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The following article was sent to the Hoover Rail by S/Sgt. John Click of Ft. McPherson, Ga. John is a brother of Mrs. Laxton Mauney, who writes one of our favorite articles each month - seems the talent for writing runs in the family. Thanks John and let us hear from you again.

"What Are We Fighting For"

What are we fighting for? What are the war aims and peace aims of the United States? These are the questions constantly being asked by everyone. Here is one man's idea as to why we are in this war.

We are fighting this war so that at some future time, not too far away, we can have a free America in a peaceful world. We are also fighting this war to prevent the enslavement of a large portion of the human race.

A combination of dictators have pooled their resources and strength in order to obliterate democracy from the earth. We and our Allies stand in their way and are slowly but steadily beating them into the ground. The aim of the armed forces of the U.S. and its Allies is the total and complete defeat of the Axis powers. There will be nothing short of unconditional surrender. We scoff at peace feelers.

We often hear people say that we are fighting this war for ourselves. That viewpoint can't be defended. True we are fighting this war to preserve our liberties and freedom, yet in the broad sense we're fighting to preserve the fundamental human liberties all over the world. Everytime Great Britian downs a German plane, it is a help to us, everytime the Soviet Army wins a victory, it is a victory for us, everytime the Chinese kill a Jap, that's a victory for us. We're in this war to make sure that never again will strong dictators be allowed to rise and oppress the little people of the world, and that the fundamental rights laid down in our Constitution be given to the world, so that all people will be able to enjoy the liberties and freedom which we in the United States have had and enjoyed for so many years.

Briefly, this war is being fought for liberty and freedom for all people for all times.

Yours very truly,

S/Sgt. John O. Click

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"This Younger Generation"

Little Connie Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Carpenter, gets around a bit, it seems. Recently she went with her parents to a "Prayer Meeting" and then shortly after, to a "Square Dance" - A few days ago, Connie, who is only 3 years old, came to her mother and asked, "Mummy, when are we going to another 'Square Meeting'?" (Getting her social gatherings slightly mixed.)

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When Chief Petty Officer Ira Weaver was here this past month with his bride, his new uniform and his bride came in for their share of discussion among his young nephew Don and little niece, Ina Price - The children, after spending the day with Ira and his wife at their Grandmother's home, upon reaching home were talking over "Uncle Ira" in general - Mrs. Price asked Don how he liked Ira's new uniform and Don said, "Why gee, its swell", and then his mother asked "Well, how did you like his bride", - and Don said, "Gee, she's swell too" and then little Ina, who is only 3 years old, popped up and said, "Well Donny, how did you like his lip-stick"? (Proving that "Little Pitchers have big eyes as well as big ears")