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re-enter military service for he would be eligible to retire in only eight years. (However, to take maximum advantage of retirement benefits, he plans to serve 10 years.)

Mr. Porter enlisted in the U. S. Air Force last May with the rank of A1/c and recently was transferred to a base about 40 miles from Tokyo, capital city in Japan.

For a while in the spring, he served at Donaldson A. F. B., Greenville, S. C. He made it home nearly every week end. Mrs. Porter says, and was able to get a lot of work done (including putting up 1,000 bales of hay).

**Burden Shifts**  
When he left South Carolina,

again the whole burden shifted to Mrs. Porter.

She recalls an incident that occurred just before Mr. Porter left for California. "Our old barn has a high loft and we couldn't get hay bales up there so James decided he would build an elevator—he's a good mechanic."

"He worked on the thing when he could, just getting parts here and there. The night before he was to go to catch the bus for California at 6 o'clock the next morning he worked until midnight trying to get one final adjustment made. A pulley kept throwing the drive belt off."

**'We'll Manage'**  
"I said to him, 'James, you come on in here and get a little sleep. I'll take that shaft out

tomorrow and get Lee Tippet to fix it. We'll manage.'"

And between them, Mrs. Porter and Mr. Tippet did manage. The homemade elevator was fixed. It will lift four or five bales to the loft at a time.

"James made a tongue and put it on the elevator so I could pull it away from the barn with the tractor. But I've never done that," says Mrs. Porter. "I'm afraid I couldn't get it backed in again."

Aside from the regular farm work, Mrs. Porter canned 750 quarts last summer. She also keeps a garden and currently is tending a flock of sheep, nine Herefords, five sows, and 14 shoats. The land she cultivates totals 83 acres and is all in hay.

"I've got Duroc, Hampshire, and Essex pigs, and what I guess you might call a 'Duke's Mixture'—I'll trade a pig for anything. I'm known in three counties as 'the hog woman.'"

**Not Alone**  
Though her husband is away, Mrs. Porter is not alone. Several dogs are there for company, but "Tinker," a Collie, is her favorite. Where Mrs. Porter goes, "Tink" goes.

Next to her dog, she prizes her Jeep. "We've never been able to get the state to fix our road and the thing got so terrible that at one point I wondered how we'd get in and out much longer. Thank goodness they invented the Jeep about that time. I've worn out three of them and have a new one now."

Mrs. Porter has no family living on Hall Farm to help her. At hay time—last summer she baled 800 bales—she hires help to do lifting work she can't do. The machinery she can handle alone. The automatic baler is her pride. "All I do is drive the tractor. The baler follows along behind, bales it and throws it off. It's even got a counter on it."

**Age No Secret**  
Mrs. Porter makes no secret about her age. "I'm 43." She dresses appropriate to her work, in denim coveralls. The bob, a hairstyle she's worn since a girl, is well suited. Mrs. Porter is a medium-sized woman with a strong build. Her complexion is flawless. Six days does she labor and on the seventh she rests. "The Lord provides me beans and I don't have to work on Sunday." She regularly attends services at Cowee Baptist Church where she is a member.

The house she lives in contains part of the old home built by Colonel Hall when he came into Cowee in the 1820's. That part of the structure is put together with wooden pegs. The door hinges are of iron, hammered out in a forge long ago.

**Last Of Halls**  
"I'm the last of the Halls. They didn't have many children, just 'one to a hill,' you might say. Colonel Hall was my great-great-grandfather. This farm of his contained 1,000 acres when he moved here and many of the farms in this community (Rose Creek) were created out of his tract."

When asked what kind of a breakfast she eats to provide energy for the hard work she does daily, Mrs. Porter said: "The

usual—bacon and eggs and bread. No coffee. I've never drunk coffee."

"I'll tell you what, though. It's good to get about 5 o'clock and work a couple of hours before breakfast. Give me a piece of fruit cake—not a sample, I don't like samples—give me a whig of fruit cake and two glasses of ice water and I can hold a hoe to any man till breakfast."

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ported that Donnie also directed her twin brother, Ronnie, in carrying out one of the children who perished in the blaze. Ronnie attempted to save the O'Shields child, but could not get him through the door of the burning house and dropped him.

It is understood that Mrs. Vines was baby sitting for Mrs. O'Shields, her sister, while she was in Ravenna looking for work. She also was watching five children of her brother, Verlon Jones, who lives in Ravenna.

Mrs. Vines went to the home of her landlady nearby and when she returned the two-

room house in which she had left the nine children was in flames.

A faulty stove is believed responsible for the fire.

Firemen found the O'Shields baby on the floor near the door. The Vines baby's body was on a bed.

Funeral services for the two children are set for today (Wednesday) at the Black Mountain Baptist Church at 2 p. m. The Rev. James Sanders

will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery.

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come any closer. He fired one shot to show him he meant business. Barnes, however, advanced to the porch and was raising his gun when the boy shot through the door and wounded him.

**Warrants Drawn**  
Sheriff Thomas has drawn

two warrants for Barnes, pending his recovery from the gunshot wound. One charges him with forcible trespass and the other with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The boy was placed under bond on an open charge, the officer said.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman G. Dalton, of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mr. Dalton's mother, Mrs. John H. Dalton, at her home on Cowee.

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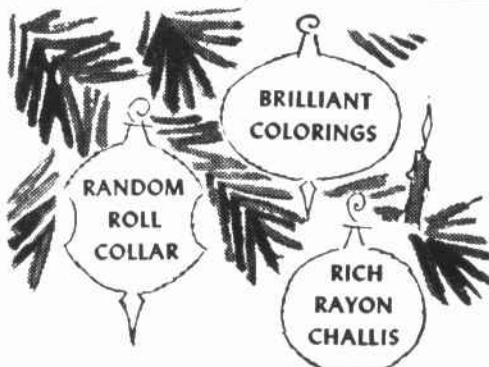


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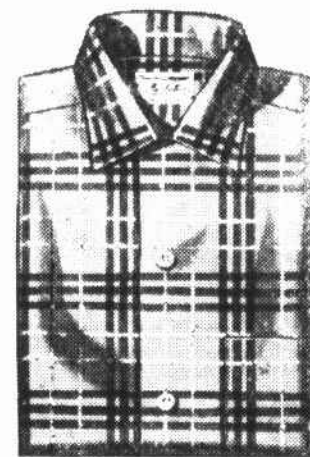
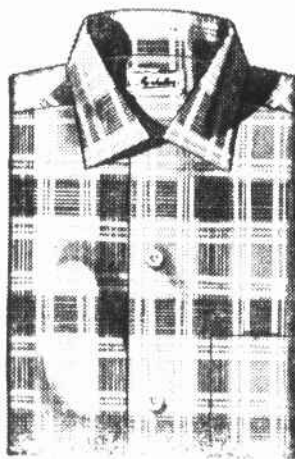
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