



S-Sgt. Pope Freed From Jap Prison

Staff Sergeant Howard Pope, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since 1942, has been liberated and on September 10th was returned to military control, according to a telegram from the War Department which was received Saturday by his step mother, Mrs. Lola Pope. Sgt. Pope was held a prisoner at Onaka. It was stated in the message that he would be returned to the States within the near future.

Malcolm Clark Now Assigned To Ship

Newport, R. I.—Malcolm N. Clark, 18, fireman, second class, USNR, of Raeford, now in advanced training here at the Atlantic Fleet Naval Training Station, has been assigned duty aboard the USS FORT MARION, a new landing ship dock soon to be commissioned.

The Fort Marion is the first vessel named for the oldest defensive works still standing in the United States—the fortress originated by the Spanish in 1672 as a protection to the city of St. Augustine, Fla. The son of Mrs. Mary A. Clark, the young sailor has two brothers, Pfc. William and Pfc. Raymond, serving overseas with the army. A former employee of the Hoke Food market, Clark attended Hoke high school and entered the navy in February, 1943.

Clarence Burns With First Troops Flown Into Japan

Pfc. Clarence A. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burns of Raeford, was among the first American troops to be landed upon the Japanese home islands after the surrender. A member of the 187th Para-Glider Infantry, Burns was flown in with other paratroopers to seize airbases near Tokyo. He was formerly in Okinawa, and the Philippines, and has six months Pacific area service.

Merit Certificate Awarded Cpl. Leo L. Lovett

Corporal Leo L. Lovett, of Raeford, R. I., was recently awarded the Certificate of Merit, while in combat in Germany. Serving as a wire corporal, the citation states he distinguished himself by meritorious service from October 25, 1944 to May 8, 1945. Cpl. Lovett has served overseas in Iceland, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany since August 7, 1943. He is entitled to wear the Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense medal, European, African, Middle Eastern theatre ribbon, and bronze service stars for campaigns of North France, Germany and Central Europe. His mother is Mrs. Bertha Lovett of Route 1, Raeford.

Major Younger Sneed, for the past several years stationed in Trinidad, B. W. I., is now at home.

Capt. T. B. Lester arrived in Raeford last week from the ETO. After a fifteen-day leave he will report to Fort Bliss, Texas. Mrs. Lester expects to accompany him to Texas.

Lts. Sam and Spec Morris have arrived safely in Manila, according to a cablegram received here recently by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Morris.

T-5 James D. Stephens, who has recently been in Italy, arrived in the States the earlier part of the week and was sent to Fort Bragg Tuesday, where he is awaiting a discharge under the point system. Cpl. Stephens served in Curacao twenty seven months, was returned to the States and then sent to Italy where he was with the 530th field artillery battalion until recently when he was transferred to the infantry.

Pvt. William W. Buie

At Home On Furlough

Red Springs, Rt. 2.—Pvt. William W. Buie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Buie, is home on a 15-day furlough. He entered the army March 1, 1945, went to Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort McClellan, Ala., and completed his basic training in Camp Crowder, Mo. He will report to Fort Jackson.

Pvt. Buie has two brothers somewhere in the South Pacific. Sgt. James A. Buie and T-5 John T. Buie, who are hoping to return home very soon.

Fine Tate \$25 For Running School Bus Off Road

Biggest Docket In Months Cleared In County Court Tuesday.

Ruby Lester Tate, negro of the Arabia section was fined \$25 and costs, had his license revoked for 6 months and is under suspended sentence of three months on the roads, upon conviction of careless and reckless driving of a car without proper brakes in county court Tuesday. Tate forced a school bus loaded with thirty children off the road near the Mildousin school last Wednesday morning.

Walter Sinclair and Willie Thornton Allbrooks, negroes, each paid \$25 and costs and the still fee for possession of a still and liquor. Both appealed and bond was set at \$200 each. Printes Robison, negro, was agreeable to marrying the girl, Evaline Patterson, negro, if the state accepted at nol pros of charges of seduction brought by the Patterson woman. The State was agreeable. They are to get married.

William R. McRae, white, paid \$50 and costs for driving drunk. Nash Jernigan, white, paid costs for possession of some untaxed liquor. Russell Freeman, McDuffie Clark, Dairie Wynn and Jim Peacock, each paid costs for speeding. James McAllister and Fred McAllister each paid costs for having home brew, and Fred paid costs for speeding. Four members of the McCain family, negroes, Thomas, Jesse, Bill and Roosevelt each paid costs for drunkenness and possession of homebrew, and Roosevelt also paid \$50 and costs for driving drunk. Maggie McNeill and Melvinia Gillespie each paid costs for drunkenness and possession. A case against Evander Smith for assaulting his wife was not pressed when his wife failed to appear against. She was taxed with the costs.

Knowles Gives A Suggestion Or Two On Small Grain

Continued Rains Damage To Forage Crop, Makes Higher Demand.

Hoke county farmers should make plans now for seeding small grain and for fall and winter grazing, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. The outlook now for sufficient forage is discouraging in view of the continuous, heavy rains. A good portion of the hay crop has already been lost and that remaining has lost some of its seeding value.

In view of this situation, farmers are urged to plant rye, oats and barley or Italian rye grass or mixtures of oats and barley as a winter grazing crop. This will conserve both grain and hay. One or two acres well planted and fertilized will go a long way toward preventing the buying of hay.

Seeding: Seed for grazing 2 bushels of rye as soon as possible. Seed 2 bushels of oats and one bushel of barley per acre by October 15. For grazing, fertilize at planting with 300 pounds of 6-8-6 for average conditions.

Oats and barley for grain should be seeded between October 10 and 30. Wheat should be seeded between November 1 and 15. On land in rotation with cotton and tobacco, it is necessary to fertilize at planting time, but land not in rotation with above crops 300 pounds of 6-8-6 fertilizer should be applied. A well prepared seed bed is essential to good grain crops.

Robeson Baptist To Hold Union Meeting September 27

The Union Meeting of the Robeson Baptist Association will meet with the Singletary's Cross Road church, on Thursday, Sept. 27. The program will be as follows:

10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. C. B. Horne of Roseboro.

11:00 A. M.—Re-Thinking Christian Missions, discussed by Rev. E. N. Johnson of Fair Bluff.

11:30 A. M.—Sermon, delivered by Dr. W. Earle Robinson of St. Pauls.

12:15 P. M.—Intermission.

1:15 P. M.—Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. R. Hester of St. Pauls.

4:45 P. M.—Roll call of churches, location of next Union, and other miscellaneous matters affecting the Union.

8:00 P. M.—A Baptist Confessional, discussed by Rev. S. A. Rhyne of Lumberton.

Officers of American Legion



Pictured above are the 1945-46 officers of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Commander Victor R. Johnson, Pittsboro, is in the center. Others in the group are: left to right, top row: Department Vice Commanders E. L. Walker, Forest City; Brown Wilson, Gastonia; J. W. McLennan, Burlington, and Ralph Dowd, Dunn. Second row: Department Historian Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro and Chaplain Lawrence A. Watts, Raleigh. Third row: Department Adjutant James M. Caldwell and Department Judge-Advo-

Crop Insurance Offers Farmers Some Security

Five Crops Approved For Federal Insurance In North Carolina.

College Station, Raleigh, Sept. 19.—"Every farmer in North Carolina ought to be interested in Federal Crop Insurance as it eliminates failures and near failures from the farmer's budget," Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, said here yesterday.

"It offers farmers an opportunity to plan and plant with the hope of a bumper crop, and with the comforting knowledge that, from the standpoint of returns, he can't have a real failure," Scott declared. The sales campaign for the winter wheat crop is now being conducted throughout the state and each individual wheat grower will be offered protection against the unavoidable hazards of growing this crop.

Scott pointed out that the program was designed, "not to provide a profit for anyone but solely to protect the farmer from loss or damage to his crop caused by unavoidable natural hazards." "It can and will serve the farmers as a sound and permanent protection if farmers of this state and other states give it their whole-hearted cooperation," he added.

In answer to request from farmers, Congress provided for operation of the Federal Crop Insurance Program on this year's cotton and wheat crops and for trial insurance on a number of crops, including tobacco, corn, and potatoes, (tobacco in North Carolina). If these programs meet with sufficient success, it is logical to assume that the insurance program eventually will be extended to other farm products.

Applications are available to every wheat farmer in the State through his county AAA office. The deadline for making applications is September 29, or the individual farmer's seeding date, if this is earlier.

Maxton Air Base Soldier Killed

Pfc. Claud R. Neff, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., was killed Sunday in an automobile accident at Hodges, S. C. Col. James A. Ellison, commander of the Maxton Army Air base, announced.

County Board Will Study Bids Monday On Upchurch School

Bids for construction of a classroom building for Upchurch High school will be opened and studied Monday after noon by the Hoke County Board of Education. Plans for the building, to include 14 classrooms, were submitted by contractors recently.

A fire last March 8 destroyed two buildings of the high school plant, only negro high school in the county, and nearby church buildings were used for the rest of the year by nearly 650 students of the school. A small, frame, primary-classes building and the workshop were saved from destruction by the able work of the Raeford fire department which fought the early morning blaze.

War Fund And USO Groups To Meet Monday, Sept. 24

The county committees for the USO and the United War Fund, which were to meet on last Monday evening, will meet on Monday evening, September 24, it was stated today.

The USO committee will meet promptly at 8 p. m. for a short discussion of plans, and the War Fund committee will meet at 8:30, according to Chairman John A. McGougan. The chairman was the only member of either committee to show up for the meetings last Monday, due to heavy rain and storm.

Tax Advertisement During October

Property on which 1944 taxes are unpaid will be advertised during the month of October, it was stated yesterday by D. H. Hodgkin, county tax collector. The date of sale of property on which 1944 taxes are yet unpaid has been set for the first Monday in November.

Canned Food Day For Benefit Of United War Fund

W. P. Phillips States Campaign To Be Carried Out By Raeford Schools.

A collection of canned foods, fruits, meats and vegetables, will be made in the schools of Raeford on Friday, September 21, for donation to the War Relief Societies of the United War Fund, it was stated yesterday by W. P. Phillips, chairman of the campaign.

Patrons of the schools and all others are asked to contribute as many cans of food as possible, as this is a contribution which will be sent directly to be used in feeding stricken people as a relief society.

Food put up in tin only can be accepted, and may be in any sized can. The Raeford quota is 500 cans and, it is suggested that where a family is short of home-canned foods, a purchase at local stores given to aid in this drive would be a contribution to a worthy cause.

The campaign is sponsored jointly by the home economics and agriculture departments of Hoke high school.

Antioch Church To Hold Ingathering Thursday Oct. 18

The annual ingathering at Antioch Presbyterian church will be held on Thursday, October 18, it was announced this week by the Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor. Articles for sale and the annual barbecue and chicken dinner are expected to attract the largest crowd ever to attend this event which has been a harvest season highlight for nearly twenty years.

Over 750 meals were served last year and W. C. Hodgkin, member of the committee in charge of the dinner, stated today that preparations are being made this year to serve at least one thousand.

Revival Services Being Held At People's Tabernacle

A series of revival services, conducted by the Rev. Frank Maulsby, began last Sunday night at People's Tabernacle and will continue through September 30. Rev. Maulsby, formerly served in Fayetteville on the police force and as a juvenile officer. Services begin each night at 10:00 P. M.

Extra Masonry At Rockfish Dam Pays In This Storm

Rains Block Many State Roads As High Waters Move Oceanward.

Rainfall, as this part of the country was effected by the tropical storm which swept from Florida to Charleston, is now causing major flood damage throughout the basins of four large North Carolina rivers with record stages being predicted for low country section by tonight.

Numerous highways crossing the Pee Dee, Cape Fear, Neuse and Roanoke rivers have been blocked and highway and rail traffic is being greatly disrupted while thousands of acres of farm lands from the mountains eastward are being flooded.

In Hoke county, Rockfish creek poured a flood of water into the pond of Raeford Power and Manufacturing company's hydro plant and threatened it dangerously until a 5-foot temporary dam atop the concrete spillway was removed. When the dam was replaced in 1928 following the flood that year, concrete abutments were erected and a soil five foot dam with a concrete facing, was added to the dam. Wisesacs who saw this extra construction put in claimed the power company was burying its money . . . but, in the opinion of company officials, this extra construction saved the dam in this week's flood.

Waters at the Rockfish rushed downstream, and the level of the pond was dropped three feet within a few hours. This water added difficulties to the engineers of the Hope Mills plant lower on the creek. High waters have flooded a large part of the mill there to a depth of several feet, and raging waters of the Cape Fear have now backed water across the Hope Mills dam until the Rockfish is now actually flowing upstream at that point. The Cape Fear was not expected to reach its peak until sometime today.

Unpaved roadways have been badly washed, and the Red Springs highway was covered at two places, near the T. D. Potter farm and at Antioch, for some hours. Drowning creek is flooded at all highway crossings from near Aberdeen and most of them have been closed, with an alltime high stage expected at Lumberton today.

In an attempt to provide train service over their north-south lines, the Southern, Seaboard and Atlantic are using each others tracks, from Florida to Virginia, wherever floods have not blocked interconnections.

Schools Closed
White schools of the county were closed Tuesday and yesterday due to impossibility of operation of the buses over the unpaved roads. Highway employees will have most of the roads passable today and classroom instruction is to be resumed in all schools, though buses were not expected to travel over all parts of their regular routes.

Mail Service
Mail service was interrupted badly when SAL trains were held up over the Hamlet division and no service to Aberdeen for the past 48 hours. It is expected that trains would be running over their regular routes at reduced schedules by today.

Graham's Booklet For N. C. School Libraries Is Published

The following excerpt from Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough's U. D. C. News Notes in Sunday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to local readers:

"The Anson chapter, Mrs. T. Lamar Caudle, president, has had the treatise by Dr. Henry Tucker Graham, 'Some Things for Which the South did not Fight in the War Between the States,' published and presented to the public schools of North Carolina.

"The author's purpose in preparing this historical brochure was to correct certain prevailing misconceptions concerning the ideals and motives which prompted southern leaders to participate in the war. It is to be used as parallel reading in the public schools of the state."

Dr. Graham, now in his 81st year, was for many years a mission worker in Japan—a work in which he was assisted by his wife, the late Mrs. Graham—a former president of Hampden Sydney college in Virginia, and was for 20 years the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Florence, S. C. He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Bedinger, and Dr. Bedinger, and is at present supplying the pulpit of the Red Springs Presbyterian church.