

Sergeant Howard Pope Gets Home After Over Three Years Prisoner

Technical Sergeant Howard Pope, survivor of probably more hardship than any other man in this county to come out of the late war alive, arrived here last week after having been away over four years. Sergeant Pope was a member of the Regular Army before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and was stationed in the Philippine Islands at that time. After surviving the battle of Bataan peninsula he was among the men taken prisoner by the Japanese on Corregidor Island. He endured life as a prisoner of the Japanese for over three years until he was finally liberated at Osaka in the mainland of Japan. Sergeant Pope was brought to Letterman General Hospital in California when he reached the United States, and was looking hale and hearty when he arrived in Raeford last week.

Sgt. Raymond Love, now stationed at Seymour Johnson Field, Greensboro, spent the week end with relatives.

J. L. Little, TM 2-c, arrived last week from China to spend a thirty-day leave with his wife, the former Miss Mary Lilly Pickler, and children at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pickler. He is spending several days this week with his mother in Suffolk, Va.

Sgt. Walter E. Webb was separated from the service last Thursday at Fort Bragg. He arrived in the States November 3 from the ETO. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Webb.

Lt. Kenneth A. McKethan, who for some time has been in the ETO, landed in the States Monday and is expected in Raeford shortly, according to a message received here by his wife, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Trawick.

Ensign Jack McPhaul of Parkton visited relatives here last week. He was recently commissioned at Chapel Hill and will leave shortly for duty in the Pacific.

T-Sgt. William K. Leach has received his discharge from the United States Army at the Camp Cooke, California, Separation center. He was a member of the 13th Armored Division in the ETO.

Daniel J. Love, Jr., of the Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, has been promoted recently to the rank of staff sergeant.

Grady Burns was discharged from the army this week and is at home. He is a veteran of two overseas tours of duty, the West Indies and the ETO.

Chaplain Retires At Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 6.—Lt. Col. Eugene Alexander, chaplain, left the army recently just as he had entered it in 1917—in the company of his beloved GIs. He was retired from the service at Lawson General Hospital, where he has been chaplain for the last 13 months. At his own request, he was separated with enlisted men of the famed Fourth "Ivy" division in the ceremony which bids farewell to the service for enlisted men.

Alexander, a native North Carolinian, from Manchester, first entered the service as a private in 1917 and was commissioned as a chaplain five weeks later. He left his North Carolina pastorate in 1940 to again serve his country in World War II. He served two years at Fort Jackson, first as regimental chaplain of an Engineer regiment, and then as division chaplain of the famed 30th "Old Hickory" division. One year as post chaplain at the Camp Wheeler Infantry center, and 13 months as hospital chaplain at Northington General Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala., preceded his service at Lawson General Hospital.

Lt. Col. Alexander will be remembered by many Hoke county people as the pastor of the Bethel and Shiloh Presbyterian churches shortly after the first World War.

Friends of Mrs. Robert McDonald will regret to learn of the death of her father, Dr. C. R. Peterson, which occurred in Thomasville, N. C., last week. The remains were taken back to Chicago for the funeral and interment, which took place Saturday afternoon.

Parents Receive Posthumous Medals For Lt. Paul McCain

Dr. and Mrs. P. P. McCain received the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the purple heart for their son, Lt. Paul McCain, who was declared officially dead by the War Department after having been missing in action in an air raid over Europe since July 8, 1944. Attending the ceremonies in addition to Dr. and Mrs. McCain were John L. McCain, brother; Jane Todd McCain, Irene McCain, and Mrs. N. R. McCollum, sisters; Lt. Col. R. A. McBrayer, MC, and wife and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McBrayer, uncles and aunts. Corporal George Thornton, of the Air Forces, whose brother was also killed as co-pilot of Lt. McCain's plane, was also present.

The presentation was made at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, on Tuesday, November 5, 1945, by Colonel Younger A. Pitts, Pope Field commanding officer.

Lt. McCain was a sophomore at Davidson college when he entered the Army Air Forces in October, 1943. He was trained as a navigator at Selman Field, Monroe, La., and went overseas in April, 1944. On July 8, 1944, the Flying Fortress in which he was navigator went down in the North Sea. There were two survivors to the crash but Lt. McCain, who was 22 years of age at the time, was never heard from.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

Congress is said to be cutting the taxes nearly six billion dollars a year. If the cut is six billion, what is the whole tax?

I fear we have a Hitler in the making of ex-United States Senator R. R. Reynolds. That is what preacher Peter Marshall of Washington, D. C., says from his pulpit. I do not know a worse sign of future decay in the greatest democracy, and the only true democracy I know of is threatened with destruction by folks who have a chance to rebuild it.

The laborer is worthier of his hire, but if that laborer kills the goose that lays the golden egg will he not in that act destroy his own future prospects of success.

Two brothers may have equal opportunity, but their success will hardly be identical. One will have better success than the other under the same sunshine and rain.

Two brothers may farm on adjoining tracts of land, with the same soil, sunshine and rain, even planting the same seed, cultivate with the same tools, but the yields will not be identical. I never saw equal success achieved. And, one will go on expensive trips, eat more expensive foods, but really no better, however, and the other will stay at home and save and protect what he has accumulated, and after twenty-five years one is a well-to-do man, and the other "on the hog."

The United States fed and clothed many needy people during the past five years and furnished her Allies arms, ammunition and airplanes, or the Axis powers would have won the war, and we would have been now enslaved. How would you like to have a snagged toothed Jap bossing you?

When you have an opportunity to help a returned war veteran, remember that you are only showing your gratitude for his standing between you and Hitler, Himmler, and the like. He saved YOU from enslavement.

Everybody should strive to produce enough small grain, vegetables and the like for his family needs. People get a hint of what is in store for them these days when they cannot get the goods they actually need. I remember hearing of people eating some strange foods back in the 1860's.

Money must be more plentiful. Wages run higher than they did in the years following the Civil War. Then man with a ten-acre allotment for tobacco handles more money now in one season than three sandhill townships eighty years ago.

Make Ray of Little River section of Moore County, was forman for a large sawmilling company in the

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Hoke High Will Play Troy High Here Next Wednesday Afternoon

Readers are reminded that the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the final home game on the schedule of Hoke County High School here at Armory park next Wednesday afternoon. The visitors will be from Troy High school and the kickoff will be at two P. M. Hoke High has played Troy to a 6-6 tie already this season at the Troy park. Tickets are on sale by the American Legion at a price of fifty cents each.

This will be the windup to a fairly successful season for the Hoke High team. They have played some teams out of their class but followers consider that as a whole the boys have done well this season. Coaches have been Lawrence McNeill, Willie Walters, and more recently Coach Jerry Roberts, of the high school faculty. Last Thursday afternoon the local boys looked impressive in defeating Massey Hill high school 19 to 0 here.

Grand Jury Would Move Abattoir

Other Improvements Also Recommended.

The Grand Jury of Hoke County, in their report to Judge Burney at this week's term of Superior court, recommended that the county abattoir, now located near the armory, be moved outside the city limits. Their report follows:

"We have examined fifteen bills of lading and found fifteen true bills."

"We have examined the report of the Justice of Peace and found it to be in order."

"We have examined the report of the Mayor of the Town of Raeford and found it to be in order."

"We have examined the jail and found that a light was needed in the woman's bathroom and the plumbing should be repaired and we recommend that the jail floor be painted and that a new cook stove be provided."

"We examined the City Hall and found it to be in fair condition except that there should be some repairs made on the plumbing in one cell."

"We examined the County Office Building and Court House and found them to be well kept."

"We visited the Abattoir and find that it is not properly equipped for the disposal of refuse and would recommend that it be moved outside the city limits."

"We examined the reports of the Administrators and Executors and found them to be in order."

"We wish to express our appreciation to his Honor John J. Burney and to his Solicitor F. E. Carlyle, for their fine cooperation and assistance."

Postmaster Lacy Clark spent Armistice Day in Washington, D. C.

Property Sale Here Yesterday Sells Little

Auction Company With Band Entertains Public.

The C. F. Williams and Alston Clark Auction company of High Point, North Carolina, came to town yesterday complete with four-piece brass band to sell business and residential property here being handled jointly by William L. Poole and F. G. Leach.

The music started in front of the old Page Trust company building on Main Street at about ten-thirty-five and at about eleven-twenty the bidding on this property began. All bids on this property were subject to confirmation by the owner, Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Highest bid obtained by the auctioneer was \$30,000 on this building, and this offer was not accepted by the owner.

Next on the program was the lot on Main street between the Home Food market and the Raeford Hardware company. This property was also subject to confirmation by the owner, L. E. Reaves, Jr., and the bid of \$158 per front foot was not accepted by him.

The only two properties sold by the company yesterday were two residential properties yesterday afternoon, both on Stewart street. One owned by Mrs. Cora Jackson, was bought by E. L. Hunt, who is in the trucking business. The other, owned by H. L. Gatlin, Jr., was purchased by Jesse N. Gullede, recently out of the army. His bid was \$6100. The other property for sale was the home of L. E. Reaves, Jr., on the corner of Fulton Street and Fifth Avenue. Bidding reached the neighborhood of \$7000 and the high bid was not accepted by the owner.

County Is \$400 Nearer To War Fund Goal

John McGoogan, county chairman of the United War Fund drive, announced yesterday that the county lacked only \$800 of having raised its quota in this drive. This means that \$400 has been raised in the past week and that \$3420 is the total amount raised to date. McGoogan further stated that he had definite assurance of \$200 more coming in, so that \$400 was all he had to worry about now. Sanatorium, Ashley Heights, and Wayside have each exceeded their quota in this drive and McGoogan had called a meeting of all the community chairmen at the courthouse tomorrow night for the purpose of discussing ways and means of raising the balance, as he says this county hasn't missed yet on something of this sort and he means for that record to stand through this drive. The meeting will be at 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. Austin Improves

The condition of Mrs. J. H. Austin, who underwent a serious operation 10 days ago, in Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, is improving. Mrs. Austin was quite sick last week.

THINK THIS OVER, PLEASE

(Editorial)

Several years ago when divisions were being trained for combat in this vicinity it was considered patriotic to make room for their families in our homes so they could be together in what might be the last chance they would ever have. We understand cooperation—also rents—were mighty good around here about that time and that many servicemen were able to be with their families the last few days or weeks before they left because of this.

The war is over now. These men have won it, and the ones who fought and won it are by no means all out of the army. They are back and stationed in this vicinity again, having been away from their families for as long as 3 years in some cases. The demand for places for their families to live is greater now than it has ever been, we are told by sources that should know. The rents are still good around here. It seems to us we owe these men a little more than we did before they had been away and offered their lives for whatever they were sent to fight for. They have taken the risks and done the job now.

Let's give them a break wherever we can. If you can make room for a soldier and his wife or family let this paper or Neill A. McDonald know it and we'll send you one that same day. Think it over.

Un. Services To Hold On 11th

The regular Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian church Thursday morning Nov. 22 at 9:30. For a number of years it has been a custom in Raeford to hold a Union Thanksgiving service and the service this year is in keeping with that established custom. The time of the service has been fixed at this hour to make it convenient for those who attend the service to participate in other activities during the holiday.

The congregation of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches will make their offerings for their respective Orphans' Homes. Envelopes will be distributed at the church door to be used in this offering. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. W. L. Maness of the Methodist church. Members of the choirs of the three churches will lead the congregational singing.

Legion Has Banquet Here Monday

Local Post Feeds Turkey To Many Vets.

The Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion, the only veterans' organization in the county, was host to approximately one hundred and seventy-five veterans of the first and second world wars at a banquet at the armory last Monday night. Veterans present included men both in and out of the armed forces at present, members of the Legion from both wars, and veterans who were not members of the legion. There were also several visitors from neighboring posts.

The meal was a delicious one, served in quantities that make lean men fat and fat men fatter, and consisted of turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, rice, sweet potatoes, rolls, snap beans, and coffee. All present were well filled and that's evidence by understatement. The meal was cooked and served by the ladies of the auxiliary of the local post.

Toastmaster for the occasion was W. L. Poole, commander of the post. After making several remarks in preface on the subject of the activities, both actual and contemplated, of the legion here and all over the country, Colonel Poole introduced various committee chairmen and officers of the local post, each of whom had something to say about the phase of the work he was doing.

Alfred Cole, chairman of the athletic committee and post adjutant, explained to the men the aims of the post as to athletics for this community and county in the future. He stated the intention of the post to sponsor American Legion Junior baseball here next summer and said the post also hoped to be able to help get a professional ball club to train here next spring. Cole also said that the post was doing what it could to get action taken to get the ball park here repaired and grandstand and fences rebuilt. He also announced that the post was sponsoring the high school football game here next Wednesday.

Robert Gatlin, chairman of the membership committee of the post spoke briefly on the membership aims and achievements of the post. He was followed by D. H. Hodgkin, post service officer, who told what he and the post were prepared to do for recently discharged veterans in the way of obtaining all the benefits they have coming. Hodgkin introduced Sam Sneed of the Red Springs post, who told of the work he is doing as an employer of the State Veterans' Commission. N. H. G. Balfour was presented by the chairman and explained that one of the big duties and aims of the organization was to promote and inspire good citizenship in the youth of this country and just what the Legion is doing to accomplish this.

In addition to eating and listening to each other talk, the veterans were entertained by a colored quartet which sang several songs.

Moore County Young Democrats Will Feed Returned Veterans

H. Clifton Blue, president of the Moore County Young Democratic club, advised the News-Journal yesterday that the club was holding a banquet and rally at the Southern Pines Country club next Tuesday evening, November 20, at seven P. M., honoring the returned servicemen of Moore County. He stated that State Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill, would be the principal speaker and that Hoke county democrats were invited. There will be a charge per plate.

Kiwanians Have New Cooks

At the weekly meeting last Thursday evening the Raeford Kiwanis club, usually led by Mrs. Lucy Smith, was fed a meal cooked and served by the house committee consisting of Israel Mann, Walter Duncan Brown and Donald Davis. The meal was an excellent one and consisted of hamburger steak, potatoes, rolls, coffee and dessert with fruit cake.

Judge J. J. Burney Shows Defendants Crime Unprofitable

Murder Defendant Given Twelve To Fifteen Years.

In the November term of Hoke County Superior Court, which was convened here Tuesday morning by Judge John J. Burney, the judge pronounced heavy sentences for the defendants in the cases of tobacco theft which were set up from recorder's court several weeks ago. The criminal docket was completed early yesterday afternoon and eight of the divorces on the civil docket were granted before the court adjourned for the day.

Jimmie Arties, Christian Bailey, Clyde Jones, and Tang McGoogan, all colored, entered pleas of guilty as charged in two cases each in which they were charged with the larceny of tobacco from Julian Wright, Earl Tolar and others. Sentences were two to three years for Arties, three to four years for Bailey, eighteen months for Jones and eighteen months for McGoogan.

Also charged in connection with the same tobacco was Duncan Thomas, colored, who was charged with larceny and with receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen. He was found not guilty of larceny but was found guilty of receiving in two cases and sentence was three years.

In the only murder case of the term, James Lee Baldwin, colored man of Stonewall township, entered a plea of guilty of second degree murder for the killing of his father, Rudolph Baldwin, in a drunken shooting at their home several weeks ago. This plea was accepted by the State and sentence was twelve to fifteen years in the State penitentiary at Raleigh.

Ollie Ruth Baldwin, wife of James Lee Baldwin, was also charged with second degree murder, the State contending that she handed the gun to her husband to kill his father with. Judge Burney dismissed this case before it reached the jury when evidence showed that she didn't have much idea he was going to do what he did with it when she handed him the gun.

Donnie Farrell, colored, appealed a conviction of careless and reckless driving from recorder's court, in a case arising from an accident he had on the Aberdeen road with Floyd Seals. The State accepted a plea of nolo contendere in this case and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of the costs.

Lamar Hines, colored, was charged with the larceny and forgery of a government check from a colored woman here. He entered a plea of guilty, and sentence of one to two years was suspended and Hines was placed on probation for five years.

In connection with the same check, Hamer Huggins, white, was charged with receiving stolen money knowing it to have been stolen. As all the money was recovered by its rightful owner, Judge Burney suspended a sentence of twelve months on condition of five years good behavior by Huggins.

Noah Carlyle, white taxi driver, was charged with housebreaking and larceny on Jennings Maulsby's premises on the Laurinburg road. He was found guilty of knowingly receiving stolen goods and sentence of three to five years was suspended on payment of the costs and five years good behavior.

Allene Thomas, colored, appealed a one year sentence for violating the prohibition laws from Recorder's court. She was found guilty and sentence was one year. She was charged with selling non-tax-paid liquor and previous convictions were considered.

Matthew Brown and Johnny Whiteside, colored boys about seventeen years old and both alumni of the Morrison reformatory school, were found guilty of breaking and entering and larceny at Lee Maulsby's place at Montrose last September 11. Sentence was from four to five years on the roads for each.

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