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MISSISSIPPI NEWS
By Mrs. A. E. Sappington

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L. V. Bailey was in the other day, standing in his hands a yellow dress which has the following words: "Dear Dad and Mom—Have arrived in the States — will be home for Christmas. Will let you hear from me again. Carl."
"San Diego, Calif."

Christie, with the U. S. Marines, has been away from home 20 months and has for the past 20 months been in the South Pacific where he has been seeing plenty of action.

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Excerpts from a letter from Wm. Carpenter who is with the U. S. Infantry in France, to his parents read: "I received a Christmas package from — and it was real nice. Also quite a number of letters from Mom. Dad, I'm holding up my chin as you advised, though at times I almost have to bury it in the ground. —Remember I'm coming home one of these days and we'll share our joys as we once did."

Wm. is sixteen and his uncle, Earl Eugene Carpenter, who was killed in action in Southern France, a short while ago was one year older. Earl Eugene was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter.

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James J. Alexander, with the U. S. Air Corps in Alaska, gateway to Russia, writes of the extreme cold weather but says they are prepared for it. Their living quarters, chapel, etc., all in one big building. His parents have a grand picture of James with background of fir trees.

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Chas. Alexander is out of the hospital after a few weeks stay where he was treated for injuries he received in a fall when going aboard a ship from one of the Texas ports. Chas. has been assigned to personnel in charge of replacement on ships on the Gulf Coast.

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Lt. Chas. T. Carpenter writes that he enjoyed a good hot Thanksgiving dinner behind the lines and was looking forward to a visit to Leige, Belgium on week-end pass. He says he appreciates the prayers of his people and had needed them as he'd had some bad days. Said he'd had no packages for quite awhile but sometime ago he received an identification bracelet from his mother which he soon lost because it was a little large.

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Lt. Alexander writes from the Pacific: "No Christmas dinner for us — we're awaiting nothing but big fire coats."

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James Henson wrote his wife sometime back to get that boy (referring to their infant son) a bird dog, because, said he, "No American boy should be without a dog."

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Chas. Warlick, Jr., wrote sometime ago that he had shipped Christmas gifts to the home folks but it might be Jan. or later before they arrived.

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Hazel Herndon, a former King Mountain girl, left a good job in New York City to volunteer for over one Red Cross duty and after a few weeks of strenuous training in Washington, D. C., was sent out from the States. —Hazel's wonderful personality and varied career, qualify her for whatever tasks the Red Cross assigns her, according to my way of thinking.

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While in New York last fall, Hazel invited our party to tea at her home, an apartment, she shared with a friend, an interior decorator. The decorator had spent several years in India, China and other foreign countries and the rare and beautiful furnishings of her apartment were a result of her purchases and studies while abroad. —The living room was something you dream about — done almost entirely in Chinese furnishings. —Small individual Chinese tables were set before us when tea was served and Hazel made a most charming hostess as she bustled herself with those tea things — antique silver and fragile china. We were brought back to earth however when Hazel sank down into an easy chair and said, "Now tell me all about the old home town."

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Thinking of Hazel brings to mind another of the young people who was closely associated with my own during their high school days — J. J. An. Krawchek, and it wouldn't do to mention Julian without mentioning the telephone for the two inseparable. —The likely his saxophone is still at present. —After Julian graduated from the University of South Carolina he was associated with the Charlotte Observer as reporter. He is now in England where he is connected with a U. S. Hospital unit and the following excerpts from a letter written to Thelma and Johnny Smith are will be of interest to his former friends a Kings Mountain: "I've had a pretty good sampling of Merry England and while it isn't particularly merry, it is pretty and hospitable. The weather has been consistently bad—cold, damp and bleak. Some of England's largest cities are within long cannon range from here and I hope to go to Liverpool tomorrow on 48 hour pass. I've already covered some of the smaller cities. "English ale by American standards is very poor but Johnny will be interested to know that the French fried potatoes, which the quaint English call "chips" are superior. It's

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about the only type of food available in unlimited quantities. "There are uniforms galore in the cities. I don't believe any two British soldiers wear the same kind of garb, then too there are Canadian and Scottish troops as well as some Poles to further complicate matters." Excerpts from a letter from Julian while at Camp Ellis, Ill., in July read: "As you perhaps know, I spent 10 months at Ft. Hayes, in Public Corpman. From paragraph trouper to legion snoper — in our movement. "I had a long letter from Daddy Jackson some time ago. Funny thing — he was convalescing in an Army hospital, when one night he happened to have the radio on and Krawchek's golden voice splattered in over the air. He recognized the brogue, in tuned for the name, then wrote me — The program had heard, was one of a weekly series emanating from Ft. Hayes and I happened to be in the east that night."

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In describing Camp Ellis Julian says: "We have sun-baked buildings, flat plains and scorched earth — beautiful Camp Ellis in the desert — as travel folders might describe it. A long other things there are 2,000 or more German prisoners here, and a WAC contingent. Life here among 25,000 or more males must be heaven to them, or do I exaggerate the importance of male company?"

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Mario and I often speak of you two and of course I'm always reliving those King Mountain and Charlotte days."

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"We are all presumably bound for overseas duty soon, so farewell from old "Jacques Pierre Krawchek."

NEGRO NEWS
By Mrs. Jessie G. Costner

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Mr. Moffit Casel of Newport News, Va., visited Miss Mentha Brown last Sunday.

The Harttown Strutters Band will render a program at the Guild Mine school on Friday night, Dec. 22, 1944 at eight p. m. The manager of the group is Mr. Leander Spriggs. All are asked to be present. Fee for the adults, 25c, children 15c. The program will be sponsored by the school.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitesides left last Friday for New York City where they will spend some time.

A Christmas play will be given at Davidson High School on Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, 1944. All are asked to be present. A small admission fee will be charged.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Costner attended services at St. Paul Baptist Church in Gastonia Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Costner, Misses Kathleen and Geneva Costner of Spindale and Mrs. P. W. Wellman of Rutherfordton were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Costner Saturday evening.

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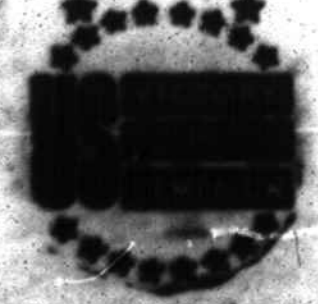
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