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## Men in Service

Thomas H. Bonds, A/S, returned to Camp Peary, Va., Sunday night after spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bonds.

Pvt. Trevor L. Anglin and Pvt. Oliver Wendell Anglin of Iuka have recently finished 17 weeks of Infantry basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and are now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where they will take their basic training the paratroopers.

Pvt. Otho Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rhodes of Tishomingo, is home on furlough. Pvt. Rhodes is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Pvt. L. W. Rushing, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., is home on furlough. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wister Rushing of Tishomingo.

Pvt. James L. Weathers spent a brief stay in Iuka with his wife, Faye Cook Weathers. Reggie Wilson, also of Ft. McClellan, accompanied Pvt. Weathers back to camp.

*The Vidette* is in receipt of a letter from SSgt. Edward McRae, who is now in New Guinea. He and a brother, Delbert McRae, are together and have been for the past three years. Sgt. McRae states that there are several Tishomingo boys out there, and they get together and talk over old times. He stated that the boys really enjoy the home paper, when they are several thousand miles from home.

William D. Pruitt, husband of Doris J. Pruitt, was recently graduated from the Naval Training School (electric) at St. Louis Naval Armory, and received recognition as eligible to qualify for petty officer of electrician mate, third class. Mr. Pruitt is awaiting active duty orders to sea or some shore station.

Monroe Field, La.—Members of Selmon Field's "invasion class" aerial navigation cadets received their wings and commissions in ceremonies here Saturday in the Post Theatre—the first class to graduate after the landing of the Allied Invasion army on the continent of Europe. Among those graduating was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Jourdan L. Browning, husband of the former Eva Turner, of New Albany. Lieut. Browning's home is in Tishomingo.

William W. Welch, son of Mrs. Lee Welch, who is now stationed in India, has written a delightfully descriptive letter to Mrs. Darrell Payne, a former teacher. William, who is in the 24<sup>th</sup> Com. Map Squadron, describes the Indian topography, the beauties of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and mentions a recent trip to Calcutta. He said that it was not the physical advantages that made the United States the best place in the world, but the people who live in them. He also stated that if his countrymen could see the poverty in India, they would cease complaining about the things they don't have—or can't get.

Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Joe Alsbrook is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Pyle this week. Upon leaving, Officer Alsbrook will entrain for San Diego, where he will be stationed.

Pvt. Roy Waddy, who is stationed in New York City, leaves tomorrow after spending the week with his wife, little daughter, and his mother.

Cpl. Roy Dexter, Jr., of Camp Barkley, Texas, returned to camp Sunday after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dexter. Cpl. Dexter was accompanied by his wife and small child, who will make their home with him, for the present.

Mrs. Leone Montgomery, of Barton, Ala., received a beautiful letter written by her son, Cpl. Daniel Montgomery, who is with the Fleet on the U.S.S. Cabot. The letter was written on Mother's Day during the time he thought his mother would be attending the program at the Barton church.

**Dickie McCulley**  
**Member of Magnolia Boy's State**

Represents Iuka High School

Dickie McCulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCulley, has returned from Jackson, Miss., where he represented Iuka in the Magnolia Boy's State annual meet.

## **Local Items of Interest**

**By Mrs. R. R. Hamilton**

Mrs. Jim Woodall spent the weekend in Chattanooga with her husband, J. W. Woodall.

Mrs. White Smith is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. H. Adams, in Sheffield, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Farrell of Memphis are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Farrell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Waters spent the weekend in Ecru, Miss., where they were guests of Miss Tula Lee and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coker.

Mrs. George W. Stricklin returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Marion, Ala. While there, she attended the 106<sup>th</sup> Commencement of Judson College.

Mrs. Allen Key and little daughter, of Knoxville, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. A. F. Whitehurst, and sister, Mrs. Billie Burke Thomas.

Mrs. Walter Smith left last Wednesday for Richmond, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. James Thomas.

Patricia Clark Ferrell spent last week in Tupelo with Tommie Clark.

### **Weddings**

Miss Frances Adcock and Mr. Alfred Comer were quietly married May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Spring Park with Mr. G. N. Gober officiating. The young couple are living at the Comer home.

Miss Hassie Lambert and Mr. James E. Adcock were married Saturday morning, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Adcock left immediately for Camp Shelby where he is stationed and Mrs. Adcock has returned to Memphis.

### **Wedding in Geneva, Ala, of Prominent Iukan**

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Geneva Methodist Church, Rev. U. L. Martin read the service that united in marriage, Rachael Rebecca McLeod, daughter of Mrs. Walter Lee McLeod, to William Arthur Graham, of Iuka and Florence, Ala. The altar was decorated with bamboo and fern, flanked by floor baskets of white dahlias, gladioli and snap dragons.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. A. D. Adair, Jr., who included in her numbers the traditional marches "Shubert's Serenade" and "To a Wild Rose." The bride wore a tailored suit of brown and white with white accessories. Her flowers were a corsage arrangement of gardenias and bride's flowers.

Mrs. Graham, who is a graduate of Geneva High School, also attended Troy State Teachers College and the University of Alabama. She was a member of the Geneva City school faculty at the time of her marriage.

The groom is the son of Mrs. John L. Graham and the late Mr. Graham of Iuka. He is a graduate of the Iuka High School and of the Florence State Teachers College. He holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama, where he was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa honorary fraternities. He is principal of the Brandon School in Florence.

### **Mrs. Henry Moore Entertains**

Mrs. Henry Moore was hostess to 11 members of the Twentieth Century Club last Thursday night at a bridge and rummy party. Other guests for the evening were Mrs. C. A. Key of Knoxville, Mrs. Kay Crews, and Mrs. William Ellis.

Mrs. Ellis was high bridge score winner, Miss Helen Hendricks won at rummy, and Mrs. Everett Cutshall won at bingo.

Mrs. Moore's home was beautifully decorated with vases of galardia and baby's breath. The guests were served coca-colas early in the evening and later a delicious sherbert with orange dainties. A party of this kind annually follows the closing of the club year.

Last Thursday evening, the club enjoyed a delightful fish fry at Sixty Yarber's place on the lake. About 25 members and guests attended.

### **Tishomingo County Citizens Seriously Buying Fifth War Loan Bonds Bonds Support Our Boys**

Tishomingo County, along with the state and nation, launched its biggest financial undertaking in history Monday when citizens opened the 5<sup>th</sup> War Loan Drive, with a goal of \$240,000 to be reached before July 8.

Hundreds of workers are already actively working, according to T. M. Jourdan, War Loan Drive chairman. He said special emphasis is being placed on the sale of E-Bonds, the County's E-Bond quota being \$124,000. "We don't have to wonder any longer when the big push will get underway. We know thousands of our brave men have already made the supreme sacrifice on the bloody European front which opened last week."

"These are the most critical battles of all times—on the home front and in France. On their outcome depends our fate as a free and independent people. We are all in the struggle together, and unless we all pull together, the struggle will be long and hard."

"Therefore, I challenge every County citizen to meet the test. The least expected of all of us at this time is to invest every dollar we can in War Bonds. By doing so, the weight of

our fight here will help our men and women complete theirs over there. Don't wait for a solicitor to ask you to buy War Bonds. You know your duty, so buy them. This is no time for lagging on the home front, and I am confident our citizens will leave no stone unturned until victory is won."

The chairman pointed out that volunteer workers will ask every citizen to buy a share in Victory, but again emphasized that people "should do their duty without have to be urged and told." One County, Perry, "has already oversubscribed its total and E-Bond quotas," he said.

## **Tea Table Chatter**

**By Tina**

It is not meet, that this column should be given over to the serious study of world conditions—that is not its purpose—so to those who so kindly commended the effort last week and even suggested a continued similarity in its contents—Tina offers appreciation—but must not abuse the expectation of those readers who look here for the small news of their friends—news that has no other purpose than to keep us close to those we love.

Holland Davis had returned from a week in Jackson, Tenn., where she attended the recital in which Linda Gay Smith, daughter of Jack and Edith Smith, stirred the pride of all the kind. Immediately after the recital, Linda underwent a tonsillectomy and recuperated with the vim of the really young. Prof. Davis spent the time in Corinth with Holland's parents.

Mary Payne Stribling and her beautiful little daughter, Kitty, are here with Mrs. Mollie Payne and on Tuesday night, husband Raymond ran over for a few days—fishing and vacationing at home are among his plans at the moment.—Jack and Sophie Martin, with their little Katherine, are here from Columbia, S.C., with Mattie Allen Martin. Jack is vacationing in between military service—formerly in the Marines at Parris Island, he has received his commission in the Navy and leaves soon for a Florida port.

On a recent trip out in Arkansas, Robbie Skinner had a grand visit with Don and Laverna Dugger. He has a cleaning establishment serving Camp Robinson. Don plied Robbie with questions about everyone in Iuka. He has seen Ralph Daniel at the camp and keeps a close eye out for Tishomingo boys. Laverna formerly lived with Dr. and Mrs. Brown (while she taught music.)—Jimmie Jackson spent last week in Memphis with James and Corrine McRae, and of course, filled the time with plenty of fun.—Charles Gallagher week ended at home and sported one of those "rat" haircuts, the sign of every "Freshy."—Mrs. Luther Beard had an unusually happy birthday Sunday, with a fine dinner prepared by her daughter, Jewell Reynolds. Many gifts from the family and friends, but the highlight was a telephone call from her son, Hubert, down in the Hawaiian Islands. She said this was the happiest birthday of her life. Hubert is a Chief Petty Officer in the Seabees.—There is a family reunion this week down in Drew, Miss., that started forming last week. Aliene Jourdan had four sisters over for the weekend,

Ollie Sparks and Lottie Hare from Memphis; Maude Ragland of Houston, Miss.; and Sue DeLap of Drew; the five sisters left here Sunday for Sue's home, where the rest of the family will join them—this is a summer event for the Ragland family and sounds like ever so much fun for all of them.—Mrs. Henrietta Houk has arrived for a few weeks visit in Iuka, and is at the Gladys Hodges home.

Eddie Gaines is in Iuka, the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. S. P. Waddy, and the Harris Carmichael cousins.—Nummy Powell Austell arrives Friday for a bit of rest and will be a guest in Mrs. E. N. Reed's home. Her friends are delighted to have Nummy here for long enough to really renew acquaintance.—Mary Draper and little son, Billy, of Decatur, are spending this week with the Logan Whittens.

Imagine Verda Pace's delight when Clarence called to tell her he was sending her a picture, ran in the Galveston paper, in which Billy was plainly distinguishable. He was serving the injured in the invasion.

Victoria Gravette also had a wonderful treat Saturday, when her son, Elmer, called to tell her he was back in the States. He is at Menlo Park, Calif., in the Bibble General Hospital. He expects to be transferred to a hospital closer home soon, and Victoria expects to be able to visit him. Elmer was injured in a jeep accident during his overseas service.—Mary and Web Price write that they are really having a wonderful time, crowded the weekend in New York, and seeing everything along the way.—Geraldine Barnette is spending a while at home before leaving for Knoxville where she takes up some new work—she was in Huntsville, Ala., for about a year.