

James King Awarded Medal For Outstanding Heroism

James Elmer King, cable splicer's helper for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, was guest of honor last night at a dinner held by the Company in Fayetteville. Occasion for the event was the presentation of the Bell Sys-

tem's Theodore N. Vail Award for heroism which King earned last year when he rescued a fellow worker from a flame-filled man-hole.

On March 9, 1951, King and Cable Splicer J. W. Britt were working in a man-hole in Fayetteville. Additional telephone cable was being placed in the underground conduit system and it was necessary for the men to work in the manhole. At a moment when Britt was working alone in the underground chamber, gas, which apparently had been accumulating for some time, suddenly ignited filling the manhole with intensely hot blue flame.

King, who was near the manhole opening, immediately shouted to Britt to get out of the hole. Although flames were billowing 8 to 10 feet above street level, King approached the opening and, reaching Britt who was attempting to escape from the hole, lifted him from the flames and assisted him until aid arrived.

Both of the Telephone Company men suffered burns, Britt being the most severely injured, and it is believed that through quick thinking and heroic actions without regard for his personal safety, King averted a fatal accident.

The Vail Award, a bronze medal accompanied by a lapel replica and an inscribed scroll, was presented to King by L. W. Hill, President of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. King also received a cash award of \$100 from the Vail fund, the check being presented by A. L. Taylor, Construction Supervisor for the Company.

The Vail Medal awarded to King is the first such award ever received by an employee of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. Since 1920, when the Vail Awards were originated as a memorial to Theodore N. Vail, former President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, only four such awards have been received by telephone company employees in North Carolina.

Attending the dinner honoring King were L. W. Hill, President of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and a group of Company officials and representatives, a number of King's fellow

DOGGY GREETING FOR TEXAS BEAUTY



MASCOT OF THE 31st INFANTRY DIVISION, "Dixie" is all rigged out in a Confederate garb as he greets Miss Ellie Luckett, representing "Miss Texas," at Fort Hood, Tex. At left is Pfc. Hy Jorielick, of the 31st now in Texas to take an important part in the huge joint Army-Air Force maneuvers, "Operation Longhorn." (International Soundphoto)

employees from the Fayetteville area, and a group of guests from the Fayetteville area including Mayor J. O. Talley of Fayetteville who spoke briefly prior to the presentation of the Vail Award.

Several From Area Now In Training

Undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., are Earl L. Patrick, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Patrick of Route 1, Lillington, N. C., and Harry H. Prince, seaman recruit, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Maple S. Prince of Rt. 2, Fuquay Springs.

Both Prince and Patrick entered the Naval service Feb. 1, 1952. This initial training includes instruction in such fields as seamanship, fire-fighting, gunnery, signaling, and other courses designed to make the recruit well versed in every phase of Navy life.

Upon completion of their 11-week training period at the training center, graduates are assigned to duty stations with the Fleet or at Navy shore stations, or are sent to service schools for advanced technical training.

Dalwyn Suggs On Sub USS Bluegill

Dennis D. Suggs, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Thelma Suggs of Route 3, Dunn, N. C., is serving aboard the submarine USS Bluegill, which recently took part in the largest Pacific Fleet training exercise held since the Korean outbreak, "Lex Baker One."

"Lex Baker One" took place off the coast of Southern California with over 70 ships and 15,000 men of the Navy and the newly-formed Third Marines participating in

Poolside Fashion



THE LATEST in beachwear is this attractive one-piece plaid taffeta swim suit modeled at Miami Beach, Fla., by lovely Peg Harcourt. Center-front shirred detail and puckered back are featured in the suit which has a shaped uplift cuffed bra and halter. (International)

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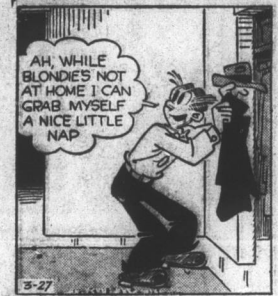
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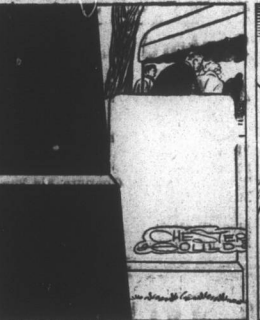
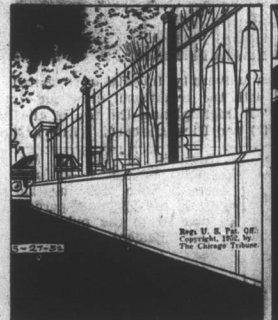
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New Ike Portrait



EDITORS: Here is a new, and previously unpublished, portrait of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made at SHAPE Headquarters in Paris. It can be used with current news and should be filed for future use. (C. P.)

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