

tourists - his price was, a flat #3.00 per day and the customer furnish all equipment and his dinner. Matt gave all the tourists the idea that he was working for them, but the fishing trips usually ended by the tourists rowing the boat and Matt showing them the fine art of fishing and at the same time getting paid for the very things that made him happy. This rather lengthy little story, illustrates my point, that no matter in what manner you elect to earn your living and in whatever way you choose to find your happiness, that our American plan of government guarantees each individual that right.

Now, I want to tell you fellers, something about our front cover, as you know, this is our Anniversary number. "Hott Off The Hoover Rail" is one year old this month, so we picked one of Lawndale's finest babies to be pictured as "Little Miss Hoover Rail." The winsome little Miss is Diane James, daughter of Private and Mrs. David James. Private James is stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., and we have an idea, that it will be a long time before he'll tire of this particular issue. She's a baby to be proud of and the Hoover Rail wishes to thank little Diane and her Mother for their co-operation in bringing you this attractive front cover.

It seems each month, as if we have some very fine letters to call to your particular attention, and this month is no exception, we feel honored in having with us in our Anniversary issue, Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, former Governor of North Carolina, also T.D. Kemp, Jr., of Charlotte, featured columnist on the Charlotte Observer, and last but not least, by any means, our fellow-townsmen of bygone years, Tod Caldwell of Shelby. We know that you will enjoy them all very much.

In the coming year, we shall always try to improve your little paper, and say suggestions that you fellers might offer would be deeply appreciated. So shoot in any ideas, you'd like to have us use, and watch your paper grow, and keep your letters rolling in. They help us in a big way.

Until next time Good Luck, Good fighting, and God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Jim Osborne

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HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Pfc. Jerry Caldwell has been given an honorable discharge from the Army after serving a year, both in the States and overseas. We haven't seen Jerry since his return, but we all want to welcome him back and also extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his mother. Jerry, at the present time is staying with his brother, Tod, in Shelby. A grand brother-team.

HOME-TOWN BOY AWARDED MEDAL

Pvt. Parker T. Wray, son of Mrs. Frank Wray, of Lawndale, Route #1, who has been serving overseas for seven months has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Army's medal for gallantry in action and given only to those who are wounded in battle. Parker is at home now for a rest, after seeing action in Sicily, Italy, and Salerno, and has seen plenty of front line fighting. He was wounded in the legs by shrapnel and in one hand by a German Machine Gun.

Besides the Purple Heart, Parker wears a good conduct Ribbon and also a European Campaign Ribbon. Only one other Cleveland County boy has won the Purple Heart, the late Hildred Canipe of Fallston. He was killed in action in Guadalcanal.

The Hoover Rail Staff and his many friends in Lawndale, extend warmest congratulations to Pvt. Parker T. Wray.