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## TCHGS NEWSLETTER TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

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### NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Sgt. Edward W. McRae is now on maneuvers in Louisiana and he writes to have his address changed. "So I can get *The Vidette* quicker." Sgt. McRae says that he has found interesting bits in the paper that he never observed before because he had it closer now.

Pfc. Aaron W. Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron T. Dean of Tishomingo, has just graduated from B-24 Liberator Bomber Mechanics School at Keesler Field and "is now ready for active line of duty in and one of a number of war theaters" as a qualified mechanic.

Sgt. George Allen is expected home soon from Lebanon, Tenn. for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Allen.

Friends of Sgt. John Henry Allen will regret to learn of his confinement in the hospital with a fractured shoulder suffered recently. He is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Charles (Bobby) Shackelford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Shackelford writes from North Africa, that he is fine and that "we went into Bizerte on May 7<sup>th</sup>," also that he has participated in four battles. Charles says that "he is coming home sometimes and maybe in 1944."

*The Vidette* is in receipt of official notice from the A.A.F.S.A.T. at Orlando, Florida, of the promotion from Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. of Claude Curtis. T/Sgt. Curtis is in what is known as the "post graduate of all Air Forces School." T/Sgt. Curtis is located at Brooksville, about fifty miles from Orlando, a post of the school.

S/Sgt. Edward D. Robinson who is stationed at Tucson, Ariz., Air Base has returned to camp after spending a fifteen day furlough at home with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Robinson of Route 3.

Boats Mate 2/c Robert Brice Marlar, Jr., is in the U.S. Navy on an Aircraft Carrier. He has been in service about three years and has steadily been receiving promotions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Marlar, and attended schools in Iuka and Burnsville. Mr. Marlar has seen action in the Atlantic and Pacific, and writes that he expects to come home some time in July.

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. McNutt of Iuka Route 1, have five sons in the service. Major W.P. McNutt is at Camp Croft, S.C.; W.B. McNutt 3/c is at the U.S. Air Base at Memphis; Pvt. Ershell McNutt is at Ft. McClellan, Ala.; Pvt. Sherlin McNutt is at San Francisco, Calif.; and Pvt. Orville McNutt is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Surely the parents of these boys deserve the highest tribute of bravery, with five of their children in the service of the Country.

Pvt. Walter H. Buchanan, who has been home on furlough, has returned to Camp at Savannah, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Buchanan of Tishomingo, and is in the Anti Aircraft Service.

Radioman 3/c W.H. Hanna, Jr., has just written his mother that he is getting settled "down again" after being in Pearl Harbor. W.H. is on submarine patrol duty, and has been in both the Atlantic and Pacific.

Pfc. Sidney V. Rhodes, stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, is at home on an emergency furlough, caused by the serious injury his child sustained when it was burned.

Pvt. Noel D. Whitfield, of Nashville, Tenn., has been spending a 10 day vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitfield, of Burnsville Route 2. He returned to Camp Monday.

Pfc. William W. Welch, Colorado Springs, Colo., has returned after spending eleven days with his mother, Mrs. Lee Welch. She also had Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kidd and children, of Amory, Miss.; Mrs. J.E. Robertson and Miss Leon Welch of Memphis, with her.

Pfc. Cleve Robertson, Camp Forrest, Tenn., visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Robertson.

Pvt. Everette Marlar, Nashville, Tenn., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Marlar.

(Transcriber note: it is possible that there were other pages for this column).

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#### **FATHER OF FORMER IUKA MINISTER PASSES AWAY**

Mr. George A. Palmer of Bethany, Miss., father of Rev. Clarence Palmer, died on Sept. 6th at the Caldwell Clinic at Baldwyn, Miss. Mr. Palmer was 78 years, and was noted for his honesty, industriousness and sound judgment. His son Rev. Clarence Palmer, was pastor for several years of the Iuka Baptist Church and is now at Lamar, Miss.

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#### **TISHOMINGO TIPS**

Rev. and Mrs. Eron Sharp of Aberdeen, have been recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Blissitt.

Mr. W.H. Fairless and family and Mr. John Trim and family were shopping in Memphis last week.

The W.S.C.S. met at the church last Wednesday evening. The presence of Mrs. Eron Sharp and Mrs. Austin Hester were appreciated very much. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Miss Lou Vera Blissitt, assisted by Mrs. Sharp.

Friends are very happy to have Prof. W.R. Nettles out again after an illness of a few weeks.

Mr. Edd Sypes is in the N.E. Miss. Hospital. His condition is serious.

Pvt. Warren Finch from Fort Knox, Ky., spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. E. Gober and daughter, Marie, spent Saturday in Florence, Ala.

L.C. McDougal, who is employed in Memphis, has been home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Stricklin and Mr. and Mrs. Ceburn Finch of Sheffield, were week end visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Crow and Dorris and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nash spent last Sunday in Haleyville, Ala.

Mrs. Mary Burns spent last Thursday and Friday in Tupelo.

Little Katie Miller has returned home after a visit in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Marie Miller will leave Wednesday for M.S.C.W.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cornelius have recently purchased the telephone exchange.

Mrs. Fay Burns and Jimmie spent last Thursday night in Okolona, guests of Mrs. W.H. West.

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### **NEGRO ESCAPES COUNTY JAIL**

Apprehend Soon

A negro boy, 17 years of age was arrested here Friday, September 17th and charged with burglary and larceny of Stricklin's store at Burnsville, Miss. When arrested he was found riding a stolen bicycle and carrying a 38 Smith and Wesson Special revolver.

Monday night he escaped from the jail by climbing through the furnace chimney, but was captured a few hours later at Margerum, Ala., by Sheriff Pace.

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### **NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM**

Pvt. Robert D. Akers, who has been on maneuvers in Louisiana, is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. He recently spent a five day furlough with his mother.

Pfc. James L. Woodall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Woodall has been transferred from Lincoln, Neb., to Pottsdam, N.Y., where he is attending Clarkson College.

Cpl. Luis D. Murray, who is stationed somewhere in Sicily, writes his wife, Mrs. Gladys Murray, that he is fine and has met one of his old friends, Sgt. Elton Pruitt there.

Cpl. Howard L. Rhodes, has been on furlough due to the illness of his mother. He has been transferred from Augusta, Ga., to Camp Campbell, Ky., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rhodes of Route 3.

Cpl. William C. Rhodes, who was stationed at Camp Campbell, KY., has been transferred to Elwod, Ind.

Cpl. John B. Strickland, who has been stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., has been transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky. His mother is Mrs. Grady Strickland of Tishomingo.

Sgt. Guy T. Claunch of Fort Puckett, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.O. Claunch of R-2, last week. Sgt. Claunch has two brothers serving in foreign service. Cpl. Troy L. Claunch, who is in Sicily and Cpl. Curtis W. Claunch exact location uncertain. While in Iuka, Sgt. Guy Claunch invested in Liberty Loan Bonds for himself and his absent brothers. The father of these non-commissioned officers is one of the best known citizens of this county, having resided here all his life.

The U.S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., is the recruiting base for six Iuka men. Charlie Tyson Lambert, Jewell B. Lambert, Louis Gritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gritz, Cecil D. Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kent of Route 1, Marshall Claymon Sparks, son of Mrs. Hizzie Sparks of Route 5, Perry Joe Pruitt, husband of Blanche Janice Pruitt and William Elbert Dennington, husband of Velma Leece Dennington. When the recruit training at this base is completed the men will be given a nine day leave.

Pfc. James H. Creasap, son of C.S. Creasap of Iuka, has completed his training at Chanute Field, Ill., and has been graduated from the school where he was taking Army Air Forces Technical Training in special motor vehicle maintenance.

Edgar L. Seago, CM 3/C formerly of Burnsville, will not get the Vidette through the thoughtfulness of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Bingham.

Pvt. James H. Maxwell of Route 3, who has spent several months in Iceland, writes his mother that he is now in England.

Pfc. Ted Barnett, stationed at Bowman Field Ky., spent a few days this week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnett.

Sgt. Delbert Williams stationed at Washington is spending two weeks in Iuka with his family and other relatives.

Cpl. Braxton B. Hester has been transferred from Galena, Washington to Caldwell, New Jersey. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Hester.

James T. Maroney has been promoted to Private First Class. He entered the Army in April. He is the brother of Mrs. John Daniel.

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#### **C.E. BLYTHE SUCCUMBS TO LENGTHY ILLNESS -- Was Patient in Veterans Hospital**

After an illness of many years, Carter E. Blythe passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Kentucky, Friday, September 17th, at the age of 54. Mr. Blythe was a native of Tennessee, but had lived in this section periodically, since his marriage to Frances Miller in 1992. His wife is the only survivor. Rev. E.G. Mohler conducted the funeral services, which were under the direction of the American Legion, with Commander Davis in charge. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

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## **ELECTRIC WELDING SCHOOL HAS NEW EQUIPMENT**

Larger Number To Be Trained

Through the untiring efforts of everyone connected with the Welding School, necessary equipment has been purchased and installed to enable the electric welding school to run at full capacity.

People who wish to take this training, and who are not already in essential war work, should make plans as soon as possible to avail themselves of the opportunity. War industries need every welder they can get in order to build the things necessary to win this war.

The opportunity to take this course will be opened for a short time only because if there are not enough people in this section who desire the training, the machinery must be moved elsewhere.

Shifts can be arranged to fit the needs of everyone who want to take the training.

In case there are people who want the training who are not in reach of this center, transportation can be paid for. Details on this can be had by coming to the school or the U.S. Employment Service Office. The school is located on South Fillmore Street in the back part of the building formerly occupied by the N.Y.A. Wood Shop.

This training is free - it costs you nothing. Likewise you are FREE to go to any war industry you prefer. Completion of this training assures you of employment with good pay and gives you the assurance that you are helping in the war effort.

Editor's Note: Lieut. Chester A. Curtin has exemplified the finest American manhood throughout his military career and this excerpt from a letter received just before going to press is published because it is typical of this young man's attitude toward his county, as well as that of thousands of other soldiers from every part of America.

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## **ALL-OUT SCRAP DRIVE TO START OCTOBER 1**

**All Scrap Needed**

An all-out scrap drive for sufficient scrap metal to insure a steady flow of vital war armaments to our fighting forces on the world's battle fronts will open October 1. Meetings will be called in various communities by local salvage chairmen and by War Production Board salvage officials to discuss ways and means of getting the scrap from backyards and farms and machine shops to collection depots and junk yards, and on to consuming mills. This is the home-front's No. 1 war program.

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## **LARGE PURCHASES OF WAR BONDS MUST STILL BE MADE**

**\$100,000 Short of Quota**

With the "Zero-Hour" coming Saturday in Mississippi, Tishomingo County must redouble her bond buying efforts in the Third War Loan if the \$309,000.00 county quota is to be met, Mr. T.M. Jourdan, County War Loan Chairman, reports.

According to latest figures available before press time this week, the county has raised \$209,000 towards its goal. This means that citizens will have to stage a few "Commando Raids" if the victory is to be won.

"As in actual battle, the "last mile" of a drive is always the toughest to make," Chairman Jourdan said. "Toward the last battle, extra sacrifice must be made. This extra effort spells the difference between defeat and victory.

"Our country boys are serving all over the world.

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### **MONROE REUNION**

The annual Monroe Reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Monroe on Sunday September 19th. Members of the family attending were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Hatcher of Savannah, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Monroe and children of Iuka, Eld. and Mrs. E.L. Monroe and children of Tishomingo, Pfc. Olen E. Monroe of Topeka, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Monroe of Iuka, R-1, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Monroe and daughter of Iuka, R-3.

Friends attending were Miss Maedrew James of Tuscumbia, and Mr. Woodrow McManus of Iuka, R-3. The day was greatly enjoyed by all present, especially the nice dinner and the singing in the

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### **SNOWDOWN**

Mrs. A.M. Daily spent the week end with his daughter and family. Mrs. Albert Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Layton and family visited Mrs. Layton's father, Mr. John Brown, who is in the McRae Hospital at Corinth.

Mrs. Tinnie Haines has been visiting her brother, Mr. Everet Kirk for about a month.

Mr. Ben Campbell spent several days here visiting Mrs. A.D. Carr and others.

Friends of Mr. George Nix are glad to know he is able to be back home. He has been in the U.S. Army for about a year, was overseas a short time.

The Home Demonstration will meet Thursday of this week in the home of Mrs. Alma Maxwell.

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### **LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mrs. R.R. Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. John Trim and Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Chambers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Bell in Memphis last week.

Among those attending the circus in Corinth Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pruitt, Miss Helen Davis and Mrs. H.?. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard W. Kent are announcing the birth of their daughter, Cheryl Ann, who was born on Sept. 18th in the Booneville Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Smith and little daughter, Linda Gay of Jackson, Tenn., are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Davis.

Stanley B. Riley, Department Director of Railways of Washington, D.C. and Hagerstown, Md?, accompanied by Mr. A. Daugherty of Jackson, Tenn., were guests on Wednesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Webster Price.

Mr. E.D. Davis, County Commander of the American Legion, attended the National Convention at Omaha, Nebr., this week.

Mrs. Walter Smith has returned to Iuka after being the guest of her daughter and husband, Major and Mrs. Jimmie Thomas, as Norfolk, Va., for two weeks.

Mrs. W.L. Elledge of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones and daughters, Dorothy Ann and Mary Eleanor, Mrs. Jake Fillingame and baby Sandra Lynn, from Hattiesburg, are recent guests of Miss. Hattie eDardolph.

Mrs. Florence Broughton spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Claude Bryant and other relatives and friends. She will spend a few days in Hot Springs before returning to her home in Texas.

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### **CARD OF THANKS**

To those who in any way made the going of my husband easier for him and for me to the American Legion Post and especially Commander Davis, for their help and kindness, and to all the friends who have expressed their interest, my very deep appreciation. --Frances Miller Blythe

Mrs. Lela Moore and Mrs. John Daniel spent the week end in Decatur, Ala., visiting friends and relatives.

Word has been received by Mrs. Letha Sanders, sister-in-law, of the instant death of Mr. William J. Friant, in Chicago. Mr. Fant fell from a building while painting. He spent his winters here and had many friends who will regret to hear of his untimely death.

### **IUKA, ROUTE 2**

Rev. Caruthers preached at Harmony last Sunday night. A large crowd was present. There will also be preaching the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11 o'clock. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference was held here August 31. A fine report from all churches on the circuit.

John Flynt of Dawson, Texas is visiting relatives here. He is a former resident of this county and this is his first time in fifty years.

Raymond Barnes, who has been employed in Knoxville, is spending a while with his family here.

Robert Akers, who is with the U.S. Army and stationed in Virginia spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Akers last week.

Paul Hayes of Margerum, Ala., is visiting with his family before leaving for the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parnell have recently visited friends and relatives in and around Truman, Ark.

Miss Annie Marie Johnson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Gunnison, Miss.

Cpl Marcus Parnell of Nashville, spent a few hours with home folks last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Davis of near Jackson, Tenn., were visiting relatives here Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Reba Dean of Sheffield spent Labor Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Dean.

Miss Maida Grisham has been a recent visitor to relatives at Rutherford, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Grisham and Bobby Gene spent several days recently in Blytheville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Sanders of Iuka, were visiting in the community last Sunday night.

Mrs. Hazel Todd of near Cross Roads, has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Edmond Robinson.

Miss Loretta Bonds of Burnsville, is spending a few days with Miss. Laverne Bonds.

The home of Mrs. J.F. Dean was the scene of a beautiful surprise birthday celebration on September 12<sup>th</sup>, when friends and relatives met to pay homage to Mrs. Dean on her 23<sup>rd</sup> {stet} birthday. A large birthday cake, made by her oldest grandchild. Her six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren were present, and also Mr. Joe Flynt, brother and Mr. John Flynt of Dawson, Texas. Guests for this occasion numbered 40. Mrs. Dean has been an active member of the Harmony Church for 70 years, and seldom misses a service there, where she is the oldest living member.