



See Here, Private Hargrove!

by Marion Hargrove

SYNOPSIS
 CHAPTER I—Edward Thomas Hargrove, feature writer for the Charlotte (N. C.) News and Observer, is inducted into the army. Before he begins an actual tour of duty he issues his quota of advice to prospective inductees. After his induction Hargrove meets his new buddies, leaves for Fort Bragg, where he is receiving his basic training.

CHAPTER II—Private Hargrove is in the physical exam, the first of the days of army, how he was outfitted with his uniform, and how on the sixth day he received his first duty. He is classified as a semi-skilled cook.

CHAPTER III
 I slipped into the squadroom so the sergeant wouldn't notice that I was wearing fatigue clothes. His voice rang out to me as I opened the door, and I slunk in guiltily.

The sergeant's face showed that he was hurt. "You were on KP today, weren't you, Hargrove?"

I lowered my eyes and scuffed my feet against the floor. "Yes, sir."

"Oh, I got so discouraged sometimes," the sergeant said. "I try hard to make something of you and what good does it do? Every day I go through the kitchen I see you in there scrubbing the sink! How many times have you been on KP this week?"

"Only three times, sir," I said, minding his eyes.

"It was all the corporal's fault," I said, looking around to make sure that the corporal wasn't there to defend himself. "Just because I spit-faced a few times when I was supposed to left-face, and I zipped when I should have zagged, and because I forgot and smoked in ranks and a few other things like that."

"And," said the sergeant shaking his head sadly, "you just turned around casually every time he ordered 'about-face.' And you kept marching your feet all through drill, did you stayed out of step all morning and you took those plow-strides of yours and walked all over the man in front of you. And you passed the drillmaster three times. And you generally spoiled the whole morning's drill. Why can't you be a good boy and learn the drills?"

"I don't mean to be bad, sir," I said.

"And that's another thing," the sergeant moaned. "Why must you 'sir' to the noncommissioned officers and forget to salute the commissioned ones?" He mopped his forehead with a handkerchief. "Do you know what the top sergeant told me to do?"

"No, sir," I said, twisting my mouth into the worst.

"He said, 'Don't 'sir' me!'—that's what the battery commander said. He said, 'You've been on the carpet yesterday and today leaning on the table, and you saluted your feet eight times. As for saluting four times, that's a European habit. You saluted me, and when you saluted me, you told him, 'Salute, sergeant!' and forgot to salute me. You saluted me, and you saluted it on the way back to the barracks, sir," I explained.

"I went all the way back to the orderly room and saluted the orderly."

"Jehoshaphat," the sergeant said.

"I saluted anything else, sir?" I asked.

"Hargrove," he said, "I've seen you with perspiration on your forehead. Thank you, sir," I said. I saluted my heels, and turned around. "Hargrove," he tired voice said. "I'm supposed to salute a noncommissioned officer—Never mind, Hargrove, don't go to bed."

"I don't mean to," the exercise sergeant said in a voice that would have made me against the wind. "I weigh two hundred and eight pounds and I'm in the

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Wood pulp from North Carolina is playing a vital role in supplying the raw material for essential war items.

As an instance of what North Carolina wood pulp can contribute to national armament, 73 million of the paper "suits of armor" encasing the 105 mm. shells used with such deadly effect against the enemy in Africa could be obtained from the 179 thousand tons of the material produced annually, according to estimates approved by the American Paper and Pulp Association.

The slim-waisted 105 mm. shells were used to reduce enemy emplacements in Tunisia to rubble, stop infantry attacks and knock out the Panzer MVI tanks, regarded by the Nazis as one of the most invincible weapons, dispatches from the front stated.

The technique of developing mass production of the paper containers which guard the 105's until they go into action from the mouths of long-nosed howitzers originated in peacetime food packages, such as cartons commonly used for cocoa, salt and other products.

School Attendance

By M. H. Bowles
 District Superintendent

The 1943-44 school term opened Monday, August 30th. In spite of the difficulties of operation imposed by present world conditions we hope to have, and can have with the cooperation and interest of school patrons, a successful school year.

Regular attendance is the key to the success of the individual pupil and the school as a whole. Pupils who are irregular in attendance soon lose interest in their school work; it is impossible for them to "keep up" with the class as a whole and they soon develop a feeling of inferiority—a feeling that they can't accomplish as much as the other members of the class. Every child wants to feel that he is identified with others of his age and size; one big "gang" so to speak. If for any reason he feels that he is an outsider his first reaction, in the case of school, is to quit.

School promotion and attendance are closely associated. It is the policy of this school district to promote a child if there is any hope that he is qualified to do the work of the next higher grade. However, if a child has not been in school it is impossible for him to have mastered the basic skills so that continued progress may be realized in the next higher grade. The school has only two choices: either retain the child in the lower grade or lower the standard of work of the majority of his class in the next higher grade that he may be able to do the work assigned.

School organization and attendance are also closely related. The State School Commission allots teachers to the school district on the basis of average daily attendance, using the following formula: six teachers for the first one hundred eight in average daily attendance, and one teacher for each thirty-six in average daily attendance thereafter. To illustrate: A classroom assigned 40 pupils must maintain an average of at least 90 percent to meet this organization requirement. If the average daily attendance is less than 90 percent then more than 40 pupils have to be assigned to the classroom as the number of teachers allotted by the State is reduced. The result is over crowded conditions in many classrooms for the first half of the school year. The majority of pupils are again hampered in their progress by those who fail to attend school regularly. The State alloted this district 4 less teachers this year than we had last

Mrs. Jas. A. Gwyn Wins Golf Championship

Mrs. James A. Gwyn, the former Mrs. Bess Lee Page, of Waynesville, who is residing in Wilmington, Del., recently won the championship flight in the final play of the Championship Week tournament held by the associate women golfers of the Dupont Country Club of Wilmington.

The playoff was followed by a luncheon at the club house during which time prizes were presented the winners.

Mrs. Gwyn, who is a well known golfer, was in competition with some of the best women golfers in the state of Delaware. The Wilmington Morning News carried a lengthy story of the contests at the Dupont Country Club.

Mrs. Gwyn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee, is the wife of James A. Gwyn, who had retired from DuPont Companies, and had resided here for a short time after, until he was recalled by the company for the duration.

Lake Logan News

Corporal Horace Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Singleton, of East Fork township, is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton have four sons in the armed forces.

Mrs. Bige Wild and daughter, Mrs. Bill Tucker, and baby, Billy, of Newport News, Tenn., spent the past week at Lake Logan with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller.

Mrs. Tester Lovelace, of Newport News, Va., visited her mother at Lake Logan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green, of Waynesville, route 2, had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Jim Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pace, Mrs. Bige Wild and Mrs. Bill Tucker, of Lake Logan.

Lived Modestly, But Had \$400,000

TOPEKA, Kan.—Fletcher Hayward, retired photographer, lived in a modest frame house and shopped carefully. He sometimes pointed out to neighbors the savings a cautious shopper might make.

An appraisal of his estate has disclosed he had more than \$400,000, most in gilt-edged securities.

The Doctor's five-year-old girl answered the doorbell:
 Caller—Where is your daddy?
 Little Girl—Oh, Daddy is out on an O. B. case.
 Caller—What's an O. B. case?
 Little Girl—Oh, that's where Daddy goes out and stays all night.

producers of beef cattle.

The proper time to cut corn or sorghum for silage, according to the specialist, is when it contains the maximum amount of feed nutrients and at the same time enough moisture to make it pack well in the silo. Under the exceptionally dry conditions prevailing this summer, growers have been forced to add water in putting in their silage.

With corn, the grain should be denting and the shuck slightly yellow, when the crop is ready for the silo, Arey advises. This stage of maturity is reached about a week to ten days before the corn is ready to cut and shock. Sorghum should not be cut until the seed in the head are firm.

Fines Creek News

By MRS. D. N. RATHBONE

Carl Story and his Rambling Mountaineers made their appearance at the Fines Creek school last Wednesday night. The event was sponsored by the P. T. A. The benefits received will go toward financing the lunch room.

Eseo Justice, of Sevierville, Tenn., is visiting with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Caldwell at their home here.

Miss Lorena McCrary, who holds a position in Dayton, Ohio, has returned to her work after spending a weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. McCrary.

"Uncle" Jimmy Ledford, one of upper Fines Creek's oldest citizens, passed away at the age of 86 at the home of his son, Cordell Ledford, last Tuesday, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Pine Grove Methodist church cemetery.

He is survived by four sons, Cordell, Wiley, Newton and Tommie Ledford and one daughter, Mrs. T. C. Ledford and several grandchildren all of Fines Creek.

Mrs. Frank Rathbone of Newport News, is visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rathbone and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rathbone.

Elmer Green was recently given an honorable discharge from the Army. He was at Camp Hood, Texas. He left Friday, accompanied by his wife, for Newport News where he will be employed.

Mallie Woody, who holds a position in Wilmington, was called home last week on account of the serious illness of his small son, Charles, who is a patient in the Haywood County Hospital.

Wayne Ferguson, who holds a position in Newport News, spent last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, at their home in the Turkey Creek section of Fines Creek.

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