

## With Our Service Personnel



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** - Robert Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bratcher, Rt. 3, Raeford, who is now serving in the Army in Alaska, was recently presented the Most Valuable Player Award by Col. Lincoln E. Ost. Armstrong is a graduate of Upchurch School.

A local Raeford resident, Willie James McGillary son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. McGillary who reside at Route 3 Raeford, has enlisted in the Marine Corps 180 day delay program and will leave for his recruit training at Parris Island, S.C. on 30 July 1970.

According to Sergeant Smith the local Marine Corps Recruiter, Willie will receive 9 weeks of recruit training at Parris Island, S.C., then travel to Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, where he will undergo four weeks of advanced training.

Upon completion of recruit training and advanced training, Willie will return home on a 20 day leave. At this time he will also receive orders directing him to a formal school for further technical training or to one of the Marines many Posts and Stations to receive On The Job Training. More than 400 job specialties are available to marines of today.

Staff Sergeant Donald T. Kutze, whose wife, Margaret, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Rt. 1, Raeford, has been recognized for helping his unit earn the Aerospace

Defense Command (ADC) "A" Award.

Sergeant Kutze is an electronic systems repairman in the 701st Radar Squadron at Ft. Fisher Air Force Station.

The squadron - a part of ADC which protects the U.S. against hostile aircraft and missiles - was cited for exceptional operational effectiveness and outstanding mission performance.

The sergeant is a 1950 graduate of Allentown (Pa.) High School.

Sergeant Edwin L. Rhodes, son of Mrs. Victoria Rhodes, Magnolia Court, Lumberton, is a member of a unit that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Sergeant Rhodes, an electronics system repairman in the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, Pope AFB, will wear a distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The 3rd was cited for meritorious service from July 1967 to June 1968 in providing world wide humanitarian and combat airlift operations.

The squadron is part of the

Tactical Air Command which provides combat units for air support of U.S. ground forces

Sergeant Rhodes attended Lumberton High School and completed requirements for his diploma after entering the Air Force in 1955. He has served a 14-month tour of duty in Vietnam.

His wife, Pocahontas, is the daughter of Mrs. Mable Megginson, 17 Jefferson Ave., Danville, Va.

U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Howard F. Branch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover F. Branch of 104 Rozier St., Lumberton, has arrived for duty at Ft. Lee Air Force Station, Va.

Sergeant Branch is a communications technician with the 4638th Support Squadron, a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command which protects the U.S. against hostile aircraft and missiles. He previously served at Gunter AFB, Ala.

The sergeant is a 1953 graduate of Lumberton High School.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Carl B. Bowers, son of Mrs. Flora G. Bowers, Southern Pines, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces.

Sergeant Bowers was cited for his performance as chief of medical supply for the 633rd U.S. Air Force Dispensary, Vietnam. He displayed outstanding ability in organizing the supply function of this facility.

He was presented the medal of Brooks AFB, Tex., where he is now assigned to a unit of the Air Force Systems Command which manages research and development of USAF aerospace systems.

Sergeant Bowers is a 1953 graduate of Southern Pines High School.

His wife, Martha, is the daughter of Mrs. W.H. Wright of Aberdeen.

Airman First Class Tony Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt of Rt. 2, Lumberton, is on duty at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam.

Airman Hunt is a transportation specialist with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces, headquarters for air operations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific area.

The airman, who previously served at Charleston AFB, S.C., is a 1968 graduate of Magnolia High School. His wife, Wanda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Carter of 2904 Olive Drive, Lumberton.

GySgt. Fred Smith, local Marine Corps Recruiter for the Raeford area announced that Clyde Franklin Hendrix and Dale Martin Crouch joined the Marine Corps using the



Army Staff Sergeant Jack W. Goodwin, whose wife, Virginia, lives on Route 1, Red Springs, was assigned to the 2d Infantry Division in Korea as a communications chief, Feb. 11.

"Special Buddy Plan". They will begin recruit training on 12 August 1970 at Parris Island, S.C. Clyde the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hendrix of Raeford and Dale the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Crouch of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, will continue their close association throughout their Marine Corps basic training, as guaranteed by the "Buddy Plan." Enlistments are now being offered by the

Marines, according to Sergeant Smith who maintains an office in the Post Office in Raeford on Mondays from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Both marines attended Hoke County High School and enlisted in the new 180 day delay enlistment plan.

Upon completion of basic training both marines will attend four weeks of individual combat training at Camp Lejeune.

The "Buddy Plan" marines are eligible for such specialist fields as, Guided Missiles, Aviation, Communications, Intelligence, Photography, and Telephone Maintenance.

### Land Bank Officials At Meeting

Officials of the Federal Land Bank Association of Lumberton recently attended an advanced management development institute in Durham.

Edward C. Sumner, manager, and Duncan G. Malloy, Thomas M. McRimmon, Eugene M. Smith, Ralph M. Jolly, Wilbur C. Ward and Carey V. Downing, directors, attended the training sessions.

The institute was conducted by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S.C.

## In Prison For Life, He Found God There

"When I return to my community, I want to be part of the answer, rather than part of the problem. I want to be an asset, not a liability," James Hendrix, now serving a life term in the honor grade unit at Central Prison told a gathering of the Christian Business Men's Committee last week.

Hendrix is reported to have lived in Hoke County.

He told the group that while in prison he had found God and inner peace.

"I am no longer apprehensive of tomorrow, but each day get more satisfaction in my work," he said. "My family and friends have stood by me and I await the day when we can be reunited."

He was sentenced to a life term on Nov. 12, 1961 for murder, he said, and was transferred into the honor grade section in December 1966.

"I was told that if I ever got out again, it would be up to me," he said.

Hendrix explained that he began to drink when he entered the Army through loneliness and the desire to be one of the gang. After being discharged in 1945, he went into the restaurant business.

"And I drank continuously for 15 years," he said. "I lost contact with my family, my friends and God."

Since entering prison,

Hendrix has had a blemish-free record. He has taken advantage of the religious and educational programs offered.

He took a commercial education course to review typing, math and English and passed the examination for it,

he said. The Christian Business Men's Committee is an organization of businessmen on the local and national level who encourage Christian businessmen to make God a vital part of their vocational life.

## Tom Cameron Awarded Safe Pilot Certificate

Tom Cameron, 609 N. Main St., was presented the National Pilot's Association's Safe Pilot Certificate by NPA president Don Flower Feb. 25.

Cameron, whose pilot career began in 1943, accumulated 2,750 accident-free hours to qualify for the NPA award.

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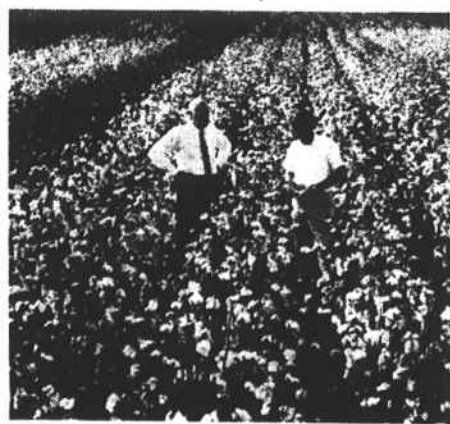
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b. Fiber Strength: Excellent, 85-90,000 Pressley	
c. Micronaire: Averages 4.0 - 4.2	
d. Yarn strength: Superior. 22's yarn range 125-135	
e. Lint Percentage: 37-38%	