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**Enlisted Man Seeks
 Com. in US Army**

A 27-year-old staff sergeant who had to quit school in the 7th grade is the first enlisted man at Ft. Sill to apply for direct commission under the Army's new officer procurement plans.

Whether or not he makes it is still in the hands of an examining board. But Sgt. Lenwood Smith's commanding officer wrote a letter to the board in which he urged the commission be granted.

"Whether officer or non-commissioned officer, I would fight to have Sergeant Smith in my command, in war or peace," the letter stated. It was signed by Col. Howard E. Kessinger, in command of the Fifth Field Artillery group.

Sergeant Smith is chief of detail

of Battery B, 18th Field Artillery, of Fort Sill. The 18th, and other units of the Fifth Group, are school troops, acting as show troops and exhibition soldiers for the Artillery School. They are all crack soldiers.

Sergeant Smith has applied for his commission under a new Department of Army ruling which permits enlisted men, if properly qualified, to be granted reserve commissions as second lieutenants. They must serve on active duty for at least two years after being commissioned. If they wish a commission in the Regular Army, they may go on what is called "competitive tour". In this, they are in daily competition with other officers for two years. If they perform their duties in a highly satisfactory manner, they are granted a regular commission.

Back home, at Pink Hill, N. C., Sergeant Smith's father was a farmer. Lenwood went to school at Seven Springs, but while he was in



SCRIPTURE: Philippians; I Timothy; I John.
 DEVOTIONAL READING: Ephesians 3:13-21.

Letters in the Bible

Lesson for December 12, 1948

A LETTER in the mail Those are exciting words. It was so when the Babylonians chipped open their dried clay envelopes, it is so when we rip the end off our paper envelopes, it was so when the marooned and homesick Timothy broke the seal on the papyrus notes that his old friend and teacher Paul sent him. Most letters reach the wastebasket, and we know that some of Paul's did. But fortunately his friends thought enough of about a dozen of his letters to save them and copy them and file them with some others and pass them around. And so we got more than a third of our New Testament, and perhaps a good deal more than a third of our theology.



Dr. Foreman

Yesterday in Television

THESSE letters that have come down to us from so long ago are not only keenly interesting, they are immensely valuable. An honest informal letter is like an open window. We see into the writer's mind and life, we see the life of his times. Any historian feels lucky when he lights on a packet of old letters. Here is yesterday in television.

The letters of the New Testament, especially Paul's, are not propaganda literature. Paul was not writing for publication or for posterity. He would be bothered by a problem; he would think and pray about it, and then he would sit down and write about it.

However trivial the problem might seem, such as a local church quarrel, Paul never wrote trivially about it. He would pour out his mind on papyrus, usually dictating his letters to a secretary and sometimes so fast that the secretary obviously had a hard time keeping up.

If you want to know how an Apostle's mind worked, here it is. If you want to know how an inspired religious genius, one of the great of all time, planned and grieved and hoped and rejoiced, read these letters. Further, these letters tell us for us the early Christian church. This is not a view of the church on parade, this is a glimpse of the church as it was "on the hoof," struggling, quarreling, ignorant, scarce one step removed from raw heathenism, and yet with the root of Christian faith in its heart, the seed of the great church that has grown up through the centuries.

Friend to Friend

THE letters in the New Testament are of various kinds. The letter to the Philippians from Paul was written, from prison, to some of his best friends. Recently they had sent him not only money but a man named Epaphroditus to stay with Paul and help him, Paul being in constant bad health. But Epaphroditus himself had fallen ill, and when he grew better he was still homesick.

Paul, generous as always, decided to send his sick friend home to convalesce, and by his hand sent the letter which the Philippians church loved, saved and copied, so that it eventually made its way into the New Testament collection.

There is some high theology in the letter; but there is also some warm human friendship, and some of the best advice Paul ever gave. It is in this letter we discover Paul's secret of happiness. I have learned (he wrote) in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. (See chapter 4.)

When you read those paragraphs, simply glowing with happiness, remember they were written by a sick man, in jail, facing a serious charge on his forthcoming trial. Paul had actually discovered a joy which is trouble-proof.

Father to Sons

PAUL knew he would not live forever on this planet and could not live everywhere. So he spent much effort training helpers and successors. Some of these disappointed him sorely; but he was never disappointed in Timothy.

His letters to Timothy are personal, but they are more than that. They are advice from an older minister to a younger one, from a veteran missionary to a fresh recruit.

In I John we have another kind of letter, from an old, perhaps retired minister to a congregation he knows and loves. Again in I John the reader gets the impression of reading a family letter from father to sons and daughters.

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the seventh grade his father died. Lenwood quit school to work the farm at Pink Hill, and support his mother, Mrs. Maggie Smith, who still lives there.

In December, 1930, Smith joined the Army and was assigned to the Field Artillery. He got his first

came to join the 70th Field Artillery. During two years at Sill he saw a lot of Oklahoma, and liked what he saw.

His wife, Pansy, is from Marlow. They were married while Smith was stationed here the first time and have a five-year old son, Larry Lynn. Another child died while Sergeant Smith was overseas.

The 70th FA went to Fort Jackson, S. C., in 1943. In August of that year the battalion took off for Iceland with the troops which relieved the Fifth Division there.

Sergeant Smith was chief of detail when his outfit hit northern France. Soon he was acting as forward observer, living with the front line infantry troops and calling artillery fire to support the drives. When he came back he held the Bronze Star, and had taken part in the campaigns of northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

On the 29th of June, 1945, Sergeant Smith was discharged. He went to Marlow and opened a grocery store. He was successful, but liked the Army. Four months after his discharge, he re-enlisted, and got his old rating of Staff Sergeant.

Lenwood will hasten to tell you that he didn't re-enlist because he couldn't make a go of civilian life. In the four months he was out of service, he did right well with that grocery store, clearing \$1,100 on the store.

The Smiths moved back to Fort Sill in March, 1946. He was assigned to battery B, 18th Field Artillery, part of the Fifth Group at Sill.

In this outfit, Sgt. Smith got his old job as chief of detail. It is one of three most important non-commissioned jobs in artillery battery.

Although he had not finished the 7th grade before he joined the Army, Smith is far from uneducated. He had a flair for mathematics used in artillery. Proper firing is a combination of geometry and algebra, with map reading and a good grasp of language thrown in. Interested in big guns, Smith soon saw that his seventh grade education would not carry him as far in the Army as he wanted to go. So he went to work on United States Armed Forces Institute courses and finished his high school education.

Then came the opportunity for commission, and Smith grabbed it. If Sergeant Smith is accepted for commission, he will take a special course in officers training in Field Artillery, and then be assigned to a unit.

Because he is at Fort Sill now, he will probably be sent somewhere else if commissioned. But he'll try to get back. He likes Oklahoma, and is literally married to it.

NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY of the judgment of the Superior Court of Duplin County in that certain matter entitled: "In the matter of T. K. Byrd and wife Ruth Outlaw Byrd, et als", and being Special Proceeding No. 2291 duly filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale for cash on Monday, January 3, 1949, at 12:00 Noon at the Court-house in Kenansville, N. C., all the timber that will cut or measure ten inches across the stump twelve inches above the ground at the time of cutting, with the privilege of two years in which to cut and remove same, together with the usual provisions of a timber deed situated in all that certain tract or parcel of land in Albertson Township, Duplin County, North Carolina, and being described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on Buck Branch, where wire fence crosses Buck Branch and runs thence as fence South 54 West 384 feet to a stake; thence continued on as wire fence North 37-30 West 128 feet; thence continued on as wire fence North 4-45 East 836 feet; thence North 17 West as wire fence 224 feet; thence as wire fence North 28-30 West 1078 feet to a stake near South side of Public road; thence as wire fence North 72 East 940 feet to Loftins Bridge across Buck

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H. E. Phillips, Commissioner
 12-31-4t HEP

NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY as Administrator of the estate of L. W. Outlaw, deceased, the undersigned will on Saturday, December 18, 1948, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. offer for sale for cash at the residence of L. W. Outlaw, deceased, in Albertson Township, the following articles of personal property:

A good quantity of carpenter tools including saws, hammers, etc. Hoes, rakes and shovels and other small articles of personal property, including a few articles of household and kitchen furniture and a bicycle.

Advertised this 29th day of November, 1948.

Luther Outlaw, Administrator of the estate of L. W. Outlaw, deceased.
 H. E. Phillips, Attorney
 Kenansville, N. C.
 12-17-2t. HEP

NOTICE OF RENTAL OF LANDS FOR 1949

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This December 9, 1948.

G. Powell, Receiver
 I. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of Henry B. Shine, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified

on or before the 6th day of December, 1949, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

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