

With the Armed Forces

Pvt. Leslie G. Roberts Serves with 25th in Korea

25th Div., Korea — Army Pvt. Leslie G. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roberts, 1901 Arendell St., Morehead City, is serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division.

Lighting division took part in some of the most bitter fighting on the peninsula. It is now undergoing intensive post-truce training.

Private Roberts, a rifleman, entered the Army in December 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Algie V. Bell, chief boatswain's mate, USN, son of Mrs. Robert Willis of Smyrna, and husband of the former Miss Mary R. Hoey of Rosindale, Mass., is serving aboard the destroyer escort USS Hanna which made a name for herself in the Central Pacific through her rescue and errand of mercy work.

The Hanna returned to the U. S. June 6th. While in the Western Pacific the Hanna conducted the high comedy of the ancient ceremonies performed on the crossing of the equator. When on patrol in the Marshall and Caroline islands the "shellbacks" initiated the "pollywogs" aboard into Neptune's kingdom.

The Hanna has a crew of 153 officers and men — only 17 of which were shellbacks at the time the vessel crossed the equator. These shellbacks introduced the rest of the ship's company to Neptune Rex. The initiation featured such legendary maneuvers as trimming of the hair of the pollywogs by the "royal barber" and a thorough bath in salt water—as administered by a shipboard fire hose. The ship steamed on to complete her mission in the Pacific Trust Territories.

No sooner was the Hanna back in port when she was called to render assistance to a British merchant vessel bound for Australia. The vessel, Avonmoor, was holed and disabled in heavy seas 95 miles northwest of Guam. What was worse, her skipper had been injured in a fall.

The Hanna put to sea with a partial crew and soon arrived alongside the distressed vessel. A whale boat was put over the side from the destroyer escort and the British captain taken from his ship despite the high seas. Rushing back to base, the Hanna delivered the British skipper to a waiting ambulance which rushed him to a Navy hospital. The Hanna went back to her routine patrol work.

Kodiak, Alaska (FHTNC) — Among the men who recently reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Station here was Duane Duren, aerographer's mate third class, USN, husband of the former Miss Alma Mathis of route 2 Newport, Duren, who entered the Navy in

Patrol Uses 'Magic Eye'



In top photo a motorist, hurrying toward an intersection, crosses a yellow barrier line in passing. The camera shows his exact speed and position on the road. Clear cut speeding is indicated in bottom photo (see speedometer). A moment later this driver was explaining it to the patrolman-photographer.

Highway users in Wake and Robeson counties, for the past couple of months, may have been in the movies without even knowing it.

Patrolmen-drivers of the State Highway Patrol's two specially equipped camera cars have exposed more than 200 feet of film since the unique experiment in traffic enforcement went into effect.

June, 1948, has been assigned to Fleet Weather Central.

The station is headquarters for the 17th Naval District and the Commander, Alaskan Sea Frontier. Basic functions of these activities are to provide logistic support for naval vessels, including floating dry dock facilities, reconnaissance aircraft, and Navy search and rescue units.

Kodiak is a large island off the south central coast of Alaska.

Afghans Repair Ruined Farms

Kandahar, Afghanistan — (AP) — American crews are directing Afghan workers completing the first phases of two huge projects to restore farms Ghenghis Khan and his raiders destroyed.

Nomads, roaming the desert for centuries have stumbled over irrigation works where the Mongol warriors wiped out the old civilization. Now two new lakes have appeared in the southern Afghan desert. One is behind the Arghandab River dam. The other is formed by a 321-foot earth-fill dam on the Helmand River. Engineers estimate the two dams will provide water to irrigate 750,000 acres, eventually.

There are scores of ruined towns in the area, deserted hundreds of years ago when the water was cut off.

About 4,400 Afghan workers were taught their jobs by 135 Americans, 20 Filipino and 32 Italian specialists. It was eight years ago that the first earth moving machines roared into Kandahar. They frightened turbaned Afghans from their mud-walled houses. At first the nomads were awed, but they soon abandoned their camels to learn how to run the mechanical "monsters." Young men operated cranes, steam shovels and the huge earth movers. They learned American slang and habits. They used "okay" and their own coined "no-kay" in talk with Americans and with each other.

At first they had trouble adapting loose turbans and wide-legged pantaloons to work around machinery and trucks. Today, overalls are as common in Kandahar as in Keokuk, Iowa. Even the turbans have been abandoned reluctantly by many workers, giving way to caps.

There has been a lull in operations while Afghan officials seek a loan of about 21 million dollars from the Import Export Bank. The work so far has cost 17 million dollars. Responsibility for further development has been taken over by an Afghan agency. The United States has loaned technicians and specialists as advisors.

The new agency's authority extends over 3 degrees of latitude and 4 1/2 degrees of longitude—a vast wasteland it hopes will become Afghanistan's greatest garden spot.

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Architect, \$5,060 per annum, GS-9 rate; civil engineer, same rate and grade; electronics engineer, (general), \$7,040, GS-12; fire prevention engineer, \$7,040, GS-12; supervisory general engineer, \$5,940, GS-11; mechanical inspector (general) \$4,620, GS-8; training officer, \$4,630, GS-8; statistical assistant, \$4,205, GS-7; organization and methods examiner, \$5,060, GS-9, and structural engineer, \$5,940, GS-11.

The above positions are available at Guam, Marianas Islands. Other positions at Guam, for which 20% pay differential is offered in addition to the rate listed, include: Leadingman plumber, \$6,302.40 per annum; machinist, \$2.46 per hour; instrument maker, \$2.54 per hour; wharfbuilder, \$2.42 per hour; preservation mechanic, \$2.08 per hour; liquid fuels pump operator, \$2.29 per hour; central office repairman, \$2.65 per hour.

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As commissioner of the Second State Highway Division, H. Maynard Hicks directs the state's road construction and maintenance program in Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, and Pitt Counties.

In May 1953, Governor Umstead named Hicks along with 13 other prominent businessmen to serve a four-year term on the reorganized 14-member State Highway Commission. The Governor appointed A. H. (Sandy) Graham chairman of the commission.

Commissioner Hicks is a member of the Junior and Masonic Orders, and the N. C. Hardware Association. He is a past member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and past chairman of the Greene County Democratic Board of Elections. In 1948 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. At present he is a member of the State Democratic Advisory Committee.

The commissioner takes an active interest in the Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill. He is an elder and chairman of the pulpit committee. During the church construction program, he was chairman of the building committee.

In an effort to take the road program closer to the people, Commissioner Hicks has met with city and county commissioners. He holds weekly meetings, usually Wednesday afternoons, in the Greenville highway office where he hears complaints and suggestions from residents in his division.

The commissioner is engaged in farming and is manager of Dickson-Hicks Hardware Co. of Snow Hill, a position he has held for several years. He was long associated in business with his father until the senior Hicks died in 1951.

Son of the late Stephen H. Hicks and Mrs. Mabel Hicks, the commissioner was born Dec. 9, 1914. A lifelong resident of Greene County, he attended the Snow Hill High School. May 31, 1940, he married Cecil Pryor Butts of Halifax. They have three children, Stephen Hubert Hicks, Maynard Pryor Hicks, and Jo Ann Hicks.

Headquarters of the Second Highway Division are in Greenville. R. Markham is division engineer; J. L. Phillips, assistant, division engineer. There are three districts within the Second Highway Division. H. H. Wesley is District One engineer at Washington; C. Y. Griffin is District Two engineer at New Bern; and Heber Gray is District Three engineer at Kinston.

The last known passenger pigeon died in the Cincinnati zoo in 1914.



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\$2,500 Paid for 30-Foot Lot Worth \$100 in Feud

New Bedford, N. J. (AP) — Fred Lowitz paid \$2,500 for a strip of land worth about \$100 by his own estimate. He just wanted to be sure the 30-foot lot didn't fall into the hands of a neighbor. The neighbors haven't spoken to each other for years. Their homes are on adjacent sides of the strip offered for sale by the township. The tract was formerly a railroad right of way.

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TV Viewer Shoots Tiger, TV Set with One Shot Grand Rapids, Mich. (AP) — Morris Ford, a Coopersville, Mich., youngster and Henry Lieffers, his grandfather, were deeply absorbed in a television jungle show when a tiger appeared in the play. "Don't worry," Lieffers yelled, "I'll get that tiger." He grabbed his grandson's air rifle, thinking it wasn't loaded. Lieffers got his tiger—and the television set, too.

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