the first group of American soldiers from the European theatre to land at Manila. Pvt. McNeill is with the 5th army.

D. C. Wilson, Ph. M. 1-c, who has been at New Orleans since spending a leave at home, has been transferred to the Naval hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Sgt. Bill Davis of Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, spent the past week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill had two of their sons, who are in service, home over the week end. Luke McNeill of the navy, who returned to Camp Peary, Va., Monday, and Sgt. John K. McNeill of the Greenville army air base.

Pvt. Harold L. Gillis of Camp Croft, S. C., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis.

## Hold Orthopaedic Clinic Friday

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, September 7, 1945, in the basement of the Agricultural building, Lumberton. This clinic is free to all indigent children under 21 years of age. Dr. L. D. Baker of Duke will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between nine and eleven o'clock.

## Joins Bank Staff

Miss Lillian McBryde, until September 1st general clerk for the county rationing board, resigned last week to accept a position with the Bank of Raeford.

## MacDonald Makes Announcements Of School Schedule

### Teachers Meeting Tomorrow Evening At High; 3 Resignations Upset Local School Plans.

The first county-wide meeting of teachers of the white schools of Hoke county will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Hoke high school, where final plans for the operation of the schools will be presented to the teachers who begin their year's work on Monday morning, September 10, at 8:30.

County Superintendent K. A. MacDonald states that on Monday a short day schedule will be observed when registration and classroom assignments will be made, in preparation for the first day's classroom work on Tuesday.

Buses will be assigned to drivers tomorrow at the school garage. School buildings and facilities were inspected by the county health officer, Dr. J. M. Wilcox, last Thursday.

The county board of education held its regular meeting Tuesday, and a principals meeting was held last Friday.

Facilities are all complete except for three vacancies, one at Hoke High and two at Raeford Graded school, caused by resignations of Miss Nancy Falls, Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Leona C. Walters. Principal C. H. McGregor expects that these places will be filled before the end of the week.

Children to enter the first grade must be six years of age on or before October 1. All vaccinations required by state laws must have been taken before entering school, to be completed within the first month.

## POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. S. Poole)

Should conditions develop, as many of us remember experiencing, strikers will in all probability regret they struck while they were being paid fair and reasonable wages. In my opinion, it will be a long time before laborers will have again the opportunities of the past few years.

Cotton mill workers are receiving one week's pay grow men once received for a half-year. Many a man worked hard and diligently for \$100 a year and for more than half of my life, "victuals and clothes" were all any of us could say we received. I knew a good engineer on a locomotive who received \$40 a month and was satisfied.

I have never been converted to the doctrine of bringing riches by the law of scarcity. The plowing up of growing crops and the destroying of domestic animals to raise the market prices of meats was wrong.

But prosperity did come, even if it was costly. However, to be fair and helpful, there are provisions in the laws passed by Congress like the Old Age assistance, the Unemployment, and several other funds, to be used in emergencies. Such provisions there wise.

The farmers settled on the creeks for two reasons, water from springs and because the lands were better. But they did not clear the swamps until after the Civil War. The swamps in the sandhills made finer crops for a few years, but after the roots rotted the land settled and could not be drained.

I have seen sandhill branch heads ditched all around, and that did not drain the land. Something like an artesian well rose in the middle of the patch of land ditched ten feet deep all around.

"I ask no dream; no prophetic ecstasies,—but take the dimness of my soul away." I do not know the author, but I admire the sublimity of the thought expressed.

The United States once offered asylum for the downtrodden. The inscription on the Statue of Liberty in New York Bay reveals that, but since we have grown rich and mighty we are not so rich in benevolences.

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tost to me, O! lift my lamp beside the dolgen door."

The above is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. If we do not believe in human liber-

## Two Former Hoke Girls Graduates Of Nursing School

Among the recent graduates of the Thompson Memorial school of nursing in Lumberton were Miss Effie Watson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Watson of near Wagram, and Miss Dorothy Frederick, formerly of Hoke county, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Enoch.

Miss Watson is a graduate of Wagram high school and Miss Frederick a graduate of Durham high school. The latter is a great niece of C. B. McBryde and the late J. W. McBryde of Raeford and at the graduating exercises on Friday night, August 24, was presented the annual twenty-five dollar award for the best all around student.

## Raeford Church Host To Presbytery Monday Afternoon

There will be a called meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery in the Raeford Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This meeting has been called for the following purposes:

To dissolve the pastoral relations between the Rev. F. L. Goodman and the Laurel Hill and Montpelier churches and to grant him a letter of transfer to Lexington Presbytery. To receive the Rev. D. L. Jones from Wilmington Presbytery and to arrange for his installation as pastor of the Fairmont and Midway churches.

To hear and act on a report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Rev. R. R. Ramsey of Jackson Springs is the moderator of the Presbytery and the Rev. C. M. Gibbs of Dunn is the stated clerk.

Immediately following the meeting of the Presbytery there will be a meeting of Presbytery's home mission committee in the pastor's study.

## Weather To Favor Cotton And Hay Harvesting

Despite rain Tuesday and yesterday, C. E. Lamoureux, weatherman for the State Agricultural office, predicts fair and warmer weather for the latter part of the week. He also reported the first frost of the season on August 27th—on Mount Mitchell.

Let us tear it down and ship it back to France, and tell the world we are in the liberty business no more.

A man who seems to be satisfied with his present condition is hopeless. He who can see no better way to improve his condition except by the impoverishment of others, is as bad as a Nazi or a Jap.

There is a story running in the July and August "Oswald," a Sunday school paper for intermediate classes, that is good enough for any and all to learn something of Japanese character and why they invaded China. Their atrocities and base, cowardly and ruthless action is plainly portrayed.

The Ellis Williamson Post, American Legion, sponsored a Victory meeting Thanksgiving service in the Methodist church Friday evening, and not many beside Legionnaires were in attendance.

To read the stories of the conduct of both Germans and Japanese is the only way to learn of what our people escaped, but for the Legionnaires. Everybody should feel thankful our people escaped the ravages of war, and we should express our thankfulness.

When there was a question of a division of petroleum or other essential commodity since the war started in Europe, some of our Allies wanted the "lion's share," but Americans, as a rule, were fair and honest, and I felt proud.

Neither the Germans nor the Japs are honest or are for fair treatment of other people, or they would have never entered into the agreement, known as the Axis Pact. Democracy means fair and equal rights among men.

Had the Germans or the Japanese won this war and this Saturday afternoon three or four trucks of soldiers were to come into Raeford, while nearly everybody from the county was in town, and "the enemy were to have a little fun" by playing with the town's guest with three or four machineguns. They set houses on fire in Chinese towns, and when the people ran out to put out the fire, the Japs sprayed them with machinegun bullets.

## Old Belt Markets Open September 11

### Aberdeen And Carthage Warehouses Receiving Tobacco Tomorrow For Sales Next Tuesday.

Tobacco markets of the Old Belt, which includes the markets of Aberdeen and Carthage, will open for sales of the golden weed on next Tuesday, September 11, with prospects of crowded floors for the first week, it was announced by Tobacco Trade boards of the two towns.

The warehouses of the two towns, long favorite selling spots for the farmers of Hoke county, are operated and are both staffed by veteran corps of tobaccoists who have been operating these warehouses for a number of years.

In Carthage the warehouses are: McConnells' which is run by the Carter family, George D. Carter and sons, Bill and Dan; and Smothers and Hobgood, run by O. C. Hobgood, H. P. Smothers and R. D. Smothers. Both of these warehouses have made extensive additions to their buildings and will be able to handle approximately twice as much tobacco per day this season as during last year.

These warehouses and those of Aberdeen all practice the policy of "first come, first served" with no space reservations for anyone.

The Aberdeen warehouse is again operated by Clarence Smith and Gene Maynard, who have been there for many years and have a large following among the growers of Hoke. Hobbs and Haney will operate the Carter's warehouse this season, Mr. Hobbs having been connected with the house for a number of years and Mr. Haney is a former buyer for Liggett and Meyers.

## Forester Shaddix To Give Pulpwood Demonstrations

An education campaign on "thinning instead of skinning" for pulpwood and saw logs harvesting will be conducted in his area of North Carolina this fall and winter, it was stated by W. L. Shaddix of the Southern States Forestry Commission, Inc., who was in Raeford Friday in interest of the plans in Hoke and adjoining counties. "Thinning little pines means increased money for the land owner, but just as cutting out all the corn and cotton when thinning, the acres cut out altogether will not be worth taxes for another generation," Mr. Shaddix stated.

The commission is a non-profit, non-political education, private corporation with headquarters in Birmingham 5, Ala., organized in 1939 for the purpose of encouraging teenage school boys to volunteer with a pine top when and wherever a fire is seen in woodlands anywhere at any time. The work is financed by several hundred private landowners and lumber interests located throughout the South.

## Miss Lessie Beasley Taken By Death

A large group of friends and relatives attended the funeral Tuesday of Miss Lessie Beasley, 32, who died Sunday at her father's home in Lumber Bridge, route one. The services were held at 3:30 p. m. at Ephesus Baptist church, of which she was a member. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Booker of Fayetteville officiated, assisted by Rev. A. E. Brown of Parkton.

Miss Beasley is survived her father, W. H. Beasley; one sister, Mrs. Dan Carter of Hoke county; three brothers, Walter H. Beasley, Chester Beasley and Belton Beasley. Pallbearers were: Clifford Bostic, L. W. Ellis, Archie McGowan, J. A. Jones, Troy Johnson and J. L. McFadyen.

## Federal Game Rules For 1945 Season

Regulations for migratory game, controlled by Federal laws, were announced this week by John D. Findlay, state commissioner of game and inland fisheries.

The dove season is split, open from September 16 through October 15, opens again January 2 and closes January 31; bag limit, 10.

Quail—November 2 through Jan. 20; bag limit 10.

Geese, brant and coot, open Nov. 2, through Jan. 20. Season on woodcock and jacksnipe closed entire year. A number of regulations are in force regarding time, place and manner of taking these game birds, and hunters should acquaint themselves with restrictions which are set out in the handbooks which may be obtained from local officials of the Conservation and Development commission.

## Lumberton Tops 20 Million In Tobacco Sales

Lumberton, Sept. 5.—Through last Friday the Lumberton tobacco market had sold more than 20,000,000 pounds of tobacco and paid out to farmers \$9,250,000 for an all-over crop well above the ceiling. Supervisor of Sales Jasper C. ... the Lumberton crop was not a two-thirds and that the L. ... market had at least 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Yet to go.

Lumberton has a buying capacity of about 100,000 pounds every day, the quantity being about equally divided among the six warehouses which participate in the six daily sales.

The usual top grades of tobacco have been bringing consistently from \$44 to \$47 a hundred pounds in Lumberton, with select baskets and wrappers going up as high as \$55 a hundred. Only damaged tobacco and nondescript baskets are bringing below \$40 a hundred.

## Former Resident Dies At Virginia Home Tuesday

Lee J. Collins, 64, prominent painting contractor of Petersburg, Va., died at his home there last Tuesday following a brief illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, and were attended by Mrs. J. D. Graham and Miss Ila Graham of Raeford. Mrs. Collins, the former Miss Ella McFadyen, is a sister of Mrs. Graham.

The Collins family lived here for some time moving to Raleigh about 30 years ago, and some five years later moved to Petersburg where they have made their home since.

## Library News

Schedule: 10:30 to 6:00, Monday through Saturday; closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch.

At the close of the "Read for Fun Book Parade" reading club, the vacation reading project put on by Hoke county library, there were two parties for the members Friday and Saturday afternoons at 3:30. In a book quiz, Betty Upchurch answered the largest number Friday afternoon and Patsy Holt Saturday afternoon. Both received defense stamps. Those receiving certificates for reading the required number of books and over were: Faye Dark, Carol Garrison, Fannette Gore, Patsy Holt, Shirley Mann, Elizabeth Suddreth, and Betty Upchurch. Refreshments were served.

We acknowledge with thanks two books which have been presented to the library by the Raeford chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy: Women of the South in Wartime, by Andrews; and School of the Citizen Soldier, by Griffin.

A copy of the high school annual, the Ekoh, has been presented to the library. We want to thank the Beta club for presenting it to us.

## State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

(by Ruth Current)

Keep sugar sirup on hand for sweetening fruit drinks and iced tea. It goes further than plain sugar. To prepare, boil together for 3 to 5 minutes equal parts of sugar and water. Keep covered tightly in refrigerator.

Add a little salt to frostings, pie fillings, and puddings. It brings out the sweet.

Chop dried fruits, combined with nuts, moisten with honey or corn sirup, and use as a filling for layer cakes. Use strained honey or maple sirup and chopped nuts as an ice cream sauce.

When you do find sheets for sale don't be stampeded by the mere sight of them and snatch them up, regardless. Look for a label giving size, and remember that "torn size" means size before hemming. Sheets which are too short like blankets which are too short are uncomfortable and are necessarily subject to more strain than those which are long enough to tuck in firmly.

A good bath towel is one that absorbs quickly, and doesn't hang on the rack soggy and heavy for hours. That's the bathers' viewpoint—and a very sound one. But there are also other factors to be considered when you shop for towels.

Absorbency depends on the amount of pile or looped surface a towel has. The more pile yarns to the inch the greater the drying power. Long loops make for a soft fluffy towel, but for good wear too long loops are not advisable. Loops about one-eighth inch long are considered a desirable length.

## Flora Macdonald Begins 50th Year Next Wednesday

### Over Capacity Enrollment Announced; Expansion Program Is Adopted.

The fiftieth session of Flora Macdonald college will be opened with an informal service in the auditorium on Wednesday, September 13. All new students will arrive on Monday for an orientation period, and the upper classmen will arrive Tuesday, for registration Wednesday. Later in the month, a formal opening of the semi-centennial year of the college will be held, when Dr. H. Price Gwynn, director of Religious Education for the Synod of North Carolina, will be principal speaker. At this time emphasis will be placed on the various programs which have been planned in connection with the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary. These programs will be featured especially on Home Coming day, October 27, and on Dr. Vardell's birthday, February 12.

The board of trustees and the alumnae have adopted two special objectives for the semi-centennial year, for the development of the college, the addition of \$150,000 to the present \$200,000 endowment, and an improvement and expansion program for the plant and equipment, which will include a greatly needed dormitory and additional homes for professors.

Among the many improvements made at the college during the past summer, the recent change from the use of current produced by its own plant, to the use of power furnished by the Carolina Power and Light company, through the town of Red Springs, is of special note. This is the first time in the history of the college that it has not used its own electric plant. It still has its own abundant water supply from deep artesian wells on the campus.

The enrollment for the college year has passed dormitory capacity, and there is still a waiting list, although three campus cottages have been converted into dormitories to be used by students, and a number of rooms in private homes will be used by faculty members.

## With The Army People

Lt. and Mrs. Garrett and little son, Jimmy, who have been occupying an apartment at the home of the Roland Covingtons, have moved. Lt. Garrett has received a discharge from the army and they have gone to Oklahoma.

Lt. and Mrs. William C. Thornbury, who have been at the home of Mrs. Paul Dickson, have left Raeford, Lt. Thornbury being transferred.

Capt. and Mrs. Peter Barr of New York moved Wednesday into the upstairs apartment at the home of the Roland Covingtons. Capt. Barr is with a unit at Bragg.

Major and Mrs. Fulgham are now occupying the upstairs apartment at the home of Mrs. I. H. Shankle, which has recently been vacated by Cpl. and Mrs. Dwight Ayers. Mrs. Ayers has gone to Illinois, where she will teach and Cpl. Ayers, who hopes to receive a discharge from the army soon, will join her there.

Flight Officer and Mrs. Beranek, who have been living at the home of Mrs. J. S. Johnson, have gone to Iowa.

## Recorder's Court

Leroy Locklear, Indian, of Allendale township, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on Walter Bullard, and was found guilty of carrying a shotgun off his premises on Sunday. Judge McDiarmid sentenced him to 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs and observing good behavior for two years.

Tom Murray, negro, paid costs for drunkenness; Jerry Brunson, paid \$10 and costs in lieu of 60 days on roads, for speeding and careless and reckless driving; Belton Roper, negro, had his drivers license suspended and paid \$50 and costs for drunken driving.

All-risk crop insurance on wheat is now being written through the local offices of the AAA in each county.

Cotton prices declined on August 17 following the end of the war, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.