

## HOME ON FURLOUGH

Captain Bill Eaker was in town for a brief stay, on his way to attend the annual Methodist Conference in Statesville. Bill is stationed at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. and will return there the latter part of this week. Bill has gained considerably and now boasts of 175 lbs. You know he used to be very slender. Maybe its the Rollins coming out in him (Remember the letter his Dad wrote awhile back about all the Rollins girls growing up so big - well, Bill's Mom is a Rollins)

Lt. Bob Forney spent a recent week-end with his family. Bob is now stationed at Maxton, N.C. and says North Carolina looks plenty good to him after California and Nebreska.

Broadus Beam of Camp Le Jeune, New River, N.C. has been home a coupla' week-ends this past month - Another lucky boy, to be so close home.

Robey Brackett, who has just completed his boot-training at Bainbridge, Md., has been spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and other members of his family. Robey will return to Bainbridge to be assigned to active duty.

Cpl. Forest Canipe of Fort Bragg, N.C., his wife and baby spent a short time here recently, with Mr. and Mrs. John Canipe. Miss Mary Canipe accompanied them to their former home at Valdese for a weeks visit.

Aviation Cadet G.W. Clay, Jr., is here for a 5-day visit with his parents, Rev. & Mrs. G.W. Clay. "G" is stationed at Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., and will return there for further orders, sending him to some base for Advanc ed Flying. Elsewhere in this issue, you will see the announcement of G.W.'s engagement to Miss Frances Jones of Shelby - believe you me, "G" is the smiling young man these days and can hardly wait until he receives his WINGS. "G" had a date with Frances the other nite and in some manner (?) got face powder on the shoulder of his blue coat, and my how powder does show on those Navy outfits - well, anyway, his kid brother, Fletcher, was admirably trying to assist "G" with his dressing next morning when he spied that white dusty smudge on his shoulder and he said, "Good-night, "G," what is that stuff on your shoulder, "HOG FEED?" (And Fletcher was dead-serious too).

Pvt. Andy Pritchard of Camp Sutton, N.C., was at home last week-end and attended Sunday School, Sunday morning. Everyone was glad to see him, and, for that matter, we are always glad to see the service boys there anytime they're home.

Pfc. Charley Wease, Jr., is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wease. Charley is plenty thrilled to be home as this is his first furlough in 21 months. He has been stationed in Bermuda, for the past 18 months, and is enjoying being back in the States once more. After his furlough, he will return to Fort Bliss, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schenck, Sr., Mrs. Jim Osborne and Mr. Fitz Rollins attended the annual Methodist Conference of Western North Carolina, at Statesville, on Thursday, October 21st. It was truly an inspiring sight to see that crowd - 1000 men and women, by far the greater majority were men, assembled to hear the splendid ser mon delivered by Rev. Chappells of Jackson, Miss. The appointments will be read tomorrow and we're all hoping that Rev. Clay willbe returned to this church.