

ENGLISH LADY WRITES ABOUT LOCAL SOLDIER

Mrs. F. Hawkins of the Phoenix Mill village received the following letter from a lady in England who knew her son, Sgt. J. B. Hawkins, while he was stationed there. The letter is most interesting and it is being published for the benefit of Herald readers:

51 Chantry St.
 Andover Herts, Oct 2, 1944.
 Dear Mrs. Hawkins:

Just a few lines from England to say we have not your son, (J. B.) He is looking well and I am pleased to say he is quite contented but of course they would rather be back home. We see quite a lot of him and he also brings out his in to say hello. I have two girls, one is aged 11 years and the other is 14 years, so the boys come in and play games with them. They have learned my liddle to play fish so now they are quite contented. Don't worry too much about things for I promise you I will do everything I can to make life easier for them, while they are here. He has a friend called Billy Atkinson. He lives the other side of your town. He goes around with J. B. I expect you will be surprised to receive this letter, but your son is always talking about you all back home. I hope the day will soon come when things can be straightened out soon. We can be very cruel, which we all know. I have an aunt and uncle at Portland, Oregon. When the boys came over here first

HAYES AT REDISTRIBUTION CENTER

1st Lt. Oliver T. Hayes, Jr., age 27, has arrived at Army Air Force Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, one of three redistribution stations operated by the AAF Technical Distribution Command for AAF reserve officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain there about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

Lieutenant Hayes was a B-25 pilot in the European theater. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hayes, 211 Fulton street.

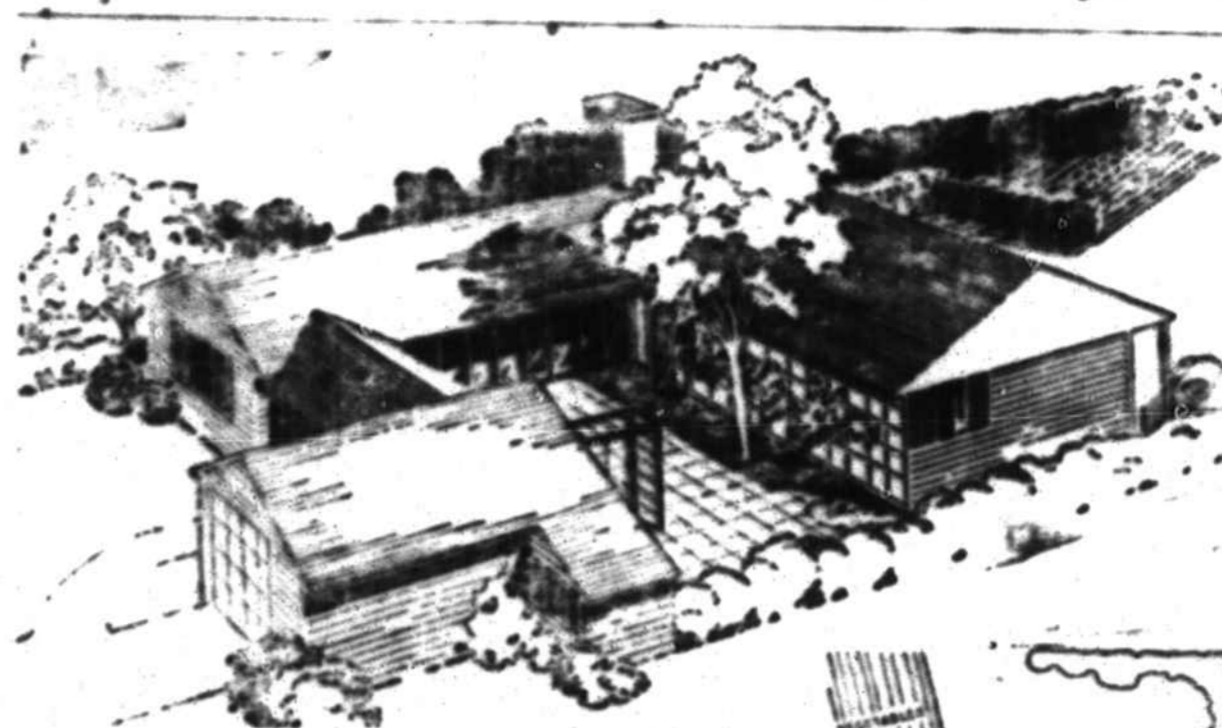
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In World War II, the Coast Guard was the first force to have contact with the enemy, when Greenland radio installations were seized from the Nazis months before Pearl Harbor.

she wrote and asked me to be kind to them and do anything I could to make them feel at home, it is a long way for them to come, believe me. I worked at the American Red Cross for quite a while and I made quite a lot of friends there. I want the mothers of America to know this. When the English people are decent and kind to the American soldiers, they appreciate it and never betray a friendship. I have had nearly three hundred boys in here at different times. I will say this, I have seen them. They give candy and cookies to the children and if there is any little thing they can do for us they do it. Over there our boys had a wonderful time so I feel it is up to us to make their lot a little easier when possible. My husband is alive but he was badly gassed in the last war—but we keep smiling but I hope and trust we shall not have to go through another trying time like this one. I told J. B. I had written you, he is quite excited about it. When I told him he said, don't worry. Mom will answer it, so please Mrs. Hawkins, answer when you have time, then your son can see it. Well, I think I have said all this time. My family and myself wish you all back home the safe journey of your loved ones.

So Au Revoir for the time being.
 Yours with best wishes,
 Mrs. Daisy Dean and Family.

Plan Homes to Combat Delinquency, Publisher Urges



Count Children 'In' On Post-war Building Plans

Build Homes to Separate Activities Rather Than Force Juveniles to Seek Privacy Elsewhere

The alarming rise in juvenile delinquency in these nerve-racked times is traced by many authorities directly to a lack of adequate home life, and this delinquency is treated up in the current issue of Small Homes Guide through the presentation of the new plan of homes especially designed to meet the problem.



W. Wadsworth Wood should be commended by planning a house for whole family, says one of the leading articles in this magazine, which is devoted to the cause of average-priced homes for the average family.

"Instead of separating the children from the adults, why not separate noisy activities from quiet activities so the family does not get mixed up and grudge on each other's nerves?" W. Wadsworth Wood, publisher, asked L. Morgan Yost, staff architect.

And Yost went to work on the idea, with the result shown in the illustration and floor plan accompanying this article.

On the other hand, if a child or parent wishes to read or converse quietly the quiet room is for that purpose. It is always neat and ready to receive callers and it opens onto a restful terrace and shady lawn.

Publisher Wood, to whom back-numbered homes are anathema, is preaching the "new-now-to-build-later" theme editorially, and urges that in planning "your postwar home, take the children into consideration."

"It is only by making the attractions at home more alluring than those 'down the street' will we be able to combat the outside influences that distract our children," Wood says.

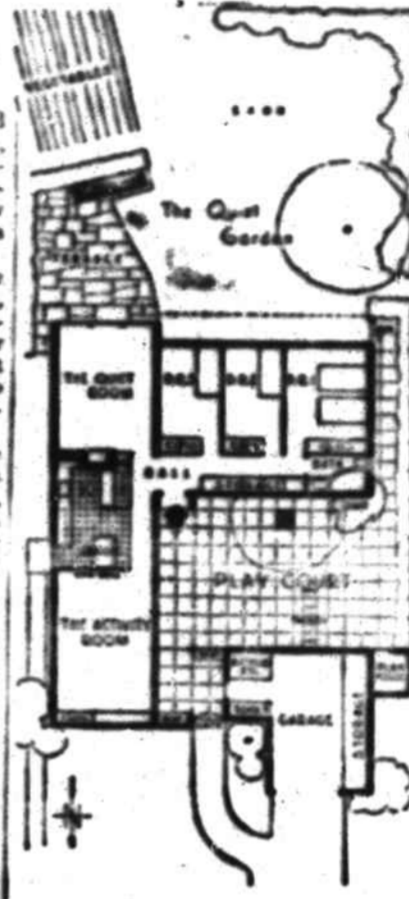
In the home for children presented in the magazine's current issue, the dining space is part of the kitchen area, but the activity room becomes a party room upon special occasions.

The broad overhang and concrete porch between the house and garage form an ideal outdoor play space for rainy weather and the paved court is ready for play soon after the sun comes out. The play house is off by itself away from the customary paths of the parents.

This home, designed for Small Homes Guide by L. Morgan Yost, architect of Kentworth, Ill., allows the mother to work undisturbed in her kitchen in full view of the activity or rumpus room as well as the play court.

Instead of having a house where the children always are in the way, and the living room must be "picked up" when an afternoon caller drops in, why not have a home that provides a way for the children to really enjoy their toys and leisure time?

In this house, presented in the current issue of Small Homes Guide, the children's electric trains, doll houses, construction projects and toys may remain set up for days at a time—and the living room becomes the quiet room.



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KINGS MTN. SOLDIER ROLLS ROCKS ON GERMANS

With The Fifth Army, Italy—When his rifle would not fire and he had exhausted his grand grenades, Sgt. Raymond O'Tell Gregory of Kings Mountain, N. C., rolled rocks on the Germans on the Fifth Army front in northern Italy.

For day Gregory's regiment, the 150th of the 82nd "Blue Devil" Infantry Division, fought off Nazi counterattacks on Mount Battaglia. The rocks he used were from a moat taintop castle shelled by German artillery.

"The Jerry counterattacked at dusk," Gregory related. "They used mortar, artillery and machinegun fire. I gave the warning and put the men on line. The Nazis came up the hill, throwing grenades and firing machine. My rifle failed me and I heaved grenades. I picked up some rocks and rolled them down the hill. I killed one Jerry with a phosphorus grenade."

On May 12, the day after the Fifth Army started its historic drive on Rome, Gregory shot one of two Jerry firing at him with a machine pistol. Two hours later, 17 Nazis surrendered to his platoon.

In a later action Gregory by radio directed artillery fire which knocked out an enemy position.

Gregory became acting sergeant of his rifle platoon after his squad leader and platoon sergeant were killed and his platoon leader and guide injured.

His wife, Mrs. Geraldine Gregory, his daughter, Gloria Dean, 1, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gregory reside at Kings Mountain.

MAIL XMAS PARCELS BEFORE DEC. 1st.

To insure delivery of all gift parcels in time for Christmas be sure and send them by Dec. 1 at the latest.

That important reminder came yesterday from the Charlotte Office of Defense Transportation.

Transportation facilities are now so overburdened, Mr. L. F. Manschmidt, ODT District manager pointed out, that delivery in time for the Yule holiday can be guaranteed only if the December 1 deadline is met.

And, the ODT official declared, you get better selection and better service at local stores when you ship early.

Here are some of the reasons listed by ODT which make an early Christmas shopping season essential this year: 1943 gift sending is expected to top 1942 by 25 percent. Gifts will travel greater distances due to wartime population displacement; nationwide transportation and local delivery of Christmas packages, when added to the heavy holiday furlough travel, with all transportation facilities already overburdened by war conditions, create a major problem.

The only solution to that problem, the ODT District manager emphasized, is complete cooperation of the public in meeting the December 1 deadline for gift sending.

MOBILE AT BIGGS FIELD

Pfc. Donald H. McGinnis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Noble McGinnis who reside at 320 Fisher street, is completing his training of a heavy bomber combat crewman at Biggs Field, Texas, a training station of the Second Air Force at the McCombs Field. He and the other members of his crew will soon be sent overseas to take part in the aerial assault against the enemy.

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