

# Gets Second

## Deserter,

Monday *July 26, 1943*

### Private Little Berry Curtis Is Arrested as He Gets Off the Bus in Newton, Monday Morning

Private Little Berry Curtis was arrested as a deserter from the United States Army, Monday morning, as he stepped from a bus on the north side of the square in Newton by Sheriff Albert H. Parker, Deputy Dyke Dillman and City Officer Tom Flanagan. He was taken to George field, Lawrenceville, and turned over to the Provost Marshal there, Monday afternoon, by Sheriff Parker.

Curtis had been sought by local officers at the request of Army authorities for a couple of months but had always managed to escape before he could be picked up. He was absent without leave from Camp Hood, Texas.

#### Got Off Near Newton

The officers had learned that he was in the habit of riding the bus between Newton and Willow Hill and getting off before it reached Newton. Monday, they parked near the wye north of Newton and he was unable to get off there and came on into town. When he got off, Sheriff Parker asked him his name and he gave an alias. When the sheriff demanded his identification papers, he admitted his identity and surrendered. He was in civilian clothes at the time.

Later, he told the officers that he was in the house at Newton one night recently when they drove up without lights, but saw the stop light go on when Sheriff Parker applied the brakes. He ran out the back door and into the brush and weeds, where he hid until they left.