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County Has Escaped Hurricane Disasters In Past Few Years

The people of Tyrrell County have every right to feel very thankful for being spared from several hurricane disasters. The Red Cross files show that in 1940 a telegram warned the Red Cross officials that a hurricane had headed north and would probably hit the North Carolina coastal area. to stand by to render assistance. This hurricane turned out to sea just before reaching North Carolina.

About two years ago a similar warning came and it looped by North Carolina and hit the New England States, doing lots of damage. In July of this year the Red Cross chairman was notified by the Weather Bureau of Norfolk to stand by to assist as a hurricane was headed towards North Carolina and would most probably hit our section. The Red Cross regional of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McClees, of office also notified the officials to Columbia, was injured in his left ready to evacuate as a flood would on June 12, and was hospitalized in We were again spared a disaster by his parents that he is back in France it turning out to sea. The August and hopes to soon be able to join his hurricane did not reach us, but the own division. beaches in North and South Carolina were not so fortunate.

than the ministers holding a com- years prior to entering the U.S. Army munity prayer service and everyone October 8, 1941. He has been trained in the community attending to offer as a runner in the famous 4th Dia prayer of thanks?

Mrs. J. H. Swain Died on July 30th After Brief Illness

Mrs. J. H. Swain, 83, known as Fort Jackson, S. C. "Miss Kate," died at her home in the Ridgr's Creek section Sunday morning, July 30th, after an illness of two weeks. She was one of the ing, "What are we waiting for?" most beloved citizens of the county and will be greatly missed by not only her relatives but by her host of friends.

Until she was married 51 years ago, the need of being well trained. she lived in Washington County with her parents, Nicodemus and Lovie Bateman; since that time she has made her home near Columbia. She was an active member of the Legion Auxiliary of the Scuppernong Post, No. 182, and the Columbia Christian church, and was always willing to take an active part in any civic or Various Parts World church activities that would upbuild her community.



WOUNDED JUNE 12

Pfc. James Henry McClees, 26, son warn the people in Alligator to be hand during the invasion of France Bowen reported that they had no auprobably come with the hurricane. England. He has recently written ated by the Scuppernong Mutual As-

Pfc. McClees is a graduate of the Columbia High School and worked What would be more appropriate in the Main Street Pharmacy for ten vision which is one of the Army's first farmers. motorized infantry divisions. He had his basic training at Camp Wheeler decided that it would be best to ap- in Gum Neck.

> to Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., for amphibious training and later on to their particular assignment. The It has been said that the men in committee appointed for each are as Captain J. H. Davenport the 4th Division thought that they had been overtrained and kept ask-

But in the streets of Montebourg, Cohoon, sr. about six months after they landed on foreign soil, found what they had chairman; B. F. Alexander, Grady been training for and then realized Love.

County Youths Now In Service Meet in

Recently when Sgt. Nelson McClees A. Matthews. Surviving are her husband, J. H. was being transported from the Unit- Drainage and Health: J. W. Ham-Swain; four sons. H. L. Swain, of led States ace in the Pa man; J. C. McClees, W. W Williamston; R. L. Swain, of Rider's cific, he was standing on deck when Bowen. Creek; Wilbert Swain, of Farming- someone slapped him on his back and The chairman of each committee dale, N. J.; and Julian Swain, of said "Hello, there." When he looked should report on plans and progress Rider's Creek; one brother, Dean around whom should he see but his one night each month. The board Bateman, of Roper Route 1, and good old friend, Seaman Abner Har- recommends that when a committee rell. During the rest of the voyage, does not function properly, a new eight grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at they had a wonderful time discussing committee be appointed. Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist good old times at home. Abner has The board also suggested that the church Tuesday, August 1, at 4 p. m., written his wife that they landed members offer additional projects to Dear Mrs. Carawan: by the Rev. E. Postum, assisted by safely on an island in the Pacific, but be promoted. the Rev. J. R. Bennett and the Rev. he has not seen or heard from Nelson The board recommends that the Tyrrell Times," and was glad to get somewhere in Italy. I like here all eral years and are prepared to ren-During the service the Columbia Columbus Sawyer wrote home to complete set of minutes on any in-but I lived at Gum Neck two years all, but the Italian people are nice, come to this community: A. J. Mc-During the service the Columbia Columbus Sawyer wrote home to the formation presented by these post-Christian church choir sang "Beau-tiful Tele of Somewhere" and "We'll ball game in Hawaii and spied out war project committees. Dut I fived at Guin Neck two years ago. I I really do hope you can read this survey chairman; Mrs. S. J. Hollows ford Never Grow Old." Mrs. W. H. Mc- Robert Fleming in the crowd. He Clees and Mrs. J. E. Norris sang "It said there had never been so much said there had never been so much back-slapping and hand-shaking be- Christian Endeavor when I get off. I know most of the Well, I don't know any mo people throughout Gum Neck and I at this time, so I will close. Is Well With My Soul.' Burial was made in the church fore by any two people at any ball

game.

Post-War Planning Group Has Number Matters to Consider

The post-war planning board met in the county agent's office Wednesday night, August 2, at 8 p. m. The following members of the board were present: H. T. Davenport, W. S. Carawan, D. M. Bridgeman, W. A. Williams, and H. H. Harris. Mr. W. W. Bowen, from the Farm Security Administration, appeared

before the board and gave some information concerning the liquidation of farm units now owned by the F. S. A. in the vicinity of Lake Phelps. Mr. Eowen said that he was authorized to sell farm units to tenants. sharecroppers or wage hands, if they were approved by the committee of three farmers which had been appointed to assist in determining who

was eligible to buy farm units that were for sale. These units can be paid for within five years or financed sociation.

commissioners write Mr. Frank Han- Columbia. cock, administrator of Farm Security, asking that land now operated by the various mutual associations not be sold until after the war and then that they only be sold to prospective mer Miss Elizabeth Godwin, of Gum

his basic training at Camp whether and Camp Gordon, Ga. He next went to Fort Dix, N. J., in the spring of 1943, where the whole division thought surely after so much past thought that definite responsibility would be placed on all members of Margarette Hall of Denver, Colotee would be able to concentrate on

proposed post-war projects and the Rural Electrification: H. H. Har-

ris, chairman; Prince Purdy, F. E. School Buildings: W. J. White,

Community Building: Rev. A. J. McClelland, chairman, R. S. Knight,

jr., T. K. Yerby. Town Water Works: W. A. Wil-

E. Cohoon, sr. an, W. S. Carawan, J. E. Norris. Roads and Bridges: H. T. Davenport. chairman; D. M. Bridgeman, SAVE YOUR C

W. S. Carawan, C. Earl Cohoon, M.

The Christian Endeavor still meets

We were very happy to have Laura

Since then (while Mr. Gaither was

members, Eva MacMillan and Marie in the future.

One thing that makes us happy is Dear Mrs. Carawan:

Knight; treasurer, Polly Alexander. paper found me in a hospital, al-

Sawyer (girls working in the FSA of-

fice) who have entertained with

stunts, songs and games suitable for

Marines and Lady Marines from the

Piny Marsh for a weiner roast.

Edenton Base soon.

Last quarter we walked over

We are planning to entertain 25 gards.

Bateman to speak to us twice not long

pastor of the group for 10 months, married and others are in college. We ing in this world conflict.

ago

Neck, Sound Side and Rider's Creek ing to attend the Epworth League Times."

English

all.

Bond.



Mrs. Bingham B. Liverman, of Columbia, now has three sons serving in the U.S. Army. Sgt. B. B. Liverman, ir., 23, left, who is now stationed in Florida is an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Army. He has

been in service one year and ten that the Rotary Club and the county and she is now making her home in

> Pvt. Curtis B. Liverman, 29, center, is now stationed in Bermuda. He ver Davis. has been in service two years and three months. His wife was the for-

Neck. She is now living with her Jones After much discussion, the board parents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godwin

Breakdown of 1944 rado. They are now making their home in Publoe, Colorado. County for 1944-1945 is as follows

General County Auditing Health

Wounded in Normandy

Captain J. H. Davenport, of the Old-age assistance U. S. Army in Great Britain, who is Aid to dependent children. .05 the husband of the former Sadie Lee Outside poor relief Jarvis, of Columbia, was wounded in action during the invasion of France. Debt Service (county) ____

He has recovered and has recently returned to duty.

He is the son of H. T. Davenport, Schools liams, chairman, W. H. McClees, F. of Washington County. His wife is Current expense ____ now living with her parents, Mr. and Capital outlay ____ Air Strip: M. A. Matthews, chair- Mrs. L. W. Jarvis, in Elizabeth City. Debt service

> Total Levy Poll Tax

Public Welfare Administra-

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tion ____



Pfc. W. M. Norcum, ir., of the U S. Army, was injured in the leg dur-Columbia High School: Grady E. 28th of June. He was recently C. Spencer, Martha Sykes, Gyula a German soldier carrying a white therefore, it is necessary for all of Camille B. Everton, Kathryn Holder, been reassured that he is much im- ralysis. If your child shows any of W. T. Reynolds, Esther Sue Brick- proved as they have received a letter the symptoms which are mentioned from him in his own hand writing. here, call your family doctor immed-Gum Neck High School: Ethelynde pecially wanted to praise the Red pear suddenly. Parents frequently Mann Ballance. Hettie Jones, Mrs. Cross for the services rendered him mistake them for the early stages of Lois O. Selby, and Mrs. Blanche J. and other service men since he has other less serious illnesses. He has and has been overseas since March,



W. M. Norcum

ferences with various chairmen. In the afternoon, she met with the .85

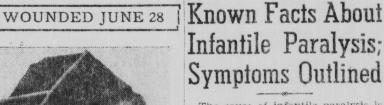
Junior Red Cross chairman of the Tyrrell County chapter. Mrs. R. S. Sixteen Selectees \$1.58 Knight, jr., to plan activities for the school children for the coming school year. Miss Rose Bateman and Miss Hettie Jones were appointed advisors .44 of the two high schools in the coun-

ty for white people. \$2.00

At 3 p. m., she met with the home duction physical examinations. service committee to explain the poli- Thomas H. Cohoon. Wilton Arm-

cies pertaining to the assistance the srtong. Woodrow Edwards, James L. \$1.50 Red Cross renders to the service men Rhodes, James Phillip Swain, .50 and their families. Those on the Mitchell E. Snell, Robert B. Patrick, home service committee are Mrs. Ab- Jesse L. Hudson, jr., James H. Culliner Harrell, chairman; Mrs. E. J. pher, Hodges Davenport, Ronald E. Brickhouse, Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mrs. Ainsley, Joseph Melvin Pledger, Floyd Russell Everton, Mrs. T. K. Yerby, W. Hollis, Linwood R. Everett, jr., and G. C. McKeathen. Dennis G. Cullipher. A disaster meeting was held at 8:30 The following men will leave week p. m., with a round-table conference for induction: Ernest Felton Roughabout how to proceed in case of a ton, Carl Irvin Rhodes, and James though I am not very sick, and I disaster. The following committee Thomas Sutton.

that!



\$1.00 PER YEAR-MONTHLY

KEEP FAITH WITH THEM!

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

The cause of infantile paralysis is a virus---a virus so small it can only be seen by means of an electron microscope. This virus attacks certain nerve cells of the spinal cord which control the muscles. If large numbers of these nerve cells are completely destroyed by the virus, permanent paralysis always results. But luckily this doesn't happen in very many cases. Usually the nerve cells are only temporarily damaged or only a few are destroyed. When the acute form of the disease subsides, the patient's musicles can be re-educated and his power of movement is regained, either partially or completely

Neither older children nor adults are safe from it. The greatest incidence of infantile paralysis now occurs in the 5 and 10 year age group More boys than girls get the disease. And healthy, well-developed children are as susceptible as undernourished and frail children

This disease is sometimes fatal and. He stated in this letter that he es- lately. Usually certain symptoms apbeen in the hospital. He was induct- a sore throat or a head cold, pered into the army in December 1942 haps with some fever. Maybe there's nausea and vomiting. Diarrhea is 1944. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. common, but there may be constipation. Perhaps there is pain or distress in the upper obdominal region The appetite is poor. His arms or legs may tremble if he tries to extend them without support. A particluarly alarming symptom is stiff-

It is for these reasons that we urge you parents to keep your children out of crowds, to keep them away Miss Janet Cox, regional field direc- from new contacts during the course tor of the American Red Cross, was of this epidemic, for the number of in Columbia Tuesday holding con- such carriers may mount to a high figure during an epidemic.

ness in the neck or spine. Watch for

Report To Camp

Sixteen selectees left in July to report to Fort Bragg for their pre-in-



White, superintendent of public instruction, announced Monday that the schools of Tyrrell County would open August 31 unless the infantile paralysis epidemic prevented their opening

The county board of education. which met Monday, spent most of their time working on post-war plans for remodeling and constructing new chool buildings in Tyrrell County. Repairing and painting has been done on the inside of most of the

chool buildings during the summer months. All teachers for the coming year

have been secured except one for high-school English and one for one of the grades. The teachers for this vear are:

Love, principal, Emma Lee Meads. awarded the Purple Heart while be-Margaret Ange, Mrs. Elsie Y. Hol- ing hospitalized in England. He wrote loway, Magnolia Owens, Mrs. Rachel his family that he was wounded by months. In April, 1944, he married Miss Pearl Mabrey of Riner Va The board decided to recommend Miss Pearl Mabrey, of Riner, Va., Chaplin, Mrs. Helen S. Melson, Mrs. the other hand. His parents have with the symptoms of infantile pahouse, Rowland G. Riddick and Mil-

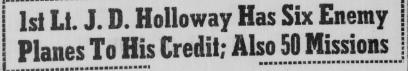
cemetery on Rider's Creek.

Pall-bearers were her great- Pft. Hubert Voliva and Herbert Swain, Harry P. Swain, Jesse Spen- and they described their joyful meetcer, Harold Spencer, Lonie Roughton, ings by saying they were like two old

the Scuppernong Post, No. 182, had years. charge of the services at the grave.



Eleven service men had bonds dedicated to them during July. Those reported were: Charles Armstrong. Lt. Fred Armstrong. D. Webb Brickhouse, Jr. Lt. Comdr. W. B. Brown. **Milbert** Cohoon Lt. James D. Holloway. Pvt. Samuel J. Holloway. T/Sgt. Tilden Y. Holloway. Pvt. Robert Norman Knight. Cpl. Ernest Mosley. Sk 1/c Derbert M. Sawyer.



First Lieutenant J. D. Holloway, who is now with the Fifteenth U. S. Army Air Force in Italy, has completed 50 missions and as pilot of a fighter plane has six enemy aircraft to his credit. On July 2nd he was given credit for downing an Me-109 over Hungary and on June 26 he earned his "Ace" rating when he destroyed three enemy planes in

a single scrap over Vienna, Austria.

sonage for the pastor of all Free Will Sundays.

moved to the parsonage from Eliza- miss all of them.

Baptist churches of Tyrrell County.

beth City in July.

homes in Columbia.

Lieutenant Holloway graduated from the Columbia High School in 1935 and was an all-round athletic star. He held a position as a construction superintendent before going in service in the Air Corps on August 7, 1941.

He is the son of Mrs. Elsie Holloway, of Columbia. His wife and little son, Dave, are now residing in Greenville.

ill have both past and pre Poor torical facts in it. Be sure to save each issue for future reference. Total

Every copy of the Tyrrell Times School



I received your July issue of "The think I will be out pretty soon. I am chairmen have been serving for sev-

secretary of the Rotary Club keep a it. I am not a native of that county, right, but it's not like the States at der assistance if a disaster should

spend most of my leave down there letter, for my writing is not so good. and Mrs. W. M. Laughinghouse, food United States Marine Corps, who has when I get off. I know most of the Well, I don't know any more to say chairmen; Mrs. W. H. McClees, cloth- been stationed at Camp Lejeune for am. always glad to hear from there.

Neck, and he is the one who sent me paper comes. the paper. I enjoyed reading it. I

Roy Roughton and Rodney Bateman. ladies at a revival church meeting each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. am in the Coast Guard. I am a chief Dear Mrs. Carawan: The American Legion Auxiliary of who had not seen each other for Even though the summer days are motor machinist's mate on a sub- I have just received my first copy Chaplin, medical aid chairman; F. E.

> is very good, and very interesting pro- Times" and would be glad to get it to many more copies. grams are planned by the members. every month.

Yours truly GILBERT CURLES. July 31, 1944.

Thanking you in advance. I remain.

JOE GODWIN.

Yours truly,

India, July 29, 1944.

editor today. August 10th:

all about the boys in service. Although there is going to be both good and bad news, but I guess that's something we shouldn't worry about ander, next to the Columbia Episco-pal church, has recently been pur-church. We enjoyed worshipping in my parents a copy of this month's There isn't much news here that a on July 1st. This gives the office

here the year around (Hawaiian Is- clerk.

The work here is going full speed. 'm sure the papers have proven that. Thanks again for making it pos-We have a service flag for "our reading the various articles pertain- sible for all of Tyrrell's service men Improvements on the property have boys" and a very attractive honor ing to my many intimate friends, as to have a paper dedicated to us. already begun and when finished will roll in front of the church. Mr. Rid- well as those with the current hap-I'll try and write an item for next month's issue about that little island I spent 10 months on.

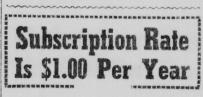
> been very fortunate to have two new monthly paper to my address below Sincerely

The Endeavor has one \$50 War gust 4, 1944, was received by your Received your letter, and I'll say I was glad to get my hands on that newspaper. I'd been wanting one for the visits from our boys when they I have just received one of the Tyr- a long time, but didn't ask for it, are home on leave. We'll be so happy rell Times paper that my mother sent since I thought the publication had to have all of them back "for keeps." me. J really was glad to get it and stopped. So Mrs. Carawan has tak-Officers for 1944 are: President, to know that the people of the coun- en over as editor. I do not envy her. Shelton Ludford; vice president, Ra- ty are thinking of we fellows that are It is quite a job indeed to print a chel Woodley; secretary, Mary Lou in the service. I am sorry that the

(See LETTERS, Page 4)

Sgt. Jack A. Graham Returns To Pacific

M. Tech. Sgt. Jack A. Graham, ing chairman; C. V. Liverman and the last 15 months, has returned to Group Is Continuing an always glad to hear from there. It seems like home to me when I am there. The seems like home to me when I am there. P. S.—I hope to be home pretty to chairman. The latter is assisted to comber 7th and was also in the bat W. E. Bateman, rescue chairmen; J. the Pacific battle front. Sergeant soon, and I hope I get a paper every tion chairman. The latter is assisted cember 7th and was also in the bat-



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Columbia, North Carolina

METHODIST MEN'S BIBLE CLASS



We have thirty-eight members from our class in the armed forces We have thirty-eight members from our class in the armed forces. Our attendance is holding up very well with that many away. We have had a number of the boys back home on leave to visit us and we are always glad to welcome them back. We hope it will not be long before all of you return, and we can carry on as we did before the war. We received word that James Henry McClees was wounded but is back with his outfit now. I will appreciate it if you will keep me advised of your address, so we can mail each issue of the "Tyrell Times" to you Lot address, so we can mail each issue of the "Tyrrell Times" to you. Lots of luck to all of you from all of us .- Floyd.

It's really nice to have a paper from home about home and telling Columbia Post Office -just sit tight and hope for the best. vanced to that of second-class office

chased by the members of the Gum their beautiful church. We are hop- local county newspaper, "The Tyrrell fellow could write about. It's hot Free Will Baptist churches for a par- at the Methodist church before many It is definitely, in my opinion, a lands). Then it isn't as hot as the

Several of our girls have gone to parted friends and loved ones, that months there).

phenomenal paper for our many de- island I just came from (spent 10 The Rev. W. A. Hales, who has been work in defense areas, some have are separated from home, participat-With extreme pleasure, I enjoyed

make one of the most attractive dick printed the boys' names in Old penings in the former home town. Therefore, in closing, I shall be As for our quarterly socials, we've very grateful if you will mail this So. until then-Thanks.

WILBERT FLEMING

Following is a letter to Mrs. C. G. Simmons, received from Seaman Ralph Sykes, son of Mr. W. S. Sykes. P. S .-- Give everyone my best reof Frying Pan. Mrs. Simmons mailed the first issue of the Tyrrell Times to him and this is his reply The following letter, written Au- Hello:

nephews, Robert Worrell, of Norfolk; Rom Norman, of Creswell; Grady Africa, so they wrote their families Its Weekly Meetings Meetings My home is in Currituck. I mar-nephews, Robert Worrell, of Norfolk; Rom Norman, of Creswell; Grady Africa, so they wrote their families Its Weekly Meetings Meetings My home is in Currituck. I mar-ried Sam Sexton's daughter, of Gum dress, for I hope to be there when the Bowen, Mrs. Lloyd Davenport, Mrs. My home is in Currituck. I mar- month. I also used my company ad- by Mrs. A. J. McClelland, Mrs. W. D. tle of Midway. Clarence Chaplin, and Mrs. Joseph Brickhouse. Mr. A. B. Hopkins, jr.

\$2.00

transportation chairman; Dr. S. C. here, and it might seem that other chaser at the present time. I have of "The Tyrrell Times." I really en- Cohoon and M. A. Matthews, pur-things might attract, our attendance filled out the slip for "The Tyrrell joyed it lots, and I'm looking forward chase and supply. The shelter chairman has to be appointed.

Advanced To 2nd Class

The Columbia Post Office was adat once. two regular clerks and a substitute

May Cohoon Carawan, Editor