

WITH THE BOYS IN SERVICE
Dear Mr. Lynch:
Just another soldier wanting to say hello to all my folks and friends in dear old K. M., and that I am working fine, getting along very good. Hoping and expecting the war to be over soon and I can be back there with you all. Have not read a K. M.

ARE THEIR SCHOOL CLOTHES READY?
How about it, Mother? Are Junior's school suits clean? Are daughter's skirts clean and neatly pressed? Are fall coats ready for first chill winds en countering them on the way to morning classes? Bring their clothes in now!
Walker Dry Cleaners
COME CLEAN WITH US AND WE'LL DYE FOR YOU
PHONE 257

IF said lady, but maybe some eyes will catch up with me soon, and would like to read one. I am now in France. The French people are great to see, giving us wine, fruits and eggs. Had three fresh eggs for breakfast. Sometimes we trade our C-rations for eggs, cheese and potatoes and they sure are crummy about our chocolate candy, chewing gum and cigarettes. I have been offered one dollar a package for cigarettes. It has been a long time since they have had any of this kind of stuff. I would pay high prices to get them. Of course we are not allowed to sell it. You should see the wooden shoes, some of the French people wear. They are about twice as long as the feet I do not see how they walk in them, do not think it their custom to wear wooden shoes, but on account of the war, they cannot get very much leather. Some feet do wear leather shoes that are three inches thick. Most of the French farmers live in villages about to 15 families in a village and they have their farms and pastures out from there. Most of the farm work is done with oxen. There are a few horses, but not many. They have lots of cows and chickens, and some rabbits. Most of the houses are very small, just a kitchen and bedroom, with the barn and storage room built together. Her's hoping the war is over and I am back in dear old K. M. soon.
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Dear Mr. Lynch:
As I haven't written you for some time, I thought I'd drop a line, and thank you for the good old hometown paper, although it has been some time since we've seen one. They just can't keep up with me. As I move around quite a bit, but I know if I stop for a short while, I will get all the back papers, then I can read up a storm.
I was in France for a while, and sure did hate to return to Italy, for the people there are glad to see Americans, but these damned 'It's our Allies, ha, I am getting sick of them.
While in France I had plenty of good whiskey and gin of all kinds, sure was nice. You could also get a mug of beer there, just like at home. I stayed pretty close to all the bars. As it had been a long time since I'd seen one, where you could get everything. For the last year, it has been wine, wine, and then more wine.
The girls there, well, I'd rather not talk about them, for it broke my heart, to leave them, and if I'd write about them, it will only bring back memories.
I read in the Stars and Stripes today where a K. M. boy, Lt. Barrett,

of a K. M. C. can't keep the old home town down, etc.
I guess I'd better close for now. I hear the Ganton are coming to see K. M. and everyone in it soon.
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HINDS HINDS
By R. T. Sals
Jaeger Threat of Ganton visited at Noho Sunday afternoon.
Charles Gant visited his parents at Noho. He belongs to the Marines.
Miss Martha Brown visited Miss Doris Payson of the Phenix No. 1 Saturday night.
We are awful sorry to know Charlie Carpenter's boy, Earl, has been killed in action. I have known this family for many years.
Mrs. Ed Przewitz of Spartanburg, S. C. is visiting her brother at Hawk Haven, B. T. and H. Y. at Noho this week end.
If you plan to do anything decent in life better do it today—tomorrow is not sure—belongs to destiny.
I bet you Dewey couldn't milk a cow. He just don't know how. I would commence at the wrong end. If Dewey would go to the White House chair many families would go hungry at the breakfast table, little children would go ragged and barefooted and shiver out in the snow.
I asked a smart little lady if she loved to go to the movies. She said, no, she went to the movies to love.
Did you ever hear about the man that killed his wife and little daughter and buried them in the woods in a shallow grave and then stole the cow. Hoke Secret lived four miles above Monroe in Union county. His people were well to do farmers. Hoke married a beautiful woman in western N. C. lived with her four or five years. One child was born to the family. Hoke pretended to his wife that they were going to visit his people. They drove a horse and buggy through the country. They reached Hickory at nightfall, stopped for the night at a boarding house. Next morning Hoke told his wife he had some business to attend to before they could continue their journey to her parents. He came back from his business deal shortly after noon that day, called at the boarding house, got his wife and child drove out of town, up the road about two miles turned off the road, drove out where they were buried. He had a fox, had with a pick and shovel dug a new grave in a lonely spot, hitched his horse, took his wife and child to the grave, and with a stick killed his wife and then the child, covered them up like any other grave and placed a stone at the head, then got in the buggy and drove back to his farm home, told his father that he sent his wife to Hickory by train that she was staying a while with her mother who was seriously ill. All went well for a month. Some boys were hunting. The dogs tried something, they went to the lonely spot to find the dogs scratching the dirt off of the bodies. The boys reported it to the sheriff, he and others went out and found the bodies. It was a great mystery for awhile. They soon picked up all the evidence necessary traced Hoke back to Union county found him at his home, arrested him and took him to the grave, showed him the bodies and the club he killed them with. He confessed everything. They held him in jail. When the trial came up his lawyers had him to play off easy. The judge committed him to Morganton asylum. He stayed in there several years. Finally he slipped off on his way back to Monroe. He stole a cow and sold her for \$15. The law got him. The judge gave him 2 years in Raleigh at hard labor. Zeb Vance was Governor at that time. Secret died shortly after serving his time. This ended one of the most hideous crimes in the annals of N. C. I visited the grave one time.
OAK VIEW NEWS
by Mary Gore
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wells and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Annie Lockridge and daughter, Jewett of Kings Mountain.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. White and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Spearman.
Miss Lydia Hicks spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Gore.
Miss Nellie Mae Ellison spent Sunday with Miss Betty Lou Wells.
Mrs. Berta Ellison and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Wells and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caldwell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childers and family.
Mrs. Ruth Baumgardner and children are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hope of Ganton.
Pte. William E. Wells who has been stationed overseas for the last 22 months says he will be home soon on a furlough. He is stationed on an island in the South Atlantic.
J. D. Stewart of the U. S. Navy is spending a 30 day leave with his parents and family.
Mittens keep children's hands warmer than do gloves.

Dr. Gannells Awarded Medal
Sgt. Clarence B. Gannells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gannells was recently awarded the Third Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight" while participating in combat missions against the enemy in the Balkans, southern Italy and Germany.
Sgt. Gannells is an aerial gunner with a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment group of the 15th Air Force in Italy.
After graduation from Kings Mountain High School in 1941, he was employed as a service station attendant until his entry into the Army Air Forces on Feb. 5, 1943, at Ft. Bragg, N. C. He received training at Keebler Field, Miss.
Nicaragua has now in the field 5,000 rubber gatherers in the jungle.
MACEDONIA NEWS
A successful meeting has been in progress at Macedonia for the past week and will continue through next week.
Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Gannells and daughter, Peggy, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cooke Sunday. Miss Beatrice Wilson from Boiling Springs college spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Cooke.
Mr. Lloyd M. Galt's father has been spending several days with his Mrs. Theo Peterson underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday. She is in the City Hospital, Ganton. She remains very ill.
Mr. and Mrs. James Peterson spent the week end in Gaffney.
Miss Selma Harding and friends

Dr. Mike J. Palmer
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Examination, Diagnosis, Glasses Fitted
10:30 A. M.—5:30 P. M.—Fridays Only
Up Stairs Over Kings Mountain Drug Co.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Recipe for a Perfect Marriage
Joe and Jane Cooper celebrated their 4th Wedding Anniversary last Saturday. Having so many friends, it seemed like half the town stopped in that evening to pay their respects.
Little Joe Marsh brought a home-made poem to read, called Love Enduring. Best Children called "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mr. Marsh made a speech and proposed a toast.
And as I watched that toast—Dad with his glass of beer, Jane with her buttermilk—I thought to myself: There's a recipe for happy marriage. Two folks with different tastes—no doubt an honest fault or two—who through the years have learned to live in tolerance and understanding.
From where I sit, Joe and Jane are a mighty good example to young married people of today—an example of how understanding, tolerance and understanding can build lasting happiness and solid homes.
Joe Marsh
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SEND HIM A Merry Christmas
KEEP his Holiday Spirit up and home ties strong, and "pretty," too. A gayly decorated package from the folks back home will do the trick. Remember how his face lit up when he got "just what he wanted" his last Christmas at home?
He can't do without a well equipped sturdy canvas toilet kit. Handy belt strap to hold it on—
\$3.00 \$4.00 \$5.00
Warm all-wool sleeveless pull-over to wear under his jacket on coldest days. Khaki or Navy—
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