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## Letter From Overseas

Hello Students and Faculty of GHS:

Suddenly, I decided to write to some of the best friends a G.I. could ever want. Yes, I've certainly missed being back in the old home town and rooting for the best school in the entire world, GHS. Fellows and girls, you don't realize just how wonderful each and every one of you are until a situation like this arises and you wish wars were extinct.

My sudden desire to write to you all came from a buddy of mine who received a copy of his school paper and it kinda made me feel blue for the moment. I realize I've been out of school some time but I've always had a personal interest in the *Hi News* since I was at one time a member of the staff. The good old days. Gee, it certainly would make me happy to have one of you send me a copy and I assure you, I'll read it over and over, remembering each and every one of you and thanking you with all my heart.

I'm getting along just fine and hope that you on the home front are likewise. We think of you all, quite frequently, and know that we can depend on you, our backbone, to do your part in bringing a quick and victorious finish to this war of wars.

Since being in Europe, I've fought with the First Canadian Army in Holland and am now somewhere in Germany. It's quite different from the rest of Europe, so modern and prosperous but not for long. We, the Yanks are bearing that out with the rest of our Allied Friends. May we see an early and solid victory soon and put an end to all the horrors of war.

Good luck to each and every one of you and may the new year bring victory and happiness to everyone soon. My thoughts will be with you from time to time and hope that day will soon come when we, the fellows can all come back to you, wiser, more courageous and determined that our government will never fall, the Jerry way. It's not possible but we want to be doubly sure now that we've seen this.

Good luck, God speed you and we'll be there when it's over, over here.

A Son of Goldsboro Hi  
 Jimmie  
 (James B. Kannan)

If you know of any Goldsboro High School Alumni in the service, who does not receive a *Hi News*, please give his name and address to Mary Gardner Pate, Circulation Manager.

Jim Webb

Georgia accounts for James Howard Webb's ("Jim") slow Southern drawl. He made his debut into the world in Gainsville, Georgia, on July 11, 1927. Coming from Franklin, Va., he entered GHS last September.

Since he came here last fall, Jim has shown splendid leadership in many classes and organizations. He has held several homeroom and classroom offices, and it seems that he was always willing to participate in most any activity. He served on the Senior commencement sermon committee. He has made a name for himself among GHS students and faculty in only a short while by the excellent sportsmanship and hard work displayed on the football field and basketball court. For this fine work, as a member of the football team, he received a monogram, and was accepted into the Varsity Club.

When asked what food he likes best, he admitted that he is a vegetarian (Ugh!). Along the musical line he thinks Charlie Spivak is "tops."

Jim has left school and returned to Virginia. We as GHS students have enjoyed knowing you, Jim, and we hope that you were as proud to be a member of our Student Association as were to have you.

Jim, we wish you loads of luck in any field which you might pursue. We know you'll be a leader!

## WE HONOR

When you open your *Hi News* to page two and see who the "We Honors" are and stop to read the brief sketches on each honoree, does it ever occur to you just how he or she has been selected? The purpose of "We Honor" is to bring recognition to deserving students whose work is not well-known. They may or may not be well-known.

A committee from the staff selects two candidates, a boy and a girl, for the honor. At a staff meeting two others are chosen by a simple majority vote. In a secret ballot vote the honoree is selected.

This column is not written about the person who gains recognition elsewhere. It is for the proverbial "little guy" who goes about his business doing one swell job after another, and who is not known for it.

It is our sincere hope that you will take note of the purpose of "We Honor" and when you see a person's name at the head of the column, you will know he is worthy of your respect and recognition.

## George Washington

Yesterday, we observed the birthday of George Washington... the "Father of our country." We observed the birthday of one of the greatest men ever known to the American people or to the world.

Today we are engaged in another desperate battle to preserve our freedom... to preserve that which this outstanding American gave us. We should, as GHS students, want to strive to hold this great freedom. We should be willing to buy War Bonds and Stamps... accept any responsibility which would help bring victory sooner... do *nothing* which would hinder the war effort in any way.

## We Honor



Frances Tew

That tall, dark-haired gal, who is often seen hurrying and carrying down the halls to class, is none other than Frances Tew—our honoree. Frances was born May 1, 1928 in Rose Hill, N. C. and moved to Goldsboro at the age of four.

Frances has been a very active worker during her high school career. She served as a member of the SA Nominating Committee for two years, was co-chairman of the Decoration Committee for the Junior-Senior and was also an active member of the Junior Play ticket committee. In her Junior year she was selected as a marshal because of her outstanding scholastic record. This year Frances is chairman of the SA Devotional Committee, and a member of the Calendar Committee. She has done an excellent piece of work as advertising manager of the *Hi News* this year.

Our honoree says she has three favorite band leaders but finally decided that Tommy Dorsey headed the list and "Night and Day" is the song! Her favorite food is apple pie a la mode—Rather "Frenchy"—don't you think, Van Johnson and Greer Garson rate first as Frances' choice for movie stars.

Frances plans to enter WCUNC next year but is yet a little uncertain about her ambition—though we are certain that she will be successful in anything which she undertakes. Here's hoping for a bright future—Frances.

## Recreation Room

Bang! Splash! A shade just fell and an orange was squashed on the back wall.

In the midst of all this, GHS students meet during lunch period to dance... and talk... and listen to records in our recreation room.

Can we really be proud of its appearance?

Ripped shades... apple cores and orange peelings in chalk trays... undesirable writing on the boards... broken chairs... and many other delapidated objects do not become our school and they keep our school from being the usual tidy place in which we can educate ourselves.

Apparently, some people have taken for granted that the recreation room can be used for outdoor sports as well as for indoor one's... for the walls and ceiling show the use of footballs and basketballs. In reality there is only one door for entrance, but the four windows were created as doors by those few who were too lazy to walk around... or who just didn't care.

An effort is now being made to redecorate the room in which we can all have good times together.

Are we willing to cooperate in helping to make this one of the most attractive and useful rooms in school?

## Borrowed Bits

1943-What a man!

1944-What, a man?

1945-What's a man?

*The Yellow Jacket*  
 Boyden High School  
 Salisbury, N. C.

## - LITERARY LIGHTS -

By Jean Powell

## Brave Men

A collection of hundreds of small incidents of war in the Mediterranean area, starting in Sicily in June, 1943, and ending in France right after the Invasion in September, 1944, fills Ernie Pyle's new book, *Brave Men*.

His first book is *Here Is Your War*, and both books are based on dispatches from the war front. *Brave Men*, the work of a humble American, is dedicated "in solemn salute to those thousands of our comrades—great, brave men that they were—for whom there will be no homecoming, ever."

Ernie Pyle is known as the foot soldiers' friend, and throughout the book his partiality toward the Infantry is shown. He thinks... and many persons' minds are in accord with his... that the Infantry doesn't get as much credit as it deserves.

The incidents are divided into chapters and each chapter takes up a different phase of work that is done by our armed forces. A few of the groups with whom he lived while overseas are the medics, artillerymen, pilots of dive bombers, and men aboard hospital ships, as well as the plain Infantrymen on the front line.

Even though he used technical terms, they were simple enough for girls and boys to understand.

The unassuming Ernie Pyle took the effort to list eight pages of type, writing names of persons with whom he talked and lived while overseas. Many are from North Carolina, and the Southern states, and one incident is devoted to a Goldsboro man, Major Walter Stansbury. Being no respecter of the rank of a man, he writes about enlisted men... not so much what the hero does, but what plain Private John Doe does.

Boys in particular will enjoy the vivid scenes of the invasion and the street-fighting in France, the beachhead fighting in Italy. As Mr. Pyle ended the book the Invasion of France had begun, and his opinion as to when the European War would end was optimistic. Pyle did a brilliant job of writing the story of a cross section of World War II. He wrote as interestingly of each homesick boy as if he were the only one who mattered.

*Brave Men* is a best seller, and to read it is a privilege and opportunity of which you should take advantage.

## Biography

Ernie Pyle is now in the Pacific Theatre of War after a rest in the United States. For some time now, dispatches which Pyle wrote while waiting in San Francisco for passage to the South Pacific, have been appearing in newspapers. Published in newspapers six days a week, his column reputedly has a circulation of 12,225,000. In recent years Pyle has had numerous honors bestowed upon him... and rightfully so. The War Department thinks of him as "a top morale-builder."

Thin and bald, Ernie Pyle is a little man nearing forty-five years of age. His home is in New Mexico, but he is a native of Indiana. John Steinbeck expressed his opinion of Pyle in this manner:

"There are really two wars and they haven't much to do with each other. There is the war of maps and logistics, of campaigns, of ballistics, armies, divisions, and regiments—and that is General Marshall's war.