



LT. McNEER FIELDS

McNEER FIELDS IS GRADUATED

Was One Of Top Ranking Men In Class For Training Flexible Gunners

Lt. McNeer Fields, former Office employee, who was called to service in January, 1943, has recently been graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery Officers school at Laredo Army Air Field, Texas. Nineteen students were selected for this special course, and only ten were graduated. McNeer was one of the top ranking men in the class.

The course was of five weeks' duration. It included a comprehensive study of flexible gunnery, including tactics, maintenance and theory. Completion of the course entitles the graduate to the aeronautical rating of Aircraft Observer.

Before going to Laredo for training, McNeer was stationed with the Army air forces in San Antonio, Tex., and Harlingen, Tex.

"Even if you're on the right track, you will be run over if you just sit there."

Notice, Reporters

Material for the next issue of the Blanketeer will be due Monday, April 16. Keep this date in mind.

Dwight Holder Helps Break Black Market

A big batch of counterfeit rationing coupons was taken off the black market in Yadkin county a couple of weeks ago, thanks to the action taken by Dwight Holder, Mo. MM 2/c, Commissary draftee, who has been home on leave after 18 months submarine duty in the South Pacific.

Dwight said that he and his buddies on the submarine pledged themselves a long time ago to fight black markets wherever they found them. His opportunity to live up to the vow came shortly after his recent marriage to Monica Day, (Binding Department), while he and his bride were in Elkin on a visit with Monica's mother, Mrs. Ophelia Day.

Dwight did not seek out black market dealers, but was approached by a boy who told him that he knew where gas coupons could be had. He went along with the fellow and bought eight "C" coupons for \$6, according to a member of the OPA who reported the story. Then he communicated with the rationing board in Winston-Salem. An OPA investigator

accompanied Dwight to purchase coupons to set the trap for the guilty parties. He bought eight more coupons and paid for them with a marked \$20 bill. The following day officers returned to the house and confiscated 495 bogus five-gallon "C" gasoline coupons and 3770 sugar coupons, suspected of being counterfeit.

Red Cross Drive Totals \$6,238.62

Contributions of Chatham employees to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive have reached an all time high of \$6,238.62, C. J. Hyslup, chairman, has announced. Contributions in 1944 totaled \$5,915.94.

In making his report, Mr. Hyslup expressed his appreciation for the excellent cooperation of all employees. He stated that this 1945 drive was the easiest campaign he had ever directed. Employees seemed to realize the need for extra funds and were anxious to make donations. Contributions were described as being almost 100 per cent in every department.



FREED BY RUSSIANS—S/Sgt. Terry D. Calloway, above, has been liberated from a German Prisoner of War camp by the Russians, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Calloway, of Ronda. Terry, formerly of the Weave Room, was listed missing in action in France last September 11. Later he was reported to be a prisoner of the Germans. He has been in service since August, 1942, and overseas since May, 1944.

OVERSEAS BOYS LIKE RED CROSS

Chatham Draftees Write From Battlefronts To Urge Donations To Drive

Sincere appreciation for the work of the Red Cross overseas has been expressed in letters received recently by C. J. Hyslup from Chatham draftees now on the battlefronts. Many letters from boys who are still in the United States were published in the special Red Cross supplement of the Blanketeer. The letters from

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SO PROUDLY WE HAIL—Flying with Old Glory and the company flag are two wartime flags which indicate that Chatham employees are wholeheartedly supporting the war effort. The E flag, awarded for excellency in production has four stars to indicate that the Company has achieved this award five times. The Minute Man flag shows that at least 90 per cent of the employees are buying bonds regularly through the payroll deduction plan.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham Employees' Credit Union Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at 3 o'clock at the Gilvin Roth YMCA. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and officers for 1945.



Our Fellow Workers In Service



★ ★ ★ Virginia J. Swaim, Reporter ★ ★ ★

VISITORS

Pvt. Carl E. Davis
Pfc. Mattie Osborne
Sgt. Samuel R. Harris
Lester Wilkins, S 2/c

NEW DRAFTEES

Claude Wall
Opie R. White
Clyde Williamson
Robert G. Tucker
Kenneth C. Kimmer
Garvey Gregory
Gwyn Eldridge

FROM GERMANY — I just received your Christmas package and I want to thank the Company for being so nice to us boys overseas. Although it was late reaching me, it was very nice indeed, and I hope it won't be long until I can come back and tell you just how much I do appreciate the things you have done.

I just received a letter from Ralph Myers and John Holloway. They wrote that they were well and not so far away from me. I hope to see them and have a nice talk. It really would be nice to be with them for awhile.

The weather over here is very bad and I have a cold, but it isn't very bad.

From the way my wife writes, there is nothing to worry about at the mill. I am glad everything is running smoothly.

Yours truly,
PFC. LONNIE GENTRY
(Weave Room)

FROM THE PACIFIC THEATER — Just a few lines to let you know I am well and also to let you know that I have received my bonus check. You bet it came in good, and I want to thank each and everyone at the plant for it. I feel sure that every man and woman are doing their part to keep the good work up. I am sure that every man out here in the Pacific does his part.

I haven't received the Christmas package yet, but hope I will before long.

How is the weather there? It is still hot out here.

How is Mr. Whatley getting along? Tell him I said hello and that I would like to see him as well as the rest of you folks there. I hope it won't be too long until I can be back with the Chatham family. Of course I like it there much better than I do out here.

I want to thank you again for the bonus.

Yours truly,
R. L. BRYANT, F 2/C
(Shop)



SERVICE MEN AND THEIR CHILDREN—Pfc. Garvie Settle and his little daughter, Donna Marie, are shown at left above. Garvie has been overseas since last September and is serving with the Third Army. Mrs. Settle is the former June Lyons, Napping department. Cpl. Coy Haynes and his seven months old daughter, Brenda Sue, are shown at center above. Coy, formerly of the Weave Room, has been serving in the European theatre since last July. Mrs. Haynes is the former Ethel Sale. At right is Pfc. Daniel Reece and son, Tony. Dan is an M. P. and is stationed at Ft. Bragg. He was formerly employed in the Packing department.

FROM PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. —Everything is going along very smoothly here. We have an enormous amount of work to do, due to the rotation of personnel, but our system is well organized and we take care of the work pretty fast.

At this time I am doing personnel work and the rolls for this month will include the names and remarks for over twelve hundred men. This will be the largest roll I have ever submitted. I like my work fine and that means much to a fellow, especially in service.

The Company certainly is doing a splendid job in contributing to the war effort. I am proud to have been an employee of such a concern and want to offer you my services after the war. I am anxiously looking forward to that time, which I hope won't be very long.

The bonus check arrived today and I send you my sincere thanks

for it. It is a swell remembrance and I deeply appreciate it.

Yours very truly,
CPL. D. J. REDDING, JR.
(Guard)

FROM FRANCE — Just a few lines to let you know of my safe arrival overseas. I am somewhere in France and some places over here don't look so good. There is a lot I would like to tell you but can't at the present time.

In some parts of France the people are very poor. The land seems to be good farm land but I haven't seen anything being raised outside of a little grain and turnips.

When we arrived here, the snow was about five inches deep and it was so cold I thought I would freeze to death. Now it is mud instead of snow, and in some places we nearly go under.

I wonder how everything is going along at the mill. Fine I hope.

PROMOTIONS

S/Sgt. Simon O. Bohannon
S/Sgt. Clem Holcomb
S/Sgt. John Kelly
Cpl. Howard Blackburn
Cpl. Zeb. V. Cash
Pfc. Fred K. Barnette
Pfc. Bruce Poplin
Turner R. Redding, F 1/c
Thomas Woodruff, S 2/c
James P. Eldridge, GM 3/c
H. R. Shepard, AOMB 1/c
T/Sgt. Raymond Royall

I haven't received a Blanketeer yet, but am expecting some mail as soon as they get it started from here.

I have just gotten off guard duty. I was on guard twenty-four hours, but there was no excitement and I am glad there wasn't.

We will probably get paid this afternoon and it will be in French money. I had my money changed for French and it sure is a lot of paper.

We are sleeping in an old building here. It isn't a very good place to sleep, but beats the ground. Now is the time when those good old Chatham blankets come in good. I don't know what I would do if I didn't have them. Keep up the good work and make all you can.

I hope I can soon be back with you all at the mill. Give my best regards to all the folks.

Sincerely yours,
PVT. WILLIAM G. WOODLE
(Spinning department)

FROM FORT MEADE, MD. — Well, here I am at Fort Meade and I am in the Infantry. I would have written you long ago but we have been moving around the country so much I just didn't have time to write.

Tell "Nig" I am about to go over and get this war over so we can go to Greenville again.

Mr. Harris, I certainly do appreciate all Chatham has done for us boys in the service. You people are really doing a good job.

I will close now because I am on K. P. tomorrow and I must get some rest.

Your friend,
PFC. E. D. LANE
(Binding Department)

FROM THE EUROPEAN THEATER — Only a few lines to say "hello" to you and everyone at the plant. This leaves me fine and I hope that this letter will find you all likewise.

I'm sorry I have waited so long
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Our Fellow Workers In The Service

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to write but we have been quite busy and on the go for the last few months.

I get The Elkin Tribune and the Blanketeer often. I think my shipmates enjoy them as much as I do. With these papers coming in, I can tell quite a bit about what is happening there. All of you are doing a swell job. If every Company turned out production like Chatham does, I am sure there wouldn't be a shortage of war material to worry about.

Wish I could tell you some of the things that we are doing, but I guess I will have to wait. I can say it isn't so bad here at the present time.

It is getting late so I will close. Here's hoping to hear from you all soon.

Yours truly,
ARCHIE E. ADAMS, STM 1/C
(Shipping department)

FROM THE PACIFIC — I enjoyed your letter of February 20th very much. My mail service is pretty good, but sometimes it takes quite awhile to get a letter.

I really enjoyed being with Earl Pardue. We talked about Elkin and the fine people we know there.

I have been taking it easy since I got out of the hospital, but my leg is completely well now.

Sorry to hear about Mac Walters having to leave the "Y". I'm looking forward to the time I can come back there. That is, if they still want me when the war is over.

Hope everything at the mill is running along smoothly. Give my regards to all and may you have the best of luck.

Sincerely,
PFC. LELON COOPER
(Y.M.C.A.)

FROM THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — I have just received your nice letter and I certainly am glad to hear from you.

I feel fine now and have been out of the hospital quite awhile. I recovered from my burns just fine, and don't have any scars at all due to excellent medical treatment.

I am hoping the war will come to an end soon so we can all come home and back to our jobs at the mill.

Give my best regards to everyone and here is hoping to see you in the near future. Excuse this short letter, because I must hurry.

Yours truly,
PFC. WALTER C. DURHAM
(Napping Department)

FROM GERMANY — I received your nice letter of January 19th. I enjoy your letters because they

are always very interesting. I also got the Blanketeer yesterday. I always look forward to getting it because I am interested in what goes on there around the mill. I still get the Tribune, too.

I am in Germany now, and the Jerries are getting what is coming to them in their own back door, "The Fatherland," as they call it. There is not a great deal of difference between Germany and the other European countries, except what I have seen of it seems to be shot up more in general. That is the way it should be, I think. I can't understand why they continue to fight on because they know and admit they have lost the war. But they will not give up. I hope they won't be able to hold out much longer.

I have been getting along fine lately and not having to work too hard. I have been very fortunate in getting to visit some of the cities that were pretty decent in pre-war days. I was in Leage and I had Christmas dinner in Metz. Metz is a very historical place. I was in Luxembourg City and that seemed to be a very modern and up to date city. From what everyone tells me, Paris is the city to go to. I haven't gotten there yet.

I noticed in the Blanketeer, your Safety record for 1944 and it was very outstanding. That is something to be proud of and look up to. Keep up the good work.

Enclosed you will find a souvenir from over here. I am sending you some stamps from various countries and a couple of pieces of German money.

Give my best regards to Mr. Irl and the Napping Department. I see they received a 100 per cent Safety record for 1944. I can say that wasn't easy to achieve.

Yours truly,
CPL. CLYDE WALTERS
(Napping Department)

FROM TALLASSEE, ALABAMA — Received your letter yesterday and, as usual was very glad to hear from you. I hope this will find you and all at the mill getting along fine. As for myself, I am getting along very well. All of us get behind with our letter-writing, don't we? Just the same, a letter from home at any time is appreciated.

I noticed in the Blanketeer recently that Paige Gregory had received another stripe. I am expecting another rating any time soon, nevertheless, I am probably just as well off.

Everything here in Alabama is about the same as before. The Spinning Department is still running full blast, six days a week. We have been granted a 30 day extension to our work furloughs. My other furlough will be up next Monday. Three months seem like a long time to stay at one place, however it has passed off pretty hurriedly in some respects. I will be due back in camp on the 26th



BLANKETS FROM HOME — Sgt. John W. Wall is shown above with the Chatham blanket which was recently issued to him in Italy when he turned in worn-out blankets for new ones. In John's own words, he was "tickled to death." He has been overseas since July, 1944, and is serving with the 15th Air Force. He was formerly employed in the Spinning Department.

of April unless further extensions come through.

How is Miss Barker getting along these days? You can give her my best regards as well as everyone else at Chatham.

Thanks for writing me. All of your letters received a hearty welcome. Hope to hear from you again at your convenience.

With best of wishes to all, I am,
Yours very truly,
CPL. EARL V. HENDERSON
(Spinning Department)

FROM FRANCE — I guess you will be surprised to hear from me, but I thought it was time that I was dropping you a few lines. I'm sorry I haven't written sooner but just kept putting it off.

How is everything around the mill? Fine I know.

Here I am overseas again and I am in France this time. I can't write much about it yet, but it likes a lot being the good old States

Wendell Hayes and I are not together any more. I don't know where he is, but Martin Gray is here. I ran into Wade Calloway the other day. We were raised together and I hadn't seen him since before I was overseas the first time.

I have been getting the Blanketeer and Elkin Tribune and I thoroughly enjoy them.

There is nothing much to write at this time, so I will close.

As ever,
PFC. EARLIE E. HARRIS
(Weave Room)



Dear Boys and Girls:

Today I stopped to read our "HONOR ROLL" of husbands, sons, brothers and sisters who have gone away, and I thought that's not just a list of names because every single one is missed by someone he or she left behind.

Terry Calloway is our first prisoner to be liberated by the Russians, and now we hope to hear some good news of John Keever.

The 205th Military Police Company, of which Maurice Eddinger is a member, has been awarded a Service Plaque for superior performance of duty in Italy. Maurice has recently rejoined his outfit after a furlough to the States.

"Where there is fighting you'll find the old 35th Infantry Division." Major Hal Briggs, of that division, writes us from Germany that they are loaded down with prisoners, but traffic is his main concern.

Samuel Harris and Carl Davis are home after more than two years in the European Theater of operations and we hope they will pay us a visit soon.

Norman Stockton was here a few days last week. He has been transferred from Marfa, Texas, to San Antonio, where he will be a student at Officers' Candidate School.

J. H. Badgett is home from the Pacific, and a letter from his brother, Paul, tells us he's back with his outfit in Germany after two months in a hospital in England.

Reunions and more reunions: Just before Raymond Royall left for a furlough he met Gaither Burch in the Marianas. Now that Raymond is home he's had another happy reunion because his brother, Lee Edward, is home and discharged after nearly two years in the Pacific.

Best wishes to Earlie Harris and Martin Gray now in France. Earlie met Wade Calloway, a childhood friend, whom he had not seen since the first time he was overseas.

Reece Couch and Tom Davis met in Germany and had their pictures made together.

Click Stokes has been across two years and recently met his brother somewhere in Germany.

So long for this time,
EDNA.

Honeymoons are a relic from the days when the bridegroom captured his bride by force and then had to hide away with his prize until her kinsmen grew tired of searching for her.

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Safety Flashes

By C. J. Hyslup

Although at this writing there are three days left before the end of March, our record for lost time accidents promises to be very good. In fact, our record for the first quarter of this year will show a great improvement over the first quarter of last year. All of us should be proud of our improving record, and if this improvement continues during the second quarter we will be eligible for another Safety Achievement Award from the Government. We are proud of the Award which we received in January for our record during the last six months of 1944, and we have received many congratulations for being the first Company in the United States to receive this Award. Remember we are on our way for the second Award and we must not let our accident record keep us from getting it.

Do you think, "An eye accident couldn't happen to me!" 80,000 people in this country—now blind in one or both eyes as a result of industrial accidents — thought the same thing. Guard your vision—wear your safety goggles!

How about these for good Safety Slogans?

"I DIDN'T THINK" IS A POOR EXCUSE FOR AN ACCIDENT.

IF IT IS TOO HEAVY, GET HELP IN LIFTING.

HORSE-PLAY BELONGS IN THE PASTURE, NOT IN THE PLANT.

OUR ENEMIES WILL USE THE MINUTES WE LOSE.

Work Safely — Find the safest way to do each job, then do it that way until it becomes a habit.

When you talk you only say something you know. When you listen you learn what somebody else knows.

It isn't the ice that makes people slip—it's what they mix with it.

LIFE AT THE Y

By Margaret Abernethy

Some of us have about lost track of the bowling league that has been going on here since the Fall. When you realize that they have bowled 54 games then you can begin to understand how long they have been bowling. We still would like to recommend this weekly Monday night event to you. Come down and watch the bowling and the fun that goes with it. The standing of the teams now is:

Captain	Won	Lost
Francis	41	13
Osborne	36	18
Mathis	24	30
Davis	23	31
Boose	23	31
Carroll	16	38

Men's High Set Game—Hooks Holbrook—406.

Women's High Set Game—Anne Lineback—339.

Men's High Single Game — Ab Crater—164.

Women's High Single Game—Pete Martin—137.

Some of us have pretty good cases of Spring Fever. We thought the weather felt like Spring, but when we looked into the gym last Saturday morning and found a group of boys playing softball, then we were sure Spring was here. You're probably asking what we're going to use the gym for next, but actually it does get used for softball. Of course sometimes a window gets broken or a ball lost in the rafters, but most of the time a good time is had by all.

Speaking of softball, you people who are softball fans begin to limber up your legs and your arms. There are no definite plans yet, but we feel sure there will be some softball teams again this summer. Last summer once a week you could find a group of us down on the field attempting to play. The most serious damage done, I believe, was a few sore muscles in the legs and backs of our players. Some of us, (like me), had a hard time hitting the ball and some of us, (Like Lois McKnight), had a hard time running, but all of us got some good exercise in the sunshine.

On April 13, 14 and 15, Elkin and Jonesville Tri-Hi-Y clubs are entertaining the Tri-Hi-Y conference of the Carolinas. There will be a group of 50 club girls and leaders here from the two states. These delegates will be guests in the homes of our club girls. There will be meetings at the Y on Friday and Saturday and a worship service Sunday morning. The delegates will have a chance to discuss their personal problems as well as the problems of their clubs.



"GOOD LUCK DEAR—AS SOON AS MY TRICK KNEE'S BETTER, I'M JOINING THE ARMY NURSE CORPS MYSELF!"

WHO AM I?

The First of a Series of Biographical Sketches of Well-Known Chatham Personalities

Born October 30, 1919—parents accepted the event very quietly.

A decided problem at birth, and has remained such until the present date.

Entered school with a bang; all teachers threatened to resign their jobs. School career full of escapades, but all teachers, pupils, janitors, etc., cheered when he was promoted to the outside world.

Started working at the tender age of ten years—soon becoming extra efficient as a ball bat snatcher, bill collector, short change artist, carnival ticket salesman, and in later years became a strip tease artist. Space does not permit the listing of all vocations that have been tried by this versatile individual.

Not until recent years has he shown serious interest in the fairer sex—his time was entirely taken up with the addition of funds to his fast growing bank account. At this late date in his life he has suddenly turned towards the ladies for encouragement—has been accepted and wooed by many, all realizing his financial standing.

At present he is on the payroll of the Chatham Manufacturing

CHOOZY PICKERS

Unable to make his weekly quota of eight cartons of cigarettes go around, a cafeteria owner tossed all the cigarettes into a bowl, marked: "Free—Take One." He reports that people take them but before doing so, they pick around in the bowl until they find their chosen brand.

Company and dispenses good will and amusing stories to all who listen to him. He is known as being one of the most generous of all employees.

His hobbies are many and varied, and he enjoys traveling even during these hectic days when only the strong can stand the strain. His face, figure, and wise cracks are familiar to the thousands who visit Florida, Myrtle Beach and other resorts. Probably the hobby from which he gets the most enjoyment is that of periodically getting out his numerous stocks, bonds, etc., and figuring the exact date when he can officially resign his position and retire to the life of a Southern gentleman.

His friends are many, but he is always aware of the fact that they have ulterior motives.

(Since this biography is obvious to many it is felt that no prize should be offered for giving the correct name of this employee.)

LHC Club Enjoys Skating Party At Y

Lucy Hanes Chatham club number 2 met for the regular recreational session Thursday, March 22, in the club room at the YMCA. Anne Gilliam, president, presided. A devotional period was conducted by Sally Gilliam.

The club then adjourned to the gym for skating. Refreshments, consisting of cokes, sandwiches and cookies, were served by the hostesses, Anne Gilliam, Sally Gilliam, Vivian Eller and Iva Lee Phillips.

Shipping Dept.

Reporter: Milton Jenkins

Thurman Taylor made a good deal on his pigs the other day. He sold them for what he paid for them, and had had the use of them for 16 months.

The bus has stopped waking Mallory Fowler every morning and he has lost a full week's work.

If you want to learn to sew on a machine without a band, see Claude Burton.

Delbert Sheek is our dentist. He charges only half price if you furnish your own pliers.

Robert Johnson's car is cheaply operated. He used green sticks instead of spark plugs.

Fred Bullin will pay a good price to somebody to wake him up every morning.

Charlie Baugess's car is all torn up, except the rattle.

The only way to escape the follies of youth is to be born old and experienced.



CADET NURSE—Vivian Hemric, above, daughter of Willie Hemric, Picker Room, and Mrs. Hemric, Card Room, is a member of the cadet nurses class at Martin Memorial hospital, Mt. Airy.



MRS. WM. R. WELLBORN, Jr.

Margaret Holcomb Is Bride of Lt. Wellborn

Margaret Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford G. Holcomb of Jonesville, was married to Lt. William Revere Wellborn, Jr., in an impressive ceremony in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church of Greenville, S. C., Monday, March 19, at high noon. Dr. Joseph H. Carter, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Anderson, S. C., and former pastor of the bridegroom, officiated.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. M. M. Erwin, of Greenville, S. C., pianist. There were no attendants.

For the ceremony, and travel afterwards the bride wore a costume suit of navy wool with white blouse and other accessories of blue and white. Her shoulder corsage was a white orchid. After graduation from high school she attended Draughon's Business college in Winston-Salem. For the past year she has been employed at the YMCA as office secretary and dietitian.

The bridegroom, after graduation from Elkin high school, attended Georgia School of Technology, the University of North Carolina, and Tulane University where he received his B. S. degree in 1939 and his M. D. degree in 1942. He has been in service since July 1943.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb entertained at a wedding breakfast at the Poinsett hotel in Greenville. After a short bridal trip Lt. and Mrs. Wellborn are temporarily at home in Southern Pines.

Scotland county has had a five-acre cotton contest for the last five years. Now it is adding a three-acre corn contest with \$175 in prizes.

Sales-Sparks Vows Solemnized March 10

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sales of Roaring River have announced the marriage of their younger daughter, Irene, to Ralph Sparks of Cycle. The ceremony was performed Saturday afternoon March 10, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Roy Crater, in Ronda.

The bride wore a brown wool suit with white blouse and other accessories of brown and white. She is employed in the Spinning Department.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sparks of Cycle and is employed in the Weave Room. The couple are making their home with his parents.



MRS. RALPH SPARKS

Miss Ratledge Bride Of Jack Holcomb

Miss Billie Ratledge of Washington, D. C., foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Waddell, of North Wilkesboro, and Jack Holcomb, petty officer first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford G. Holcomb, of Jonesville, were married, in the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro, Thursday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock. Rev. A. G. Wagoner, pastor officiated using the double ring ceremony.

Miss Charlotte Ratledge, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. Hugh Holcomb was his brother's best man. Ushers were Sig Holcomb and Jones Holcomb, both brothers of the bridegroom. Miss Lois Scroggs of North Wilkesboro, presented a program of wedding music.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a honeymoon trip, after which Mrs. Holcomb will resume her duties in



MRS. JACK HOLCOMB

Mr. and Mrs. Gambill Honor Son At Party

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gambill honored their son, Gordon (Pete) Gambill, Sunday, March 24, in celebration of his eighteenth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Gambill are retired Chatham employees, affectionately known at the Mill as Aunt Betty (Spinning department) and Uncle Til (Card Room.)

Refreshments, including two handsome birthday cakes, were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes, Mrs. Lou Atkins, Mrs. Walter Osborne, Della Lou Osborne and children, and Jesse Powers, Jr., all of Elkin; his sister, Mrs. George Gentry, Mr. Gentry and children, Seaman and Mrs. Folger Gambill, the former his brother from camp Peary, Va.; Mrs. Nora Smoot and daughter, Bettie Groce, Jo Henderson, James Kimmer and Miss Holcomb, of Jonesville.

Henry Dobson Speaks At TCU Club Meeting

Henry Dobson, Surry County representative to the State Legislature, summarized the outstanding legislation of the 1945 assembly in an interesting talk at the club meeting Thursday at 1:00 at the YMCA. Representative Dobson was presented to the club by Sam Neaves, program chairman. H. W. Thompson, club president, presided.

Washington, where she holds a position with the War Department, and Petty Officer Holcomb will return to Camp Parks for re-assignment. He has been in service since September, 1942, and just recently returned from two years service in the South Pacific.



Weaving

A SHIFT

Reporter: Violet Mackie

Opal Hayes reports a wonderful vacation spent last week in Alexandria, Va., and Washington, D. C.

Herbert Transou is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Transou. He has just returned to the States after serving 14 months with the Pacific fleet.

Florence Wilkins is vacationing with her husband, Lester, who is home on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Free Pardue and daughters, Betty Jean and Violet Mackie, spent last week-end in Charleston, S. C., visiting their son, James, who is stationed there with the Army Air Force, and Mrs. Bill Pardue and children. They also visited Hampton Park and the Magnolia gardens.

We are glad to report that Geneva Harris is improving after an appendectomy at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital.

B SHIFT

Reporters: Priscilla Howard
Marie Hemric

Margaret Kennedy has returned from a visit with her husband who is a patient in Finney General hospital in Thomasville, Ga.

Zala Oliver of Boonville was the week-end guest of Thelma Parks.

Ruby Nelson, Wyoline Sidden, and Mary Dowell went shopping in Galax, Va., last week.

Ella and Eileen Thompson spent the week-end in Thurmond.

We hear that Mattie Nixon spent the week-end in the country. We wonder if she went for some special reason?

Vivian Royal had a happy day last week when she received a letter from her husband who is overseas.

Minnie Moody is tired of seeing Brady Settle reading that old worn-out newspaper all the time. She's going to try to buy him a Bible.

"Romeo" Mastin took his vacation last week.

We hope that Cora Oliver and Alma Haynes soon get better so they can come back to work.

What do you think? Pete Darnell says the Lone Ranger won't be on the air any more because "Rat" and Wade have bought his horse.

Pfc. Mattie Osborne visited us last week.

Everette Darnell worked with us Saturday night. We were awfully



AWARDED PURPLE HEART—Mrs. Ila Carter, Burling department, has received from her son, Pfc. Harold Couch, above, the Purple Heart which was awarded him for wounds received in action in Germany in December, 1944. Harold, formerly of the Spinning department, has been in service since July, 1943, and has been overseas since last September. He is a nephew of Sally Wall, Warp Room.



CARDING

Reporter: Monette Durham

S 2/C and Mrs. Bill Steelman were the Sunday guests of Viola Cass at her home near Brooks Cross Roads.

We are sorry that Vena Snow is leaving us. Vena, we know you will enjoy your new home.

We are glad to know that Edna Simmons is improving and will soon be able to be back with us.

Vena Snow had as her guests Sunday her sister, Vaude Cooper, the Cooper daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Royal.

It has been reported from a reliable source that after all these years Rahl Hayes is learning to economize.

Gwyn Eldridge was inducted into the Army March 21.

We want to express our sympathy to Beulah Hunter in the death of her husband, Bill Hunter.

glad to have him and we think he would like to be back with us.

Annie Sue Lowery is back on the job after being out sick for three weeks.

Spinning



Reporter: Lola Morrison

Mr. and Mrs. Burrus Gray and daughter were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Mallie Ray at her home in Cycle.

Havalyn Jolly wishes to express her appreciation for the lovely flowers which the department sent her while she was a patient at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers had as their week-end guest Jean Shore of Jonesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Whitaker had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Welborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ingram had as guests recently Mr. and Mrs. Feimster Morrison and son, Garry, of Greensboro.

Johnny Simmons, S 1/C, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jolly announce the birth of a daughter, Tony Rose, March 13. Mrs. Jolly is the former Havalyn Hayes. The baby's grandmother, Estelle Jolly, thinks she should have a blanket, too, for being the youngest grandmother in the Spinning department.

Frances Martin was the week-end guest of Ruby Lawrence.

Hazel Anthony had as her Sunday dinner guests Pvt. Othel Osborne, Jack Osborne and daugh-

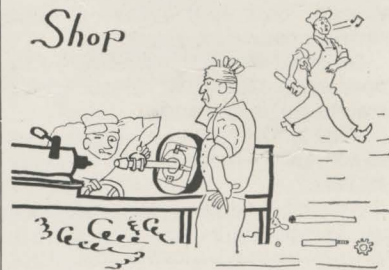


NEW DRAFTEE—Pvt. Roosevelt Hilton, above, was employed in the Shipping department before induction into the Army in January, 1945. He is now stationed at Ft. McClellan, Ala.



OVERSEAS — Woodrow W. Wiles, S 2/c, above, son of L. M. Wiles, Wool Room, has been in the Navy since April 3, 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Peary, Va., and went overseas in October, 1944. He is now in North Africa.

Shop



Reporter: Delos Underwood

F. D. R. has sent his personal "Greetings" to Bill Wagoner, Roland Hagwood, T. D. Burchette, and Ernest Holcomb.

The Electric Shop boys are wondering who Archie Hemric dines with over on West End every Wednesday night.

W. A. Burchette of Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla., is home on a 14-day furlough. W. A. is looking fine, and says that he likes the Army. He is now an M. P.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tatum and family spent the week-end in High Point where they visited Mrs. Tatum's sister.

Bill Wagoner and T. D. Burchette spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

ters, Molly Jean and Betty, and Mrs. Victor Poindexter.

Louise Parks had as Sunday dinner guests her brother, Bobby Parks, S 2/C, of Bainbridge, Md., Pvt. Granville Cheek, of Georgia, Rachel Gentry, of Winston-Salem, and Lola and Anna Morrison and Homer Castevens.

Ailmony—the high cost of leaving.

NAPPING



A SHIFT
Reporter: Jennie Sherrill

We are glad to have Etta Brown back with us after a recent illness.

Rufus Gentry, Jr. and his cousin, J. R. Gentry, both on duty with the Navy, recently had a reunion in the Pacific. They hadn't seen each other for seven years.

Ray Lawrence will leave April 10 for his examination for the armed forces.

We are glad to hear that Bessie Hampton's mother is improving after recently suffering a badly sprained foot.

T/Sgt. Raymond Royall is spending 21 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Royall, at their home in Roaring Gap. He has just returned from more than a year's service in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wolf visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook in Dobson last Sunday.

Pvt. Garfield Hanks is a patient in the hospital at Camp Butler, N. C.

Zeb Cash has been promoted to corporal in the quartermaster corps at his station in Alaska. He recently returned to his post after a 30-day furlough.

Amos Hege, Petty Officer, 1/c, spent the week-end with his mother and sisters at their home in Winston-Salem.

Venia Cash has moved to the country and likes her new home very much.

Weta Gentry and Opal Hayes spent a recent week-end in Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va.

Kathleen Gilliam spent Sunday at Shatley Springs.

Our best wishes go to Clyde Williamson who is now in the Army.

B SHIFT

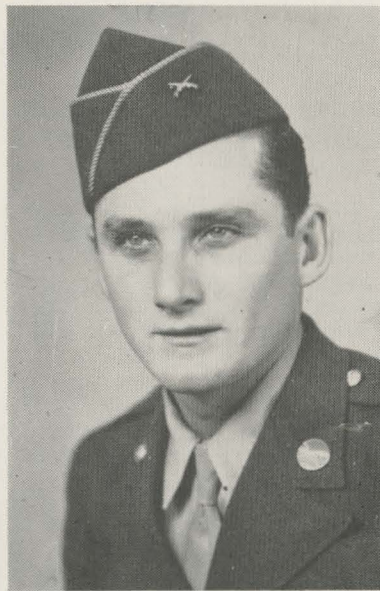
Reporter: Opal Bray

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mendenhall had as their week-end guest Evelyn Myers of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Paul Sprinkle and son, Larry James, and Colleen Wall spent the week-end in Augusta, Ga., with Pvt. Paul Sprinkle who has recently returned from overseas.

Mrs. Ed Murphy, Lucille Hooper and little son, Billy, spent Friday night in Yadkinville with Mrs. John Dinkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White and Vera White spent the week-end in Augusta, Ga., where they visited



SLIGHTLY WOUNDED — Pvt. Vester Eads, above, was slightly wounded in action in Germany March 1, according to a message from the War Department to his wife, Mrs. Nina Vestal Eads, of Boonville. Vester was employed in the Napping Department before entering service in May, 1944



Reporter: Ruby Pardue

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mauldin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mauldin, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lassiter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gough in Winston-Salem. S/Sgt. Frank

Pvt. Fred White who is a patient in Oliver General hospital.

We extend our sincere sympathy to L. B. Snow in the death of his sister, Mrs. Ida Sechrist, of Winston-Salem.

C SHIFT

Margaret Gentry

Maxine Simpson's brother, Herman Simpson, is home on a 21-day furlough after serving 34 months overseas.

Jim Anderson and family spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon at the Mocksville airport.

Wilson Pardue spent Sunday afternoon with his father, J. S. Pardue.

On the sick list this week we are sorry to find Agnes Myers and Ruth Johnson.

Una Norman had as her week-end guest Miss Kitty Carter.

WARP



A SHIFT

Reporter: Lubeth Gilliam

Stella Cheek and daughters spent Saturday shopping in Mount Airy.

Mrs. Lonnie Shaw and son, Johnnie, spent Saturday evening with Ruth Martin at her home in North Elkin.

Mrs. Shelby Brancle and son, Jerry Lee, of Greensboro, recently spent several days with Parris Parker at her home in Mountain Park.

Paul Walker thinks there is something bad wrong with him, but all his symptoms seem to indicate Spring Fever.

Jettie Transou has been attending revival services at Pleasant Hill church this week. Miss Evelyn Myers, church worker from Winston-Salem, has been helping with the meetings and expects to work in the Pleasant Hill church for the next year.

Joe Gilliam, Lubeth's husband, has been reported as one of the Navy men from North Carolina who crossed the Rhine River into Germany with the engineers of the 9th Army.

Gough, who has just returned from 37 months overseas, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gough.

Pearl Pardue spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. O. C. Brown, at her home in Cycle.

Ruth Norman spent the week-end with her parents at Mountain Park.

Mettie Darnell spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Farris Bengé, and Mr. Bengé.

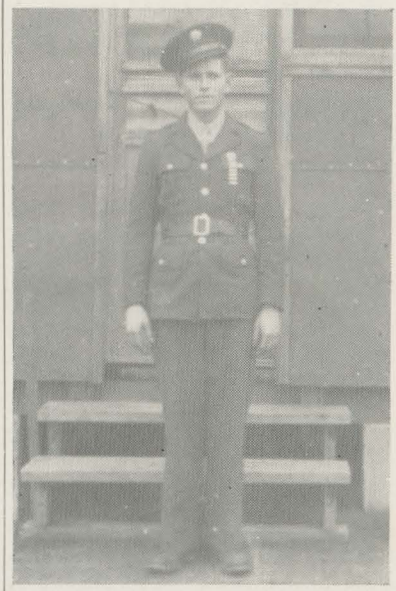
Sudie Sparks, of Swan Creek, was the week-end guest of Minniere Haynes at the home of her parents in East Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moncus and family spent Sunday at Low Gap with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Branch.

Mrs. Virginia Lee Shaw spent last week-end with Mildred Dockery.

Irene Clonch and her brother, Lonnie Tucker, have returned from a visit with Irene's husband, Pvt. Robert Clonch, who is a patient in Battey General hospital, Rome, Ga. Pvt. Clonch has just returned from serving six months overseas.

The peacemaker has to keep quiet now or else he might stir up another war.



WOUNDED — Pfc. Thorburn Cockerham, above, has been seriously wounded in action on Manila February 13, the War department has notified his father, John P. Cockerham, of State Road. Before entering service in October, 1942, Thorburn was employed in the Weave Room. He is a brother of Emory Cockerham, Card Room.

Wet Finishing

A SHIFT

Reporter: Beauford Stanley

Ruby McBride was out of work Saturday planting her Victory Garden. We wish her the best of luck with it.

Ina Blackburn reports a fine revival meeting at Pleasant Hill Baptist church last week.

Dorothy Salmons had as her week-end guests Mary Stone and Mae Cockerham of Pilot Mountain.

Dan Gough is back with us this morning after another spell of absence from work.

We had visiting this department this morning a former employee, Vaughn Higgins, BM 2/C, from Camp Bradford, Virginia.

C SHIFT

Reporter: Frank Woodruff

Since Connie Barker has her new watch she doesn't have much to say to Allen Norman. Wonder if some other guy has beat him out.

Dennis Brown wants a beautiful girl to work as his secretary. Please do not apply unless you are qualified for the job.

Thurmond Hall and Cora Crouse are still working on the squeeze roller. Cora is his boss, they say. I wish I worked there too.

Jarvis Walker and John Sizemore surely do work well together—just like a pair of mules. Watch them, if you don't believe it.

Y GIRLS LOSE IN TOURNAMENT

**Firestone, of Gastonia, Eliminates
Local Team With
31-30 Victory**

The Y girls' basketball team was eliminated in the semi-finals of the Piedmont Open tournament in Greensboro Friday night, March 16, when they lost a one point victory to the Firestone girls of Gastonia. The final score was 31-30.

Scoring honors were divided as follows: Doris Shugart, 14; Evelyn Smitherman, 5; Magdalene Price, 2; Ruth Thorpe, 9.

Before losing out in the tournament, the Y girls defeated the Randleman All Stars 38-34. Shugart with a total of 19 points was high scorer and Ruth Thorpe with 13 points was second high. Price scored two points and Smitherman scored 4.

For Sale—I'm proud to announce again this year that I'll be able to supply my customers with any number of tomato plants that they might want. I can supply the entire mill on all three shifts. Call 84, or see Clifford Vestal, Wet Finishing department, C shift.

For Sale—One ice box in good condition, also a four piece bedroom suite. See or call Mickey Miller, Napping department, C Shift.



PROMOTED — Pfc. Claude D. Haynes, above, son of James Haynes, Weave Room, and Mrs. Haynes, of Route 1, Jonesville, has just been promoted to his present rating. He has been in the Marine Corps since April, 1944, and is now on duty with the station headquarters squadron at Cherry Point, the largest Marine Air base.



LT. PAUL J. CALLOWAY

Overseas Men Like Red Cross

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overseas were too late for this edition, but according to Mr. Hyslup the boys were unanimous in their praise of the Red Cross, and all of them urged one hundred per cent participation in the War Fund drive here at home. In expressing appreciation for the interest of these fellows overseas, Mr. Hyslup stated that he was indeed proud to report the splendid results of the plant drive.

A record of the letters received is as follows: from Germany, Pfc. John Holloway, Pfc. Newell Stewart, Pfc. Elmo Cochran, Cpl. Maurice Bumgarner, Pfc. Reece Couch, Cpl. Joseph Hunt and Pfc. William A. G. Thompson; from France, Cpl. Wade Calloway, Pvt. William J. Woodle, Lt. Carl Plaster, Pvt. Ernest M. Carter, and Pfc. Martin R. Gray; from Belgium, Pfc. Davis Osborne; from Holland, Cpl. Tom Johnson; from Italy, Lt. Bob Harris; from the Panama Canal Zone, T/Sgt. Coy S. Brown; from England, Sgt. Gene Hampton and Pvt. Weymouth Manns; from China, Pfc. Raleigh Holyfield; from the Pacific, Pvt. Harvey L. Wooten, Sgt. Marcus Myers, Pvt. Albert Chaney and Turner R. Redding, F 2/c.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swaim announce the birth of a son, Marvin Lee, February 21. Marvin is employed in the Wet Finishing department.

Mr. and Mrs. Pride Hoots announce the birth of a son, Thomas Henry, March 10. Pride is employed in the Dye House.

THEY still die! — will YOU buy?

PAUL CALLOWAY DIES OF WOUNDS

**Injuries Received In Germany
March 7 Result in Death
Two Days Later**

Lt. Paul Calloway died March 9 from wounds received in action in Germany March 7, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Calloway, of Thurmond, and his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Ingram Calloway.

Paul was graduated from Mt. Park high school, attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was employed in the Spinning Department until his induction into the Army in September, 1942.

He received his training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and was later returned to Ft. Knox where he received his commission. He was sent overseas the latter part of January, 1945. Before going into Germany he served in England, France, Belgium and Holland.

Survivors are his parents, his wife, an infant daughter, and one sister, Mrs. Dan Norman.

Card Of Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Beulah Hunter, Weave Room, and to her children on the loss of their husband and father, William B. Hunter, who died Wednesday morning, March 14, at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital after a week's illness.



ARRIVES OVERSEAS — Pvt. Garvey Tulbert, above, has notified his parents, Worth Tulbert, Spinning department, and Mrs. Tulbert, of his arrival in Belgium. He entered service in August, 1944, and was trained at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is a grandson of Hershul Tulbert, Card Room.



PRISONER—Pfc. Clero Swaim, above, is a prisoner of the Germans according to a message from him to his wife, the former Miss Helen Hayes. Clero, a Spinning department draftee, was reported by the War department as missing in action since December 16. Mrs. Swaim had had no further news of her husband until Wednesday of last week when she received the post card from him. The postmark date was January 10, and the address given was that of a temporary German prison camp.

Waste Dept. C SHIFT

Reporter: Ardella Tilley

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown were the Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Brown's brother, Thurmond Chappel, and Mrs. Chappel, at their home in Cycle.

We welcome Beulah Brown and Sarah Mintek to our department. Hope you will like us, girls.

Ardella Tilley had as her weekend guest Seaman Ralph Gentry of Camp Peary, Va. Ralph was a visitor in our department Monday night. Nice to see you, Ralph.

Mr. and Mrs. Banner Tilley had as their Saturday evening guests Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Spicer, of Thurmond.

We were glad to have Miss McKnight for a visit last week.

Beulah Brown seems to be taking Ina Bryant's place in singing "Walking the Floor Over You."

"And who might it be that put those bright colored seat covers on the jeep?" snarled the sergeant with disgust.

"The major, sir," reported the private grinning from ear to ear.

After a brief pause, the sergeant declared: "I was just going to say they certainly do dress it up, don't they?"

THEY still die! — Will YOU buy?