

**WOOLEN MILL**

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but I bet he stays busy in that Victory garden.

Bobby Blackburn sure has been wearing a long face this week. He's gotta go visit Uncle Sam a few days. Don't know what "little" Kenneth will do to occupy his time while you're away.

Sadie, how are you making out just by looking at his pictures? Has Earline ever found out what you're up to? Poor you, if she does.

Whew, how much longer I can hold out, nobody knows. Guess I'd better go before I go plumb to sleep. Bye now, 'till next time.

V . . . —

**BLASTS**

From Draper Office  
Carrie Hill, Subing For Stoney

**Congratulations! Mrs. J. V. Lea**

Anna Baer Lea, weighing 5 pounds, arrived July 12, at the Leaksville hospital. J. V.'s real proud of his little girl (and who wouldn't be?) He says she can turn over—and she's not but four days old.

**Welcome to Our Office**

Homer Vernon, former principal of Draper graded school, is welcomed to the Personnel to replace Dan Boone, who after a short while in Fieldale will go to the New York office. Good luck, Dan.

Also Ruby Lewis, who took Pauline Johnson's place, who had to resign due to illness. Hope you get along fine, Pauline. We miss you.

I'll bet Selma's trip to New River burns her up. Meaning a well tanned hide. What's happened to you old girl? No post card, no nothing. Couldn't be Marines, could it?

Marie is back on the job after a few days of illness. What puzzles us Marie is, where did you catch such a cold this time of year. Couldn't be just riding in a rumble in the night air. Now could it?

The Wage Bureau visited J. V.'s new baby Friday evening, July 21. The gift was a beautiful shawl. What did you think of her, Mr. Garrett? Can she really turn over?

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**Central Warehouse**

By Maybud Stanley

Mrs. Clifford Shipton and son Bobby, spent last week-end in Thomasville with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Annie Rodgers and Miss Earsley Dillon spent Saturday with their mother, Mrs. W. A. Dillon, Floyd, Va. Mrs. Dillon has been ill, but is doing nicely now.

Mrs. R. N. Brown, who has been out sick some the past week, is back on the job feeling pretty good.

Pvt. Crib Martin and Pvt. Marvin

Dalton have returned to camp after spending a furlough in town. They visited in the packing department while here. They have finished their basic training.

Hello Slick! How are you? Fine we hope. So sorry you could not be with us this summer; hope you can come next summer if not before. We had looked forward to your visit with us, but guess you'll have a fine time on the beaches in Florida. Slick, do you think you could find a gentleman friend for a widow in this department? He must be very handsome of course. Nan, Myrtle and Maybud.

Truman: I'm stil looking for you. Hurry and come. Mother.

Hello, "T", I love you. Mother.

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**Finishing Mill**

By Beulah McBride

A/C Leonard Fulcher, U.S.N.R., of Peru, Ind., spent ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fulcher.

Orene Parker spent Sunday in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Clara Washburn received word that her son, Pvt. Robert Washburn, has arrived safely in England.

S1/C Fraker G. McBride, spent several days here with his wife,, baby and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McBride, and has reported back to his base at San Francisco, Calif.

We are glad to have back to work Mrs. Ila Shelton, who has been absent several months on account of illness.

Howard Stowe and daughter, Katherine, visited Miss Hattie Stowe in Stuart hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary T. Ray received word that her son, Pfc. Jackie R. Ray, has landed safely in England.

Misses Ruth Stephens, Sarah Hicks and Mrs. Junior Stephens are visiting the latter's husband, John H. Stephens, HA 2/C, and Pvt. William L. Adkinson, U. S. Army, stationed at Key West, Fla.

C. W. Simpson, who is in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, is recovering nicely from the spinal operation he underwent Friday, July 14.

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**Sheeting Mill**

By Mamie Link

Just wondering if Mildred Hodges and Billy Wilson have started into the song-writing business. Their theme was: "The Longer I Wait the Madder I Get." (Why?)

James Carl Roach has finished his boot training at Camp Perry, Va., and was home July 3 for a ten-day leave.

We're glad to have Mrs. Eva Medford back to work after several weeks' illness.

Misses Annie Belle Craig, of Draper, Margaret and Anna Rutledge, Leaksville, Pvt. Daniel Foley, of Camp Davis, and Ray Craig, of Draper, Pvt. Daniel McPeak, also of Camp Davis, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Summer and family, Sunday.

We're happy to welcome Dessa Curry back with us again after a long absence.

Walter Griffin is home on furlough from the army.

W. H. Griffin is a patient in the Leaksville hospital.

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**GRIPING IS JUST GRIPING**

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for if we locked all of our petty troubles within our breasts we'd probably become such chronic grouches there'd be no living with us. Just like the locomotive must blow off steam through its safety valve so must we blow off when we get too hot about something.

Gripe away. People may hear you—as you probably want them to — but they realize perfectly well that your griping means nothing and pay no attention. Gripe away. Darn the company. Darn the boss. Darn the whole wide world—but the world is still a pretty nice place to live in.

Remember just one thing: Your griping concerns only you. None of the GI Joe's are trying to stir up trouble; none are trying to influence others to think as they do. They're just letting off steam. When a person becomes discontented and tries to influence others to become discontented he's a real trouble maker; a liability that any company is glad to become separated from.

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**LETTERS FROM THE BOYS**

Italy, June 28, 1944

Dear Sirs:

I have been getting your newspaper, the Mill Whistle, for a long time and enjoy it very much. It is good to be able to read about the boys of the Tri-Cities that are in service, where they are and what they are doing. I also enjoy reading about the social activities of my home town.

I have been reading in your paper about several of the boys in foreign service having Marshall Field blankets. I also have some in my possession and many others in our battalion have too.

The greatest thrill I have had since I've been overseas is the capture of Rome. I have seen this city. I don't believe there is another that can compare with it on the continent of Europe. The civilians of Rome gave the Americans a royal welcome when they entered the city. They seemed overjoyed to be rid of the Germans. If you see many news reels you can see better than I can describe the march on Rome. You will also see our tanks.

I noticed in your paper that another Bond Drive will start soon. I would like to endorse this wholeheartedly, as I am in position to see the final results of the dollars that you put in bonds.

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