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Executive Group of Local Woman's Club Plans Work for Year

The summer executive committee meeting of the Columbia Woman's Club was held in the home of the president, Mrs. W. S. Carawan, August 30th, at 8:30 p.m. Reports of what had been done since the regular May meeting were given and plans were made for the year books for the incoming year.

A committee, composed of Mrs. R. S. Knight, jr., Mrs. H. T. Davenport and the club president, reported that they attended the County Board of Education meeting in June and asked that they have Bible taught in the schools this year; that the main building of the Columbia High School be examined by a state architect; that water be examined before the school opens and that the room formerly used over the furnace room, where sufficient sunlight does not enter, not be used for grade children this year.

A report was given by the committee appointed to see if some improvement could be made at the Pea Ridge junction, where the buses stop. The report showed that under new management that conditions were much improved.

It was decided to have the first meeting of the year during the last week of this month, at which time there will be a "pot-luck" supper.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey G. Mooney announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Pauline Mooney, July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morris announce the birth of a daughter, August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland M. Hudson announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Merry announce the birth of a son, Billy Carter, August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Harris announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Jean, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Armstrong announce the birth of a son, Jerry Devey, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Hassell announce the birth of a son, James Alton, August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Deaver announce the birth of a son, August 14.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marvin Huff announce the birth of a son, Marvin Wallace August 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spencer announce the birth of a son August 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Respass announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wynn announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Ann, August 23.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Phelps announce the birth of a daughter, Laletta Ann, August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Basnight announce the birth of a son, Walter Alan Basnight, August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanford White announce the birth of a son, William Raymond, August 31.

Colored
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibbs announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Gibbs July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Milton Rogers announce the birth of a daughter, Lear Evelyn, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spruill announce the birth of a son August 7.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hedgebeth announce the birth of a son August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stanley Sykes announce the birth of a daughter August 24.

Final Rites for Mrs. Lula M. Armstrong

Mrs. Lula M. Armstrong died at her home near Columbia, August 15, after a long illness. The funeral services were conducted at the family cemetery at Cross Landing by the Rev. W. P. Armstrong, pastor of the Cabin Swamp Christian Church of which Mrs. Armstrong has been a member for sometime.

She is survived by her husband, J. T. Armstrong; two daughters Mrs. Herbert Ward, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Aurborn Armstrong, of Tyrrell County; four sons, Cpl. Russell Armstrong, of Camp Beale, Calif., Charles Armstrong, USN, of Staten Island, N. Y., Auborne and Lindsey Armstrong, of Columbia, Route 1; one sister Mrs. H. W. Spruill and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Ainsley, both of route one, Columbia.

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May Cohoon Carawan, Editor
Columbia, North Carolina

WOUNDED IN ITALY



Walter C. Basnight Wounded in Action

Pvt. Walter C. Basnight, 30, U. S. Army, was wounded in action August 1st, in Italy according to a message received recently by his wife from the War Department.

Pvt. Basnight, son of the late Ed Basnight spent most of his life in Columbia, and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

He was inducted into the army at Fort Bragg in April, 1943 and has been overseas since February 1944. Pvt. Basnight was assigned to the Engineers Corps in the Army and received training at Fort Belvoir, Va., and Camp Reynolds, Penn.

Greetings From Methodist Church

By REV. A. J. McCLELLAND
In behalf of the Methodist churches of Tyrrell County and the members of these churches, I am glad to have this opportunity of sending greetings to you--our boys of Tyrrell County.

Some of you I have had the pleasure of meeting, others I do not know personally but all of you are known to all of us as our boys, and as such, to you we say "God-Speed" and we at home, with His help, will try to keep the churches of your choice, a shining light to welcome you home.

God has been good to us; our land has been spared the savageness of total warfare; our women and children have not suffered the tortures directed towards others; our losses have been small compared to other nations. But regardless of these facts, our fathers, sons, brothers, sweethearts and husbands and many of our girls, are away from us and as the prophet of old has said "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

—I Sam. 12-23.
Good luck, our prayers, and our hearts go with you.

About Service Men

Pfc. Harry McClees, who has been stationed for sometime at Roswell, N. Mex., is now home for 10 days, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McClees.

Cpl. Delton Brickhouse, who is now stationed at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md., was home for this week-end, visiting his family, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Brickhouse.

Cpl. Joe Norcum has returned to Camp at Rockford, Ill., after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Norcum.

Delbert Sawyer, SK 1/c, was home for the week-end for a leave, with his wife.

Albin Hamilton, GM 3/c, is on a furlough home for 10 days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton. He went into service in November, 1943 and received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., was sent to Oregon, then California, and then to Pearl Harbor for one month. He returned to the states recently and will be at home until Sept. 19.

Rufus Sawyer of the U. S. Navy was here on a ten-day leave visiting his mother, Mrs. John A. Sawyer, of Gum Neck. He has returned to Camp Perry, Virginia.

Pfc. Jesse Royce Cooper, USAAF, of Mather Field, Calif., and Mrs. Cooper arrived recently for a 15-day furlough with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper. Pfc. Cooper will return to California at the expiration of his furlough and Mrs. Cooper will remain in Columbia for the winter.

Pfc. Samuel Holloway, of the USAAF, of Camp LeMore, Calif., has returned to camp after spending 10 days in Columbia with his mother, Mrs. Elsie Holloway.

Technical Sergeant Earl J. Reynolds, of Columbia has recently been awarded the Army Air Forces Technician's Badge for excellence in the performance of his duties as an airplane mechanic at a strategic air depot in England.

Sergeant Reynolds has been overseas two years. While he is away his wife, Mrs. Velna Reynolds is residing in Creswell. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds of Columbia.

Tyrrell Honored for Part in 5th War Loan

A recent letter received by Miss Grace Berry, chairman of the War Finance Committee of Tyrrell County, stated that the final report of the Federal Reserve Bank shows that Tyrrell County has made its E Bond quota in addition to exceeding its overall quota.

"This of course, entitles the name of your county to be shown on one of the plaques to be attached to one of the landing boats being built at Charleston, S. C., and I congratulate you most heartily upon this accomplishment."

As has been reported, Tyrrell had a fighter plane named for it after the Fourth War Loan Drive. Tyrrell was also honored recently, by being the first county in North Carolina to have a combat cargo vessel constructed by the N. C. Ship Building Company at Wilmington, named for it. Only two ships of this type have been built there and on September 1 the second ship was named USS Stokes.

Dan West Is With Seabees in Hawaii

Dan West, seaman first class, is serving with the seabees in the Hawaiian Islands.

He is a graduate of the Columbia High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West, of Columbia.

After completing a business course at the Norfolk Business College, he was employed by the Southgate Brokerage Co., in Norfolk, until he returned home to work with his father.

He enlisted in the services in November, 1943, and received his "boot" training at Camp Perry, Va.

His wife and small son, are making their home in Columbia. Mrs. West is the former, Lillian Ann Measi, of Asheville.

25 Selectees Go To Bragg in August

Twenty-five selectees left in August to report to Fort Bragg for their pre-induction physical examinations.

White: Delton Lester Jackson, Worth Bagley Cohoon, Rufus Jackson Bateman, Jessie Lee Spencer, Maxie Liverman Spencer, Nathan Thomas Basnight, Wilbert Wilson Brickhouse, Fred Edward Rose, John Edison Tarkenton, Sidney M. Brickhouse, Joe Delton Roughton, Thomas Marshall Jones, Lee Liverman, John William Woodard, Joseph Charles Bateman.

Colored: Henry Robert King, Johnnie Albert Liverman, Theodore Skinner, R. Fleetwood Fenner, Stephen Milton Alexander, Henry Frank Palmore, Ellise McKinley Perry, Barthonia Basnight, Willie Saneley Clegg, Herbert Nixon.

HOME ON LEAVE



Lt. J. D. Holloway Officially Credited With 7 Aerial Wins

First Lt. James D. Holloway, son of Mrs. Elsie Holloway, of Columbia, has recently returned from seven months service with the 18th U. S. A. A. P. in Italy, serving as a P-38 Lightning Fighter Pilot.

Lt. Holloway entered the service on August 7, 1941, and started pilot training in October, 1942. He received his wings and commission as a 2nd Lt. at Williams Field, Ariz., on August 30, 1943. After receiving additional training at several bases in California, he was sent to Italy in March, 1944. He has experienced just about every thrill in the life of a fighter pilot during his 50 combat missions over enemy territory. His first aerial victory came on June 16th, when he shot down an FW-190 fighter plane over Hungary. When asked about tough missions, he says sure he's sweated out several. Once over his his plane got 89 holes and one of his engines was knocked out and the other one stopped 6 times before he got back to the base. He admitted his top thrill came when he destroyed three enemy aircraft in a single scrap over Vienna, Austria.

He has been given official credit for seven aerial victories and 18 planes on the ground.

Lt. Holloway was an all-round athletic star in Columbia High School, where he graduated in 1935. Later he was employed as a construction superintendent before entering the Air Corps.

Lt. Holloway was a member of one of the oldest long-range fighter groups in the AAF. The group, with over 500 victories, entered combat in 1942 and has seen action throughout all major aerial campaigns in North Africa and Southern Europe.

For his many feats, Lt. Holloway has been awarded the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and wears the Italian and Mediterranean campaign ribbons.

Lt. Holloway and his wife, the former Miss Artime Harris, of Greenville, N. C., and son, James D., Jr., are now visiting Mrs. Elsie Holloway in Columbia. After a 21-day leave, Lt. Holloway will report to the Miami Redistribution Center to be processed for reassignment for duty in the U. S.

He has two other brothers now in the service, T/4 Tilden Holloway, who is stationed in France, and Cpl. Samuel Holloway, who is stationed in California.

SAWYER-BRICKHOUSE

Miss Elsie Brickhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Brickhouse and Marvin Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. June Sawyer of Columbia, were married in a simple ceremony on Sunday evening, August 13 in Elizabeth City by Justice of Peace, John F. Meggs, performing the ceremony.

Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Patrick of Elizabeth City. The bride wore a navy blue dress, with white accessories, and a corsage of roses and fern.

Mr. Sawyer holds a position with the Hopkins Trucking Company, of Columbia.

They are making their home with the bride's parents.

Maternity Care Available For Service Men's Wives

Mrs. Abner Harrel, home service chairman, advises all wives of service men within the four lowest pay grades, who are expectant mothers, to consult her, their local doctor or health department concerning emergency maternity and infant care provided for by the State Health Department under plans approved by the U. S. Children's Bureau. Contact one of the agents mentioned above as soon as pregnancy is known.

Floyd E. Cohoon Buys Columbia Hotel Building

Floyd E. Cohoon purchased the Columbia Hotel Building on September 2nd from Alvah H. Combs, of New York. Mrs. Eunice Bateman will take over the hotel October 1st. For the time being Mr. Cohoon says that no change will be made by the occupants of the two stores in the front of the building.

Cpl. Wade H. Clegg, who is now in France wrote the following: "I received my copy of The Tyrrell Times and my copy cannot begin to imagine the pleasure from it. There seemed to be something about it that just, . . . well, sort of picked me up and before I

Lt. J. L. Snell Made 30 Bombing Missions

Dear Mrs. Carawan
I received from Aunt Martha a copy of "The Tyrrell Times" today—the August issue—and I would like to both thank you and congratulate you on your part in making such a paper possible. If it is read with as much interest everywhere as it was here, then it will certainly have been worth all the effort of those who do the work in producing it.

The news is very good these days, and it must seem to the folks back in the States that it is practically over. Here it is a different story, because until the peace is actually a concrete fact, and no longer a possibility, will we cease to lose ships or men we know. And until this happens the war will continue to be a very real and dangerous thing for us.

By the time you receive this letter, I suppose you will have talked to J. D. Holloway. He was stationed near here, and we saw each other two or three times. I can tell you that the reaction to seeing him was the same as that to seeing a ghost, almost—a happy one, indeed.

"I would ask you to send the paper to me regularly, but I'm afraid at most I'd only be here to receive one issue of it. I now have 30 missions over Europe in the Fortress. It is a great ship.

My best wishes are with you all who turn out the paper—it is really a good thing. Sincerely,
Lt. J. L. SNELL,
Somewhere in Italy, September 5, 1944.

Shelton Brickhouse Now Home on Visit

Shelton V. Brickhouse, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brickhouse, is now home for a 21-day furlough. He began his basic training in April, 1943, at Bainbridge, Md. He reports that since that time he went to Norfolk for further training; Bermuda to go aboard ship; Bermuda, for shakedown cruise; New York to join convoy, then through the Panama Canal, to San Diego, San Francisco, and on November 11, 1943, docked at Pearl Harbor.

Starting November 26, 1943, he spent 35 days in the Gilbert Islands region, patrolling the shores. On February 21, 1944, he went to the Marshalls and in June, 1944, he went to Saipan. June 30 he again went to the Marshalls for his ship for his return trip home. He arrived in San Diego July 15, 1944. He was on a destroyer.

He has been decorated for taking part in three major battles in the Pacific, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, and Saipan.

When he leaves here October 2, he will report to Miami, Fla., for small-craft training and a new assignment.

W. J. White Named War Fund Campaign Chairman

W. J. White has been appointed chairman for the United War Fund Drive to be put on this fall in Tyrrell County. Last year M. A. Matthews was chairman and the quota was oversubscribed. It is hoped that Mr. White will receive the same cooperation for this very worthwhile cause during the coming campaign.

Service Men Write

(The following letter was written by Plato Harrel to his sister Mrs. Marvin Cooper.)

Corsica, August 15, 1944.
Dear Sister:
Just a line to let you know I received The Tyrrell Times. You do not know how much of a morale builder a paper like that is to someone away from home. I enjoyed reading the paper more than any paper I have seen since I have been in service. This letter leaves me in good health. There is only one thing I desire and that is to see this war over with, so we can all return to the country we love, that is God's country.

Jerry is in a pretty bad spot now. I don't think Hitler can hold out until December.

I hear from Ted often but have never heard from Gilbert. I hope neither one will ever have to come over. It's no picnic. I mean the war as well as the food.

I see Aunt Carrie is in charge of mailing the newspaper to the boys in service from the Episcopal church. Tell her I said to be sure and send one to each of the boys for I know they will enjoy reading the paper as I have.

Sis, if you get another paper sent in an envelope, for if they are sent second class mail I will never receive it. Love,
BROTHER.

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DIES IN ITALY



Pete Taylor Dies in Italy From Wounds

John Taylor was notified recently by the War Department that his grandson, Pvt. Pete Taylor, 22, U. S. Army, who was reported injured in action in Italy on June 27th had died on June 29.

Pvt. Taylor was inducted into the Army in October 1942 and had been overseas for the last six months.

Surviving besides his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor are a half brother, Jimmie Sawyer, and a half sister, Lillie Sawyer.

Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. W. A. Hale on Sunday, August 27th, at the Free Will Baptist Church of which he was a member. Many lovely flowers were placed around the altar.

A photograph of Pvt. Taylor stood upon the table in front of the pulpit stand flanked by flowers. While at the side, a United States flag hung at salute in tribute to the only service man member of the church who has been killed in this war.

During the services a duet, "Face To Face," was rendered by Miss Aethia Etheridge and E. B. Armstrong, sr.

LIVERMAN - SYKES

Beautiful in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Sabra E. Sykes and George Lindsey Liverman in the Wesley Memorial Methodist church, Columbia, Saturday at 6 p.m., August 26.

The Rev. A. J. McClelland, pastor of the church, officiated, using the double-ring ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Delbert Sawyer presented a program of nuptial music. She accompanied Miss Catherine Morris, who sweetly sang, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

The church was decorated with cathedral candles, ferns and pink gladioli. Ushers were T. W. Sykes, of Columbia, and Capt. Ralph Thomas, of Norfolk.

The out-of-town guests attending were Br. and Mrs. Len Sykes, of Annskie; Mrs. C. E. Miggs, of Norfolk, Va.; Capt. and Mrs. Ralph C. Thomas of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. W. A. Reynolds, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sykes and daughter, Carrie Ann, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. E. M. Hayman, of Norfolk, Va.

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Captain Ernest Liverman writes: "I received The Tyrrell Times you sent me and must say it was really swell. I was glad to hear where all the boys are and what they are doing." He is stationed in Charlotte.

Considerable Damage Is Done in This Section September 13th by Hurricane

The storm which swept the Atlantic Seaboard from North Carolina to Main hit Columbia Thursday morning early. During the morning, the velocity of the gale reached about 70 miles per hour.

In Columbia the trees were blown down on every street. The roof was blown from the auditorium of the Columbia High School and fell on the Agriculture Building roof tearing a part of that up so it will have to be repaired before school begins the 18th. A plate glass window in the Carawan Building, in the

store now occupied by the Voliva Furniture Store, was smashed to bits. Miss Martha Sykes' kitchen was blown down and a large tree in her yard, at least 150 years old, blew down covering the tops of two family cars parked in the yard.

Throughout the County trees were blown down, and crops greatly damaged. Several stock houses were blown down, but no reports have come in that stock or poultry were lost. We are grateful to report that no lives were lost.

Scuppermong Farms Should Be Saved for Men Now in Service

After reading in September 10th News and Observer, that the FSA has advertised the Scuppermong Farms Project in Tyrrell & Washington Counties for sale, with the exception of the land leased to the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development for use as a State Park known as the Pettigrew Park, bordering Lake Phelps, that the remaining 2,785 acres consisting of 33 family type farms and 18 substantial homes are being sold to individuals and that a large portion of this property is not suitable for operation as family type farms, and will be offered for sale in large tracts, I have decided to use this way of letting everyone know what should be of vital interest to all of us hard pressed taxpayers.

The late W. B. Cobb who made a Government soil survey of Tyrrell County in 1924, describes the climate in Tyrrell County as being mild throughout the year, and regarding the fertility of the soil, he says that the land near Lake Phelps where this project is located, is the Bladen Silty Clay loam type and that the unimproved land at that time was valued at \$15 to \$50 per acre, but the cultivated land was held for \$200 per acre.

The FSA bought the land for this project several years ago, and thousands of dollars were spent putting in one of the best drainage systems that can be found in North Carolina, good highways were constructed and home units, consisting of attractive 5-room bungalows with all the necessary farm buildings, were built.

Those of us living in this section know about the fertility of the soil, and what can be done by any good farmer, to make a living on those farms—have seen years after years of wonderful crops of many kinds raised there. Especially abundant are the peas, corn and hay crops. Since the FSA has owned this project, I have been told, that a profitable crop of Easter lily bulbs has been grown. Only this week, on 6 1/2 acres, there were sold over \$18,000 worth of lily bulbs.

The project as a whole is especially adaptable for livestock and poultry raising. Any person who wants to farm could make a living on most any part of the land, raising not only those things I have mentioned above, but other crops.

In the opinion of many people, it is certainly the wrong thing to do now to sell these farms, especially in large tracts, probably to people who have never given a day's service in the armed forces helping to win this war. This land should be kept just a little longer before it is sold, or until this war is over.

Everyone knows that something will have to be done to give the men now fighting this horrible war a way to make a living when they have defeated the enemy and returned home, and many of them will want to go on farms. Why sell these projects now, probably at a sacrifice, and then help the service men in the future buy them back or other farms at a much higher price?

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Luther E. West Died At Home August 22

Luther E. West, 34 of Columbia, Route 2, died at his home, Sunday night August 22 at 11 o'clock, after being seriously ill for the past eight months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rosalyn Beasley West, one daughter, Betty Sue West; one son, Billy West; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. West; and one brother, Lofton West.

Funeral services were conducted at his home Tuesday, August 24th, at 3 p.m., by the Rev. Walton B. Guthrie.

During the service, Mrs. W. H. McClees, Mrs. J. E. Norris, Mrs. Ella Hoggard, and Mrs. Floyd E. Cohoon, accompanied by Mrs. Ida Spruill, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Good Night and Good Morning" and "Abide With Me."

Burial was made in the Sound Side Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Pall bearers were: Wilbert Brickhouse, Dallas Davenport, Sterling Brickhouse, Ronald Ainsley, Lee Barnes and Alonzo Reynolds.

Floral offerings were many and beautiful.