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Membership Drive Begins Today

J. Wilson Smith Will Speak

The annual Y. M. C. A. membership drive has been scheduled for the first two weeks in December, T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the Y, has announced. December 4 and 5 have been designated as the dates for the drive within the mill.

A dinner meeting of all workers in the campaign has been called for tonight at the Y. At this time J. Wilson Smith, of Charlotte, will address the group. Mr. Smith, who heads Y. M. C. A. work in North and South Carolina, launched the membership drive here last December and is well remembered as a splendid speaker who has the ability to combine seriousness with the proper proportions of humor.

There has been no change in the

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THE GILVIN ROTH Y. M. C. A. — Open for community service since May, 1942 —

We Can All Help In Work Of Our Y

Our community is most fortunate in having a Y. M. C. A., and we should all take part in the work that is being done in the development of our citizenship — especially our boys and girls. This is one place where we can go for wholesome fun and recreation.

Now that the transportation difficulties, which we have faced in the past, have been eliminated to a great extent, we hope that a greater number of employees will participate in the activities of this splendid organization.

Mr. McKnight and his assistants are always most anxious to assist in any program you would like. Visit him and express your desires.

A membership in the Y is one way you can help to continue this excellent work.

Fred Neaves, Chairman
Y Membership Committee

Company Is Honored By U. S. Marine Corps

A certificate of "Special Commendation" has been presented to Chatham Manufacturing Company by the United States Marine Corps in recognition of the company's contribution to victory. Accompanying the certificate was a letter from G. L. Gloeckner, Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps, who wrote as follows:

"It is a great privilege and a pleasure to be able to forward to you the enclosed "Special Commendation" from the United States Marine Corps, awarded in recognition of your organization's contribution to victory.

"The Marine Corps has just completed the greatest task in its 169-year history; testimony of

success is offered by the unbroken sequence of victories achieved during this war. From the first American ground offensive of the war at Guadalcanal in August, 1942, the Marines moved up through the Solomons by way of New Georgia to Bougainville, decisively defeating the enemy in jungle warfare. Tarawa proved the Marines' ability to seize a small, heavily fortified atoll by assault. After driving the enemy from Cape Gloucester on New Britain, Marine forces resumed the atoll campaign by taking Roi, Namur and Eniwetok in the Marshalls. Marines proved

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Superintendent Harris Asks For Support of YMCA

The Y. M. C. A. membership drive will be under way on December 3.

A membership in the Y is a good investment for grown-ups as well as children and it is up to us to see that this institution has our backing.

The Y presents many opportunities for recreation and Christian education if we avail ourselves of these opportunities.

Mr. McKnight is doing a splendid job at the Y. Let's give him a vote of confidence by being one of the first to subscribe to a membership.

R. W. Harris,
Superintendent.



Our Fellow Workers In Service



★ ★ ★ Virginia Jurney, Reporter ★ ★ ★

PROMOTIONS

T/Sgt. Marvin Cheek
S/Sgt. David R. Long
S/Sgt. Madison E. Motsinger Jr.
S/Sgt. James Hemphill
T/Sgt. John A. Kelly
M/Sgt. Alvis Hobson
T/Sgt. Hugh Salmons
Cpl. Harvey O. Vestal
Pfc. Everette Byrd
Pfc. Noah Myers

NEW DRAFTEE

Eugene W. Sturdivant

FROM GUAM—How are things there at the mill? Hope you are able to resume civilian production with as little delay as possible. I'll be looking forward to advertisements of those Chatham woolens and the Homespun.

The Blanketeer was coming in like clockwork while I was up in the 73rd Wing on Saipan. I enjoy it very much and I'm looking forward to getting it while I'm in the 315th Wing here on Guam.

About ten days ago, just before I left Saipan, I went over to the 369th General Hospital and looked up Elizabeth Motsinger. I had just received a letter from Mrs. McNeer saying that Lib was on Saipan, but I was so busy at the time I had some trouble finding her. She is on the hospital staff there in Physical Therapy. We spent an enjoyable three hours talking about the people we know and the old North State. She lives with the other nurses on a cliff facing Saipan's Magicienne Bay, with a fine view and plenty of sea breezes. Says she likes it, everything considered.

The veteran 73rd Wing finally dissolved as a tactical unit and all personnel was either sent home or transferred to other units. I have only 43 points and was sent down here to the 315th Wing in the jungles of Guam. Nobody knows when we will leave, but the general opinion seems to be about next July.

As ever,
LT. McNEER FIELDS
(Office)

FROM KOREA — Hope this finds you O. K. I am in fine health but awfully homesick. I have a lot of time on my hands so I thought I would drop you a line.

Well, I have been here since the 26th of last month and in my opinion, it must be the end of the world. The people are mixed races, but they look like Japs to me. All the Jap soldiers are gone though. They left about a week before we landed. The place is dirty and once you go to town,



CHATHAM BOYS OVERSEAS — Sgt. Coy Sales, left above, has notified his wife, the former Ruby Gray, of his arrival in Japan. He went overseas in June of this year and was stationed at Manila, P. I., before going into Japan. Before induction in January 1943, he was employed in the Card Room. S/Sgt. Gene Motsinger, left, is stationed in the ETO where he has been serving for more than two years. Before entering service in December 1942 he was employed in the Scouring Department.

that is the last time you want to go.

We are quartered in a former Jap textile mill and I have been wandering around and found some looms. They don't look too different from the ones at the mill but they are smaller. The mill here is surrounded by a cement wall and is about the size of the mill at home. The rooms we stay in are where the employees used to live. We have them fixed up pretty good now. The mill surely made me wish I was back home and there at Chatham.

I am in an engineers' outfit now, and they work the Korean's on the docks, unloading supplies and storing them in warehouses. I am pretty lucky though. I am in the kitchen as a cook now, and that is a good deal because we are in out of the weather, and they say it gets cold over here. I can imagine that because it sure is cold even now. I was down on the docks one day and I nearly froze.

There is nothing much to do over here now and nobody is working hard. I don't believe we will stay in this place long and I surely hope we don't.

I guess I will sound off for this time and hope to hear from you before too long. We haven't had any mail in a good while now. We picked up some mail at Okinawa

on the way over and I had a letter from you, which I appreciated very much. Tell everyone hello and I hope to be back before long.

Sincerely yours,
PVT. ROBERT C. WALL
(Spinning)

FROM GERMANY — Well, I guess you will be surprised to hear from me. I hope this finds everything fine and everyone in the best of health. As for me, I am O. K.

I am sorry I haven't written more often but I have been rather busy since I have been over here. We have made our first step toward coming home and we are very happy about that, of course.

I was transferred to another outfit Sunday. Most everyone here has between 60 and 69 points and you know that we are eligible for discharge the first of November.

We have a ready date now which is November 10th, and our sailing date is November 29th or December 12th. We are not sure yet but anyhow we are all hoping to be home for Christmas.

Mr. Harris, I would like for you to stop the Blanketeer and Tribune and anything the Company might be sending. I am sure I won't be here to receive it. I would like to tell you and everyone responsible, that you have

DISCHARGED

Howard Alexander
Ralph Alexander
George Baugess
Charlie Binkley
Simon O. Bohannon
Hugh G. Chatham
Ray Cockerham
David L. Day
Clarence Foot
Lonnie Gentry
Samuel R. Harris
Spencer B. Howard
Clee Laster
Gilmer Macemore
Roland Millsaps
James F. Oliver
Charles W. Osborne
Jack Robinson
James T. Simmons
David B. Swaim
Henry G. Tulbert
Lytle B. Tulbert
Ambrose Woodruff

been swell in every way and the Blanketeer and Tribune have meant so much to me. It made it seem like I was home for a few minutes while reading these papers. Thanks again for everything.

I am looking forward to coming back to Chatham in a short time. Hope to see you by Christmas.

As ever,
CPL. IRVIN T. JOHNSON
(Weave Room)

FROM STAUNTON, VA. — I guess you all think I have forgotten you there at the mill for not writing more often than I have, or should I say for not writing at all?

I know everyone is working hard these days. I thought I would have been back home before now, but this knee is still giving me some trouble and I have been in bed most of the time since I came back off furlough in July. I hope I will be able to come back for Christmas.

Here is wishing all the best of luck and health. If I don't get another letter off before next year, I hope it is not too many years before I can be back with all, but it is still going to take time before I can get to use this leg.

As ever,
S/SGT. THOMAS MOODY DAVIS
(Binding Dept.)

FROM JAPAN — I regret that I haven't written sooner, but I have been on the move since I left Camp Blanding and my address hasn't been permanent. Now that

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CIGARETTE SHORTAGE ENDS — Since V-J Day cigarettes are again plentiful. In the Print Shop, at left above, Joe Cockerham, left, and Bill McBride have just finished painting signs to herald the fact that once again smokers can buy them by the carton. At right members of the Commissary staff are loading the trucks with refreshments and smokes for all departments. In the picture are, left to right, Paul Flynn, Catherine Smith, Jasper Cook, Ralph Cockerham, and Gene Hall, foreman.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

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I am settled for sometime, this will be my permanent address.

When I left Florida I was sent to Camp Rucker, Alabama, for advanced training. When one month of training was over, I was sent to Fort Ord, Calif., and was processed for overseas. Then I was sent to a waiting camp for boats. Finally the day came for which we had trained. We sailed from a dock in Los Angeles the 15th of October and landed at Yokohama, Japan, the 30th of October.

I am now stationed in an old Japanese garrison three hundred and forty miles north of Tokyo. The weather here is really cold with all these snow capped mountains and, most of all, the heavy rains which come everyday in the week. The Japs are thick here. They give us no trouble, and are most all friendly. We get along with them fine, and there hasn't been any trouble so far.

Since my free time is very little, I will close, but will write again at my first chance.

PVT. JAMES L. HOLBROOK,
(Piece Dye).

FROM GERMANY—Looks like I have taken plenty of time in answering your letter, but we have been up in the air about not leaving this area. We were supposed to sail in October and now it looks like we will be lucky to sail before December. For the past few weeks I haven't had the heart to write anyone.

After being over here sixteen

months, I finally ran into someone from Elkin. Maybe I should have said this makes the second person, for when I was in the hospital, I saw Harvey Hemric's sister. Two weeks ago when we were receiving some new men, Brady Osborne got off of the truck and I sure was surprised to see him. It looks like I will have someone to go all the way home with when we part from this place.

I have enjoyed the Blanketeer a lot also the Tribune for which I want to thank you. Also, you may notify both that they can stop mailing mine for I expect to be home before Christmas.

Please give my regards to all the fellows and I am looking forward to the day when I will be there.

Sincerely yours,
T/SGT. JOHN KELLY
(Shop)

FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — I will write just a few lines to let you know that I am still at San Diego. Am well and enjoying life just fine. I hope this finds everyone back there the same.

I got back to the base yesterday after making a trip up to another base near Spokane, Washington. There is a lot of pretty country up that way but I don't like the weather as much as the kind we have here.

As the Navy system of discharging personnel stands at this time, it will be the last of March or April before I will get home to stay. I cannot get back home and to my job at the mill any too soon to suit me, but three or four months from now seem like such a short time for me after what some of the men have spent and been through.

Well, I must close, so tell all the boys and girls hello for me and

here is hoping that each one will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your truly,
WILLARD REAVIS, MM 3/c
(Napping)

FROM GERMANY—I am sorry that I have been so long in writing to you, but due to the past circumstances, I have been very doubtful of being in one organization for any length of time. Now that I have been placed in a unit which is part of the Army of Occupation, I guess I will be here for sometime.

I received the bonus check for the Fourth of July along with the splendid letter, which makes one feel that he is a little nearer home. I sincerely appreciate your generosity. The check reached me just about three weeks ago, so you can see that I have been on the move.

We soldiers have really appreciated the most forceful efforts which our people of the Chatham Manufacturing Company have given us to bring the war to a close.

In closing, I wish to thank you once again for the bonus check and with this, I am sincerely hoping that I will be back as one of your employees in the near future.

As ever,
CPL. HARVEY O. VESTAL
(Dye House)

FROM FRANCE — I am sweating out a boat just now to get on my way home. There are a good many of us in the same fix so we don't know anything definite as to our sailing date. All of us are hoping to get home by Christmas, but it looks as though it may be a little after then right now. We have had a readiness date, but

that has been pushed back to later in the year. We definitely should be moving by the middle of December and will not have a mailing address until we get home. We are still keeping our fingers crossed in hopes of making it by Christmas.

It would be very nice to walk into the plant now and see some of my old friends. Quite sometime has passed since I could see them, but I know the ones that are left are doing a good job.

I see by the Blanketeer that the Company plans to expand. It is no wonder, because the products are the best and quality is the main selling factor. I am looking forward to seeing a swell plant when I get home.

I was wondering if the Chatham girls plan to have a basketball team this year. Quite a few of the boys I run with will be watching them pretty closely. We naturally get into discussions about state sports and I can always bank on our team when the going gets rough.

Give the Wet Finishing boys my regards and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
T/SGT. JOE K. WOOD
(Wet Finishing)

FROM THE PACIFIC — Well, it begins to look as if I will see the realization of my favorite dream soon. I will leave this base the twenty-fourth of November to take my first step toward my return to a civilian status. I should be home before Christmas if things run smoothly. I leave the Navy without any pangs of regret. It is the best branch of service.

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LET'S JOIN THE Y

By Hubert Parker

The Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. completes its fourth year of service to the community at the end of this year, and the campaign for the 1945 membership begins December 3.

During the four years of its existence, the Y has steadily increased its services and its value to all of us. Each year more people have taken advantage of the many opportunities offered by this splendid organization, and the Y staff is planning and working for continued growth during 1946.

The employees of this company and their families are fortunate in having such facilities available to them. We should certainly welcome the Y. M. C. A. worker who calls on us this week, and sign up readily for membership in our Y.

"You don't stop playing because you grow old,

You grow old because you stop playing"

— JOIN THE Y —

Lipstick is something that gives an added flavor to an old pastime.

To remain a woman's ideal, a man must die a bachelor.

A determined man can do more with a rusty wrench than a loafer can with all the tools in a machine shop.

If God intended that we should talk more than we hear, he would have given us two mouths and one ear.

A rich man in his years of toil
Burned barrels and barrels of
midnight oil;

His son now keeps his memory
green

By burning midnight gasoline.

Buy a bond to check inflation.
Buy it as an obligation,
Buy it as a noble mission,
Or a business proposition,
What's the difference why or
how?

Buy a bond — and DO IT NOW.

Elkin's Mayor Says:

Elkin, as well as the entire community, is indeed fortunate in having an institution serve its citizens through its four-fold program — Body, Mind, Spirit, and Social development. The cost of the building and the expense of the program has been and is being borne largely by the generosity of Elkin's principal industrial enterprise. In effect, we, the citizens of this, the best little town in North Carolina, should consider ourselves truly grateful for the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. and its program of service.

Further consideration is being given to expanding this program by the return of a full-time man, who will devote his time and effort to serving the youth of our community. Of course, this extension of the Y program will necessitate a further allocation of funds — but the benefits will more than compensate for this expenditure.

Surely each person in this community desires to have an interest in the Y program and this can be done by a new Y. M. C. A. membership, now available.

GARLAND JOHNSON,
Mayor

LIFE AT THE Y

By Margaret Abernethy

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BOWLING — The bowling league is still going strong, but it is beginning to come into the final stages. Counting tonight, there are only three more nights of the league. The present standing has Pat Osborne's team leading with 14 wins and 7 losses, and Sam Harris's team in second place with 13 wins and 8 losses.

CLUB PARTIES — On Wednesday night, November 28, the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs entertained their parents. The Tri-Hi-Y girls invited their mothers and the Hi-Y boys invited their fathers. Ketchel Adams, president of the Elkin Hi-Y club, acted as toastmaster and gave the welcome. Nancy Anne Mayberry, president of the Jonesville Tri-Hi-Y club, gave a toast to the mothers to which Mrs. Noah Darnell responded. Leonard Lineberry from the Jonesville Hi-Y club gave a toast to the fathers to which Mr. N. H. Carpenter responded. After some group songs, the speaker of the evening, Rev. Ralph Ritchie, was introduced by Jack Parks. Mr. Ritchie spoke very interestingly on the subject "What the War Has

Between Us Girls

by Aliene

Having those gift troubles again this year? You probably aren't having too much trouble deciding on the big important presents on your list — that flannel bathrobe for dad, some new china for mother, a stunning compact for Jane — but those little remembrances to lots of your favorite people, those are the real problems. You want something that shows thoughtfulness and good taste, something that will be welcome, and something that doesn't cost a fortune.

Even in these days of shortages this isn't impossible. In fact, it can be quite easy. Here's a suggestion for a gift that's sure to please every girl on your list. Give them lipstick — not just one, but three or four different shades all gaily wrapped and tied together. No woman ever had too many lipsticks and everyone today needs several to go with all the varied colors in her wardrobe.

First of all, choose a good — true red lipstick — the most essential of all, the basic shade, the make-up classic.

The second lipstick ought to have a touch of blue in it, to go with that favorite fuchsia which nearly every woman wears.

The first two lipsticks were practically necessities, but for the third, better consider your friend's individual color scheme and type. Now you might want to give some girls a dramatic deep shade. Lots of women, both blonde and brunette, love a dark lipstick for winter, for evening, or just for fun. Others who like to wear rust or the new coral pinks and chartreuse would love a lipstick with an orange tinge.

Wrap each one in bright paper and then tie all three together with contrasting ribbon. There you have it — a present that cost very little and that's sure to

Mean To Us." As a fitting close to the program the group sang "Blest Be The Tie." The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs always look forward to entertaining their parents, and we feel like the entire group really enjoyed this meeting.

BASKETBALL — The first basketball game between the Y's team of grammar school boys and a group of a similar age from Pilot Mountain was played in the Y gym Saturday, December 1, at 4:00. We are sorry that the Blanketeer goes to press too early to give you a report on that, but we will tell you about it later.

JOIN THE Y

please, a smart stocking stuffer with triple appeal.

Here's a unique and inexpensive recipe for a Christmas gift! Designer Lilly Dache suggests two snoodnets a red one tucked into a green one, both filled with ribbons, flowers and combs. Wrap with a big red satin bow, topped with a sprig of holly or mistletoe. Place under tree. Serves one lucky lady with a charming bit of "make-your-own" hair witchery on Christmas morning.

Want to give that friend a bed jacket? Why not make her an adorable shoulder cape of ribbon. Buy ten yards of ribbon two and one-half or three inches wide: shirr, using your machine attachment provided for this. Decide what length you want your cape, then cut the ribbon in equal lengths so when stitched together you will have the desired length. Then face or hem the neckline, run in a piece of matching or contrasting narrow ribbon. Then your attractive inexpensive gift is completed.

As gifts for friends and neighbors, and as extra-special treats for children's stockings, homemade cookies, sweetmeats, other small goodies can't be beat. Don't let the scarce contents in your sugar bin stop you from making the traditional spicy gingerbread men. Just be sure to have sugar saving recipes. The one given below, using New Orleans molasses for sweetening, will be one of the sincerest ways you can say a "Very Merry Christmas."

GINGERBREAD MEN

2¾ cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
2/3 cup New Orleans molasses
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 egg, beaten
½ cup melted shortening

Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and spices. Mix molasses with brown sugar, egg and shortening, and add dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Chill 1 hour. Roll on floured board and cut with floured cutter. For eyes, nose, mouth and buttons, use small raisins. Bake on greased cookie sheet in moderately hot oven (375 Degrees F.) about 12 minutes. Makes 18 dolls 4" high. If no cutters are available, flour hands well and shape dough into balls for heads and bodies, and little rolls for arms and legs. Then flatten the balls and rolls and join by pressing edges of dough together.



OCTOBER BRIDE — Mrs. James Edgar Barker, above, was Verlie Whitaker, Weave Room, before her marriage October 27.

Verlie Whitaker Is Bride Of October 27

Verlie Whitaker, Weave Room, was married to James Edgar Barker, of Crutchfield, Saturday, October 27, in a ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Frank Riggs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Barker in Dobson.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, of Elkin. She attended the local schools and for the past two years has been employed by the Company.

The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and close friends of the couple. The bride wore a two-piece dress of pastel blue wool with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of crimson rosebuds.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Betty Barker and the late James Barker of Crutchfield. He is employed by the Surry County school system.

The couple are making their home with the groom's mother in Crutchfield.

Mackie-Winters Vows Spoken November 14

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Mackie, of Yadkinville, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Edyth, to Wesley Clifford Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Winters, also of Yadkinville. The ceremony was solemnized Wednesday, November 14, in York, S. C., with Judge E. Gettys Nunn officiating.

The only witnesses were Mrs. Mae Bryant and Mrs. Fred Winters, both of Yadkinville, who accompanied the couple to York.

For her wedding the bride wore a navy dress of sheer material with white trimmings. Her accessories were black.

The groom is engaged in farming with his father and for the present the couple will make their home with his parents. The bride is an employee in the Spinning department.



MARRIED—Mrs. Clifford Winters, above, was Edyth Mackie, Spinning Department, before her marriage November 14.

POSSUM TROT HOLLOW

By Mr. Whopper

Howdy, neighbors. I'm shore proud to be a coming back at you again for another little visit.

Well sir, you know, we shore had a big Thanksgiving. It shore was a big day here in Possum Trot. We had the best dinner I ever put my tooth in. I don't have but one tooth, but I managed to weary enough down. It shore was good.

The day had passed off calm and still until after we had et dinner. Mam got out of snuff, and sent me over to Mr. Noodle's house to borrow her a dip or two of big G. He is our neighbor — or one of them, I reckon. Well, anyway, Mrs. Noodle sent mam a little dab all done up in a paper, and I started back down the road in the direction of home. Well sir, it happened then. We had one of the worst car wrecks I have ever been to. My aunt Rose Bud had started over to our house in her T-Model Ford when all of a sudden it tried to climb up the bank with her, and it whopped over with her in it. I shore was scared, I was afraid she was killed. The doctor was there by now and he said it had hurt her somewhat and injured her other wise. Poor aunt Rose Bud. I hope she will soon be on her feet again. She better stay on them and keep out of those blame Fords

And here is my thought for the day. A bird never flies so high but what it has to come down to earth to eat . . . Good Bye for this time.

JOIN THE Y

Cloth Dept.

Reporter: Doris Eidson

Pvt. Harvey G. Johnston spent the week-end with his sister, Mary. Harvey is stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Celia "Pete" Hanks has received a cablegram from her husband, Sgt. Raymond Hanks, saying that he would be home by the fifteenth. Buck, no more work out of Pete!

Osa Jennings had as her week-end guest Mrs. Joe Gentry of Salisbury.

Everyone is getting the Christmas spirit and it won't be long now. Let's all hope we will have

a white Christmas as our foreman, Buck Shore, likes snow so much.

Arthur Southard is wearing a necktie these cold days. He says it's to keep his feet warm.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvey Brown spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Winston-Salem.

Opal's husband, Gilbert M. Anthony, is home from a 30-day furlough.

The ones who worked Thanksgiving had a very nice day as we had a turkey dinner and enjoyed it for several days. Ask Cleo Turner.

Doris and Bob Eidson and son, William Edward, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Day Jr., in North Wilkesboro.



OVERSEAS — Pfc. Ralph E. Lawrence, left, is stationed with the AAF in Germany. He is a son of Mrs. Tom Lawrence, Elkin, and a brother of Beulah Lawrence, Weave Room, and Roy and Mildred Lawrence, Warp Room. Pfc. Aubrey Church, center, is stationed near Paris. He has been overseas for about two years. Pvt. Lynn A. Holcomb, right, is now on Luzon. He is a nephew of Mamie Apperson, Binding Department.

NAPPING



A SHIFT

Reporter: Jennie Sherrill

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wolfe of Burlington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wolfe at their home at Mt. Park.

Elmer Boose was in to see us last week. He was recently discharged from the Army.

Irene Pardue of Winston-Salem spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pardue.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams Jr., and daughter, all of Monroe, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Reece Gilliam.

B SHIFT

Reporter: Opal Bray

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hooper and son, Billy, Mrs. Fred Hemric and Mrs. Owen Aldridge spent Sunday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

Kathryn Adams and Mary Ann Irwin were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rhyne.

Ed Finney, S 1/c, is spending a 32-day furlough with his sister, Nellie Finney, and family. He has served in the Pacific for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Fred Nixon and Vera White spent the week-end in Augusta, Ga., visiting their brother, Pvt. Fred White.

Louise Sams is on our sick list this week. Hurry back to work, Louise. We miss you.

SPINNING



Reporter: [Name obscured]

We are sorry that Mittie Stanley is in hospital. We hope that she will soon be well and back with us.

Polly Vestal's brother, Sgt. Delmar (Bill) Vestal, has arrived in the States after 22 months overseas. He has been in service for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Whitaker and daughter, Rilla, were the Sunday guests of Lula and Brock Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Gamble and family and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Byrd recently spent a week-end with relatives in Taylorsville.

Eugene Adams, S 2/c, is spending a seven-day furlough with his sister, Ethel, and family.

Mary Lou Mathis and her mother spent a few days last week with their aunt and sister, Mrs. P. L. Longworth, in Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Cockerham spent the week-end in Charlotte visiting friends.

Mozelle Day is on her second honeymoon as her husband, David L. Day, is home from overseas and has been discharged from service.

Edna Darnell and Ailene Shore say they know a lot of news, but don't want to tell it just yet.

June Boles, a student at Mitchell college, Statesville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Boles.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Byrd had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. David Day.

Juanita Tharpe, a cadet nurse at Martin Memorial hospital, Mt. Airy, spent the week-end with her mother, Roxie.

C SHIFT

Reporter: Ann Gilliam

Lucille Blackburn's brother, Pvt. Victor Garris, Camp Croft, is visiting her this week.

Pfc. Delmar Blevins, of Camp Pickett, Va., is spending a furlough here with his wife, Kathleen.

Blanche Dobbins spent last week with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dobbins, of Cycle.

Louise Vestal's brother, Henry Tulbert, is home with a discharge.

Georgia Simpson's husband, Alonzo, is home from the Pacific and has been discharged.

Helen Brannon is expecting her son, Bobby Brannon, S 1/c, home



HIRLEY ANNE NANCE, left is the daughter of Marvin Nance, Scouring Plant, and Mrs. Nance. **SAMMY DANIEL HALL**, center, is the son of Mark Hall, Spinning, and Mrs. Hall, recently of the Spinning Department. **WILLIAM STEVEN DAY**, right, is a grandson of Rema Day, Weave Room. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Day. Bill was formerly employed in the Commissary.

PACKING



Reporter: Edna Snow

Jessie Lee Chappel reports that she had a nice time on her vacation last week.

Lorene Draughn is all smiles this week because her boy friend is coming home.

We are glad to have Herbert Caudle back working with us after being discharged from the Army.

Sgt. Bill Walters spent the week-end with his wife, Eva.

It seems that Raymond Crump is fond of red hair lately. What about it, Raymond?

It seems that Betty Long is having trouble with her boy friends lately. What about it, Betty?

from the Pacific within a few weeks with a discharge.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence Call of Spartanburg, S. C., spent the week-end with Nell Call.

Lorene Weatherman is expecting her husband home soon from Germany.

Edith Ashley and daughter had as their week-end guest Egbert Turner, S 2/c, who has just returned from 31 months overseas duty in the Pacific area.

Geneva Parsons' daughter, Lucille, was married to Donald Colbert on Saturday, November 24, in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman announce the birth of a baby daughter, Caroline Elizabeth.

Sam Alexander says that if anyone has a remedy for a bald head to please see him and C. C. Francis.

Mule Spinning

Reporter: Louise Parks

All good wishes to Dot Phillips Dunn and Edith Mackie Winters, both recent brides. Looks like they tried to pull one over on us, but wait!

We will miss Ruth and Ada Lou Thorpe who have been transferred to the Cloth Department in order to be able to practice basketball.

Mozelle Collins, who recently underwent a minor operation at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital, is doing fine from all reports. We hope she will soon return to work.

Louise's brother, Edward E. Parks, returned last week from the South Pacific where he spent two years on Guadalcanal. He was discharged after more than five years in service. He volunteered for service before the war.

Bonnie Holbrook's brother, Pfc. Otis Poplin, was honorably discharged from the Army last week. He served in the Hawaiian Islands for three years.

Kerley's brother, James Hall, returned home a couple of weeks ago with an honorable discharge. He was overseas for 35 months, took part in a number of major battles and was last stationed in Germany.

We have Doris Chamberlain on the sick list this week. She has pneumonia. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Fannie Sidden was out of work last week because of the illness of her sister, Lucille, of Joynes.

Iva Jenkins has been having tough luck lately with her car. Maybe she should get her learner's permit and start all over again. She recently had a bad wreck and took her car to be fixed up. Then when she started home in her car, just after it had been repaired, crash — another one. You finish this — she didn't complete the story.

Ozelle and Parks Mathis, with



Reporter: Ruby Pardue

Ethel Fisher is expecting her son, J. G. Fisher, Jr., PhM 1/C, home from the Pacific. He has been in service for three years.

Kathleen Brown, student at Evan's Business College, Charlotte, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown.

Opal Layell spent Thanksgiving with Mildred Dockery.

Peggy Lineberry, student of Gardner - Webb college, Boiling Springs, spent the holidays with her mother, Sallie Lineberry, and sister, Betty.

Ila Carter had as her guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jones and children, Ricky and Patty, of North Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. David Gilliam, Mary Blackburn and Carrie L. Lewis, all of Jonesville.

Roy Privette, S 2/C, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a 30-day leave with his wife, Ola Jean, and daughter, Mary Jane.

S/Sgt. Tommie Cockerham, Ola Jean Privette's brother, has arrived home after serving in the ETO for two years.

Mrs. Worth Cheek and son, Larry, are spending some time with Mrs. T. C. Cheek and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Settle, of Wilkesboro, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Lyon.

Lillie Holloway has received word that her son, Paul Holloway, S 2/C, is in California and will be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stroud of Harmony and Mr. and Mrs. Clay York and family of Mocksville were recently guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brinegar spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Wagoner.

Mary Laster and mother, Mrs. Clifford Laster, spent Saturday in Winston-Salem and High Point.

Pfc. Robert L. Whitaker, friend of Peggy Cave, has arrived home from South America and is spending a 45-day furlough with friends and relatives.

Virginia Crabb was the overnight guest last week of Cleo Myers.

a group of friends enjoyed a duck hunt last week in the eastern part of the state.

Looks as if cupid is visiting this department now. Stella Cothren and Tom Davis seem to be doing all right.

● **Binding Dept.**

Reporter: **Mattie Gore**

Clara Finley received a lovely gift — a pair of nylon hose!

Susie Allen went to Greensboro Thanksgiving Day to see her brother, Floyd, help win the football game between A. and T. College and Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte.

Emo's husband, Sgt. Lex McLain, has received an honorable discharge at Fort Bragg. He was in service for three and a half years and was overseas for 15 months.

Josie's husband, Lester Long, now manages the Y kitchen on the second shift. Bet he puts out good eats!

Cpl. Charles W. Taylor, Margaret's husband, has arrived from Italy after serving 32 months overseas in various countries.

Gurney Draughn and family have moved to their new home on State Road.

Lola and Edgar Waller and son, Donald, spent Sunday at East Bend with Ruth (office) and Carl Norman.

G. A. Key of Ronda, Marjorie's father, is a patient at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Katherine's brother, Sgt. Broadie Jones, has been discharged at Ft. Bragg. He served 38 months overseas.

Collie Hanks, who has been away for 8 months because of illness, is back at work and looking fine.

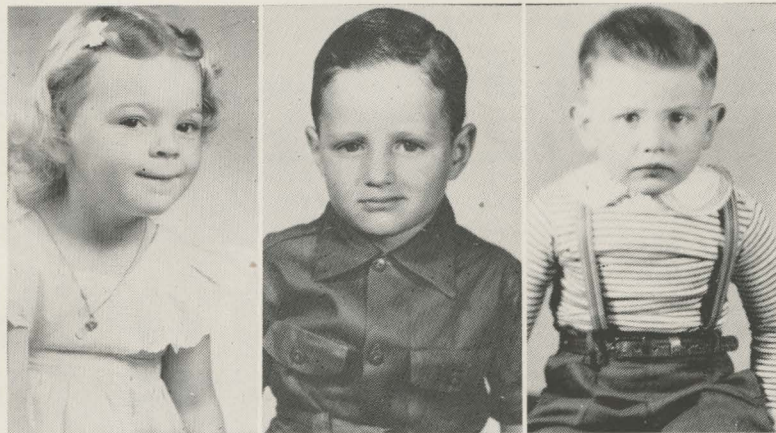
Annie Lee Sparks had as her guests for last week her uncle, Roscoe Sparks, and Mrs. Sparks, of Washington, D. C.

Ruth Caudle, nurses' aide, spent two weeks in service at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital.

S/Sgt. Carl R. Pardue, Lucille Alexander's fiance, has been honorably discharged at San Bernardino, Calif., and is now at home. He was in service for more than three years and spent 22 months in the Aleutians.

OVER THE WEEK-END — Edith Bell, a former employee, now living in Columbus, Ga., visited Edith Gray Sprinkle. Ann and Nell Carter visited their brother, Cpl. Herman Carter, at Langley Field, Newport News, Va. Mrs. Betty Burch, of Boonville, visited Carrie Hinshaw and "Aunt Cindy." Freddie Pinnix visited Mary Welch in Raleigh. Polly Martin of Boonville had as her supper guests on Thanksgiving Day, Ruth Reich and Betty "Atomic" Cope. Edith Steelman attended a wedding supper in Hamptonville honoring Minnie Ruth Arnold, Weave Room, now Mrs. R. Jack Brown, and her husband.

JOIN THE Y



CAROL SWAIM, left, daughter of Vergie Swaim, Waste Department, and **Pvt. Paul Swaim** of Ft. Bliss, Tex., recently celebrated her third birthday. **CHARLES JACKSON BURCHAM**, center, is the son of Jack Burcham, Spinning Department, and Mrs. Burcham. **DALLAS HUDSPETH**, right, is the son of Irene Hudspeth, Weave Room, and Edison Hudspeth, Spinning Department.

Y Bowling Teams Defeat Greensboro

The Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. bowling teams defeated the Greensboro Y teams November 17 in a double-header at the local Y. M. C. A. Scores were, for the girls, 1421 to 1119; for the boys, 1692 to 1610.

Mildred Dixon was high scorer for the local girls with a 314 tally. Maness, with 262, was high for the visiting girls.

Crip Johnson was high for the local boys with a 393 score, and Lanning, with 377, was high scorer for Greensboro.

The Elkin teams went to Greensboro last Saturday night for a return game. Results were not available in time for this issue.

Employee's Mother Dies November 27

Mrs. Collie Shore Henderson, mother of Ernest Henderson, Spinning department, died Tuesday, November 27, at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem where she had been a patient for a short time.

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning at Asbury Methodist church with Rev. Grady White and Rev. Clete Simmons in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her father, Adolphus A. Shore of Yadkin county; three sons, including Ernest, James, of Hamptonville, and Webster, now in service; two brothers, Ray Shore and Blum Shore, both of Hamptonville; three sisters, Mrs. Augusta Pinnix and Miss Daisy Shore, both of Hamptonville, and Mrs. Dave Spann and three grandchildren.

MY NOTIONS

By **John Wesley Clay**

The following was submitted for publication in the Blanketeer by one who was no doubt "real hungry" when he read the daily feature in the Winston-Salem Journal. It is reproduced here with the hope that someone will be inspired to do something about the current pork shortage.

"I was made real hungry the other morning, and it was not yet mid-morning. I met a lady on the street, and she said she had a letter from her father and mother asking her to come over and help with the butchering of a hog.

"I wanted to drop everything and go with the lady, for butchering is one of the high spots in farm life. You have to get up bright and early on butchering day, build a fire under the big wash pot, sink a barrel half way in the ground, slanting like, get your water to boiling and heat some rocks to put into the barrel, cut you a gambreling stick with sharp notched ends with which to hang the hog, knock the porker in the head with an axe and stick him to let him bleed. Then drag him to the barrel and souse him in, rolling him around, throwing in some ashes to loosen the hair.

"Shucks, I have been right there. Then that night grinding sausage, rendering lard and making liver pudding, for breakfast next morning sausage and crackling cornbread, for dinner turnips and back-bone and spare ribs.

"Then . . . aw shet yo mouf! You drive me to the brink of starvation."

The nickname "Uncle Sam" (symbolic of America), started back in the war of 1812, when Samuel Wilson, whom his friends called "Uncle" was government of army supplies at an army post.



I . . . **William**
 Ro . . . 'C, has returned . . . or reassignment wi . . . after spending 30 days . . . parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. D. North Elk-in.

Avery Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haynes, arrived home Saturday, November 24, with an honorable discharge.

John R. Sparks, S 1/C, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Dora Wall of Greensboro was recently the overnight guest of her niece, Paris Parker.

Dora Nissen of Washington, D. C., recently spent several days with Ruby McCain.

Louise Wall's boy friend, William F. Bell, has been discharged from the Army after spending 32 months in the ETO. He is a son of Mrs. C. R. Bell and the late Mr. Bell of Hamptonville.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

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but I am a civilian at heart and have always been. It will be nice to get back into harness again with all my old friends at the mill, to say nothing of seeing that future all-American fullback I have at home now.

Things are pretty slack here now. We are all just hanging on and sweating out that discharge. I am in good health and am getting along O. K. here. I have never seen so many men sweating the same deal out in my life. It would be funny if they all were not so serious about it. The morale is really not as low as the papers would have you think. The boys are naturally all eager to get home now that the shooting is over. I don't look for any serious break of discipline on the part of any Navy men in this waiting period.

I hope everything is going well at the mill. I'll bet Pa Greene is happy now that he has some auto fabrics to sweat over. I know that I am looking forward to getting back in that game myself. I don't expect to run Pa any competition for a year or so yet, though. It will be nice to be with all the fellows at the mill again. Say hello to all of them for me.

Respectfully,
H. R. SHEPARD, AFC 1/C
 (Wet Finishing)

JOIN THE Y — WE NEED YOU!

I am glad to have this opportunity to say a word or two to you folks out in the Mill with whom I feel that I have come in very close contact during the past few years in working on your income tax problems — which I am glad to say will, in most cases, be a good bit lighter due to the new tax law starting in 1946. That's enough about taxes as what I started to talk about is our Y. M. C. A.

Have you really taken time to think what we have in this building at the foot of the hill? First, it is an organization where our children can get the finest kind of teaching, both in moral and spiritual ways, and also have a world of fun in the gymnasium, game room, and other departments.

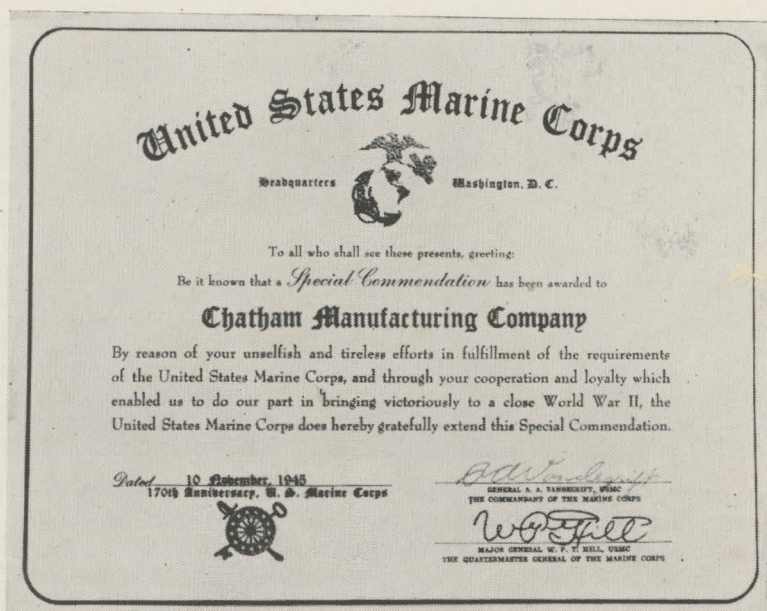
Then, there are the get-togethers held by the various Mill departments. Anyone who attends them, I feel sure, has had a good time. If your department does not have these meetings, why don't you see your foreman and arrange to have one? They are lots of fun.

Then we have our shows, the Fair, basketball games, and other things too numerous to mention, that we could never have without your support. When we come around asking you to join the Y, remember that without your help the Y cannot operate.

Tom Roth, President
Y. M. C. A. Directors



OVERSEAS — Pvt. Ray Simmons, above, has just been sent overseas for duty in the ETO. Before induction in March of this year he was employed in the Card Room.



SPECIAL COMMENDATION — The above is a copy of the "Special Commendation" certificate presented to Chatham Manufacturing Company by the United States Marine Corps in recognition of the Company's contribution to victory.

Company Honored By Marine Corps

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equal to the requirements of large scale island fighting in the victories at Saipan, Tinian and Guam. There followed the bitter assault-type battles at Peleiu and Iwo Jima and then the gruelling combined Marine Corps and Army operation at Okinawa.

On its 170th Anniversary, the Corps remembers and acknowledges the splendid aid and co-operation it has received in the attainment of its objectives. Therefore, along with the Commandant and Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps, may I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations."

Appreciation to Col. Gloeckner for the honor conferred on the Company has been expressed by President A. L. Butler in a letter as follows:

"We acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 10, 1945, enclosing a special commendation from the United States Marine Corps, which, we assure you, is sincerely appreciated. We intend to have this certificate framed and hung in our Main Office.

"The men and women of Chatham Manufacturing Company are proud to have been associated with the United States Marine Corps to the extent of furnishing them Blankets during World War II. We consider it an honor and privilege to have executed your orders to the best of our ability."

Marriage is a process of finding out what sort of a guy your wife would have preferred.

NOTICE!

Don't forget the T. C. U. Club benefit bingo party Tuesday evening, December 11, in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. Tickets are now on sale, six games for 25 cents. Come and bring your friends.

Membership Drive Begins Today

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cost of Y membership, it was stated. The rates are: boys and girls, one dollar a year; men and women, three dollars a year, and sustaining memberships ten dollars and up.

It has been pointed out that even if you do not use the Y, joining will make it possible to maintain in the community a Christian organization which will be influential in building Christian citizens of the future. The work with high school boys and girls alone is worth the cost of operating the Y, even though that work is just a part of the many services to the community.

For Sale — Electric train. Complete set, including tracks, bridges, etc. In good condition. See Lorene Whitaker, Napping Department, A Shift.

For Sale — seven month old collie pup, male. For information call Blanketeer office.

JOIN THE Y

Chatham Blanketeers Win Opening Game

Chatham Blanketeers won their first basketball game of the season by a score of 35 to 17 when they played McCrary Hosiery in Asheboro Saturday night, November 17.

The play was slow during the first half with the Blanketeers leading 9 to 4 at the rest period. But both teams went into heavy action for the remainder of the game.

Daniels was the big threat for McCrary while Lineback, Shugart and Smith topped the attack for Chatham.

Points for the local team were distributed as follows: Lineback, 9; Shugart, 7; Wright, 2; Smith, 8; and Martin, 5. Substitutes were Lineberry, Gordon, R. Thorpe, Sherrill, Cope, Oliver and K. Smith.

TCU Club Buys Radio For Butner Hospital

As a part of their Christmas welfare work, the T. C. U. Club has donated a check to the Convalescent hospital, Camp Butner, for the purchase of a radio. Hospital authorities will buy the radio, a special bed side model, for the use of veterans who are patients in the hospital.

JOIN THE Y



RECENTLY HOME — Pvt. James M. (Ted) Lyons, above has returned to Camp Pickett after a furlough with his wife, the former Grace Byrd, and children, Fred and Kay. He is a son of Montgomery Lyons, Old Mill, and Mrs. Lyons. Before induction in February, 1945 he was employed in the Weave Room.