

T/4 Paul Blackwell Arrives After Three Years In Europe

T/4 Paul Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Blackwell, has been discharged from the service. He entered the armed forces in May, 1942, and was inducted at Fort Jackson and from there sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Before being sent overseas he was given further training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Technician Blackwell served in the European theater for three years, with one year and 10 months in England. He was later on duty in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was attached to the Technical Ordnance for procuring and investigating enemy arms.

At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre company. Technician Blackwell was married September 19 to Miss Pamela Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blackburn, of Blakely, Worcester, England. As soon as the wives of the American armed forces are given passage to America Mrs. Blackwell will join her husband here.

ACIN' AIR SHOWS

WASHINGTON—The aircraft industry is not enthusiastic over early revival of air shows. Too busy with reconversion. As of now, no members of the Aircraft Industries Association (all big manufacturers) will join in the big Cleveland show scheduled for January.

Capital Letters

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN'S HONEYMOON is not only over in Washington, it's all but forgotten among many loyal North Carolina Democrats. They aren't saying much about it publicly around Raleigh, but in private conversation they are expressing keen disappointment at the way he is handling (or not handling) the many problems which have been thrust upon the nation during the past three months.

Strangely enough this change in feeling concerning President Truman came at about the time he turned down the visit to North Carolina. However, his failure to come to Statesville and Raleigh apparently had little, if anything, to do with the switch in sentiment. The State Democrats seem to feel that Truman is fumbling the ball. They tell you that while the problems of strikes, the atomic bomb, the continuation of the draft, the occupation of Germany and Japan were hanging fire, President Truman was hundreds of miles from Washington spitting in the Mississippi River and telling somebody at a county fair that all he needed was a good drink of whiskey.

Three months ago they felt that Truman could carry the Democrats into power again in 1948, but now they are not at all sure about it.

Many North Carolina conservatives who cursed Roosevelt for his high-minded methods now feel that what we need in Washington is a man like Roosevelt.

It's a long time until election, but unless Truman and his cabinet show more power and more governmental "know-how," this administration stands a good chance of going down as the weakest since the Harding-Coolidge days.

LINDSAY WARREN (the last of the Mohicans) must have liked the reception he received in Raleigh on his first trip, for he was back again last week-end. But if he is really interested in running for governor, he would do well to go further west than Raleigh. Your State Capital has an eastern outlook and an eastern complexion, and Warren is rather well known in this bailiwick. But there are thousands and thousands of voters who live west of Raleigh who never heard of Mr. Warren before he became Comptroller General and few of them have ever seen him or heard him speak.

What Warren should remember (we are all inclined to forget it too frequently) is that the Votes are in the western counties.

Gulfport county alone casts more votes than the entire congressional district which Mr. Warren represented in Washington.

EVERYBODY IS GOING CRAZY ABOUT THE COTTON PICKER. Governor Cherry and some other high muckety-mucks going down to Red Springs to look it over last Saturday.

However, a machine is being perfected down in Lenoir county which will prime your tobacco for you. Now, no questions about how it tells when the tobacco is ripe enough for pulling. What you do is take a glance down the row and decide about the number of leaves you want to come off of each stalk.

Alonzo Edwards, big tobacco farmer, representative in the Legislature from Green county, and truthful man, revealed last week that this machine is about ready for a patent.

Two or three farms in Eastern North Carolina last summer used a new tobacco tying apparatus which is being developed.

This business of working becomes more unpopular every day.

THE STATE TOBACCO ADVISORY COUNCIL committee, to be appointed by the Governor, is scheduled to hold its first meeting in January. Operating within the State Department of Agriculture, it hopes to begin work with a

AS 'FLASH' STRIKE TIED UP MONTGOMERY WARD



OBEYING THE CALL FOR A SEVEN-DAY "flash" strike to demonstrate "their determination to obtain collective bargaining," members of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (CIU) are shown at left as they picketed the Montgomery Ward Co. plant in Chicago while, at right, Sewell Avery, the company's president, is pictured arriving at his office after the strike began.

Snap Shots Of The

HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE

—By—FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

Boy meets girl. Same old bro-mide, but this time it's different. It always is.

Tony Sargent was head of his department. He also was 24, tall, fine looking and the focal point for four pairs of adoring eyes located in the four beautiful coiffed heads of feminine co-workers.

Then Sally Hale joined the force and there were five pairs of eyes. Sally was small, dainty, cute and ambitious. She strained her pay envelope until it cracked at the seams so it would cover a room at the fashionable Hotel Rivoli nearby. Sally believed firmly in environment and decided, wisely, that address is a great asset.

The days rolled into weeks and Sally became, like Tony, an object of eye strain. But four pairs of eyes were directed at Sally with nalice aforesaid for Sally had completely outrun the others in her race for Tony, and the others did not take kindly to the idea. No fault could be found, either, with Sally's work for she did it thoroughly—both occupationally and emotionally.

Tony lived at the exclusive Guest House of Mrs. Liddell, some 20 blocks over on the avenue, and when, one Sunday, he took Sally here for dinner there was but one thought uppermost in Sally's mind. Her new address would be The Guest House. There were two rocks in her path that assumed the proportions of mountains. The tariff at The Guest House, Sally found by adroit questioning, would not pay envelope on the re-tired list; and only when some one gave up a room was there a vacancy.

Suddenly out of a very blue sky, it happened. She got a raise, put in an application at The Guest House and then to make this world a most beautiful place to live in, she received a telephone call.

"Miss Hale, this is Mrs. Liddell. We find that one of our guests has

budget of around \$25,000.

Despite the fact that J. M. Broughton remarked at a recent meeting of the council that any talk of tobacco bowl games and that sort of thing is nothing short of fantastic, this very thing will likely be considered at one of the council meetings to be held next spring.

You may be interested in knowing that the Sugar Bowl event in New Orleans began with a total of \$10,000 subscribed by 10 Louisiana citizens. The money was returned on the first game, and the investment turned out to be one of the most profitable in the sports picture in the country.

W. E. HORNER OF SANFORD AND JOHN LANG of Carthage are thinking about running for congress against Congressman L. L. Buggin. Naturally, they don't want to run against him if they can help it, preferring, of course, for him to resign and leave the place open to the best man.

You do hear now and then that Congressman Buggin is trying of congress... but on the other hand there are reports that Mrs. Buggin likes being a Congressman's wife, which is understandable, and would like for the husband to remain right where he is.

D. REEVES NOLAND, Waynesville member of the State Board of Agriculture, got a good laugh out of Governor Cherry in Raleigh the other night when he told of a bit of collegiate description of the Governor in the old Trinity College yearbook. Under Cherry's picture he was described as a lawyer of the old school who was destined to go places "if the natural leaf just holds out long enough." Meantime, Cherry, now gone places, sat listening to Noland and puffing and chewing a big black cigar.

Kent S. Ketter, S1/c,

Home On Leave

Kent S. Ketter, Seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ketter of Jonathan Creek, has arrived home for a leave of 21 days. He will report to San Pedro, Calif. on December 7th for his next assignment of duty.

Seaman Ketter entered the service on May 17, 1944 and took his boot training at Camp Peary, Va., and from there was sent to Norfolk, Va., for further training. From the latter he was transferred to Newport, R. I.

He was assigned to the USS Atlanta and served on the ship for one year. At the time he entered the navy as a volunteer he was a member of the senior class of the local high school.

The USS Atlanta is the fourth ship of the U. S. Navy to be named for the city of Atlanta, and the second one so named to take part in World War II. When the public spirited citizens of Atlanta heard of the loss of the third Atlanta they saw "Red, White and Blue," organized a War Bond drive, and in less than 60 days they, with the other loyal Georgians raised over \$63,000,000 to build a new Atlanta. The ship was assigned to a Fast Carrier Task Force in Admiral Spruance's Fifth Fleet, and later to Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet.

On the night of July 17, 1945, the Atlanta and other ships were present at the bombardment of the heavily industrialized area of Hitachi, Honshu, and the Mito Airfield area, barely 80 miles from Tokyo. When the range had closed, the Atlanta opened fire on electronic installations ashore and thus became the first light cruiser to bombard the Japanese home islands.

The Atlanta took part in a sweep across the entrance of Sagami Bay, the bay into which Tokyo Bay opens. The main objective was Japanese shipping. Since August 15, the ship has continued to be a part of the great Third Fleet.

Canton Man on Catocin When Chinese Fired

Jack H. Haynes, B/M, son of Mrs. Ralph Haynes, of Canton, was aboard vice Admiral Daniel E. Barbey's flagship, the USS Catocin, at Hulutao Harbor, Manchuria on October 17, when the Chinese Communist soldiers fired on it, according to word received by his mother.

Lt. General Lou Shok Hal, Hulutao commander, who later came aboard the Catocin, apologized to vice Admiral Daniel E. Barbey for the incident, according to young Haynes. He said the men were "just poor soldiers who were not well informed," and expressed pleasure in the fact that no Americans were wounded.

HOUSING ISSUE

WASHINGTON—Look for several moves in congress next year (all election year) to do something about emergency homes for veterans. The question is expected to provide campaign ammunition for congressional candidates who are veterans.

The national housing administration estimates that by the end of next year 3,240,000 families will have to move in with somebody else and says a large proportion will be veterans.

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