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### MIDWAY NEWS

Pfc. Dealton (Delton) Nelson spent last week end with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Epps and two children from Plant City, Fla., spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frederick. Also visited in the home of Mrs. L.M. McNutt.

Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Pearl Gist, of Memphis, Mrs. Alice Davis of Red Bay, Ala., Mrs. Herbert Enlow visited last week end with their mother, Mrs. Robert Anglin, in the home of Mr. And Mrs. Wallace Anglin.

Mrs. Mary Burns of Tishomingo, and mother, Mrs. Ben Jaco, from Texas, visited last week with Mr. And Mrs. Eugene Stringer and triplet boys and presented the triplets with three nice blankets.

Mr. And Mrs. R.C. McNatt of Dennis, visited Miss Vera McNutt last Sunday. Also in the home of Mr. And Mrs. Eugene Stringer.

Mrs. D.C. Ralph of Norfolk, Va., visited last week with her father, Mr. G.C. Stephens.

Mrs. Bill Bruton visited her daughter Mrs. George Stringer, last Sunday.

Mr. And Mrs. R.A. Cox visited Mr. And Mrs. Frank Cox, also Mr. And Mrs. Nathan Cox and Mrs. Hattie Aldridge last Sunday.

Mr. And Mrs. Fletcher Oaks of Tuscumbia, Ala., spent last weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Oaks and sister, Mrs. L.E. Skinner.

Mr. And Mrs. L.C. Wheeler, Mr. And Mrs. Blake E. Wheeler of near Marietta, visited last Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Herman Stringer.

Mrs. Auston Anglin was carried to Corinth hospital last Tuesday with a broken hip, received from a fall. Among those who have visited her were her sister, Mrs. Margaret Deaton, of Tishomingo; her niece, Mrs. Claude Morton and daughter, Mrs. J.T. Mitchell, and Mrs. Connie Cochran.

There will be another community singing at Spring Hill church next Sunday night, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. The last one was enjoyed by a good number.

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### **S/SGT. HAMMOND A RHODES STILL MISSING - NO WORD**

S/Sgt. Hammond A. Rhodes, 34, 425,668, Air Corps, who was the son of Mr. And Mrs. Albert Rhodes, Jr. was reported missing in action October 2, 1943. The War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty

surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning him shows he was a crew member of a B-24 plane (Liberator).

“On October 2, 1943, while en-route from Port Moresby to Wewak, New Guinea, a message was received from his plane that they were entering bad weather. The plane was then over mountainous territory about 250 miles southwest of Wewak. The crew was not heard from again and searching planes found no trace of plane or crew. Twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival. “The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances. The Adjutant General, Ulie.”

Hammond’s only brother, Lyman Rhodes S1/c, who is stationed at U.S.S. Texas, is home on furlough. He has participated in three major battles, both invasions, and also Cherobourg Harbor.

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### **LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mrs. R.R. Hamilton

Mr. And Mrs. Henry Gurley of near Fulton, Miss., spent Sunday as guests of Mr. And Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mr. And Mrs. S.E. Hampton, who have been living in Knoxville, Tenn., for some time, have returned to Iuka, and are occupying their home here.

Mr. And Mrs. Rush Kelso of Sheffield spent the week end with Mrs. Kelso’s parents, Dr. And Mrs. R.R. Hill.

Mr. And Mrs. Jay Witt and Mr. And Mrs. Ellis Witt will arrive Monday for several days, and will be the guests of Mr. And Mrs. R.R. Hamilton.

Mrs. Gladys Sanderson of Florence, Ala., spent the past week end with her brother’s wife, Mrs. Hershel Sanderson of Belmont.

Mr. And Mrs. William McKinney and daughter, Billie Mae spent last Sunday with Mr. And Mrs. Joe Lovelace of Dennis.

Mr. Robert Lovelace, with his family of Chicago, is the guest of his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Joe Lovelace of Dennis.

Mrs. Lester Hodge returned to her home from the Colbert County Hospital. Mrs. Hodge, after surgery, is showing splendid recovery.

Darell Miller has returned to his home, after undergoing surgery in the Colbert County hospital.

Mrs. Louise Sanderson has returned home, after a visit with her brother, S 2/c James Ray Miller, based in Maryland. She stopped over in Knoxville for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. A.C. Grisham, en-route home.

Mr. And Mrs. Vardman Whitaker and Mr. And Mrs. Tommie Crawford spent Saturday night in Memphis with Mr. And Mrs. Will Pruitt. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Pruitt and her two daughters, Launa Mabel and Annie Belle.

Mrs. Numy Austell arrives Tuesday for a few days, during the Dog Show and Fox Hunt.

Mrs. Lela Gaskins returns to Tuscombia this week end, after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. And Mrs. J.P. Reynolds. Mrs. Gaskins is a member of the Leighton School faculty.

Mr. J.B. McGuire of Corinth, was a business visitor in Iuka Tuesday.

Mr. Bus Foote has gone to Mobile, where he is accepting a position. Mrs. Foote, who is a teacher in the county schools, will remain in Iuka.

Miss Betty Curtis was hostess last week to Earline Bishop, Katherine Johnson, and Faye Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Smith of Grenada, were the week end guests of the Harry Grahams. On Sunday, Mr. Wiyllie Graham of Baton Rouge, arrives to spend his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. Fred Gallaher, Mrs. Clifton Reid, Mrs. Roe Daniel and Mrs. Mary Massey and Mrs. Sam Kimberly spent Wednesday in Birmingham.

Sgt. Mathews Rutledge, who spent the week end in Iuka as guests of the J.C. Jourdan family, enjoyed a lovely visit with friends during Monday afternoon when Mrs. Harris Carmichael entertained informally for him.

Mr. Harry Graham spent several days this week on a business trip to Little Rock and Camden, Ark.

Pfc. Olan A. Parker, who is stationed at Lorado, Texas, is home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Parker of Salem.

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### **COUNTY NURSE RESUMES REGULAR DUTIES TODAY**

Miss Helen Hendricks, Tishomingo County Nurse, who has been on a leave of absence for a few weeks, with her mother who has been ill, arrived yesterday. Miss Hendricks resumes her regular duties today with the Tishomingo County Health Department.

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### **TEA TABLE CHATTER**

By TINA

It is surprising many times what one will discover on a little trip made in the interest of a fleshly appetite - such was the case Saturday afternoon, when Tina and the Editor rode out on "the hill" because we knew there was some delicious fried chicken out there at the Baptist Church, where they are raising money to pay for a Basement they have built - now there's a good story here and one that Tina thinks is worth even more space than is being given.

The members of that church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. P.S. Cousins, of Beuna Vista, realized the need of a basement and went to work planning one, and starting the work.

Cooperation was at its best, during the days of building, when women cooked the dinner, other women served it, and the laborers worked intensely, to get the basement done.

Joe Walker, who was chairman of that committee, with Douglas Thomas, Andrew Dilworth and Willie Comans, not only directed the work, but gave their time in labor, for a very small remuneration, when they could have been earning good money on a number of jobs.

The finance committee, Annie Walker, Eva M. Ford, Elizabeth Mitchell, Pearl Brown and Carrie Harris, have raised all but about one hundred dollars on a project that cost a thousand and that sort of financing deserves commendation and praise.

The Baby Show that was conducted out there in the church Friday afternoon netted a cool \$100.51 and besides that, the babies were cute as could be, pulling all sorts of surprises while they were on the stage, that just means they “put on a good show.” Little Hattie Ruth Boyd won first prize, and Dorothy Jean Thomas made second place, all other babies were given miniature tooth brushes.

Now the good work done by all these good people is what has impressed us so - good work, a well lighted large room, work tables built in, and good cabinets planned for installment soon.

The walls of the upstairs workshop room are white and clean. Tina commented on them and learned that they had been painted several years ago, this would indicate well behaved and disciplined children in the congregation - all in all, Tina is recommending that all readers who are interested, go out there and see what has been done and talk with the members of that church and you'll end up with a warm feeling inside, and the desire to help them in any possible way. They're a reserving group of citizens, and are improving their section of town in a way that denotes a healthy growth.

Now, smile at this interesting little incident of Saturday, alto it was no small incident to the recipient. Little four year old Cordell Hull Butler, son of Annie Mae, queen of the J.C. Jourdan kitchen, had a birthday, and through the mail came a wonderful box from no other than Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to his “namesake”. The box was filled with a complete winter outfit, even to galoshes, hat, gloves, oh, everything that make the eyes of a four year old boy just shine. And stranger things have happened, but even as Tina typed this out, Nellie Leonard walked in our office with a bouquet of beautiful, large pink and red roses, from buds to full blooms, and healthy and colorful Zinnas. Well, good citizenship is a community's most valuable asset, and we pay tribute today to a group who has demonstrated that virtue.