

TOWN TALKS ON

Pvt. Melton Langley, Jr., soldiering at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Mrs. Bob Martin of the Red Cross receives splendid letter from officials at Fragg concerning Xmas packages sent from Tarboro & Edgecombe. Mrs. C. I. (Reckie) West gets letter from husband, "Inkie", patient in French Hospital. Wounded in foot and thigh shrapnel. Has been over 6 mos. and is radio operator on armored car with reconnaissance outfit. Geo. Hatch, Airport Mgr., taking passengers daily sight-seeing and on business. Several new students start training. Hangars being built and entire 100 acres will be grass sodded. Petty robberies continue around Tarboro during nights. Kay Kyser picture, Carolina Blues, repeatedly mentions Rocky Mount, Edgecombe & Nash. Installation of Pres. P.A. Nelson, Vice-Prest. E. D. Johnson & Secty-Treas. R. O. ("Bull") Hall of local Kiwanis, staged Jan. 9

Howard Irvin Alford's sudden death while at work with Car. Tel. Co in Rocky Mount a great shock to entire community. A fine boy, who numbered his friends by the scores. Lawyer Jesse A. Jones of Kinston, Lions District Gov., guest speaker here Jan. 11. Womens Medical College of Pa. awards Doctor of Medicine to Elaine Alice Schwinge. Enters Children's Hospital at Philadelphia as interne. Security Natl. bank holds annual meeting in Greensboro - reflects deposits \$51,655,123.67, showing 23% increase. Net earnings for year \$210,712.69, or \$2.63 on each \$10.00 share of stock. Semi-annual dividend increased to 40% per share. Five local hospital nurses to enter service soon. Hart Mill employees tender Jimmie Britt a big supper prior to his entering service. He is very popular with them - has made a fine record during his long years at the mill, and is a splendid citizen of Tarboro. Jimmie volunteers for service and HFN wishes him God Speed. Joe Wynn, veteran milk delivery man, now employed inside milk plant. Has made an enviable record. A. G. Carter of Sanford, brother-in-law of Mrs. S.W. Harrell and Mrs. Janie Roberson dies.

The Edgecombe Bank held their annual meeting at Community House on Jan. 16th. A barbecue luncheon was served to more than 50 stockholders present. President J. W. Forbes and Cashier Harold Myrick read reports reflecting steady growth of bank during its 3 yrs. of operations. C. H. Hales was instantly killed on Jan. 16th in auto wreck with truck from Hertford, wreck occurring just beyond Veneer Mills at 3:30 P. M. Wreck caused by Hales car leaving concrete and upon attempted return lost control and semi-head-on collision resulted. Carl Andrews riding with Hales, very seriously injured. Both car and truck wrecked. Thanks to bankers Harold Myrick and Polly (Mrs) Bob Norfleet for HFN donations of \$5.00 and \$3.00 respectively. Such contributions insure continued publication and reflects fine attitude. The Red Cross soon to put on 1945 drive and people are just waiting the opportunity to give. Why? Because it is for you primarily needing help and we can't resist that call. Did you know the Red Cross sent out over 20,000,000 bandages in 1944, that only 10% of amount raised goes for salaries and expenses, that 90% of achievement of the organization is from volunteer workers? So praise and salute that Red Cross, wherever you contact it.

We learned with deep regret of death of John R. Osborne, nephew of Mrs. J. W. Hudson. He was killed in action with 101st Airborne outfit. Mr. & Mrs. Allan Dupree were overjoyed lately when son A. G., with Merchant Marine, came home unexpected. Had not heard from him in three months. By the grapevine route - Sailor Roy Madra has taken unto himself a wife. Is located out on West Coast. Roy had quite a few sea experiences early in war. Was aboard large carrier that was sunk in Pacific. Thanks to Nathan Ford, Jr for "Hi Sailor" publication. (Most as good as HFN). Sam & Willie Stell were both at home during Christmas holidays. We have just heard of Bill Partin being wounded in action in Belgium - left arm and we hear not too serious. Is in hospital in England. A great guy and Bill has every good wish from HFN. Reports are that Lt R. E. Currin III, bomber pilot, missing in action over Germany in December. Bob paid us a visit just before going over and what a splendid chap he was - so proud of his commission, so eager to go over. We sincerely regret the terrible news. Maybe fate will be kind and this lad will be located well and unharmed.