

INTER-VIEWS

A most pleasant visit from Ensign Curtis Sprague and his very pretty wife. (Curtis had misfortune to lose his fine father recently). Flying a Ventura bomber in the Pacific, Curtis looks swell and enjoying his work. Both he and wife paid nice compliment to our service paper.

"Does your cigarette taste differently lately?" Gene Simmons pays us that long awaited visit, we quote:

"Saw old Herman Creech- Hasn't changed a bit. He has worn out his wallet showing picture of baby. I was surprised to find baby looks like Minnie Lou after what Herman said. Saw old Irvin Guill asked about his pitching arm. He says it's O. K. for "pitching-woo". Dick Havens same old Dick- mustache and all. Tom Page doing great job- saw him. Looked for "Pea Ray" Lewis. Understand he was busy. "Bud" Shook looks good. Did brilliant job. HFN doing wonderful job. Boys really appreciate it."

We have seen much of Capt. Gene and are truly proud of him and his record made with the famed 15th heavy bomber outfit in Italy. Hazardous missions too numerous to mention, have slowed old Gene down a bit but there is lots of pep there yet. He proudly exhibits several combat medals and was on the first historic flight mission to Russia. A ladies man of note, he has reached the end of this particular career, for on April 11th at Evanston, Ill, Gene marries Miss Inez Brown of Idaho.

I recently telephoned pretty Ruby Hudson, at home from the University, to consult her doctor, and learned she was enroute to Duke Hospital for a major operation. Believe you me, she was so bright and cheerful I could hardly believe what she was in for. But as this is written, she has successfully passed the crisis and is on the road back to health. And do we all remember the great swimming performances she staged at our pool. National attention was attracted and Ruby journeyed to Washington to continue her great performances. Had she chosen to, she could have made quite a name in the aquatic world. But she elected to complete her college education. HFN says, "Cherrio, Ruby, and long may you be a champ".

J. B. Johnson, C.B.M., arrives home after two years in the Pacific. He has spent the past several months in hospital and is on 30 day convalescent leave from Naval Hospital At Portsmouth. "Fats" brought along numerous Jap grenades and mortar shells and 100 or more pictures of action, etc., in the Pacific. His descriptions of the various islands he has visited are about as good as we have had. In the service since March, 1942, "Fats" says he has enough

Miss Athlea Boone, with the County Government, presented Miss Ara-coeli Gonzalves Moreno of South American in this county on School Extension Service. Most attractive- talking mostly with her eyes etc. Still unable to master English, her lingo was awfully cute.

Vernon Whitley, EM2/C, flew in from Bermuda after 14 mos. there says enroute to Rhode Island and doesn't know where from there, but has plenty of "the rock". Says four days to Bermuda by boat and three hours returning by plane to New York City. Vernon with the Seebees, a fine chap. Formerly worked for Town in electric department.

Capt. David Gatlin blew into our airport Sunday, the 15th, flying an army A. T. 6, 600 H. P. fast stepping baby. David is an instructor in S. C., and flew up to visit his parents a few hours.



Artist Alice was some tickled to let us know of hubby, Wilbur's, promotion to Sgt. He is, or was, in Germany and I have read some of his rare comments back to friends. A swell sense of humor this guy has, and ability along with it. He held an official position with Runnymede Hosiery Mills before entering the service.

S/S T. R. Mills on 10 day furlough from Charleston airbase- drops in for chat.