

# Gen. Hay Takes Command Of Fort Bragg Forces

FT. BRAGG - A former commanding general of the Berlin Brigade in Germany, the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam and the man who commanded the defense of Saigon during the May, 1968 Tet offensive took command (March 19) of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Ft. Bragg.

Lieutenant General John H. Hay was welcomed to his new command with a morning honor review on the Main Post Parade Field here. He succeeded Lieutenant General John J. Tolson who departed for his new post as deputy commanding general of the Continental Army Command (CONARC) at Ft. Monroe, Va. Major General George S. Blanchard, 82d Airborne Division commanding general, represented the departed commander and Colonel Frank H. Barnhart, Corps and Post deputy chief of staff, will serve as commander of troops.

Lt. Gen. Hay came here from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where he has served since Sept., 1968, as commandant of the Command and General Staff College, Post commanding general, and commanding general of the Combat Developments Command Institute of Combined Arms and Support.

Lt. Gen. Hay was born in Thief River Falls, Minn., on Oct. 2, 1917. He was graduated from the University of Montana in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Civil Engineering, and entered the service through the Army Reserve Program.

He served with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy in World War II, and in 1947 was attached to the Swiss Army mountain troops. He is a graduate of the Swiss High Mountain Climbing School, their High Mountain Ski School, Avalanche School and Glacier School. He was awarded the International Gold Medal for skiing proficiency and also earned the Swiss Bergführer Badge for proficiency in mountain operations.

His many and varied assignments include other tours at Ft. Leavenworth, where he was graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1951 and served on the faculty from 1955 to 1958.

He is a 1959 graduate of the Canadian National Defense College, Kingston, Ontario, and completed the Basic Airborne Course at Ft. Benning, Ga., that same year. He served as a battle group commander and later as chief of staff of the 101st Airborne Division at Ft.

Campbell, Ky., until July, 1961.

He then served a year with the Eighth Army in Korea, was graduated from Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1962, and commanded the Berlin Brigade in 1964-66.

He was assigned to Vietnam in 1967 as commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division. As deputy commanding general of II Field Force he commanded the defense of Saigon during the May, 1968 offensive, and organized and commanded the Capital Military Assistance Command until his departure in Aug., 1968.

Gen. Hay's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross



GEN. JOHN HAY

with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal for valor with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with 27 Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge and Senior Parachutist Badge.

# Final Plans Made For Aging Council

LUMBERTON - Plans have been finalized for the Region N Conference on Aging which will be held Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Pembroke Senior High School in Pembroke. Region N includes Hoke, Bladen, Scotland and Robeson counties, and is one of 17 similar regions holding conferences on the needs of the aging throughout North Carolina in preparation for the Governor's Conference on Aging to be held in Raleigh on May 21-22.

Mrs. L.J. Britt, chairman of Region N, has expressed satisfaction with the response and cooperation that has been shown to conference plans, and stated that all indications assure a successful conference.

Registration will be held at 10 a.m. in the foyer of the building which houses the gymnasium at the Pembroke school. Following registration, a brief general session is scheduled in the gymnasium, where Mrs. Marcia Wilkins, Program Specialist from the State Council of Aging, and Dr. Ward will outline the plan, purposes, and goals of the conference.

A steak dinner will then be served from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria at the school which can accommodate up to 400. Dinner reservations must be made by Monday, March 22, in order that the lunchroom staff can make preparations. The charge for dinner will be \$2 per person. Mrs. Britt advises those attending conference who do not have dinner reservations to bring a sandwich, as the Festival and Parade at the University in Pembroke will congest that area.

Immediately after dinner, the nine discussion groups (which will cover the 14 areas of emphasis in the needs of aging citizens and those facing retirement) will be assigned to classrooms where each group will formulate a policy proposal to be submitted to the State Conference on Aging.

Following are the emphasis areas, the discussion leader, and the recorder for each of the nine groups: Income: Mrs. Jean B. Rogers, Laurinburg, and Mrs. Duncan Malloy, Lumber Bridge; Health and Mental Health: Mrs. Elaine Mohr, Lumberton, and Mrs. Gladys Britt, Fairmont; Housing Environment, and Transportation: Gerald Hill, Lumberton, and Reverend Arnold Walker, Lumberton; Nutrition: Mrs. Lee E. Neville, Pembroke, and Mrs. Margaret Moore, Pembroke; Education: A.B. Gibson, Laurinburg, and Mrs. D.C. McEachern, St. Pauls; Employment, Retirement, Retirement Roles, and Activities: Richard Bailey, Lumberton, and Mrs. F.M. Davis, Lumberton; Spiritual Well-being: Reverend Jack

# Farm Items

By W. S. Young and David Bodenheimer

War, Inflation, Strikes, Pollution and Drugs are major problems facing the country today. These are so great that it gives you a feeling of general helplessness or even despair.

Sometimes we need to reverse the computer - age admonition to "Think Big." Let's think little instead. Look out your nearest window and take in what you see. Is it good or is it bad? Remember, don't go rushing around making lists or organizing great schemes for improvements.

Think about the last time you planted a tree to replace one that was put there many years ago, then plant one. Straighten that post and repair that fence as it should be, instead of leaving it propped up with a sapling. Think about that trash someone keeps throwing on the right-of-way beside your field. If you keep the roadside clean, maybe you will discourage someone else from adding his trash to the pile. Think about your mailbox, how it leans off to one side and is wrapped up with vines, do something about it now. Think about the area where the lawn doesn't grow well. Plant some azaleas or other plants there. See how it works, no committees, no community commitment, no big deal - just a matter of noticing and doing.

It is time for you tobacco growers to start a good management program on your plant beds. Plastic covers are being used more every year and require better care. Temperatures will build up very rapidly under them even if holes are in the cover. Beds need plenty of moisture to insure top plant growth. They also need protection from insects and diseases, especially if there are long periods of damp weather. Remember, strong plants help you to get off to a good start with your tobacco acreage.

A recreation survey is being made in all counties in North Carolina. The survey is being done by all Federal Agricultural Agencies in the county. It is being done for the Department of Local Affairs in State Government. It will help to see the types of recreation available in an area and also help in qualifying for some of the Federal Funds that are being set aside for recreation throughout the country.

Questions will be asked about the types of recreation, size of the areas, types of people that visit the area and where the areas are located on a county map.

If the members visit your place of recreation, I hope you will cooperate and give them the answers as correctly as you possibly can.

# Engine Repair Course Offered

An adult farmer's small engine repair course will be taught at Hoke High beginning April 1.

Clarence Willis will teach the 32-hour course. Registration will be held the first night of class at 7 p.m. in the vocational - agricultural building.

The United States used more than 1,443 trillion kilowatt hours of electricity annually - more than one third of the world's total consumption.

Siam changed its name to Thailand - "land of the free" - in 1939, back to Siam in 1945, and to Thailand again in 1949, National Geographic says.

# Chicago's Empty Stock Yards Make Way For Factory Park

The "hog butcher of the world" has already wiped his knife. Now the cattle pens have been prodded empty of their last steer.

The "Stormy, husky, brawling City of the big shoulders" - another of Carl

# Miss Jordan To Appear On Program

Beth Jordan will take place in a program presented at the Robeson Baptist Association's Women's Missionary Union's 75th annual session April 2 at Long Branch Baptist Church near Lumberton.

The all day session will feature guest speakers, special music and dinner served by the host church.

Presiding over the session which will begin with registration at 9:30 will be Mrs. Paul Wilson, WMU director for the association. The principal speaker will be the Rev. Thomas E. Sherrill, pastor of North Hill Baptist Church in Minot, N.D. Also speaking at the morning session will be the Rev. Robert L. Mangum, director of the Robeson County Church and community center.

Besides Miss Jordan, young people appearing on the program include Anne Hope of Red Springs and Jane Shooter of Rowland.

During the afternoon session there will be a special program commemorating the organization's 75th annual session. Featured will be the Rowland High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Jean Smith.

Attending the meeting will be WMU members and leaders and pastors of churches throughout the Robeson Association.

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I wish to thank everyone for their visits, cards, flowers, prayers and many kind deeds during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Maggie Jane McBryde.

Sandburg's nicknames for Chicago - has shoved shut the gate at its famous stock yards.

After 105 years of turning out enough sides of beef, hams, and legs of lamb and mutton to feed the American nation of meat-eaters, the stock yards have given way to demands for more efficiency, the National Geographic Society says.

Ten years ago, with the slaughtering of the last hog, the four biggest meat packers moved away from the stock yards. More than 1,000 smaller packing plants had sprung up around the country and ranchers and farmers increasingly preferred shipping their animals to them, thus avoiding the long trip to Chicago.

The stock yards' 13,000 empty livestock pens standing on about 350 acres will be replaced by a \$3.8 million city-sponsored industrial park that hopefully will bring in 7,000 jobs, replacing those lost by the decline of the yards.

It was once "the busiest square mile on earth" to the proud Chicagoan. In 1919 the stock yards and the packing houses they supplied with an endless river of hogs, cattle, and sheep accounted for 17 percent of the nation's commercial livestock slaughter. "When I came here," reminisced one stock yard veteran, "we used to unload somewhere around 4,000 hogs from a 50-car train and do it every 30 minutes, pushing 'em into pens assigned to a shipping farmer without losing a single hog."

In the peak year of 1924, the yards housed, fed, and watered 18,653,539 animals. On September 7, 1954, a hereford steer suitably named "Billy the Billionth" was saluted then slaughtered as the billionth animal through the stock yards.

The first livestock were slaughtered in 1824 along the shore of Lake Michigan for Fort Dearborn soldiers. Eight years later the meat packing business began with cattle and hogs killed and packed on the prairie at the village edge, then shipped East via the Great Lakes.

Longhorns soon were being

driven to the frontier town, then railroads - eventually 28 of them - brought animals from the Far West.

As the Civil War ended, returned veterans dug 30 miles of ditches to drain a swamp and the railroads and seven competing stock yards formed the Union Stock Yard and Transit Company of Chicago, which opened Christmas Day, 1865.

Packtown boomed and fortunes were made. But thousands of Polish and

Lithuanian immigrants from "back of the yards" sweated 10 hours a day to earn 15 cents an hour in the steaming slaughter rooms.

Brutal descriptions of the yards and packing houses in Upton Sinclair's muckraking novel, "The Jungle," provoked government investigations, reforms, and pure food laws.

But no reform could ever stop the stock yards from making their awesome presence known for many miles in front of a hot summer breeze.

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# Gil McGregor Guest Speaker In Carthage

Gil McGregor, star basketball player at Wake Forest University and native of Raeford, will be the guest speaker on Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Carthage to conclude Youth Week activities.

The day's program will be climaxed with a luncheon in the church fellowship hall for the youth and their guests, including 34 boys and their leaders from the Cameron Morrison School at Hoffman.

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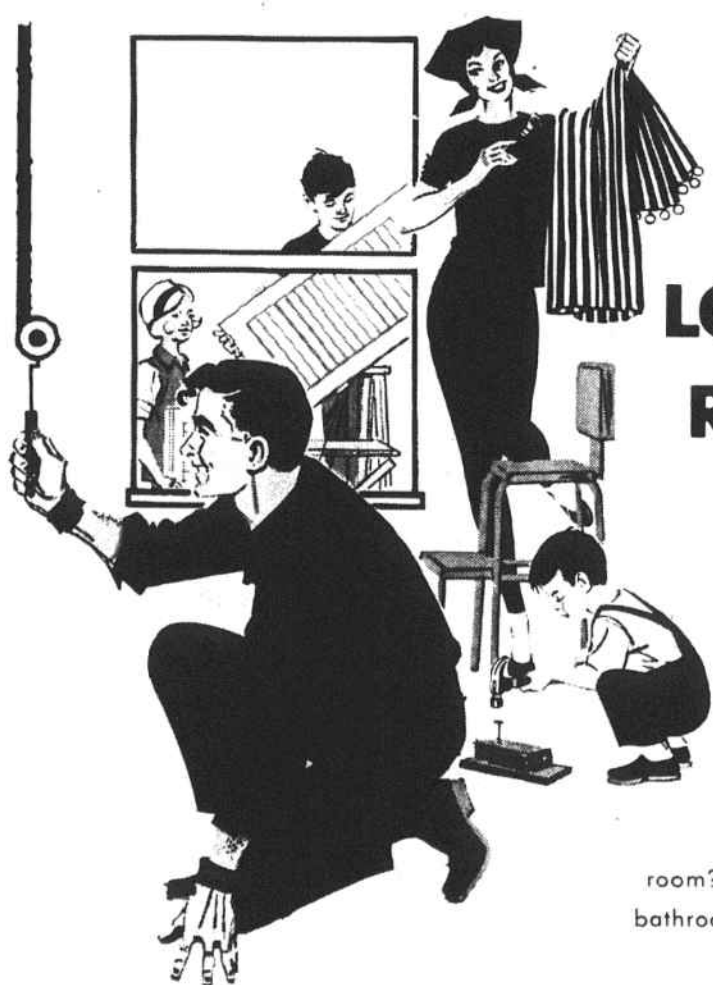
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