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TRYON, N. C., MONDAY, OCT. 23, 1944



S|Sgt. Richard M. McClure writes a letter telling of his visit to Paris, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison McClure:

We have moved again since I wrote to you last. We like our new base much better than we did our last one. The showers have been set up, the movie is open two or three times a week, the Red Cross girls have set up their doughnut joint and we get one day off a week, so life isn't so bad.

The days are getting very short here now, so we usually hit the sack (bed) early. It gets rather cold at night and you should see us when we get up in the mornings and stand on the ground to dress.

I have been to Paris once since I have been in France. I have also been to Reims, but I will tell you about Paris first.

Another sergeant and I hitchhiked to Paris, which wasn't hard to do. We say many big bomb craters on the way to the city.

When we arrived in Paris the civilians ganged around the truck to buy cigarettes from us, but we finally convinced them that we didn't have any. We got us a hotel room, checked our shaving kits and proceeded to see Paris by foot, due to the fact that there wasn't any taxi service and the subways weren't operating. We visited <u>Continued on Back Page</u>.

A. C. SLOSS

Alexander Coffee Sloss, 83, died Saturday morning at the hospital. He is survived by his widow, Kate Horton Sloss and one son, Alexander C. Sloss, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one brother, James L. Sloss- of St. Louis; also three sisters, Mrs. Charles S. Blood of St. Louis; Mrs. Garrison Morfitt, St. Louis; Mrs. Newell Knight of Chicago; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sloss was graduated at Virginia Military Institute at the age of 19, then he entered business in St. Louis. Later he moved to Mexico where he was a planter and exporter of coffee for 38 years. After retiring he came to Tryon and has resided here for the last eight years. Mr. Sloss was a member and deacon of the Congregational church.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Erskine Memorial church by the pastor, Rev. Frank W. Murtfeldt. Interment will be in Tryon cemetery. Pallbearers will be as follows:

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Erskine Society Tuesday

The Women's Society will meet Tuesday at 3:30 at the church. The program will be conducted by Mrs. Carroll Rogers and is entitled "Christian Citizenship" Hostesses Mrs. Dodge and Mrs. Arthur Lincoln.

Over-mature timber is a liability rather than a growing asset in the farm woodland.