



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Cecil Deal Home After Three Years Overseas

Pfc. Cecil Deal, who has been serving with the armed forces in the European theatre of operations for three years and eight months, has been granted an honorable discharge after amassing 106 points and is now at his home here.

Pfc. Deal wears the European ribbon with three battle stars, the American theatre ribbon, the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, the good conduct medal and a star and the medical badge. He served with the medics.

John A. Roberts, Jr., Home On Furlough

Pvt. John A. Roberts, Jr., who has completed basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., is spending 14 days with his parents on route 3, Shelby, prior to reporting to Fort Meade, Md., for further duty.

Carl Randall Now In Norfolk, Va.

Word has been received here that Carl Dexter Randall, motor machinist mate first class, has reported to the staff of the operational training command, Atlantic fleet, in Norfolk, for duty. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Randall of Grover, he is married to the former Mary A. Lee of Shelby, who is with him in Norfolk.

Evan Boyles Serving On Aircraft Carrier

Word has been received that Evan M. Boyles, son of Bruce B. Boyles of route 3, Lawndale, is now serving on an aircraft carrier which recently took part in an attack on a Jap naval air station at Kanoya in southern Kyushu. In

the raid not a single Jap ventured out to look over Uncle Sam's crushing navy power.

Pfc. Worley Here On Furlough From Texas

Pfc. R. M. Worley and Mrs. Worley are visiting Mrs. Worley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Howington, of Boiling Springs for a few weeks. Pfc. Worley, who was wounded in France last November, is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Robert Crook With Air Force In Germany

Sgt. Robert C. Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crook of Kings Mountain and husband of the former Miss Marjorie Bowling of this place, is now at a Ninth air force base in Germany operated by the veteran 31st air transport group for flying supplies, equipment and personnel essential to efficient functioning of the military government. Sgt. Crook is an aircraft engineer and prior to entering the air corps he was a student at Clemson college.

Fred Cornwall Earns Infantryman's Badge

Pvt. Fred S. Cornwall, whose home is on route 5, Shelby, has been awarded the combat infantryman's badge while serving with the 100th division of the Seventh army in Germany. The Seventh army participated in the invasion of Sicily and Southern France and from there went into Germany, capturing more than 650,000 prisoners.

William M. Weathers Made First Lieutenant

Word has been received here that William M. Weathers, who is stationed at Smoky Hill army air base in Salina, Kansas, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant there. Lt. and Mrs. Weathers have been making their home in Salina, but Lt. Weathers, who is pilot of a B-29 Superfortress, expects to leave for overseas duty soon.

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Personals From Pleasant Grove

PLEASANT GROVE—The crops in this community are badly in need of rain, especially the gardens.

Mrs. John A. Wright is ill in the Edwards clinic at Toluca. Mrs. Leck Turner is sick.

Mrs. Talmadge Queen is recovering from mumps.

Weekend guests of Miss Ada Pearl Wright were Misses Dorothy Sue Hoyle of Ross Grove, Mildred Harmon of Shelby, Evelyn and Thelma Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Williams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Spangler of Double Shoals.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Cline of near Waco and Mrs. Albert Hamrick of Kings Mountain visited Mr. and Mrs. Plato Costner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter have moved into Frank Scism's house.

Pfc. Talmadge Queen of Charleston, S. C., spent Friday with Mrs. Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wright of Landrum, S. C., spent Sunday with Zim Williams and Eula.

ON FURLOUGH
Pvt. Parris C. Hoyle of Fort Bragg is spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Hoyle.

Miss Hazel Glenn of Morganton spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Crawley and children of near Glen Alpine spent Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Glasco and Broadus.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Wright and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Farris Martin of near Belwood Saturday going especially to see Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whisnant and Patricia, who were visiting there from Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Williams and son, visited Mr. and Mrs. Webb Barnette of Eastside Sunday.

C. W. Carter of Marion has returned home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter. Miss Betty Weaver of Spencer's Mountain was a Sunday dinner guest of the Carters.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Presley Costner were Mr. and Mrs. Onley Wright and children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bridges and children of Shelby, who have returned home after a three weeks' stay in Manteo.

SUNDAY VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kendrick and Mary Jane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clem Kendrick of Poplar Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cooke and Frances and Mrs. Setzer of Hickory spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grigg and Aileen of New House spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Williams.

Mrs. Leonard Wright and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ed Bridges of Shelby. Miss Nell Wright remained to spend this week end with Joanne Bridges.

Mrs. Dewell Glasco, Mildred and Gene of Valdese spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Plato Costner. They with Mrs. W. H. Glasco and Sammy Costner were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wellmon of Shelby.

Mrs. Newell Wright and children, Mrs. James Costner and daughters and Jeanette Kendrick spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Purman Sellars of Fallston.

Mrs. John Hendrick and Lynda, of Belwood and Mrs. Hubert Smith and son, of Fallston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clem Kendrick Tuesday.

SHARON EVENTS OF PAST WEEK

SHARON—Twenty ladies of the Shelby circuit were present and enjoyed the mission study class taught by Mrs. Stentz Sunday afternoon at Sharon church.

Miss Agnes Rayle of Charlotte, was the week-end guest of Miss Rebecca Dodd.

Miss Janie K. Smith spent the latter part of last week in Shelby with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Morehead.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott were Rev. and Mrs. B. Wilson of Lenoir and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dodd.

Mrs. Nora Bowens of the Ora mill, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holland.

Mrs. John Keigler and children of Virginia, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Hamrick last week.

VISITORS
Visitors at the home of Mrs. J. R. Harrill Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Rainey and daughter of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Laughridge and children of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Ada Gold of Polkville, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Grigg.

The condition of Mrs. W. R. Smith remains about the same. Mrs. Glenn Blanton has been sick the past week.

Mrs. W. M. Whitaker and Mrs. J. D. Elliott entertained the young ladies class of Sharon Sunday school with a party Saturday evening at the Elliott home. Games and contests were enjoyed during the evening. The hostess served sandwiches, cookies and cold drinks. Fifteen people enjoyed the evening. Miss Agnes Rayle of Charlotte was a visitor.

Sunday School Lesson:

Deluge Story, Attested By New Evidence, Is Today's Tale

DR. WILLIAM T. ELLIS and EARL L. DOUGLASS

It is the divine right of every man to go to hell—or to heaven. God made man good, and awesome is the capacity for choice, which in every mortal is the sign of Divine sonship. This power is what sets man apart from all the rest of creation. Because he is made in the image of his eternal Father, he is free to flout and forsake his Parent.

God made man good, and surrounded him with good and designed for him the good of godliness. But with the powerful help of the Devil, man perversely turned to evil. Every day and in every sphere, we see repeated the story of disobedience to God. While the Divine mercy never fails, the Divine Justice must forever operate.

When evil goes too far, the Father sends of justice intervenes. The length to which pagan evil can go has been tragically demonstrated by Germany, now crushed beyond recovery.

Only a father with a broken heart can understand the grief that filial disobedience caused the Eternal. The time came, in a world sodden with evil, when God had to assert His righteous authority over man. The race must be wiped out, and a new beginning made. The only saving remnant was the righteous family of Noah. Thank God, there is always a saving remnant. So Noah was bidden to prepare the ark of deliverance from the flood of punishment.

THE REALITY OF THE FLOOD

Every ancient nation has a tradition of a universal flood. But recent evidence is more convincing and conclusive. When, in behalf of the University of Pennsylvania and the British Museum, Leonard Woolley recently excavated Ur of the Chaldees, he came down to the level of 4000 B. C. Then he was stopped by a great stratum of alluvial soil, eleven feet thick. He had the vision and the persistence to continue to dig. When he got through with this flood deposit, he came to an earlier city.

At about the same time, more than a hundred miles up the river, the archaeologists of the University of Michigan's expedition encountered the same deposit, at the same level. The story of Noah's flood had thus been doubly demonstrated as true.

Tradition has long identified the twin mountain of Ararat, in Armenia, where Turkey and Persia and Russia meet, as the landing place of the ark, after the flood had subsided. I have dwelt for many days within sight of the snow-covered peak, which rises 17,000 feet into the air. Local traditions in this oldest part of the earth identify various sites associated with the life of Noah.

IS GOD REALLY INTERESTED?
This Book of Genesis is a record of God's dealings with men. It proves the tendency of mortals to break away from the Creator's beautiful plans, and to slump into sin. Again and again the people have so defied Him that He has regretted that He ever made them.

But "His mercy endureth forever." His forgiveness is as ample as His justice.

Our generation has lost the sense of the seriousness of sin. We discard it as a creation of the theologians; and we call it "experience." No greater need confronts civilization today than a need for a fresh sense of the sinfulness of sin. We have affronted a moral God, and have been punished. We

The Sunday School Lesson for July 8 is, "Man's Failure and God's Promises"—Genesis 3-9.

shall never have the social order of which we dream until, in repentance, we confess and abandon our sinning. As we labor for peace by planning, we need to remember such solemn work of Scripture as Isaiah's "The work (or consequence) of righteousness shall be peace."

Because He is a moral being, author of a Law of human behaviour, God cannot be indifferent to the character and conduct of the men and women whom He created for a high and holy purpose. He is as interested in the behaviour of the people of 1945 as He was in that of Noah's contemporaries. That is why He has provided a way of redemption through Christ.

SAVING CIVILIZATION
The present war, and subsequent conferences, has been a surge of the struggle to "save civilization." Back of that rather vague word, "civilization," lies the greater meaning of a common life lived in loyalty to a Creator-Ruler, whose designs for man are all beneficent. The flood expressed this Divine solicitude, which represented justice and love. The slate had to be wiped clean before the problems of life could be faced anew.

Fascinating as is the story of today's more important. Man must reckon with God, who deals with nations as well as with individuals. Retribution follows disobedience. But mercy crowns all: the rainbow promise succeeds the Deluge.

No Nightmare

DOVER, England—(AP)—It looked like an old German dream come true when Dover flew Nazi flags and military policemen directed traffic wearing swastikas. But it was no Nazi invasion—some of the "Red Devils" of the 6th airborne division had returned to Dover to deck it with their captured flags and signs.

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STUDY COURSE AT FLINT HILL

FLINT HILL—The Rev. J. W. Costner will preach on "The Gods of the Mountains", Tuesday night, July 8, at 8:30 o'clock.

Beginning Monday night, July 9, through Friday night will be the study course week for all the training unions. A class for all the unions will be taught. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Costner, will be assisted by Rev. T. G. Downs of Gardner-Webb and two local teachers in teaching the course.

Wednesday, July 11, the monthly W. M. U. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hoyle Bowens. The meeting will be at 4 o'clock p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith spent this week with Mrs. Smith's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Harrill McAllister. They are leaving Thursday for Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Hawkins and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins of Kings Mountain, visited in the community Sunday.

DINNER GUESTS
Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aray Weaver Sunday were Pfc. Elijah E. Weaver from Camp Butler, N. C., Mrs. C. R. Haynes of Morganton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Price and children and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ledbetter of Boiling Springs. Callers in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ashe and children from Belmont, Miss Ethel Ledbetter of Boiling Springs

and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weaver and children from Mt. Sinal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughson Pearson and children spent the week-end at Belmont visiting Mr. and Mrs. Japple Pearson.

Rev. J. W. Costner and Graham Weaver have returned home from a vacation in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Western North Carolina.

Mrs. F. M. Ledbetter and Mrs. T. W. Bryant and daughter, Dolores, spent the week-end at Shelby

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ledbetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Hopper and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hopper of Belmont, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dover and children of Albemarle, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Blanton.

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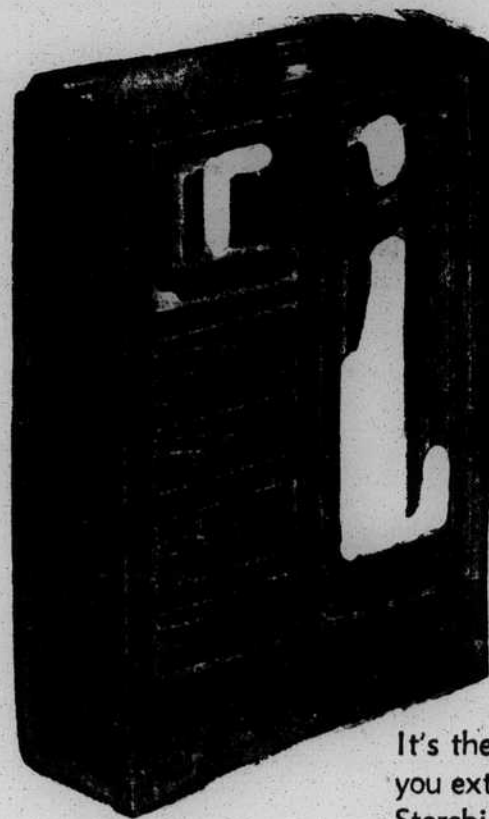
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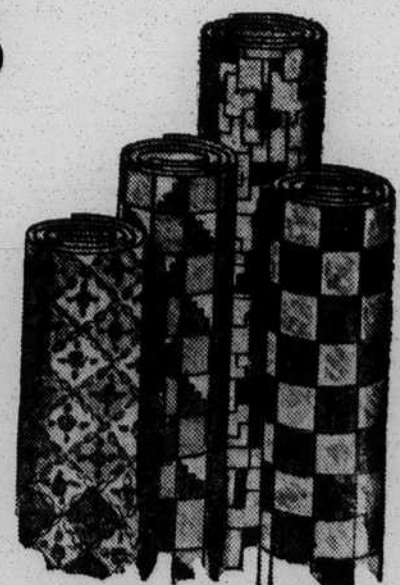
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