

OLD MAIDS ROW

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Since this is our farewell article, this is the hardest one of all to write. For three long years we have been wracking our brains and sticking our noses into everyone else's business to dig up some choice bit of gossip to pass along to you fellows who were away from dear old Lawndale. Sometimes we have thought we were going to have to dodge bullets too - here on the home front, for talking out of school. However, we have escaped with our lives and it seems that almost everyone has taken our articles with a grain of salt and laughed good naturedly over everything that has been printed.

Many of you boys were around when we first started writing for the "Hoover Rail" in 1942, and since that time you have really gone places and seen things, and could tell us a lot more interesting things than we have ever been able to tell you, but we hope that during these three years we have been able to make you feel a little closer home by talking about the home folks and the old home town. If we have, then we accomplished what we set out to do. Some of you were already "across the pond" when the "Hoover Rail" went to press for the first time, and have come back since that time and we have been more than glad to meet you and hear about some of your experiences. There are still many of you we have never met, but we hope that most of you will remember us and come in to see us when you do get home.

Three years ago when we wrote our first article, there were three "Old Maids" but in April of '43 "Miss Tillie" had the misfortune to get married and ever since then we have had high hopes of having that same misfortune. Each month they have held back the "Wedding Bells" page until the very last minute in the hope that they could tell you that we had "jumped the broom" but "Time Marches On" and so do the Old Maids.

Getting back to the present and giving you a little news - more and more boys are drifting in home every day, some on furloughs and leaves and some with discharges. Harold Cobb of the Navy came home one day last week on leave, and is expecting to be discharged soon. Harold has been out in the Pacific and this is his first visit home in a long, long time.... We saw Blair Price out on the Hoover Rail a few days ago but didn't get to talk to him so we don't know whether he is here to stay or not ... Lt. Robert Forney has just returned from ETO and is here on a 45 day furlough ... Flay Wease is also here.

The Lee brothers, Thomas and Bill, have both received their discharges and have already gone back to work for C.M.&P. Co. We might say the same about Ward Lowe, Bob Williams, Robey Brackett. With all of these back at work, and probably more that we can't think of right now, this place is beginning to look like it did in pre-war days. Shuford Ramsaur, Jr. has received his discharge and looks delighted to be home and in civilian clothes again. He looked mighty sharp in a very sporty checked outfit the last time we saw him. George Hart, Jr. has received a discharge and he says he is just too too happy to be a "feather merchant".

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