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Sgt. Pope Commended By Adjutant General

Tech Sgt. Howard Pope, who is here on furlough after returning from Japan where he was a prisoner from the days of the fight on Bataan Peninsula until the end of the war, last week received the following letter from the Adjutant General's office of the War Department:

Subject: Commendation.
To: S-Sgt. Howard Pope,
In a letter dated 17 April 1945, Lieutenant Commander George G. Harrison, D-V (G) USNR, notified this office of your excellent conduct under hazardous circumstances while you were under supervision as a prisoner of the Japanese Government in Camp Number Eleven. Because of your acceptance of responsibility and your understanding and cooperation you have shown what the American soldier can do under trying conditions.

I desire to express to you my thanks and to commend you for your excellent conduct.

(s) J. A. Ulio
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

CWO Joe McBeyde, who has recently returned from Germany, is now stationed at Camp Butler, N. C.

First Lt. Harold Keith, who spent twenty-six months in the Pacific Theatre with the Far East Air Force, reached home Monday. He has been separated from the service and is on terminal leave.

Pvt. John E. Little, husband of Mrs. Flossie Little of Raeford, is on his way home. Little is one of 2,063 high-point army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to be states aboard the USS Missoula.

Frank Currie of the Merchant Marines, has just returned from France and is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hasty of Blue Springs.

Sgt. Henry McArthur of Ft. Monmouth, N. J., is spending this week here with his wife.

Pfc. William Poole, Jr., has been promoted to T-5. He is now enjoying 14 inches of snow in Northern Honshu, Japan.

Jeptha Peele, (USNR) of Jacksonville, Fla., is home on leave.

SK 1-c Dan Cox of Norfolk, spent Christmas at home.

Sgt. Ed McNeill landed on the West Coast last Thursday.

Cadet Myra Mott of Watts hospital, Durham, visited her mother over the week end.

Lt. Watson Gillis and wife of San Diego, Calif., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillis. They left Thursday for Fredericksburg, Va., to visit Mrs. Gillis' parents. Lt. Gillis will report to Conn. the first of the year where he will go to school.

Sgt. John K. McNeill, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and wife of Greenville, S. C., spent Christmas with Sgt. McNeill's parents Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Durham spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue.

Lt. Robert W. Eimer of New York and his sister, Barbara of Springfield, Mass., spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Palmer and her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness.

29-CENT BASE FOR EGGS NEXT SEASON

A 29-cent-a-dozen base support price for eggs during the flush production season next spring was announced formally by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson last night.

Producers will be assured of a U. S. average farm price of 29 cents a dozen. In the Midwest, where prices historically average lower than on either the west or east coast, the support level will average 27 cents a dozen.

Anderson said his department will support the egg market by means of purchases of dried, frozen and graded shell eggs. Such eggs will be sold for export, sold to other government agencies or transferred to schools for use in lunch programs. He said none will be "dumped" back on the market.

Mrs. J. C. Howell Dies At Lumberton

Mrs. J. C. Howell, widow of the late J. C. Howell, passed away at her home near Lumberton last Thursday afternoon at three thirty o'clock after a short illness. She had been seriously ill recently but had recovered enough to be up and about the house when she fell and struck her head. This indirectly led to her death a short time later. She was seventy-seven years of age.

Final rites were conducted at three o'clock Friday afternoon at Ten Mile Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, by the pastor. Burial followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Milton Campbell, Mrs. John Bouyer, and J. D. Howell of Raeford; Mrs. Pritchard Powers, Mrs. George Ayash, J. W. Howell, B. F. Howell and Arch Howell of Lumberton; F. C. Howell and John Howell of Charlotte; thirty six grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Sugar Ration Will Continue

Industrial and institutional users of sugar were advised today by OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson that allotments will be continued at the same levels for the first quarter of 1946 as during the fourth quarter of 1945.

The only exception is for products which include jams, jellies, fruit butters, and marmalades.

Sugar allotments for institutional users, including restaurants, for the January-February period will be computed on the basis of the same per-meal allowances as at the present, Johnson said.

At the same time he announced that Sugar Stamp No. 39 will be validated for consumer purchase of five pounds of sugar on January 1, and will expire April 30.

The civilian sugar allocation for the first quarter of 1946 recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is not sufficient to permit increasing rations to various types of users, Johnson said.

Russian Shadow Over World Bank

WASHINGTON.—A Russian questionmark cast its shadow over the newly-created International Stabilization Fund and World Bank.

The Soviet Union was the only major power among 16 nations whose signature lines remained blank after yesterday's ceremonies that brought the two big financial agencies into being.

Under terms of the 45-nation Bretton Woods agreements, the 16 have until next Monday midnight to sign as original members.

Some government officials expressed belief Russia would come in under the deadline. There was speculation among others, however, that she might delay action pending some word whether this country would be receptive to a Soviet loan application. None of the officials would permit their names to be used.

In any event, the Monday deadline is not all-important. The agreements provide that any nation desiring to participate in the fund and bank after December 31 may do so if its application is approved by the governing boards of the two agencies.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Church School.
11:00 A. M.—Student Recognition Service, with sermon by Rev. Wallace Martin Ellis, student at Bob Jones college. The service will be in the hands of young men and women. We should all worship with them.
5:00 P. M.—Meeting of Youth Fellowship.
7:00 P. M. Monday—Watch Night Service in basement of the church.
7:00 P. M. Wednesday—choir rehearsal.

A Happy New Year



Lumber Ceiling Is Advanced

OPA's recent upward adjustment in the ceiling price for Southern Pine lumber is the first step in a plan to secure general compliance with ceiling prices, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA District Director, said today.

Prices for Southern pine produced by mills generally are being increased 4.7 per cent over an average of \$1.25 per 1,000 board feet, he pointed out. For small mills that produce rough lumber only and do not operate planing mills, increases averaging \$5 per 1,000 board feet is authorized.

Johnson explained that there will be no resulting increase in ceiling prices to builders, farmers and citizens buying Southern pine, because retail dealers are being required to absorb the price increases.

The Duke Stopped Here

Raeford was honored last Friday morning by a visit from His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor and his Duchess. The couple were enroute to their home at Palm Beach, Fla., and stopped at the Raeford hotel for breakfast.

Navy Reduces Point Scores

Drop In Requirements Revealed With Release Of New List For Various Ratings.

A detailed list of the point scores necessary for discharge for various ratings in the U. S. Navy has been announced.

The list gives the necessary number of points for discharge in the various ratings now, and the changes effective on January 1 and February 2.

Five men were sent to Raleigh yesterday from the station for enlistment in the navy. They are Ben Leroy Christenbury, Jr., of Charlotte, Clyde A. Albright of Bessemer City, Billy Jerry Runyon of Earl, Ira B. Montgomery of Charlotte, Calvin W. Higgins, Jr., of Charlotte who reenlisted after 31 months in the navy, and C. Brooks Bartley of Charlotte.

Scores necessary for discharge or release to inactive duty are as follows:

Male yeoman specialists, classification and storekeepers, except disbursing and Seabees, present score 44, change to 41 on February 2.

Male electricians mates, except Seabees, present score 37, change to 36 on January 1.

Male stovesores, and Seabee storekeepers, waterfronters, machinists' mates and electrician's mates, present score 37, change to 36 on January 1, lower to 35 on January 15, drop to 34 on February 2.

Female enlisted personnel, excepting certain specified ratings, present score 24, change to 23 on January 1, drop to 22 on February 2.

Female yeoman specialists classification, mailmen, and storekeepers except disbursing, present score 29, drops to 26 on February 2.

Miss Rachel Hassel spent Christmas at her home in Hendersonville.

Mrs. H. N. Sessoms Dies December 17

Mrs. Amanda Sessoms, wife of H. N. Sessoms of Quewhiffle township, passed away on Monday night, December 17, at Duke hospital, Durham, after a long illness. Death was not unexpected, as she had been a patient at the hospital since February. Her husband and three children were at the bedside when she came. She was 49 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon, December 19, at Shiloh Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Gaston. Interment followed in the cemetery at Shiloh. Many beautiful flowers were a silent tribute from those who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her husband and four daughters: Mrs. E. A. Winecoff, Mrs. Edward Hunsucker, Betty Sessoms, all of this county, Mrs. Havis Hunsucker of Southern Pines; three sons, Edward of Parkton, Glen of Hoke county, and Pfc. Alexander of the Army.

Miss Kate Sinclair Stricken Friday

Miss Kate Sinclair of Raeford passed away last Friday evening at 8:30 at Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville. She had been ill only a short time and had been a patient at the hospital for one week. Cause of death was leukemia, a blood disease.

Kate Almena Sinclair was sixty-two years of age and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sinclair. She resided in Raeford with her sister, Miss Beatrice Sinclair.

Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the funeral service at the home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. A profusion of lovely floral offerings gave evidence of the esteem in which she was held. Burial followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Nell Cameron, Mrs. J. A. Walters, Miss Beatrice Sinclair, and Nell B. Sinclair, all of Raeford.

Power Company Beats Weather

With its own device for determining the amount of ice on power lines and with a complicated plan for juggling the flow of current over the main trunk lines of its system, the Carolina Power and Light company twice during December has averted possible serious service interruptions from bad weather.

When sleet begins to accumulate on CP&L lines, a simple instrument designed by the company determines the amount of ice forming on the lines by weighing a "sample." The device is a small pair of spring scales in a box with a short piece of wire attached and extending through openings in the box to accumulate sleet on the outside, thus weighing a "sample" of the ice formation.

When the instrument indicates that sleet is accumulating rapidly enough to result in possible danger to lines, the re-routing of current over the CP&L system begins.

Since the current conducted through power lines generates heat, portions of the system lines are loaded heavily by turn-current is switched from one portion of the system to another portion where icing of lines is most serious. The resulting heat through overloading of the ice-laden lines melts off the ice. To overload lines in some areas, it is necessary to exchange current with neighboring power companies.

The CP&L has found that it can melt ice from lines adapted to this method in one night, except in cases of prolonged ice storms, when it is necessary to continue juggling of current until the danger is past. So far this winter, serious ice damage to main trunk lines has been avoided.

Although the elimination of ice from power lines by electric melting is very effective, it is not 100 per cent foolproof, since it is not practical to apply this method to small feeder lines conducting current from the main trunk lines. Therefore an ice storm may bring down feeder lines and cause other damage from falling trees, but icing on the more important trunk lines can be held to a minimum.

Three of which were in the armed British forces. The one that captured him was an aviator.

That aviator did everything even he could think of—just like a German. The home had been kept dark at night to keep German aircraft from bombing it, but he would put a light in the window in hopes German aircraft might drop a bomb on the house. He ran away eleven times, but always failed to get back to Germany. His brothers were always kind to him, overlooking his detestable meanness—it took him years to learn any sense.

War is the Devil's way of righting matters, nothing has ever been accomplished by it except destruction. Sense in the form of diplomacy accomplished settlements.

They used to plant, fertilizer, cultivate, pick, and market a bale of cotton for the same price that it now costs to pick it.

I have noticed for a long time that it is hard for us to treat real man people well. It is our duty to treat others right even when they don't deal fairly with us, but we do not live up to our knowledge.

An American visiting a friend in Germany when the last war broke told in a public letter what she had for breakfast the last morning she was in Germany: one roll, a cup of coffee and a piece of butter the size of two peas. They economize to be able to prepare for war.

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POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

Another Christmas has passed, and is now a part of the eternity behind us. As I awoke Wednesday morning that the first thought in my mind.

"Lo on a narrow neck of land, Twixt two unbounded seas I stand."

To nearly everybody, it seems, the United States government has power to draft men to enter the military service of the country, and they are traitors if they dodge the draft laws. Going to war is hazardous, and all know it, but patriotic citizens hazards their lives for their country, and Union labor bid the War Department defiance.

I still believe in equal rights to all, and special privileges to none. That is what all claim to believe in, still some union laborers were out on a strike during the crucial period of the war this year, and General Patton's 3rd Army stood still a month it is said, for want of supplies. I am glad that is not charged to memory any Hoke county man.

Ten per cent of the population of Hoke county was drafted, and each man entered the services and did a true soldier's part to defend the FREEDOMS. They think mighty little of men getting big pay for doing war work, then quitting when they get ready.

A and B got mad and deserted. They said they could not hazzard their lives because they had no ammunition. They were arrested, tried and sentenced to die before the firing squad. Well, they deserted.

Thank God, a Hoke county man has never deserted, nor will one ever prove to be a cowardly slacker. These high paid union laborers quit and quit, and the greatest warrior of all time with an army of the bravest and truest men could not go any further without needed supplies.

General Marshall is a great man, but President Truman is one of the greatest men in the country. I fear the minds of the young Americans who are trained in military schools will grow into the same thought and spirit that the German and Japanese supermen.

I am not inclined to criticize great men as I know General Marshall to be. I learned long long ago that the great minds are not likely to make mistakes, but should they be wrong, they are further from right than the most of us.

If you think gun, handle gun, use gun, and but little else than a gun, then you certainly will plan to see what you can do with a gun. Germany is a great country, and has gained the greater portion of its territory by conquest. They think of but little than gun.

I read not long ago of a 12-year-old boy born of English parents, who was stolen when two years old, when his mother left England after teaching in that country several years. That boy would not believe in anything else but Germany and Nazism. An older brother found him in Norway, captured him and took him back to his home in England, but he was pro-German and nothing else. He hated England insanely. His parents were both dead, but five brothers and sisters lived in their home,