

# Local Man Finds Life Interesting On South Pacific Coral Island

### Soldier From This Area Enjoying Beauties Of South Pacific. In Spite Of War.

Editor's Note—The following interesting letter was written by a local boy in the South Pacific to his mother. The soldier took time off from his duties to do a little nature study, as the letter will show:

Dear Mother:  
At long last I can open up and rave forth about a little place called "home." So—clear the decks and stand by for action!

The fellows and I are roosting on a coral rock island in the South Pacific. The rock is a haven for the meanest and largest variety of insects ever gathered under a tropical sky. These "beasts of prey" venture forth on their misery jaunts from an almost impenetrable jungle. Some of the latest models come equipped with green phosphorous running lights and it is difficult to tell whether you are looking at a plane formation or just bugs. A frontal, ground attack adds variety to the seige when the innumerable lizards come to life. Down on the beach sea shells provide a myriad of color and also give forth a source of sea food.

Every night our unit shows a movie and often there is a USO show. A short hike takes us to any one of several other outdoor movies. These would provide quite an experience for you, for your reserved seat is an old packing case situated in a grove of palm trees. The movies are very good and we see many of them before they are shown back home. Whenever we feel that old longing for home, a stroll through a grove of wavy palms to the beach helps to ease the longing. The lovely tropical moon and the stars of the Southern Cross cast romantic reflections on the gently lapping waves. With my "one and only" this place would truly be a "tropical paradise."

We usually rate every eighth day off and this gives us a full day to make use of our recreational facilities. Basketball courts and a baseball diamond give an opportunity for a stiff workout as I found out the other day. There are also games of volleyball, touch football, boxing and at the moment ping pong is the number one favorite of the lads. Year round swimming is available in the fresh water rivers and in a beautiful,

crystal clear crater lake, a lot of us like to swim in the salt water though, it is a lot warmer. The favorite hangout is in the Recreational Hall at the Ship's Service fountain where coke, ice cream and sodas are dished out. Here we also have a very complete library with many of the latest "best sellers." All in all we have a very fine set up.

Occasionally "washing machine Charlie" has visited our island, but except for missing a little sleep and having to make an extra trip to the "head," we don't mind the interruption too much. What is much more annoying to us is the barrage of coconuts that the palms lay. Our helmets can serve a great help when one of these dainty missiles bang off our noggin.

The native population is black, dirty and diseased. Living conditions are the main cause of this but many of them die as a result of mental worry over some imagined blood or food poisoning they think they may have been exposed to by an unfriendly native. On the interior of the island men and women wear only a "G" string. Some wear bones in their noses and ears but all are friendly and usually speak "pidgin" English. Only the older men have wives for they are the ones who have lived long enough to acquire the material wealth to purchase a wife. An exchange of goods or between \$8 and \$80 will purchase one fine wife. Natives may earn our money by working for about \$4.00 a month on the coconut, coffee, cocoa and cotton plantation.

Say, some of the wild trees that grow down here are really something. One, the banyan, is an enormous bushlike tree which can't decide whether to make branches or roots. Mahogany, teak and rosewood are some of the types of wood we have to work with—some collection to have on hand, isn't it? Some of the fellows and I are making a few gadgets and what not to take with us when we finally have a chance to get back home. Incidentally since we are in the southern hemisphere, the trees and buildings cast their shadow from the sun or moon to the south, instead of to the north as we were formerly accustomed. The edible fruits here are: bananas, coconut, papaya (an oblong yellow fruit which looks like a melon inside and is rich in vitamins), and of course oranges and lemons. If you ever come to the tropics and try some coconuts be sure and drink the milk from the green ones and eat the meat from the ripe ones. Take it from me, I know from experience for "brother I've been there!" There are huge bats, parakeets, and many varieties of other birds (including the M. A. A. and the bugler) that hold reville for us with their wild and noisy chattering in the jungle trees overhead. There are also wild turkey, chicken, pig and dove in the jungle. The most poisonous snake is the coral snake, but it doesn't bother you unless molested and fortunately it is seldom seen out of water.

We live in Quonset huts which are screened at either end, set well off the ground in protecting foliage, they prove to make a snug little home for us—"come rain or shine." One of our fixtures is Raghead, the young goat we picked up along the line. Raghead certainly plays the part up to his name. As yet he hasn't gotten rough but fellows us around with dog-like affection getting into everything possible. Like Raghead I'm curious too, so won't you send me a line on the latest news from home?

Well, time to close for now but I'll be waiting at mail call to have a letter from you.

### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Haywood Home Building & Loan Association will be held on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:00 o'clock p. m., at the office of the Association on Main Street in Waynesville, N. C., for the purpose of electing officers, reporting progress and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

This January 1st, 1944.  
L. N. DAVIS, Secretary.

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### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jerry R. Smathers, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit same to Morgan & Ward, Attorneys, at their office in Waynesville, N. C., on or before the 6th day of January, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 6th day of January, 1944.

C. R. SMATHERS, Administrator  
Estate of Jerry R. Smathers,  
Deceased.

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### NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA, HAYWOOD COUNTY. WILLIAM MEDFORD and wife, MARTHA M. MEDFORD VS. DAISY COXE FORBES and husband, WILLIAM I. FORBES; and DAISY COXE WRIGHT.

The defendants Daisy Coxie Forbes, William I. Forbes and Daisy Coxie Wright will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina to sell real estate for partition, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County in the court house in Waynesville, N. C. within ten days after the 31st day of January, 1944, and answer or demur to the Petition in said action or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Petition.

This the 31st day of December, 1943.

KATE WILLIAMSON,  
Asst. Clerk Superior Court.

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### TIMELY—Farm Questions and Answers

Question: What is a good mineral mixture for hogs on floored pens?

Answer: F. H. Smith, nutritionist with the animal industry department of the State College Experiment Station, recommends equal parts of ground limestone, steamed bonemeal or defluorinated phosphate, and common salt. This mixture may be left so that the pigs may take it at will. For self feeding, the mineral mixture may be made more tempting by mixing a pound of tankage or meat scraps to nine pounds of the mixture.

Question: How can I remove shine from wool clothes?

Answer: Sandpapering and sponging are good treatments for removing shine from wool clothes in war-time clothing conservation, says Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent of the State College Extension Service. Clean the garment by sponging and then gently rough up the nap with fine grade sandpaper. This helps to extinguish the shine and gives the garment a new lease on life.

Question: What is the best time for topdressing grain?

Answer: Applications made from February 15 to March 15 usually give the best growth, say agronomists of the State College Extension Service. Late topdressings usually do not increase growth or yields as much as those made during the indicated period.

The agronomists recommend 100 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda, 80 to 160 pounds of sulphate of ammonia, or 50 to 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate. On potash deficient soils, use 150 pounds of 10-0-10, or mix the nitrogen material with 50 pounds of muriate of potash for one acre. The agronomists suggest that growers get all of their fertilizer, including topdressers, as early as possible so as to help solve storage, labor, and transportation problems.

George B. Culbreth, Secretary,  
Canton, N. C.

### Copper Wire Now Available For Farm Dwellings

Copper wire for wiring farm dwellings and tenant houses, as well as for other farmstead uses, now is available and may be obtained through the County AAA Committee. It was announced yesterday by R. C. Francis, chairman. Under the rationing program previously in effect, none of the county's quota of copper wire could be used for wiring dwellings.

Qualifications for obtaining the wire, Mr. Francis said, are the same as in the past. To be eligible for wire, the farm must have at least five animal units and one or more of seven specified items of electrical farm equipment ready for operation. These items are: electric pumps for livestock, brooders, incubators, milking machines, milk coolers, milk sterilizers, and feed grinders. Among numbers of livestock and poultry on hand equivalent to one animal unit are: one milk cow, 10 beef cattle, three brood sows, or 75 laying hens. Likewise, credit for one animal unit will be given for yearly estimated production of: 20 cattle in feedlot, 30 feeder pigs, 250 chickens (not broilers), or 600 broilers.

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Buy War Bonds and Stamps

### New Gasoline Regulations Apply To Sale Of Cars

Motorists and automobile dealers of this county were reminded yesterday that the new plan designed to assure the return of outstanding gasoline ration coupons for all new and used automobiles and trucks that are sold is now in effect.

Since January 1, persons buying new or used vehicles from anyone, whether a dealer or a private individual, have had to obtain a duplicate receipt from the seller in order to be eligible for a gasoline ration. Under the plan, the owner of a vehicle intending to sell it must return to the board, in person or by mail, all unused ration coupons issued for the vehicle. After it receives the coupons the board will issue in duplicate, a receipt for surrendered gasoline rations. Both copies of this receipt, together with the tire inspection record, are to be given by the seller to the person buying the car or truck.

Like private individuals who sell their cars, automobile dealers are to obtain duplicate receipts for each car they have for sale, and will deliver both copies of the receipt to the buyer when a car is sold. By January 11, each dealer must report his inventory as of December 31 to the local board, and the board will send him a receipt, in duplicate, for each car reported by him.

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The list of ships includes aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, virtually every type of fighting craft, as well as a large number of Liberty ships and other cargo vessels. In addition, Bethlehem ship repair yards converted, repaired, and serviced over 7,000 vessels, a vital contribution toward keeping the Allied fleets in fighting trim.

Measuring the program by Liberty ships, a battleship is equal to forty Liberty ships; and the value of the year's work in Bethlehem's shipbuilding division was the equivalent of over 1,000 Liberty ships.

Part of National Program—Bethlehem is permitted to publish these facts as part of our country's total program. Led by the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Maritime Commission, America's shipbuilding in 1943 has been a national triumph of production.

We salute our fellow shipbuilders and their distinguished records.

We thank our thousands of suppliers whose efforts have been essential to our contribution.

We congratulate the men and women in the Bethlehem organization, in shipyards, steel plants, factories, mines, and in every division, all of whom have had a part in this effort.

Harder Task Ahead—The year's work in Bethlehem's shipyards, steel mills and other departments has been done by 300,000 men and women. More will be needed. Already a larger shipbuilding task has been assigned to us for 1944. We shall undertake that job with the knowledge that it must be done, at maximum pace, to hasten the day of Victory.

### \* 38 TYPES OF SHIPS \* Program 70% Fighting Craft; 30% Cargo

Bethlehem's total wartime shipbuilding program includes approximately 1,000 fighting and cargo ships, 70% of the program being in fighting craft, and 30% in cargo. These are of 38 different types including the following:

FIGHTING CRAFT	
35,000-Ton Battleship	2,100-Ton Destroyers
13,000-Ton Heavy Cruisers	1,620-Ton Destroyers
10,000-Ton Light Cruisers	Destroyer Escorts
6,000-Ton Light Cruisers	Tank-Landing Craft
	Infantry-Landing Craft
	14,700-Ton Aircraft Carriers
	27,000-Ton Aircraft Carriers

CARGO SHIPS	
Liberty Ships	Other type Cargo Ships
Victory Ships	Single-Screw Tankers
C-1B Cargo Ships	Twin-Screw Tankers
C-3E Cargo Ships	Ore Transfer Ships
C-3 Cargo Combat Ships	Trawlers
Passenger-and-Cargo Ships	Fleet Tugs
	25,000-Ton Ore-and-Oil Carriers

