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RAMBLING SKETCHES OF OAK GROVE NEWS

By Mrs. William Wright

There will be preaching Sunday morning following Sunday School by Rev. Tulan Kanipe of Gardner Webb College.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell and son Jimmie Ray, were spend the day guests of Mr and and Mrs. Virgil Dedmon of Shelby Monday.

Mr. and Mrs Frank Ware had as their week end guests their daughter Miss Virginia Ware, and school mate Miss Ruth Peoples of Winston Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ware and children, Billy and Wanda Ruth also guests in the Ware home.

Mrs. Melvin Lovelace and son, Charles, Mrs. Missouri Green and Mrs. Curtis Bell were Friday guests of Mrs. Jennie Bell.

Several from the community visited Mr J. C. Champion in the Shelby Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Master Jack Ware son of Mr and Mrs. Frank Ware has the misfortune of getting his arm broken Tuesday evening while trying to crank the tractor. He was carried to the Shelby Hospital where the bones were set and is getting along nicely at her home now.

Little Miss Annette and Michael Ware are on the sick list this week.

Mr and Mrs. William Ware and daughter, Wanda Ruth, were Saturday night guests of Mr and Mrs. James S. Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Philbeck and children were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs. Tommie Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright spent Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James S. Ware.

Victory Gardens produced nearly 44 percent of all vegetables grown for fresh consumption last year. It has been estimated that about 4 million acres of farm were added to farmlands in the United States in 1944.

Every time you go to a show and see the devil is standing by to guide you an escape.

WITH THE BOYS IN SERVICE

It has been a good while since I wrote you. But for the last 60 days I have had plenty of time to write but the main thing was what to write about. As I got no mail from the 10th until Feb. 8, I had mail but I wasn't where the mail was. Yes, I was a homesick soldier but after all I had plenty to be thankful for and I just didn't let it worry me. As I figured no news was all was good news. I got back with the rest of our gang Feb. 8 and brother I'm telling you it was almost like coming home to me. And I was just as happy as a little kid with a new [illegible]

The first fuss we had was to get [illegible] We had two meal periods [illegible] Now we have three meals [illegible] there were getting their packages so quick [illegible] get anything to eat they always share it with all the others. So I had had plenty of good things to eat and really did enjoy them too as I had lost about 25 lbs and real it was hunger. By the time after I got so I could eat, but I think I have gained all I ought back after eating all I got for Xmas and after all I had a very good Xmas.

I haven't seen very much of Italy yet but a lot more than time than I did the first time because my first trip here was very unusual and one I don't like to think about and can say I was very lucky and feel I have had an experience I won't forget for a lifetime but am all through and ready to finish it and get home.

It ought to hurt for people there no matter just how much these people here have really suffered for the last clothing the past two years. There is quite a difference here in the people and in Africa as you well could judge, because at time the Germans were plentiful here and to see what I have I am and we all are thankful this war is being fought in Europe instead of at home, because it is a great relief to know the people and especially the ones so dear to us are not having to suffer like they are here. Although they are happy that it is all over for them but will be more so when this country and all others are really shocked of all the horrors.

The first thing I saw when I landed [illegible] was big red apples and [illegible] well for [illegible] meal for breakfast. Apples [illegible] oranges of all [illegible] sizes. I bought some [illegible] at them anyway for we have had roasted peanuts here. What you [illegible] a nickle for at football game would cost you 'bout here.

I went to see George Ware and Wilson Crawford Sunday and had supper with George. Since I had better stop and hit the hay for it wont belong until 5:30 A. M. and 7 days a week, you really have no time to go and see anything. I understand all the boys in the good old U. S. A. would like to come overseas. Well, brother, they sure don't know which side of their bread is buttered. I'll swap anytime and give them some boot. I like it here more than Africa, no Arabs.

Tell everybody hello and that I'm very much alive and ready to get it all over with and get home.

Hope it won't be long now. Best wishes to you and the family, and all. Tell Fred Wright shaves are 5c here and haircuts 10c and are really good.

Sincerely,
W. J. Fulkerson.
Somewhere in Italy.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Just finished reading the latest edition of the Good Ole Herald. I sure get a great kick out of what goes on back there.

I am up here in northern California now. We are attached to the Fourth Army Air Force. We have been here since Christmas. It was very cold up here when we first came, but spring is here now. The warm weather brings mosquitoes look like airplanes. We have to use nets or sleep under the cover. That's the only thing I can find wrong with our new location. Of course anywhere would suit me.

The way it looks by the paper, the Army will be getting you soon. They must be taking all our good fathers back there. Well, you wont mind it. Its lots of fun at times. I just have not been around at the right time.

They give you all your clothes, eats, spending money, and a place to sleep and hang your hat. The clothes are very common, everybody wears them. The food is fine if you do without breakfast and dinner, and go out on pass and eat supper up town. You can put all the money you get in your watch pocket and still carry your watch. Then, every night, after the daily routine, you can sleep any where. So you see it's not so bad.

Well, I better go to bed. I'll be looking for that next Herld.

Sincerely,
Harold K. Falls.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Received a copy of the K. M. Her[illegible] a few days ago, and sure did enjoy reading it so much, and am expecting another copy soon. I am well, feel fine, getting along very good. Hope all are coming forward in coming back to our old K. M. in the near future. I see now right up in combat on the Anzio beachhead, listening to the shells, bombs, guns and planes roaring, whizzing and rumbling, hoping the next one does not get me, but everything looks to our favor. I guess you have read about this beachhead in the local paper. I sure will be glad to get back to our old K. M. town all I can see myself now, walking down the streets of K. M. all over it with no shells, bombs or bullets flying about. You I sure sure will be glad to be back to the Best Town in the State and am looking forward so much to coming back. It is very cold here now and some of the mountains have snow on top of them, but I am in a warmer weather soon.

Your friend as ever,
[illegible]

[illegible] who now talks to himself no [illegible] to say things that he shouldn't.

Pfc. Allen Honored

With The 87th Army Division in Hospital in the Far exemplary conduct in combat, Pfc. Elmer M. Allen of Kings Mountain, N. C. has been presented with the Army's newest award for infantrymen, the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Awarded for exemplary conduct in combat or for combat action in a major operation, the new medal is a silver rifle on a blue field with a silver border, imposed on an oval of silver wreath.

Private First Class Allen is the husband of Mrs. Flora Allen of [illegible] Street, Kings Mountain, N. C. and has been entering the Army was employed by the Phoenix Mills.

[illegible] starting his term of [illegible] January 4, [illegible] received on Fox Islands, [illegible] Aleutians and on the Marcella Bay and is a veteran [illegible] New Georgian campaign.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

How to make a real post-war plan

Sure's a lot of talk going around nowadays about post-war planning ... folks passing resolutions ... statesmen holding conferences ... governments making promises to each other.

But as Bert Childers says: "What good is all this drawing up of plans unless each one of us decides to make his corner of the world a better place to live in?"

From where I sit, Bert's put the problem in a nutshell. Governments can pass all the resolutions and make all the treaties they can think of—and it's still up to the *people* themselves to see to it that the world is ruled by tolerance and understanding.

Unless we make up our minds to respect the other fellow's rights and liberties—whether it's the right to enjoy a glass of beer occasionally or the right to vote according to our conscience—all our post-war planning won't be worth the paper that it's printed on.

Joe Marsh

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Can You Picture NORTH CAROLINA without its Fire Fighters?

Maybe you've never had to call the fire department — maybe you never will. But it's a mighty comforting thought to know that it's there, ready night and day to save you and yours from one of man's most treacherous and terrifying enemies.

The heroic work done by fire fighters in so many of the towns and cities of our Allies, which have been showered with incendiaries and explosives, is drama itself. The job of our own firemen right here at home in North Carolina may be less spectacular but it's no less important—particularly to us. Yet most of us give little thought to this vital safeguard of our everyday life—until an emergency comes along.

There are 758 men in North Carolina whose full-time job is the protection of lives and property of the citizens of this State. These are the regular firemen—but there are hundreds more who are ready to do their share at a moment's notice, the volunteer firemen.

To all of these valiant men, we of the Greyhound Lines pay sincere tribute. We're proud of these fellow-citizens—thankful for them, too. And we feel we have at least one thing in common with them. They've fighting hard to improve the safety record of our State and so are we. In these tense and busy days, we feel that Greyhound, in providing safe, convenient transportation between this community and its good neighbors, is also playing its part in making North Carolina a safer, happier place to live.

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