

News of Men and Women in Uniform

CAPTAIN WALTER HARRIGAN, JR., veteran of 102 combat missions and 2,000 flight hours, was discharged from the army air corps at Greensboro December 15. For participation in the invasions of Saipan, Iwo Jima and Japan, he received three battle stars. He was also awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with an oak leaf cluster and the Purple Heart. Captain Harrigan was in the first group of fighters to fly from an island base to the Japanese mainland. As flight leader he flew on numerous escorting and strafing missions. His wife, Dorothy Harrigan, and small son, Michael, have made their home at Sugar Grove during his absence. His father, Walter Harrigan, Sr., resides in Long Island, N. Y.

ROY P. MARSH, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crater Marsh of Boone, serves aboard the destroyer Benner with the Asiatic fleet based in Tokyo Bay. This ship operated with the third fleet during the pre-invasion and occupation

campaigns off the Japanese home islands. Earlier she saw action at Wake island. Crew members have toured the mainland at Tokyo, Yokosuka and Yokohama.

LT. WALTER C. THOMPSON of the army air force, of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson, of Sugar Grove, Monday, Dec. 17, where he will spend a 30-day furlough. A brother, Don F. Thompson, seaman first class, has arrived and has been honorably discharged from the navy. Seaman Thompson spent three and a half years in the navy. He spent 28 months in the Atlantic theatre of war and eight months in the Pacific, having come direct from Japan. Another brother, S-S John W. Thompson, is expected to arrive from Japan any day and will be discharged. He has spent 38 months in the army, having spent 24 months in the Pacific theatre.

J. W. GRIMES, STM first class, who has been in the navy for four years, has received his discharge and returned to his home in Boone. Seaman Grimes was in the Pacific theatre for about 18 months.

WALTER R. SHORE, technician fourth class, son of Mrs. Callie Shore of Route 1, Boone, is serving as an electrician for the recoil

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President Harry S. Truman sees 1946 March of Dimes, January 14-31, as "a fitting tribute" to his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

pair and overhaul shop of the 3626th recoil repair company in Manila. He arrived overseas in September, 1945, at Manila. He trained as artillery mechanic at Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and took specialized training as diesel engine mechanic and operator at Fort Monroe, Va., before his overseas assignment. Prior to entering the service, he was employed as electrician in Asheville. Sgt. Shore is authorized to wear the American Theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre ribbon, and the Good Conduct medal.

T-SGT. ODIS L. GREENE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Greene, Boone Route 1, is now on his way to the States for discharge. He was last on duty with the 3352nd quartermaster truck company at Base M, in northern Luzon. In the army since July, 1942, Sgt. Greene was overseas since January, 1943. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre.

Sugar allocations for the first quarter of 1946 are slightly lower than for the past quarter, but civilian rationing can be maintained at current levels.

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By REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

A NATION IN THE MAKING
Lesson for Jan. 6: Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25; 3:1-12

In this first quarter we have studies in the history of Israel, from the days of Egyptian oppression to the crowning of Saul.

Today we review the conditions of the Israelites under oppression. A new king over Egypt had no kindly sentiments toward the people of Joseph. He said they were a menace to the country. With the evident design of exterminating the Israelites, he began an oppression of them ever afterward remembered by them as a period of bitterness unrelieved even by hopes of anything better.

The terrible Pharaoh died but the oppression went on unabated. Yet God still lived and his eyes were on his distressed people, and he remembered the covenant he had made with their fathers.

Meanwhile the dreams of Moses seemed to be fading as he, a fugitive, led his father-in-law's sheep to the back side of the wilderness. How unlikely a place to begin a great experiment! Yet God was there. And he caught the attention of Moses from the burning bush and opened his ears to great things.

Back in Egypt the Israelites, still groaning under their hard tasks, knew nothing of the happenings in the wilderness. But they were destined to hear and follow Moses in due time. For out of the burning bush Moses received his commission to lead his people from bondage. Heed the voice of God in your hearts.

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