

# SERVICE WIVES

On Wednesday night, March 21st., the SERVICE WIVES honored the old and new officers at its first anniversary dinner at the Community House. Prior to the dinner, Mrs. J. C. Carstarphen, Jr., presided over a business meeting, during which the town chairmen of the Crippled Children's drive, Mrs. Worth Wicker and Mrs. C. I. West, explained the plans of the drive. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to election of officers. Mrs. Stamps Howard, Jr., was elected president; Mrs. C. I. West, vice-president; Mrs. Tom Collins, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

At the beginning of the dinner meeting, Mrs. Carstarphen thanked the club for its cooperation and support. Nothing, she said, could have been accomplished without it. She then officially gave the chair to the new president. Mrs. Howard expressed her thanks to the club for the honor of the presidency and asked that the cooperation and support of the club be continued. After recognizing the new members, the guests of honor, and the first president of the club, she briefly reviewed the organization and the work of the SERVICE WIVES for the past year and noted its growth in membership from 19 to 65.

In recognition of Mrs. Carstarphen's tireless efforts and splendid leadership in the SERVICE WIVES activities in the Tobacco Warehouse Bond drive, the Sixth War Loan drive, the inauguration of the Victory Fund, USO entertainment, the Red Cross drive, the Crippled Children's drive, the club presented her a string of pearls as a memento of their love and esteem. At the time of presentation all the members sang "Larian Gray", a song written in her honor.

The speaker of the evening was Sgt. Bud Shook, recently returned from a convalescent hospital after being wounded overseas. He gave a very interesting and vivid talk on his experiences. His sense of humor and genial good nature in his discussion made a "turn-about play" on his listeners in that he was a real morale booster for them. After the club voted thanks to the speaker, to the dinner chairman, Mrs. Biscoe Howell, Jr., and Mrs. Don Gordon, the meeting adjourned. Guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Bond, Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. A. A. Harper, Mrs. Pat Smoot, Jr., and the new members, Mrs. Gilbert Finch, Mrs. Charles Willets, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Bushman, Mrs. Fred Davis, Jr., Mrs. Bob Parker and Mrs. James Webb.

## BOYS, SUPER BOYS!

We had an excellent interview with S/S Bud Shook now home from Tuscaloosa hospital, and has this guy got the old pep. Terribly wounded in the mountains of Italy by a German potato-masher type grenade, in the dead of the night, Bud had the stuff to stumble back a couple thousand yards to a dressing station. Multiple fractures in both hands and arms, and getting down a mountain-side in pitch darkness, is beyond our conception. A grand guy with a splendid sense of humor, Bud says its is Okey that they take him back for active duty- but no limited stuff. Either do or don't, is his ticket. If every fellow could pack his troubles like this guy, the army or nothing else would prove a barrier.

It is with regret that we notify you of the loss of one of the finest boys to go from here- Joseph W. Sexton, son of merchant J. R. Sexton. Joe graduated from High School last year, went away in September and was killed in the European theatre in March. In the infantry, Joe said he was satisfied and really wanted to go over. About school he was very popular and during off time he worked for the Southern Cotton Oil Co. And not only did this terrible misfortune visit this fine home, but Mr. Sexton's sister enroute from Enfield to visit this bereaved family, was suddenly killed in an auto accident on the outskirts of Tarboro. Joe's brothers, Robert and Rudolph, are both in the service.

The Red Cross drive is featured by contributions from Runnymede of \$45.50, with an additional \$100.00 expected, Mayo's Mill raised \$532.95. These mills had formerly given the equivalent of one day's work but shortage of material, etc., halted this plan. The Hart Mill Co. gave \$500.00, but the report from its employees has not come in. It usually is very good. It is stated in the general canvass that prominent mention is given to the Service Wives Organization under the direction of Mrs. "Bip" Carstarphen and to Mrs. Mary E. Godfrey of the Merchants Association who raised over \$3,000.00 in downtown Tarboro. The Carolina Telephone Co. and its employees gave a total of \$1,300.00 which is most noteworthy.