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# **TCHGS NEWSLETTER TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT**

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## **IUKAN RECEIVES COVETED MEDAL**

Lieutenant With Gen. MacArthur In Southwest Pacific

Second Lieut. Oscar H. Graham of Iuka, has just been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Lieut. General George C. Kennedy, Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific. This medal was awarded "for extraordinary achievement" while participating in 200 hours of operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on hostile naval vessels and shipping. Throughout these operations the citation stated, Lieut. Graham demonstrated outstanding ability, courage and devotion to duty. He is on active duty with a bombardment squadron on the Fifth Air Force, which is playing a major role in Gen. MacArthur's offensive against the Japanese in the South and Southwest Pacific. Lieut. Graham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Graham of Iuka.

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## **INDUCTION POLICY DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

The induction of selective servicemen will be suspended on December 24, 25 and 26, 1943, and January 1 and 2, 1944. In addition, no men will report to reception centers of the Army on those dates. The Navy will grant those 8 days to those inducted November 17 and December 18; 10 days to those inducted December 17; and 11 days to those inducted December 23.

This procedure will permit those men inducted to spend the holiday with their families. Colonel Long, state director, stated that this policy of the Army and the Navy would be a great assistance to all concerned, particularly pre-Pearl Harbor fathers who are being inducted throughout the nation on these dates.

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## **V-5 RERUIREMENT STANDARD LOWERED**

The Navy's Recruiting Service, taking to the air this week under its Flight Training school program for young boys, offered a "winter bargain" to 17, as well as 18-year old high school seniors. Thousands more became eligible to enter V-5 Naval Aviation, under the new ruling. The V-5 program was hitherto limited to 17 year old seniors who would graduate by March 1, 1944. Seniors of both age groups may enlist at once, Navy recruiters for this area disclosed, although they will not be called until after graduation. Before entering flight training additional civitan schooling will be allowed enlistees for at least eight months with a V-12 unit at some university. Seventeen and 18 year olds may apply at Navy recruiting stations for preliminary examinations. Selective Service induction for the later age group will be effected.

Pvt. Karma Moser reported Nov. 15th to Camp LeJeune, N.C., to begin basic training with the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moser of Iuka.

Pvt. James E. Barnes returned to Camp Barkley, Texas, after nine days furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mae Barnes Carson and other relatives.

Charles Daniel Trotter, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Trotter of Route 3, is a new recruit at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

A nice letter from Sgt. Edward W. McRae and he says that for the year he has been subscribing to The Vidette he has enjoyed every issue, and reads all the news. He is renewing his subscription, so that he will not miss a single issue up at Camp Pickett, VA., where he is stationed.

Pvt. Audie B. Marlar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Marlar, of Burnsville, and Miss Caresta Jane Halleman of Jackson, Miss, were married Saturday, November 20th, by the Rev. R.E. Pate. Pfc. Marlar was a former Highway Patrolman, with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and Mrs. Marlar was a nurse at the Jackson Infirmary.

Pfc. Coleman V. Clayton of Camp Campbell, Ky., is expecting a furlough the 30th, when he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Clayton of Paden. His sisters, Ruthia James and Violet Rhodes of Altoona, Kansas, will arrive to be with him and their parent, during the same period.

Pvt. Sam V. Rhodes of Junction City, Kansas, is ill at the Army Hospital at Ft. Riley, Kansas. His wife the former Violet Clayton, spent last week end at the hospital with Pvt. Rhodes.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Milton Rushing arrived Saturday night to spend some time with his mother, Mrs. G.L. Rushing of Holcut. Mr. Milton has just returned from service overseas, where he has been about six months. This was his third trip over in about 18 months. He is the brother of Mr. Kermit Rushing of Iuka.

S/Sgt. Sidney Rhodes of Camp Puckett, Va., was home last night on furlough. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Rhodes of Burnsville.

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### **FROM A SOLDIER**

I know you're very busy tonight,  
With little time to spare --  
But, I also know you wonder  
About that fellow over there.  
You're probably in defense work  
And daily do your chores;  
To help us end forever,  
These bloody vicious wars.  
But you'll add to your effort  
In the winning of this fight --  
If you'll just take a pen in hand  
And write that "Boy" tonight.  
-Talmadge K. Arnold  
"Somewhere Over There"

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### **METHODIST NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS**

E.G. Mohler, Pastor

Paid for by Uncle Sam, your Red Cross delivers weekly to each of our soldiers in enemy prisons 11 pounds of good food. The Red Cross flag is allowed to enter these prisons. The stars and

stripes cannot at this time. "Old Glory" will eventually open these prisons and set our prisoners free. God hasten the day and let us help God with our prayers and means.

With our World Services offering, made on the fourth Sunday in each of our churches, we not only are aiming to set the bodies of men free but with our offering we are ministering to the many needs of suffering humanity--physical, mental and spiritual. Millions of God's children the world over are suffering today because of man-made conditions and neglect. The World Service Program of your church is one answer to human suffering.

If we are to build a new or lasting peace we must build upon Christian fundamentals.... There is no other way, world based or human based can endure.

Holy Communion Sunday. Try to be present at each service of your church. If your pew is vacant, no one can take your place. The Christian religion is personal. We must stand alone with Christ before we can stand with others.

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### **HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES GO TO WAR**

In spite of the fact that the construction and maintenance of highways has been declared by the War Manpower Commission as essential, approximately 300 highway employees have enlisted with the armed forces and are today fighting the battle for democracy on every battle front of the world. The Chief Engineer, Mr. R.A. Harris, the Construction Engineer, Mr. E.B. Cavallo, and many others who were for many years connected with the Highway Department have volunteered their services in various branches of the armed forces.

The fact that highway maintenance and construction has been declared essential to the war effort is indicative of the emphasis that is placed by the officials in Washington in keeping the highways open to military traffic.

The State Selective Service Commission, acting in conjunction with Washington authorities, has submitted to the State Highway Dept. a replacement schedule which has have executed and retired to the State Selective Service Commission with all others organizations and industries which have been declared to be essential to the war effort.

The Highway Department now has only approximately 750 regular salaried employees. Of this number, 223 are eligible for selective service. It would readily be seen from this that if this entire group of eligibles was selected at one time or within a period of two or three months, it would greatly handicap the functions of the Highway Department.

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## **RATION CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOV. 29**

Processed Foods: Green A.B. and C. (Book 4) expire Dec 20. Green D, E, and F (Book 4) valid Dec. 1, expire Jan 20. Meats and Fats: Brown G.H.J. and K. (Book 3) expire Dec. 4. Brown L. and M. (Book 4) expire Jan. 1. Sugar: Sugar stamp 29 (Book 4) good for 5 pounds until Jan. 15. Shoes: No. 18 (Book 1) valid indefinitely. Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book 3) now valid.

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## **LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

By Mrs. R.R. Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray and young son were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Brown. Miss Leon Welch of Memphis, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Lee Welch of Iuka. Gus Brown left Saturday for Chattanooga, where he joined Mr. George Nelson, executive of the Curlee Clothing Co., leaving Saturday for Miami, Florida, where Mr. Nelson will remain for some time. Mr. Brown expects to return to Iuka late this week. Mrs. Amy Timbes, accompanied by Mrs. Helen Gardner and small daughter, Helen Jane, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham for several days last week. Mrs. Sam Allen, Jr., and young daughter spent several days this week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen. Mrs. James W. Thomas and daughter, of Richmond, Va., where Major Thomas is stationed, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Frederick have moved to Sheffield, where they will make their home. Mrs. Frederick was for some time employed in the T.L. Brown Store in Iuka. Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bullard and son, Billy Bob, were in Iuka this week for a few days. Mrs. Kermit Rushing spent Sunday in Tishomingo with his mother, Mrs. Andrew Strickland; Mrs. Rushing was accompanied by her two children. Mrs. B.M. Holden of Chicago, spent the week end at the Leatherwood Hotel. Mr. Holden has visited Iuka on several occasions. Mrs. J.W. Woodall has returned from Knoxville, after spending a month with her husband. She also stopped by Florence for a few days with her daughter, Mrs. R.L. Bullard. Mrs. and Mrs. J.O. Nelson, accompanied by Miss Martha Jean Akers and Miss Catherine Rutledge, went to Montgomery, Ala., on Saturday, where they witnessed the graduation of their twin sons, O.C. and Merle Nelson, who have finished their training at the Air Cadet School there. A wedding of wide interest in this community is that of Miss Louise Mitchell of Grenada, to S/Sgt. James L. Starkey, Jr. of Camp Adair, Oregon. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. White in Charlestown, Miss., November 22nd. The young couple spent several days in Memphis en-route several days in Memphis en-route to Tishomingo where they spent several days with the bride groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Starkey.

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## **DESTROY OLD PRESCRIPTIONS**

Statement of State Health Officer

If your old medicine cabinet contains a collection of drugs prescribed by a physician for an illness now past, it is the part of the economy and safe practice to throw those half-full bottles away. A prescription is a written order for the prescription for the treatment of a specific disease in a specific person. Thus its repeated use for subsequent ailments or for other people constitutes a misuse. The reasons for this are obvious. Two diseases causing similar symptoms may be entirely different. Other drugs may act differently in different people. Dorage [Dosage] is affected by age, body weight, and sex. And most important of all, anyone who is sick enough for medicine is sick enough to have a physician. The only proper use for a prescription is when it is administered by the physician. When it has served its original purpose, the bottle of medicine should be discarded.

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## IUKA, ROUTE 2

Miss. Hazel Todd of Mt. Berry, Ga., is at home with her father, Mr. S.P. Todd. Mrs. Ola Murphy of Cloverdale, Ala., spent several days with her brother, Mr. M.C. Smith and family. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnes, Nov. 18th a daughter. Her name is Annie Ruth. Mr. Raymond Barnes, who is employed at Knoxville, Tenn. spent the week end with his family. A large crowd attended preaching services at Harmony Sunday Service. There will be preaching at this place the third Sunday night of December. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Todd and family spent Sunday with Mr. S.P. Todd and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Daniel and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Davis of near Cross Roads. Coleman Barnes and Hubert Puckett of the US Army, have been at home recently. The Harwell children gathered at their old home Thanksgiving Day to have a dinner together.

Copied to Betty on May 15.

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## TEA TABLE CHATTER

by Tina

Thanksgiving was much more than just a good dinner with the proverbial bird, for many families in Iuka this year, what with so many of our boys home, many of them coming in as a complete surprise, as did Berry Lee Pruitt, in a week from Ft. Eustis, Va. Berry Lee looked wonderful with twenty five pounds scattered over his fine frame. G.T. Carmichael came in over the week end and his wife was here to meet him, where they spent several days this week with the Lucien Carmichaels. Leon Phillips was smiling contentedly, with a fifteen day extension added to his leave and his mother, Mrs. N.L. Phillips is much improved. Lloyd Stormont was transferred from Danville, Ill., to way out in Wyoming, but found a nice furlough awaiting him there, so he is giving his family and the town a thrill in his fine appearance. John Allen is at home recuperating from a minor operation, and the J.H. Allens and all the kin are making the most of his visit. Dick McRee arrived Friday and he has received his rating as 2nd Lieutenant from Camp Davis, where he has been stationed for several months. Tina's heart was full through out last week, with the Kansas City brother Walter Cross, were since Sunday, spending the week, with the Kansas City brother Walter Cross, were since Sunday, spending the week in quiet visiting both of us digging down in our childhood memories for many hearty laughs, some of them touched with the poignancy of parents now gone, and many other childhood events. He entered the Navy Monday as Petty Officer first class in a new branch for Craftsmen, and Tina finds herself closer to this war than heretofore.

The Jack Roane home was alive with merriment and happiness during the holidays with Daisy (Mrs. Fred) Lickford, Jr., and her two children from Grenada up for two days and the Hal Andersons and the Hal Anderson's Jr., also spending Thanksgiving with them. Sara Hill (whom Tina had not met before) spent the holidays here and Tina found her bubbling over with keen wit and personality that made a little two table bridge at Miriam Gaines on Friday night. On Friday night Mary Lee Yates had about a dozen guests at a dinner party honoring Leon Phillips and the news is that the food was something to get poetical about. The feature of Miriam's party were the unusual tallies from Mexico, with "real" little song birds on them all feathered out, and even little bright eyes to make them seem ready to take wing any moment. However, none of these quite equaled the new baby Ben Mac, who, contrary to all past beliefs, did exactly what his parents wanted him to, in entertaining the guests, cooing and laughing in turn and evidently making the most of being the center of attraction. The Webster Prices entertained about fourteen guests on

Thanksgiving night with a buffet supper at seven, and the fortunate ones are still talking of the party--food that was beautiful and more than ample, and hospitality that gave everyone attending a warm and comfortable feeling. "Webb" was a gracious host, being very attentive to guests, and Mary with her bubbling Irish nature made "breaking the ice" unnecessary.

Parties filled the whole of last week, with Margaret Hobston entertaining on Monday night, and Wednesday afternoon. Annie Mae McCulley with her Club on Tuesday afternoon with a few invited guests; The Thursday Club met with Louise Johnston on Thursday, and Dorothy Smith <text is missing>. <Text is missing> eternal thoughtfulness of their friends has sent Tina a new and amazing book, "You Cant Go Home Again" by Thomas Wolfe, and within a short reading, Tina feels that this writer has used all the descriptive phrases there are, and that there isn't any use another writer trying, he is sure to repeat Mr. Wolfe. Minnie even sent the book for Tina to read before she read it, which is a measure of affection.

Mississippi needs a chamber of commerce to publicize its climate---a few of us would complain of the weather we have had thus far this winter---brisk, but clear with lots of bright sunshine, and little wind, and there isn't much more we could ask for.

Ann Finch had an exciting week end preceding Thanksgiving, when she ran up to Memphis, spent Thursday night with Jo Allen Jackson, then the two girls went over to Sewanee, for a week end of dancing and fun, as guests of James Harry Graham and his room-mate. "Sis" and "Ike" Jackson had more fun on last Monday night, when they had about twenty one men in for a "Chitlin" supper, only there was much more than that! Tina hears that every kind of delicious fresh killed meat was on the table, and trimmings to, perfect it as Sis knows how to do. The lovely mantle decoration Jimmie Finch used when entertaining the Thursday Club on Friday needs a mention -- blue conuocias, with silver starts placed at each end and beautiful fruit piling out of them, gave the richest color scheme, and set the whole room off. Jimmie always has the trickiest little surprises in her refreshments and invariably has to give some one a recipe, or directions for doing some of them--which is a mark of success for any hostess. Mrs. L.C. Paden spent several days last week in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis for observation and treatment, and is back home now, where her friends can call. She was accompanied by Adelaide Price who stayed over to bring her home. Folks do read the paper, for many Memphis friends saw her name listed in the hospital news and called on her while there. Dinner at Mrs. Whitten's was particularly nice on Thanksgiving, and the singing of hymns of Thanksgiving before and after dinner did a large measure, make us conscious of our dependence on God's bounty for our every need.

Iukians were delighted with the Methodist Conference for sending Brother and Mrs. Mohler back for another year. Pleasing comment was heard all over town, not only by his own people, but from every other denomination, by people who have learned to love this fine Christian couple--even outside of their church duties, they are wrapped up in community affairs that make them of inestimable value to the whole country.

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## **WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE, Iuka, Miss.**

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Christmas Cards  
One or a Thousand  
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**MAJASTIC THEATRE, Iuka, Miss.**

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Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6 and 7

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John Beal, Wanda McKay, Warren Hymen

Also "Prelude To War"

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Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9

"So Proudly WE Hail"

Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake

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Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11

"Songs of Texas"

Roy Rogers

Serial and News

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