

WHITAKERS NEWS: Mrs. R. H. Ladd received a notice from the War Department that Bernard had been slightly wounded in action. A few days later Mrs. Ladd heard from Bernard. He was in a hospital getting good attention. We are pulling hard for you, Bernard. Good luck and best wishes to you. Bessie Rudd Smith was married to Robert Vernon Cobb on Jan. 19. The Braswell's received a card from Homer last week. It was written in July. He had gotten letters from home at last. We hope our boys who are prisoners on the Philippines will soon know McArthur is back. A. G. Mayo and his brother have bought the old brick building across the railroad from the sawmill and fixing it up for a pulp mill. Jack Carter has the Ford Agency and a garage in Tarboro and plans to move his family there as soon as he can find a place to live. Joe Hamilton spent the week-end at home recently.

SPEED NEWS: Pvt. Clarence Vick spent a 3-day pass with his parents. He has recently been transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas. Pfc. Lynwood Jones has received a Medical Discharge from the Army after serving 2½ yrs. in Northern Africa and Italy. Home on leave: Turner Burnette and Stanley Vick. Sgt. James Norris has returned to the States and is spending a 21-day leave at home with his wife and parents. Mrs. Eben Jones has gone to Utah to see her husband, 1st Lt. Eben Jones, who has recently returned from the S. Pacific, and is stationed at a hospital there.

CONETOE NEWS: Home on Leave: Pfc. Earl M. Worsley, Pvt. Wm. Stallings, Willie Dail, USCG, Sylvanius Dail, USCG, Cadet Paul E. Warren, Pvt. Lentis Lewis, Billy Morning, USN, Sgt. Jessie Brown and Ruffin Edmondson, USMS. Sgt. Jesse Brown was home for thirty days after being in the Southwest Pacific for 26 months. This boy has seen some action and says its wonderful to be home again. He is now stationed at Cherry Point. Pfc. Clarence Harris was in Southwest Pacific and became ill with jungle rash. He was flown to the hospital in Hawaii and is much better now. Pfc. Earl M. Worsley was home for fifteen days from Camp Crowder and has recently gone overseas. J. T. Williams, USN, was killed when his ship was sunk in the typhoon. Mrs. Ernest Everett and Mrs. William Henry Bulluck underwent operations at Edgecombe Hospital and both are doing fine. Mrs. Thad Lewis received the President's Citation for her son who was killed in July on Siapan Island.

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS: William B. Harrison has been named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented annually by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce to the young men of the community who has made the most outstanding contribution to the community during the year. Three local hospitals—The A. C. L. Hospital, Park View Hospital, and The Rocky Mount Sanitarium have been awarded full approval by the American College of Surgeons for the year 1944. J. M. Fox was installed monarch of the Mohammed Grotto. Thomas J. Pearsall has been named President of the Agricultural Foundation, Inc. Rae Mangum, a pre-medical student at Princeton University, has been elected one of the three representatives of the Class of 1946. Marriages: Miss Frances Henry to Frank Hays Critchenfield, Jr. USNR, of Pittsburg & Glassport, Penn.; Miss Betsy Davis to S/S George Lawrence Peterson, Smithfield, D. C.; Miss Ruby Drummond to Pvt. Ernest Gardner of Nashville, W. C. & Biloxi, Miss.; Miss Elizabeth Low to Donald Hill Cole, Jr., USNR of Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Margaret Lucille Revels of Kings Mountain to James Russell Herring; Miss Evelyn Boyd to Elbert Boykin Taylor, USNR of Tarboro, N. C.; Miss Ann Dorsett to James Gibson Brown of Westminster, S. C.; Capt. Robert D. Kornegay to Miss Anne Dennis, of Dunn, N. C. Deaths: P. A. Mosley, Mrs. Emma House, Mrs. Luna Kelly, J. A. Edgerton and T. B. Temple. Leaves: Erle Austin, Jr., Col. Julian S. Brock, Ensign Vernon S. Felton, Pvt. Herman Joyner, Sgt. Tom H. Anderson from Mediterranean Theatre of operations, Radioman Cecil Willis, Jr., James A. Moore from European Theatre, and William C. Woodard.