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"Aunt Harriet" Tyson, Loved By All, Dies In Carthage Aged Nearly 100

Her Passing Recalls Favorite Stories of Slavery Days

By Ruth H. Tyson

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 o'clock from the St. Augustine A.M.E. Zion church for Mrs. Harriet Tyson, venerable matriarch of the colored race of Carthage, and an ex-slave who was 100, or nearly 100, years of age.

She was well known and loved by both colored and white of Moore county and many of her white friends attended the last rites. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bell assisted by the Rev. Mr. Tyson, a former pastor, and others, who gave tributes to her as the mother of their community. There were many floral tributes also and good music, and the church was filled to overflowing.

Surviving are a son, Tommie Tyson, of the home, and a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Hayes, who lives next door; also a foster daughter, Mrs. Hessie Banner, two grandsons, Jimmie and Banner Hayes; a granddaughter, Hattie Hayes, and a foster grandson, Jesse Banner. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

She held a unique place in the esteem and affection of the townspeople, and although she could not read nor write, she used good English and had the manners of a gentlewoman and a mind of keen intelligence.

She always said she was 10 or 15 years old at the time of the Surrender at the close of the Civil War, and that she remembered it very well. Her master was John Tyson of near Gulf, Aunt Harriet said, and as a baby she was just about raised in his house. "Old Marster," she told the writer, "was crippled with rheumatism and would sit by the dining room fire and watch me. My mother would lay me on a pallet in the dining room while she worked in the fields nearby, so that he could call her when I needed her."

After the Surrender her mother, who married Ephraim Worthy, moved to Carthage, and she recalls how her two young mistresses begged to be allowed to keep her with them.

She worked as a nurse in the home of the late Howard Muse for many years and helped raise nearly all of his children, Mrs. R. L. Burns, Mrs. Oscar Dupree, Mrs. J. V. Williamson and Ed Muse. She was also the first nurse

of the late Lucien Tyson, having in fact, put the first diapers on about half the older Carthage residents.

She married James Tyson, or Jimmie, as he was called, who had belonged to Thomas B. Tyson, Sr. Her husband, she said, could read well and wrote a beautiful hand. And this is how he got his schooling:

When Mr. Tyson's grandson, Thomas B. Tyson, Jr., started to school the older boy, Jimmie, was sent along with him to look after him. The grandmother, old "Miss Poly" Tyson, would have a big enough lunch packed for the two of them. They stayed all day, and did not come home until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Jimmie sat all day in school with the little grandson and learned right along with him.

After the war, when ruinous times fell upon the South and there was no money, Harriet said that she worked for 25 cents a week. Besides nursing, she did fine hand laundry, which she continued to do for many years until she became too feeble.

She saved until she had \$100 and then she bought a few acres of land just across from the present John Hall Presbyterian church. Two comfortable homes, her own and her daughter's, now stand on this land. Later they bought adjoining land, on part of which her son operates a store and filling station. On the remainder they built a nice dwelling which was used for a while as a teacherage for the Pinckney school.

Harriet educated her children, and soon all her grandchildren will be college graduates.

Her grandson, James, is a graduate of North Carolina college, Durham and is now engaged in welfare work in New York City. He plans to enter summer school this June to begin work on his master's degree.

Banner is a graduate of A and T college, and is now a tailor in New York.

Hattie is a junior in business administration at North Carolina college, Durham.

Always a good housekeeper, Harriet's home was as clean and neat as any house in town. Her son and daughter gave her devoted care in her last years, even securing a hospital bed in order to make her more comfortable.

Harriet was good and kind, and she loved conversation. She loved her white friends and they loved her. Perhaps in Heaven she and her old friends of the era in which she grew up are even now having a good time talking together.

Mrs. Mary A. Buie Is Buried Saturday

Mrs. Mary Arnette Buie, 70, once a resident of Southern Pines, died Friday at Florence, S. C. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Gospel church in Carthage, conducted by the Rev. William Hancock. Burial was in the family plot in Bethlehem cemetery.

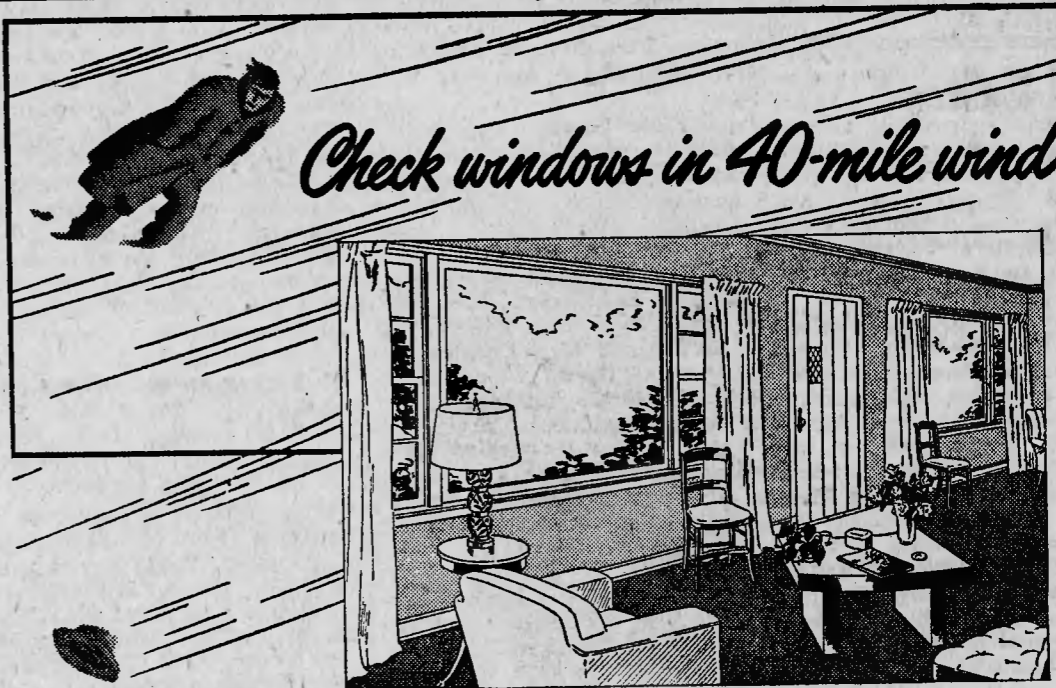
Mrs. Buie made her home here

with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith, who lived in Southern Pines from 1929 to 1939. Mr. Smith, who is with the Carolina Power and Light company, was transferred from Southern Pines to Florence and Mrs. Buie had been with them there. She was a native of Jackson Springs.

Surviving besides her daughter is a son, Capt. John Duncan Buie, USA, stationed in Greece, also two grandchildren.

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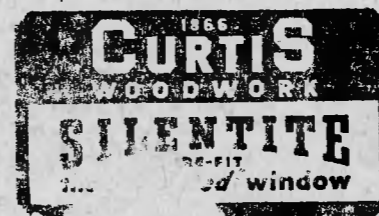


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Brilliant Golf Match Benefits Hospital Fund

Rain which continued all during Tuesday morning let up just about an hour before the 2 p. m. scheduled exhibition match of professional golfdom's "Big Four" and a gallery of some 700 to 800 enthusiastic fans turned out for the benefit event.

They saw a newsworthy spectacle of well-nigh perfect golf, and the Moore County Hospital building fund will benefit by an amount as yet undetermined. E. J. Austin, representative of the Sandhill Veterans association, sponsor of the event with Pinehurst, Inc., said a number of reports on ticket sales are not yet in. In addition, the veterans had thoughtfully taken out rain insurance and expect to realize an amount from this to make up for reduction in out-of-town attendance caused by the weather conditions.

For their contribution to the building fund, the spectators saw Johnny Palmer and Clayton Heafner, runners-up to Sam Snead and Cary Middlecoff in both the PGA and National Open championships, defeat the champs 4 and 3. Palmer, the boy from Badin, starred with a smashing seven-under-par 65. Snead, 1949's top money winner, came in with 69, Heafner with 70 and Middlecoff, who had trap trouble, with 71 Best ball for the winners was 61, and for the losers 65.

Rites Held Sunday For Malcolm McLean

Funeral services for Malcolm D. McLean, prominent resident of the Cameron community, were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m., at Union Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. K. Taffe. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. McLean died Saturday morning in Watts hospital, Durham, following a long illness. He was 79 years old.

He was born in Moore county, son of John and Flora Kelly McLean, and lived all his life in the Cameron section. He was a member of Union Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two nephews and three nieces.



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