SELICA NEWS

BY MRS. WARD BREEDLOVE

Mrs. Clarence Whitmire, who is making her home with her parents at Winston-Salem while Mr. Whitmire is in the army service, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Galloway, of Enoree, S. C., visited Mr. Galloway's sister, Mrs. Tom McKinney and Mr. McKinney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashe had as guests Sunday Joseph and Ferry Middleton, uncles of Mrs. Ashe, and Ottis Parker, of Jackson county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dunne and Miss Ruby Dunne visited Mrs. Dunne's mother, Mrs. Joe Stancell, at Pickens, S. C., Sunday.

David Garren, who is in the army, is home on furlough.

Mrs. Avery McCall has been seriously ill. The doctor says she will have to have an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinney visited Mrs. McKinney's parents at Dacusville, S. C., recently. They were accompanied by Mr. McKinney's mother, Mrs. J. M. McKinney, on the trip.

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Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isa. 9:6.

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For hearts, if true and lowly,
The manger-cradles are,
Where comes the Christ-guest holy,
With love, the guiding Star.
—Anon.

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

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It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place;
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.
—Madeleine S. Miller.

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Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

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I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
—Longfellow.

The Nazis now have a female department of the Gestapo watch German women. Its leader is known as "Frau Himmler."

OLD TOXAWAY

By MYRTLE AIKEN

Cpl. and Mrs. Arthur Aiken and daughter, Martha Jean, arrived here last week from Camp Forrest, Tenn., where Cpl. Aiken received a medical discharge from the army, after serving over three years in different parts of the United States. They are at present with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Aiken.

Pfc. Mack Cantrell, who has been on maneuvers in Tennessee, for some time, is spending his 15-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cantrell.

Pvt. Elford Chapman, who is stationed somewhere in New Jersey, is on a furlough here with his wife and baby at the home of her parents.

Cpl. Richmond Powell, of Fort Jackson, S. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Powell, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whitmire, of Tryon, were weekend visitors of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Aiken, and family. They were accompanied on their return home by her brother, Howard Aiken, who will visit in Tryon a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Meece and children were Sunday visitors in this community.

Preaching Sundays at the Old Toxaway church have been changed from the second and fourth Sundays to the first and third Sunday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock.

We've found that efforts to buy cheap apples and oranges have proved fruitless.

The American Indians are believed to have come originally from Asia.

"... AND moreover, this is New Year's eve," said Wallace, as if that ought to settle the matter. "Cheer up. Let's go to the Officers' Club and join in the fun."

George Martin shook his head. Before he could welcome the approach of another year he had a troublesome decision to make. The crowded streets, the milling people, the babbling groups headed for Times Square—none of these signs of the coming of 1944 had power to lift him from his depression. His voice was solemn.

"Look at my problem from the personal angle," he said. "Tell me, Wallace, how would you feel if you had been told you couldn't return to the school ship after the holidays?"

"I'd feel bad, naturally. But not as if the world had come to an end."

"You're not a sailor," returned Martin. "You don't understand what the school ship gets to mean to a fellow. It gets in the blood . . . under a man's skin."

He listened carefully as Martin continued: "You should have seen Doyle's face when the Cadet Council told him he was through. It went white. It's not only the way a fellow feels about it himself, it's a fellow's family . . ."

Wallace was saying: "The school ship's not the only place of its kind in the world. A fellow can still work his way up from the fo'c'sle, you know, and become just as good an officer."

They were walking along a waterfront street, now, past seamen's lodging houses. A row of men stood in line before the doorway of a Sailors' Mission.

"Shipping's bad," volunteered one of the men. "No more ships. Can't get a job for love nor money. Got a cigarette?"

Martin pulled a package of them from his pocket, offered it. The

"You're to report back to the school ship January 3."

sailor took a cigarette eagerly, waited for a light. "Thanks, buddy."

"See what a fellow's up against?" Martin said. "Even old-timers can't get ships. A youngster would have no chance at all."

At the next stand he purchased a newspaper. He stood under a neon sign and opened it to the Want ads. "Look. Here are your shore jobs. Wanted: an office boy. Must run elevator. Wanted: boy to distribute handbills. Wanted: soda clerk. Are these anything for a fellow who really wants a sea career—a merchant officer's career, the whole world ahead of him, and a captain's berth at the end?" He threw down the newspaper. "I've made up my mind. Come with me," he said.

At a small hotel for sailors, he turned in and inquired: "Doyle stopping here? Thomas Doyle?"

The clerk thumbed through the register. "Number 1215."

As George Martin entered the room, Doyle sprang to his feet. He had been stretched out on the narrow bunk, his face buried in the pillow.

"I heard you hadn't gone home, Doyle," said Martin.

Doyle's eyes were swollen and red. "I thought I'd rather stay here, sir . . . until after the holidays. Then I thought I'd get a ship—or a shore job. I couldn't face them at home, sir . . . I just couldn't."

Martin took out his watch. "If you can get out to the airport by one o'clock, you'll catch a night plane to Bangor. That's where you live, isn't it? Got enough money?"

"Yes, I have. But . . ."

"Do as you're told," said Martin. "Your case has been up for consideration since the holidays started last week. I've been thinking it over carefully, and will veto the action of the Cadet Council. You're to report back to the school ship on January third, with the others. It'll be up to you to make good. Those are orders."

The boy's face was radiant. "Happy New Year, sir! That's all I needed, sir, to change the whole world for me—another chance at the school ship!"

"Funny old world," said George Martin, superintendent of the Nautical Training School, as he rejoined his friend in the lobby. "Another chance at the school ship . . . that's all Doyle needed to face New Year."

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TURKEY CREEK

By MISS EMMA ORR

The Lower District Singing convention will be held at Turkey Creek church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the president, Arnold Brown, has announced. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Conley, of Baltimore, Md., recently visited the former's mother, Mrs. Kizzie Burrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lyday here. Mrs. Conley spent several days in Texas with her daughter before her visit here. She was joined here by Mr. Conley to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Parris and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Jake Parris at Pisgah Forest Sunday.

Mrs. Johnnie Alexander had as her guests one day last week Mrs. Jim Lyday and Miss Nona Alexander, of Pisgah Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillie Wilson and children, of Enon, visited in this community Sunday.

Several in this section killed hogs last week, which is good in this meat shortage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown and daughter, Mary Ann, of Newton, are spending several days here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Brown.

Henderson Writes Interesting Letter From Pacific Area

By T. C. HENDERSON

Pvt. Thomas Claxton Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson, who left the United States some time ago going east, is now in service in some foreign field. In a letter to his former pastor, Rev. N. H. Chapman, he says in part, "I have been having some new experiences, as would be expected of a boy in a foreign country. I have seen some exceedingly beautiful scenery and some very fine architecture. On the other hand, I have seen people who have been living in extreme poverty.

"I witnessed today the baptism of a boy who received Christ as his Savior while crossing the ocean. There is a young preacher in our company who has had quite an influence with some of the boys. Several of us at times have gotten together to study the Bible.

"I hope the work at Oak Grove Baptist church is getting along fine. I am a strong believer in religious freedom. I think it would be difficult or impossible to have a world where there is freedom if the people are wicked. In other words, I believe the winning of the lost to Christ means a lot toward obtaining the freedom we so much desire."

PERSONAL NEWS

Pfc. and Mrs. Theodore Hoxit, who have been located at Boise, Idaho, for the past year, spent last week here with Mrs. Hoxit's father, Watha Fisher. They started on their return to Idaho last Sunday. They were accompanied by Watha and Hillie Fisher, who have gone west for work and will probably remain out there for quite awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and children and Mrs. K. K. Miller visited Mrs. Belzie Nicholson, of Oakland, last Sunday afternoon.

Pfc. Lee Reid spent his furlough here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Reid, and then left to report at Fort Jackson, from where he will be transferred to another field.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore of the Silversteen section of Gloucester, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Robinson, of Tryon, were week-end visitors with Brother Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, of Lake Toxaway, spent Saturday night with Mr. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Thomas.

Mrs. Janie Henderson and Miss Joretta Moore visited C. C. Hall of Lake Toxaway Saturday.

Mrs. Lelia Lee of Strother, S. C., and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles W. Lee, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, one day last week.

Rev. Clyde S. McCall is to preach at Oak Grove Baptist church here at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday.

It takes 65 trains to move a division of 15,000 men and its equipment.

BLANTYRE NEWS

BY MRS. ADA REED

John Reed visited his sister, Miss Ella Reid, at East Flat Rock, Sunday afternoon. Miss Reid has been ill, but is considerably improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. Low Davis and family, who recently moved to Fort Valley, Ga., have moved back to Blantyre and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Davis are now occupying one of the Beechbrook cottages.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cline and son, Burrel, of North Brevard, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Justus and Mrs. John Reed Sunday.

Mr. Kelly, of Hendersonville, was in this section recently.

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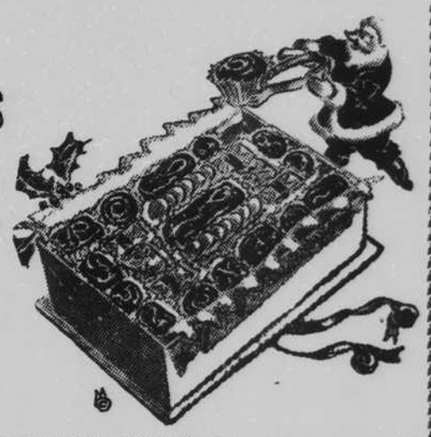

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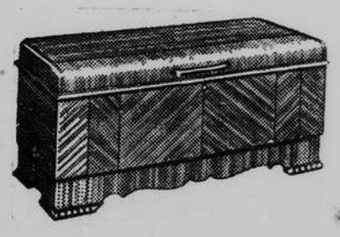

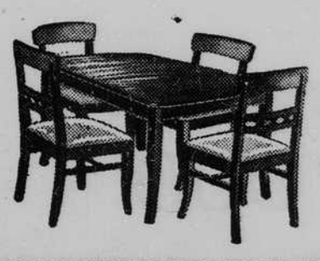

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