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## With THE BOYS In Service

CPL. BOBBY HAWKINS, located at Cherry Point, N. C., is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hawkins at their home on Glenn street.

HAROLD COOK son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cook of this city, has been promoted from coxswain to boatswain mate 2c in England where he has been on duty nearly three years.

CPL. STEVE D. REEVES, stationed at Fort McPherson, Ga., spent the past weekend in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeves on Milligan street.

ENSIGN AND MRS. WILBUR HIX, JR., of Boston, Mass., is spending this week in the home of Mrs. Hix's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kohn. Ensign Hix is taking a special course in Radar at Harvard University and Mr. Hix has been attending art school in Boston while her husband is stationed there.

SECOND LIEUT. HAL KOHN, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kohn, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant Kohn is stationed in St. Louis, and is a member of the Photographic Department of the Army.

CPL. EARL EARGLE, who returned to Newberry last week after being on duty in Panama for the past three years, is spending a 30-day furlough with his father, J. H. Eargle in the Hartford community prior to reporting to Miami, Florida for reassignment.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREW THOMASSON recently received a letter from their son, EDWARD ARTHUR THOMASSON, who was written in France on May 10th saying that he was doing fine and had been issued new clothing, and probably would be home soon. He was a German prisoner 19 months.

Another son, C. F. THOMASSON, is now spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents.

JOHN H. DAVENPORT, S. 1c, USNR, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davenport, live at 1905 College street, was aboard the Essex, aircraft carrier, when her planes battered Okinawa prior to the Marine and Army landings.

With other units of the Pacific fleet, this ship sent out her planes in a long series of sweeps and strikes that blasted enemy aircraft, shore installations and shipping from the Ryukyu Islands to the Japanese homeland.

Besides doing her primary job of servicing its air group, the carrier put in a few holes with her own guns, destroying one enemy plane and helping down another.

SSGT. PAUL WHITAKER, a member of the Infantry, who landed in New Orleans, La., last Friday after being on duty in Panama for the past 34 months, arrived in Newberry Tuesday to spend a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Whitaker on Nance street, prior to reporting to Miami Fla., for reassignment.

His wife the former Helen Parrott, of Pomaria, will also visit in Newberry while her husband is home on furlough.

LIEUT. JACK L. HEIB, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Heib, 3861 Detroit street, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed Base Photo Officer at the Sixth Air Force base in the Falapagos Islands.

Lieutenant Heib whose wife, the former Lydia Vera Rowe, resides at 1124 Hunt street, attended Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Mo., and Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to entering the service as a second lieutenant in December, 1941, he was photographer for John-Ruth Studio, Sullivan, Mo. He has been on duty in the Panama area since February, 1942.

SGT. ROBERT C. BRAZEL, airplane mechanic, is a member of the Second Bombardment Group B-17 Flying Fortress unit, of the 15th Air Force, stationed in Italy, which traces its origin back to World War I, recently flew its 400th combat mission in World War II. The group accomplished this number of attacks in less than two years first putting bombers over an enemy target from a North African base on April 28, 1943.

This group participated in the Tunisian campaign, the invasions of Sicily, Anzo and southern France, the February 1944 plunder of Axis aircraft industry, the great air battle of Poestia, the first shuttle mission to Russia, and in attacks against other vital enemy installations. The climax of 23 months of combat flying for the group was its participation on March 24, 1945, in the record-breaking 15th AAF Fortress mission to Berlin the longest bombing attack ever flown in the European or Mediterranean theaters.

## THE FOLLOWING letter was received by Mrs. T. E. Davis last week: HEADQUARTERS 80TH TANK BATTALION APO 258 CARE OF POSTMASTER NEW YORK NEW YORK

28 April, 1945  
Mrs. Thomas E. Davis  
725 Caldwell Street  
Newberry, South Carolina  
RE: Thomas E. Davis 0556666

Dear Mrs. Davis:  
In behalf of the officers and men of this Battalion, I wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement for your son, Thomas, who was killed in action by tank and aircraft fire on April 4, 1945, during an attack in the vicinity of Lipstadt, Germany. He was buried in Margraten Military Cemetery in Holland, by a Protestant Chaplain, according to his preference before his death.

Thomas was conscientious and always out for his best efforts toward completing the task he set forth to accomplish. For that reason he was held in high esteem by all members of the command, and truly recognized as a leader. I wish there were something I might say to lighten your burden or to relieve your sorrow, but words cannot adequately convey the loss felt by both the men and the unit. We cannot forget him. At times it is hard for us to understand, but it is only through such sacrifices that our loved ones can retain the privileges and honors of our Country. We all must meet death at some time, but Thomas died for a great cause.

Very sincerely yours,  
Thomas R. Taggart  
WOJG USA  
Personnel Adjutant.

CLAUDE DOMINICK has been liberated from a German prison camp, according to notification received by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Dominick of route 1 Silverstreet, through the Red Cross Saturday afternoon.

T'S GEORGE R. REEVES returned to his base at Fort McPherson, Ga., Sunday after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeves and sister, Mrs. F. J. Harmon on Milligan street.

LIEUT. EMANUEL STRAUSS arrived in Newberry this week to spend a sick leave with friends. He came from Augusta, Georgia where he has been in the Oliver General Hospital shortly after his arrival in the States last October when he landed at Charleston. After being at Stark General hospital there he was transferred to Oliver where he has been recuperating from wounds received on August 19, 1944 near Paris in combat. Lieutenant Strauss, son of the late Martin Strauss and Annie Bobb Strauss of Newberry county, graduated from Clemson college in '42 in Mechanical Engineering and shortly after volunteered for the service going overseas in April, 1944.

He was in action in the European theater of operations in the Infantry of the United States Army and wears the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart, being wounded August 19, 1944, the Bronze Star and the combat Infantry band besides other decorations.

While here he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holloway, the J. H. Lominicks and the Jeter Youngs and other friends, before returning to Oliver General hospital where he will undergo another operation on his left leg.

DON'T GO to an Atlantic port or to any Army reception station to see your returning soldier. It's time wasted.

That is the advice of Colonel H. G. Williams, transportation officer, Fourth Service Command, to wives and relatives of American soldiers coming back from the European theater for a visit at home and a spot of training before going to the Pacific to finish off the Japs.

Your soldier says Colonel Williams, will be given plenty of time to visit home but until he goes through the necessary routine of the reception station he will not be permitted to leave his unit, this procedure speeding up the time when he will be free to "go home and see the folks."

When he arrives at an Atlantic port he goes with his unit to a "staging area" and there his outfit if broken down into reception station units each of which will be transported by special Pullman trains to the nearest point to the soldiers' home. At the reception station, each will be given a railroad ticket to his home and return, plus meal tickets. All units will be processed in 48 hours, giving no time for visits with wives or relatives. From the reception station he will go home.

## NEWBERRY PROFESSOR TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Charles L. Trabert aged 74, a professor at Newberry college for many years, died early Monday morning in the bathroom of his home as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It is believed that Prof. Trabert ended his life in a moment of mental derangement since he had made plans for the day ahead on the night before his death. However, his death came as a distinct shock and surprise. Prof. Trabert was a man who seemed to enjoy life and good living. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and grew his own grapes from which to make it. He was of a jolly nature and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. Although dignified in manner and bearing he was altogether human and was known among his students and close friends as "Uncle Charley."

Charles L. Trabert was a native of Pennsylvania. He received his A. B. degree at the local college and after a lapse of years in which he was engaged in the timber business, he returned to Newberry and to the college teaching staff. In 1894, shortly after finishing college here he married Miss Harriett Wells and they celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

Mr. Trabert is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Thompson Price, who lived with her father and who discovered his dead body, and 2 grandsons, Maj. C. Trabert Price and W. T. Price.

## YOUNG GIRL DIES BY OWN HAND

Evelyn Franklin, seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. (Pet) Franklin died Sunday night at the county hospital from the effects of a self administered drug. She told her parents that she did not want to live as the "hated life." She was said to have been employed in the cotton mill at Goldville. The young girl said in a note she left to her parents that she was "going to see Thelma and Boyd". Her reference was to a dead sister and brother. She also said in the note that she "might go to hell" (as a result of her self-destruction) but that "it couldn't be much worse than here on earth."

Miss Franklin was buried at Beth-Eden church of which she was a member. Rev. J. C. Rice and Rev. J. B. Harman conducted last rites over the deceased.

## MRS. IDA STROHER WEBB

Mrs. Ida Stroher Webb, 75, widow of W. A. Webb, prominent resident of Saluda county, died Monday morning at the Greenwood hospital after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late John and Josephine Culbreath Strother of Saluda. She was a member of Chestnut Hill Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons: John S., and W. A. Webb; three daughters, Mrs. L. M. Keith; Mrs. Pat Coleman, Miss Ida Frances Webb, all of Chappells; one brother, Harry C. Strother, Johnston; three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Webb, Saluda; Mrs. Ben T. Pysinger, Newberry, and Mrs. E. L. Cook of Columbia, and nine grandchildren survive.

## THE RITZ IS SHOWING WAR BOND PICTURE

A twenty minute picture called "All Star Bond Rally" will be shown at the Ritz theatre today (Friday) and tomorrow. It is said to be the greatest bond selling picture ever produced by the industry. This big entertainment feature has among its stars, Bing Crosby, Linda Darnell, Betty Grable, Jane Haver, Bob Hope, Harry James and His Orchestra, Fibber McGee and Molly, Carmen Miranda, Frank Sinatra, and many other top stars.

Be sure to see this great picture at the Ritz today (Friday) or tomorrow.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. WICKER was notified last Saturday through the War Department that their son, PVT. HOMER L. WICKER, had been liberated from a German prison camp where he had been a prisoner four months.

## LITTLE NEWS ITEMS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mrs. Mary Donn, of Greenwood, spent several days last week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Gardiner on Caldwell street.

Mrs. C. E. McCoy and son, Franklin and Mrs. Flora Witt, of Greenwood, were guests last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Gardiner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Winsley and two daughters, Bebe and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Clary were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. H. T. Long in Greenville.

Mrs. Glenn Gleason, the former Margie McEntire, of Reading, Penn., is spending a month's vacation in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEntire on Milligan street.

Mrs. Lewis Shealy spent the weekend at Fort Bragg, N. C. with her husband, Private Shealy who is stationed there.

H. L. Shealy was a weekend visitor in the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Shealy and two children in Spartanburg.

Mrs. Mae A. Aull and two sons, Cpl. Julian and Phil Aull, spent Sunday in Laurens with Mrs. Aull's sister, Mrs. W. T. Reeder and Mr. Reeder.

George Hipp returned to his home on Harrington street, Thursday night after spending a month in Peru, Indiana, with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Hedgepath and Lieutenant Hedgepath. He was accompanied to Peru by Mrs. Hipp who will remain two weeks longer and then will be accompanied home by Mrs. Hedgepath for a visit.

Mrs. James Talbert and daughter, Angie, of Spartanburg, were guests Friday in the home of Mrs. Jesse Dickert and her mother, Mrs. Kate Leavell on Harrington street.

Mrs. Pat Coggins, of New York, has arrived in the city to spend the summer months in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Monts on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Aull, their young grandson, James Creighton Edwards, of Columbia, and Anita Davidson Aull, who is stationed at Patuxent River Naval Air Base, Md. in the WAVES, spent Tuesday in the home of James R. Davidson, 1112 Calhoun street.

Mrs. J. C. Spivey (Rachael Mower) of Columbia is visiting here with her mother, Mrs. Frank D. Mower and her sister, Mrs. Helen Suber, who is living here while her husband, Major Thomas Suber, is overseas.

## PATIENTS IN COUNTY HOSPITAL

Judy Edwards, Rt. 2, Newberry  
Mrs. Edgar Pysinger, Newberry  
Mrs. C. H. Cannon, 712 Wright St.  
Mrs. Coy Willis and baby son, Whitmire.  
Mrs. E. L. Dawkins and baby girl, Route 1.  
Walter L. Buzhardt, Route 4.  
Milton Abbott, Suddon Falls.  
Mrs. S. N. Crayne, 1203 Third St.  
Mrs. Clifton Smith, Route 4.  
Mrs. Ray Rinehart, Route 2.  
Mrs. Joe Dixon and baby son, Kinards.  
S. A. Bedenbaugh, Route 1.  
Mrs. Lila Satterwhite, Route 3.  
Mrs. Agnes Wedaman, Pomaria.  
Barbara Ann Warren, 700 Green st.  
Mrs. Luther Fellers, Route 2.  
Mrs. H. L. Adams, Chappells.  
Miss Dorothy Ross, 824 Drayton st.  
Mrs. J. J. Kibler, 1826 Pearl St.

## CLARENCE M. SMITH

Clarence M. Smith, 63, died early Wednesday morning at his home at Kinards. He had been in declining health for some time but had been confined to his bed for a few days.

Mr. Smith was born near Kinards, October 15, 1881, and had spent his entire life in that community. He was the son of the late Eulalia Adams Smith and James William Smith.

## THREE ARE KILLED IN NIGHT SHOOTING

A gun battle in which three men lost their lives, cost the town of Whitmire two of its three law enforcement officers. The shooting took place some time after midnight Friday in the town hall at Whitmire.

The dead officers are Rion Gilliam and W. E. Evans, policemen, and Mack Dill, said to be an employee of the cotton mill at Whitmire.

Mack Dill and his brother, P. L. Dill, were taken into custody on a wreckless driving charge by the two officers and Deputy Elmore Suber. P. L. Dill was placed in jail, as he was the driver of the car, while Mack Dill was to wait in the car outside until the officers got around to him for disposition; they thought possibly to take him home. The officers found the car had disappeared when they returned and proceeded to Mack Dill's home where they found him. It is understood that they told him if he would remain quietly at home they would not arrest him.

The two policemen and Deputy Suber then returned to the jail and Gilliam was in the act of making a fire when Dill's bullet snuffed out his life. Apparently Mack Dill left his home to attack the officers soon after they were out of sight as but little time elapsed between their leaving the house and the shooting.

Officer Gilliam was shot first, 3 times. He did not get to use his weapon; it was still in his holster, the flap unbuttoned. Officer Evans was shot once and his assailant twice. No one actually saw the shooting but it is believed Dill shot Gilliam first and then shot Evans who returned the fire, or was himself shot by Evans first but was able to inflict a fatal wound on Evans before he died.

The three men were found a short time after the shooting, sprawled on the floor of a room in the city hall. All had apparently died soon after being shot.

## LAUDS SLAIN OFFICERS

The Town of Whitmire, S. C. and vicinity suffered a distinct and irreparable loss on Friday night in the violent and untimely deaths of two trustworthy and courageous policemen, Rion Gilliam and Bill Evans.

Shot in cold blood by a disgruntled citizen who met his own death in the act of killing two men—one was quick enough to fire a fatal shot at their assailant—the tragedy will be long remembered and is of itself a stronger sermon than could be preached with words against the "evils of drink."

These two men were well-known here and far and wide for their unflinching courage and for their positive attitude in the matter of law enforcement. Equally wellknown were they locally, for their kindly courtesy and patience in the many matters of doing "small favors" that the public is forever asking and expecting of its policemen.

Their places will be hard to fill. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire population of Whitmire goes out to the bereaved families.

## S. T. MATTHEWS

Samuel Tillman Matthews, 77, died late Friday night, May 18, at his home on Pauline street after a short illness.

He was the son of Richard Furman and Pamela Caroline Clark Matthews of Saluda county and came to Newberry around 35 years ago.

## DON'T WORRY, MOM!

An excerpt from a sailor's letter to his Mom:  
"You know, Mom, if every man would have his mother's wish—to stay out of action—there wouldn't be anyone to fight the enemy. Every time a crew of us fellows are transferred to a ship, we relieve men that just came back from battle, so that they may rest up. I know you will want someone to relieve me after a while."

## MAKE 'EM LONGER!

A lot of soldiers and sailors bitterly complain that letters from the folks at home are too short. But the last man in the world who could register such a complaint is Marine Corporal Joseph Murphy of Jersey City, New Jersey.

## NEGRO OUTFIT FIGHTS AND FIGHTS WELL

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer First Inf. Div. H.Q., Mar. 29—There was nothing extraordinary about the job the platoon did, considering it was a First Division platoon, since they volunteered to join the Infantry.

The 43-man platoon joined the 18th Regt. in Bonn, Baker company's CO, Capt. William Cushman, of Johnstown, Pa., asked veteran Platoon Sgt. Casper Koch, of Beaver Dam, Wis., if he wanted the Negro platoon.

"I told him I didn't care who they gave me as long as they had rifles," Koch said. So they gave him the platoon.

Four days after Koch took over, the outfit saw its first action in a little German crossroads town.

"We gave them only eight or nine houses on one side of the street to clean out, just to see how they worked," Koch said.

"It went like clockwork. They got 11 Jerries out of the first house and left three dead inside. They moved down that row of two-story houses, working in teams of four. When they finished the nine houses they had 63 prisoners and there were more dead Germans than that inside the houses."

Night Patrol  
That night 11 men of the platoon under Pvt. Howard L. Fletcher, of Dayton, Ohio, who took a bust from staff to join the infantry, moved out on a patrol which took them more than a mile into German territory.

They got back without losing a man. No one knows how, because the following day a battalion had a stiff fight getting through the same territory.

The battalion CO, Lt. Col. Henry G. Learnard, of Alexandria, Va., has only one complaint with the Negro platoon. They have already lost men because of over-aggressiveness, which more experienced doughs might not have had.

When their first job was done, Koch knew he'd made a good choice when he took the platoon. The men were from port battalions and trucking companies, and 11 took busts to join the infantry as privates.

In accepting transfers to the Infantry, the men were aware they would be privates for the duration in all probability. None of them, even after a few battles under their belts, were sorry they quit their rear echelon jobs.

## Thought Everyone Fought

"When I got drafted," Pfc. Joe R. Reager of McNeill, Ark., said. "I thought everyone in the Army fought. I guess pretty near everybody thought that. I didn't know soldiers did work like loading and unloading ships, and stuff like that. That's one reason I wanted to get in the infantry."

While most of the Negro boys admit they were moved by idealistic reasons, they also said there was "too much brass" in the rear echelons.

"I got sort of mad the way an officer put the thing to us." Pvt. Alfred W. Curry, of New Haven, Conn., said. "We had a formation one morning and this officer said, 'Okay, now let's see how tough you guys are.' Then he laughed a little and said, 'Who wants to volunteer for the infantry?' Almost everyone raised his hand."

## ROTARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Six directors for the ensuing year were elected by the Newberry Rotary club at the last meeting of the club. The directors later met and named new officers to begin their terms the first meeting in July.

Frank Sutton, wholesale furniture dealer, was elected president; Pickens Salley, vice president; Hal Kohn, re-elected secretary and treasurer for the 25th time.

Directors elected by the club at the regular biweekly meeting at the Newberry Hotel were: Dudley French, James Kinard, Hal Kohn, Don Rook, Pickens Salley and Frank Sutton.

## BOND PREMIER AT THE WELLS WEDNESDAY

The purchase of a war bond of any denomination is the admission price to the premier showing of "Tomorrow The World" at the Wells theatre Wednesday, May 30th, beginning at 8:30 in the evening. Admission to see this picture will be by the purchase of war bonds only. The bonds may be bought at the S. C. National bank or from the Newberry Building and Loan association and tickets to the show will be issued by these firms. Tickets may also be had at the theatre the night of the 30th by the purchase of a war bond. The picture to be shown is an outstanding one and will be shown on this occasion only. The V-12 band will play in front of the theatre for half an hour, beginning at eight o'clock, and may possibly parade thru the city also. It is hoped that several of the boys who have been war prisoners will be on hand for interviews on the stage of the showhouse.

## Looking Down MEMORY Lane

With P. K. Harmon as superintendent and corps of efficient teachers the school has made wonderful progress.—Prosperity News.

Miss Carolyn Epps spent the weekend in Columbia with her parents.

An interesting feature of the High school commencement this year will be the presentation of a medal, the Harriet Jones Mayer medal, by the Jasper chapter, D. A. R. to the eleventh grade pupil meeting specified requirements. This is the first year the medal has been offered, and is named in honor of Mrs. O. B. Mayer of this city in recognition of her faithful services in the Jasper chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson of Spartanburg spent the weekend with relatives in Newberry. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Sue Ella Peterson.

Miss Annie Blake, of Ninety-Six, is visiting Mrs. John M. Kinard.

All the while that we sit at our typewriter we are facing Nance street and it is so sad to think that this street is to be paved all the way from near its beginning to Mrs. Wells, near a mile and this little gap left. It is such a pity, and then we have to face it, day and night. Mr. Mayor, can't you figure out some way to have this little bit of work done? Please put on your studying cap and help us out. You know Ward 4 is behind in improvements anyway and this little would help to make up.

## OLD CAROLINA RECORDS TELL AMAZING STORY

Dig a dollar bill, or maybe a five spot, out of your pocket and take a good look at it. Then read this story and weep. It's from an old ledger sheet, yellow and brittle with age, that was recently unearthed in the Seaboard Railway's station at Thelma, N. C. The prize entry is as follows:

GASTON HOTEL—GASTON, N. C. MARCH 31, 1840  
To Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, Dr.

Captain, Engineer, Trainhand—breakfast and dinner for each \$ .75  
Extra Engineer and Fireman—breakfast for each . . . . . 25

Total . . . . . \$1.00

Petersburg Railroad Company, Dr.  
Captain, Engineer Fireman,  
Mail Clerk, Trainhand, dinner, supper and breakfast for each and two lodgings. . . . . \$1.88  
Extra Engineer—supper, lodging and breakfast. . . . . 38

Total . . . . . \$2.26  
Grand Total . . . . . \$3.26

We hate to rub it in, Gentle Reader, but that \$3.26 covered 24 robust meals and three lodgings! And rationing didn't mean a thing in those golden days.

## KENDALL MILLS LUTHERAN PARISH

J. B. Harman pastor.  
Summer Memorial—10:30 a. m., church worship with sermon.  
11:30 a. m., Sunday school, Mr. M. E. Shealy, supt.  
6 p. m., Luther League.  
Bethany—10:30 a. m., Sunday school, Mr. E. B. Hite supt.  
11:30 a. m., church worship with sermon.  
12:30 p. m., Luther League.

## ABOUT TOWN

GEORGE SCRUGGS sitting in window in P. O. reading a letter he thought to be from his son, but turned out to be one for his daughter, from a boy friend of hers—MRS. GUS HOLM buying War Stamps with 900 pennies she had saved with in recent months and remarking they accumulated quickly — CONGRESSMAN BUTLER B. HARE in the city Thursday morning to attend a meeting at Newberry college—MRS. F. G. HARTLEY all excited over her nephew ARTHUR THOMASSON coming home and saying that she and Arthur were going to get in plenty of fishing while he is home on furlough—MARY ANN DAVIS home from Winthrop college for the summer months and helping her dad at his place of business—ANNA HART a Converse student home for the summer—MRS. EUGENE S. BLEASE shopping for graduation gifts—MRS. B. V. CHAPMAN saying that she had recently lost over 40 pounds since being on a rice and vegetable diet—Birthday anniversaries through Friday, June 1: Lieut. Harry Hedgepath, E. L. Rodelsperger and R. W. Culbertson, May 27: Aviation Cadet Buzz Purcell and Mrs. Verona Dominick, May 28; J. T. Dennis, Mrs. James Smith, W. O. Wilson, Mrs. Ruth Longshore, Mrs. F. B. Dawkins and Linda Cole, May 30; John C. Groggins, Jr. and Susan Nichols, May 31; L. G. Eskridge and Mrs. C. J. McWhirter, June 1.