

AROUND THE TOWN

Incidents, Unusual and Ordinary, Gathered On Our Rounds.

Friends of G. R. DeSHIELDS will be interested to know he has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. DeShields is attending an army engineering school in Lexington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Neal have received word that their son, SGT. WILLIAM CARSON NEAL, has arrived safely at his destination for foreign service with an air force bombardment squadron.

Every day we hear of other good deeds that genial Santa Claus performed while in town. In addition to visiting a little sick girl, he also called on several older "shut-ins" and little WILLARD JONES, infant son of Capt. and Mrs. Willard L. Jones. Although too small to talk, the tiny lad expressed his evident delight by cooing and smiling.

Firing for record on the recently completed rifle range at the fleet marine force training center, New River, N. C., PVT. OSWALD COPELAND, of Newberry, qualified with the .30 calibre rifle and earned the right to wear the silver bar of marine "marksman." In addition to his rifle record, he qualified as expert with the bayonet. He will receive advanced combat training with a unit of the fleet marine force or be assigned to one of the many marine corps specialist schools. Pvt. Copeland is the son of Mrs. O. O. Copeland of Newberry, the former Miss Gertrude Hipp of this city, and has many friends and relatives here who will be pleased to learn of his excellent record.

Acquaintances here of 1st SGT. CHARLES A. LEAMAN, former student at Presbyterian college, son of Mrs. J. E. Leaman of Cross Hill, and a nephew of Frank E. Miller of this city, will be interested to know he is on duty with an anti-aircraft unit in North Africa. Sgt. Leaman, who has been in training almost two years with a national guard unit, was among the first U. S. troops to arrive in Africa.

Friends of LT. THURSTON GILES of Camp Pickett, Va., will be pleased to know he has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lt. Giles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Giles.

Local friends will note with pleasure that SGT. JUDSON BREHMER, son of Mrs. Janie Brehmer of near here, and brother of Mrs. Hubert Todd of this city, has completed a special advanced course in aircraft technical training at the Douglas plant, Long Beach, Cal., and has been assigned to a combat training field as crew chief and instructor at Casper, Wyoming.

Many Clinton relatives and friends will be interested to know CALDWELL W. WIER, JR., son of Sheriff and Mrs. C. W. Wier of Laurens, and grandson of Mrs. B. F. Copeland of this city, received his gold bars and commission of second lieutenant and pilot's silver wings of the army air force last week in exercises at Foster field, Victoria, Texas. Mrs. Wier has returned from Texas, where she attended the exercises. Lt. Wier has been assigned to the air force navigation school, Hondo, Texas, for final training.

The Chronicle is in receipt of the following letter from PVT. JAMES O. CAMPBELL, son of Mrs. J. H. Campbell, in foreign service with the 148th infantry:

"I take pleasure in writing to Clinton friends and loved ones in hope that you will accept this letter as a greeting from me and remember that the boys in service are doing their part to lick those dirty Japs, and you can bet your boots that we'll do it. All the wives, mothers and sweethearts of boys in service should keep their chins up. Soldiers who have as much to fight for as we do will be hard to lick. This is an open letter to every one of my friends because I haven't time to write each one, but I'll be thinking of home and loved ones and I wish for all of you a merry Christmas and the happiest New Year you have ever had. In closing I will say I believe we will have victory—and the armed forces are ready to back up that statement. Sincerely yours,

PVT. JAMES O. CAMPBELL,
Co. L, 148th Infantry,
A. P. O. 37, care Postmaster,
San Francisco, California.

From PVT. CHARLES HUGHES, somewhere in New Guinea, comes the welcome news that he is receiving The Chronicle which, according to a letter to his aunt, Mrs. Ethel Chaney, he reads from "cover to cover." Charles stated he has had his first pay day since being in foreign service (about four months) and since there isn't much to buy, or much chance to shop, he has more money than he knows what to do with.

ROBERT McLEES, son of Mrs. Zee Wright McLees, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and is attending an officers candidate school in Miami, Fla. His friends will be pleased to know of his advancement.

Mrs. J. B. Nabors has received her first letter from her son, WILLIAM HERMAN NABORS, since he landed in Africa. Herman, who is in Algeria, writes of his safe arrival and sends greetings to friends here.



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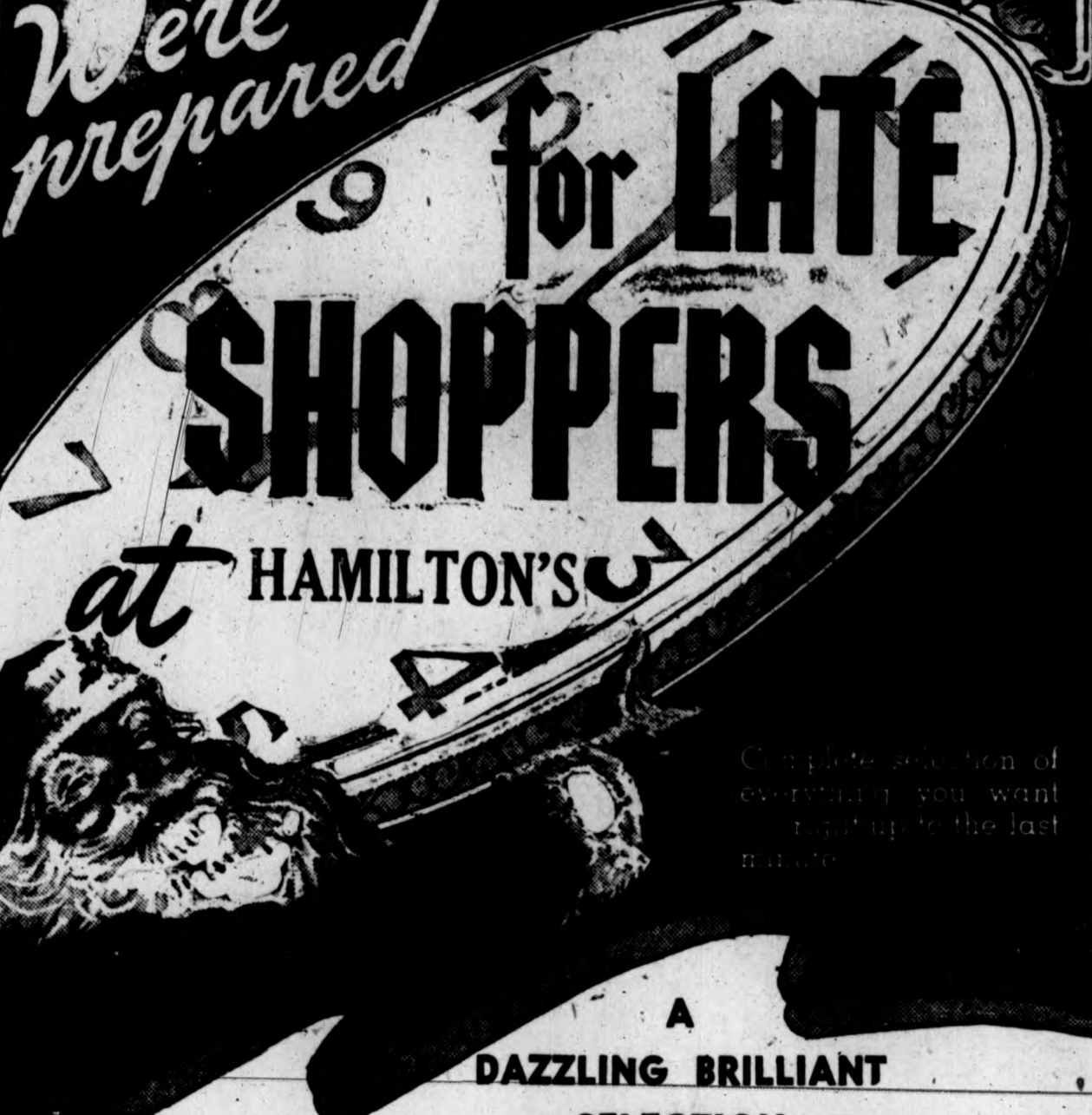
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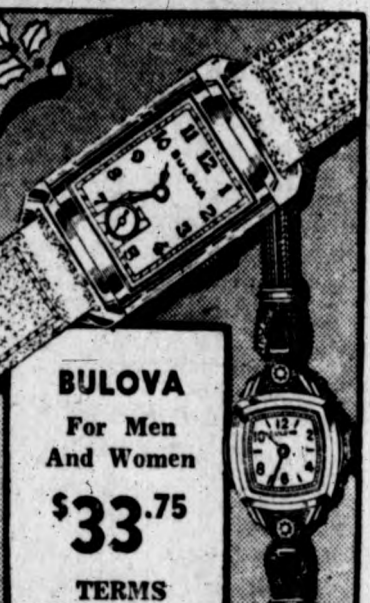
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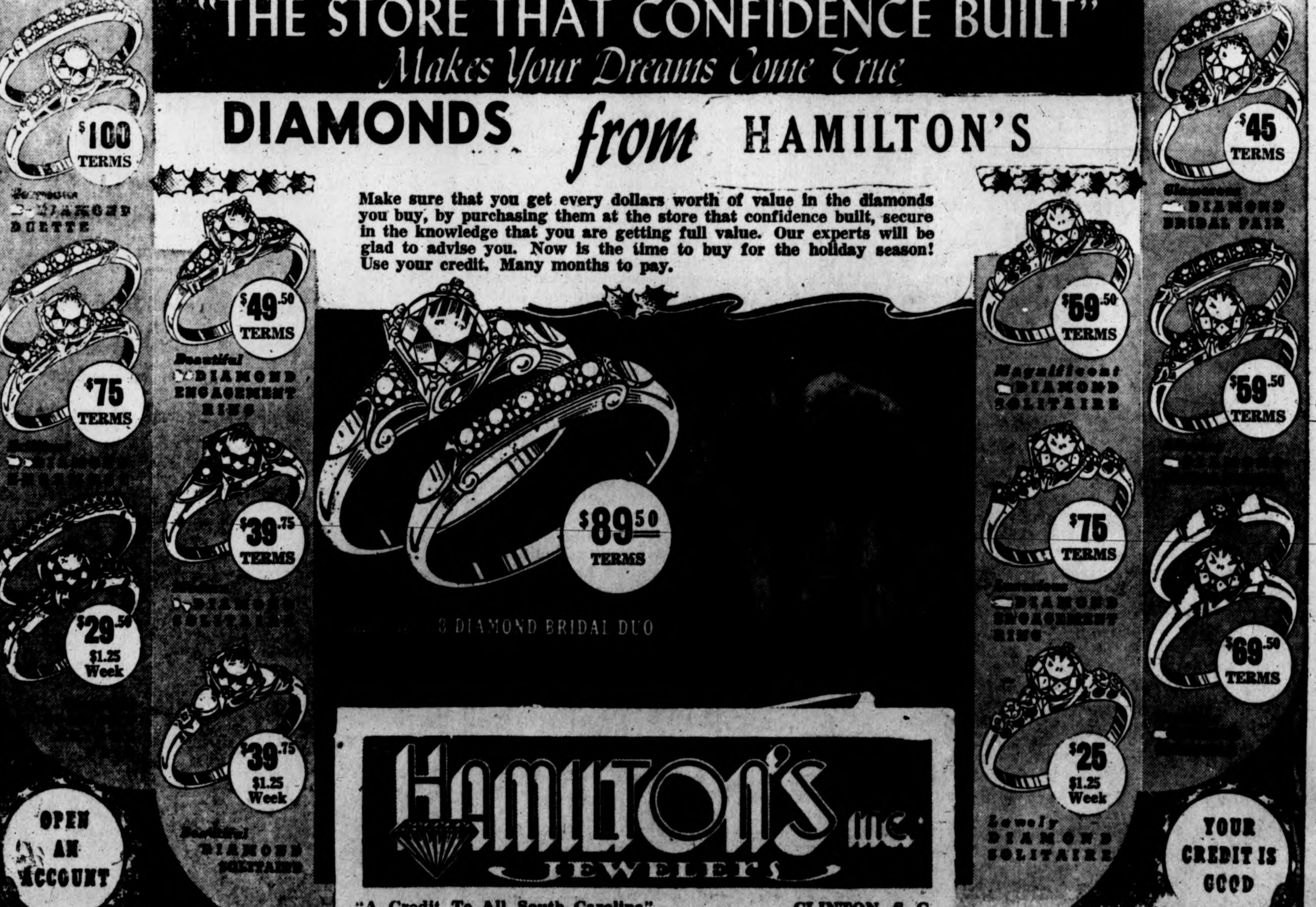
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