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THE TYRRELL TIMES

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Dedicated To Tyrrell County Men in the Military Services

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Minutes of County Commissioners in Session on May 7

North Carolina, Tyrrell County. Office Board of County Commissioners. The honorable board of County Commissioners met this day in regular session with the following members present, viz. H. T. Davenport, chairman; Ernest S. Brickhouse, B. B. Jones, and Luther Davenport members, and transacted the following business, to wit:

Minutes of April meeting read and approved.

Motion carried to allow H. S. Swain county accountant, \$75 per month to be effective January 1, 1945.

Motion carried to accept bond of H. S. Swain county accountant, from Maryland Casualty Company in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion made and carried to accept Grand Jury report.

Ordered to accept J. W. Hamilton's Justice of Peace report.

Ordered to accept quarterly report from H. S. Swain, county accountant of ABC funds.

Motion carried to accept monthly reports from county officials.

It is further ordered that reports from county farm agent and home demonstration agent be accepted and filed.

The following bills were approved and checks ordered issued to the following from general county fund:

H. T. Davenport, chairman, board of County Commissioners \$20 salary.

Ernest S. Brickhouse \$18 salary on board April and May 7 and mileage.

B. B. Jones \$17.60 services on board and mileage.

Luther N. Davenport \$16.20 services on board and mileage.

Sam S. Woodley, attorney, \$69.40 April salary.

The Daily Advance \$1.40 advertisement for county.

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company \$— phone service and long distance calls.

The Personal Book Shop, Inc. \$19.55 books for library.

Mrs. Minnie Spruill, librarian, \$30. April salary.

Haygood & England, Inc., \$6.99 books for library.

Gaylord Bros. Inc., \$13.53 supplies for library.

The Washington News Company, \$52.92 books for library.

Charlie Griswell, janitor, \$5 pumping water from Alms House basement.

Keys Printing Company, \$18.23 discharge record forms.

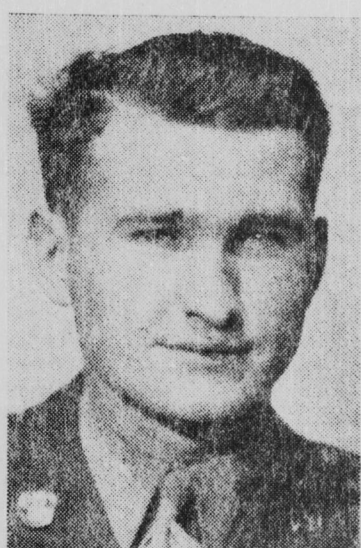
N. C. Department of Conservation and Development \$82.94 county's share of expenditures for Forest Fire Control, March.

B. Ray Cohoon, sheriff, \$192.80 April salary.

Charlie Griswell, janitor, \$40 April salary.

Virginia Electric & Power Co. (Continued on Page Four)

EARL J. ISAAC N. AND CALVIN C. REYNOLDS IN U. S. ARMY



S/Sgt Earl J. Reynolds entered the regular Army of the United States September 27, 1940 at Norfolk, Va., and was sworn in at Richmond, Va. He started his basic training at the Middletown Air Depot in Pennsylvania. After his basic training he was transferred to Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala., to help start a new Air depot. After due consideration of certain abilities, Earl was selected to attend the Aircraft Mechanic's School at Chanute Field, Ill. He graduated from the school and was then transferred to Duncan Field, Texas. He worked in the job that he was trained for several months and was then transferred to Charleston, S. C. to await shipping orders for an overseas assignment. Earl left the states from the New York port of embarkation in August, 1942. He served 25 months as a mechanic in the 8th Air Force at a base somewhere

in England. Earl returned to the states in September, 1944, in accordance with the rotation policy that is in effect. Sgt Reynolds was awarded the Aircraft Technician's Badge for his outstanding work while on duty in England. At present he is stationed at Langley Field, Va., serving as an engineer in the Air Force Technical Training Command.

Sgt. Isaac N. Reynolds—like, as he is well-known—was inducted in the Army of the United States February 13, 1943. He was transferred from the Reception Center at Fort Bragg, N. C. to Camp McCain, Miss., and assigned to Hq Co. 1st Battl, 347th Infantry, part of the 87th Infantry Division. He finished his basic and technical training at Camp McCain. He went with his division on maneuvers in Tennessee November-February 1943-44. After maneuvers Ike was transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C., as was the 87th Infantry division. He was with the 87th Infantry division

until June 9, 1944, when he was transferred to Headquarters Second Army, Memphis, Tennessee and assigned to the quartermaster section. Sgt. Reynolds attended the non-commissioned officers Administration and Supply school at Camp Lee, Va. November, 1944- February 1945. After he finished the school he returned to Memphis, Tenn., where he is stationed at the present time.

Pfc. Calvin C. Reynolds was inducted into the Army of the United States 19 July 1944. He was transferred from the reception center at Fort Bragg to the infantry replacement training center, Fort McClellan, Ala. He finished his training there and was shipped to Fort George G. Meade, Md., for an individual overseas replacement. He left the New York port of embarkation, December, 1944. He is now fighting with a part of the 102nd Infantry Division which is under General Simpson's Ninth Army.

County Has Quota Of \$69,000 To Raise In New Bond Drive

The Seventh War Loan Drive began Monday, May 14 with an overall quota of \$69,000. The E bond quota is \$34,000. The drive will continue through June 30, 1945.

Workers appointed by the chairman of the drive are: for Columbia, Mrs. G. M. Garrett, Mrs. Elsie Holloway, Mrs. W. Willis Bowen and the Teen Age Club. Alligator; Mrs. D. M. Pledger, Gum Neck; Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Rider's Creek; Mrs. Nannie Spencer, Scuppernon; Mrs. L. L. Gibbs and Mrs. Alfred Ward, Negro division; Prof. S. P. Dean.

A bond booth is opened daily at the drug store with the Teen Age Club in charge. Miss Elsie Lee West is serving as chairman.

Miss Berry says she has been unable to get volunteers from other communities in the county to serve and if there is anyone who would be willing to represent their respective communities in this very worthwhile cause to contact her at the bank.

\$64 Collected for Crippled Children

The Tyrrell County chairman of the N. C. League for Crippled Children, Mrs. D. M. Sawyer announced the total collected through the Easter Seal Sale was \$64.

During the last eight years the League and its affiliated county chapters have provided medical care for many children not eligible for help from other agencies. Braces and other appliances, blood transfusions, tonsillectomies and orthodontic treatments have also been provided.

Mrs. Florida Vallier Dies in Ohio April 13

Mrs. Florida Vallier, 51, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Harrell died in Anslov, Ohio, April 13, after a lingering illness. She was a native of Columbia and lived here until she married Lieutenant V. J. Vallier about nine years ago. Since that time she traveled with him extensively, living for 2½ years in the Hawaiian Islands.

She was brought to Columbia for burial April 16. Funeral services were held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. W. W. Gaither in charge of the service and burial was in the Columbia Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Lt. V. J. Vallier; Ens. William Wilkins, of the U. S. Navy, who is now somewhere in the Pacific; one sister, Mrs. W. M. Norcum; four brothers, Jim, Dick, Clyde and Bush Harrell; and several nieces and nephews all of Columbia.

Funeral services were held for her on Monday, April 16, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of her husband, Lt. V. J. Vallier, 111 S. 1st St., Columbia. Burial was in the Columbia Cemetery.

NORCUM BROTHERS SERVING OVERSEAS



Pfc. William Norcum, of the USAAF, who is now in France, and Sgt. Joe Norcum, who is now stationed with the Army Air Forces in England, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Norcum of Columbia, met for the first time since they have been overseas on Easter Sunday, in England.

Pfc. William Norcum went in service in November, 1942, and was sent overseas in March 1944. He has been wounded three times in action with the 29th Division. First in Germany, then in France and the third time in Germany. He has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. As he was a sheet-metal worker in civilian life, he has been assigned the same kind of work in the ninth Air Force Service Command Unit since he recovered.

Sgt. Joe Norcum has been in the service since November 1943, and was sent overseas last January 31. He is a veteran of 15 bombing attacks on German targets as a member of the 381st bombardment group. He has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster for "meritorious achievement" in action.

Lt. John L. Snell Now at Flying Field in Florida

Boca Raton Field, Fla.—Lt. John L. Snell of Columbia, N. C., an air crew combat veteran of aerial flights made with the Italy based 15th Air Force for which he holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation and European-African-Middle East theatre ribbon with five combat stars, is now stationed at Boca Raton Army Air Field, a technical school of AAF Training command. Lt. Snell attended the University of North Carolina for three years. His wife resides in Greenwood, Miss.

V-E Day Prayerfully Observed in County

IN PACIFIC WAR AREA

Business Places Close Following Proclamation by President Truman



Richard C. Weatherly, EM 3/c entered the service September 17, 1942. He was stationed in Norfolk, Va., until January 8, 1945, then was sent overseas. He is now somewhere in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weatherly, of Columbia. His wife the former Miss Mary Emma Jones and son, Richard, Jr. are now making their home with his parents.

After President Harry S. Truman delivered on V-E Day, May 8th his address and issued a proclamation calling the people to prayer, the church bells of Columbia were tolled and special services—as planned by the minister's in the town—were held in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church for the adults and in the Columbia High School auditorium for the school children. The Rev. C. K. Wright was in charge of the service at the Church and the Rev. W. A. Hales at the school. Business places closed during the service hour from 10-11 a.m. and large crowds attended the services.

In such manner local people received their most momentous news since Sunday, December 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. They were following the advice contained in President Truman's address. "Let us not forget the sorrow of our neighbors," he said. "Only by work can we repay our debt to them. We must work, work and work to finish the task, and we must remain at our posts until the last Japanese division surrenders unconditionally. All Americans, through sacrifices and with God's help, have forced unconditional surrender upon Germany."

The President was surrounded by his official family as he began his momentous broadcast Tuesday morning. "This," he said, "is a solemn but glorious hour." He voiced the thoughts of millions and brought a mist to their eyes by adding, "How I wish Franklin Roosevelt had lived to see this day." He reminded the nation in its flush victory that it had not been fighting alone, and he proclaimed Sunday, May 13, a day of prayer. "I call upon all the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace. I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory."

Huron R. Voliva Is Missing in Action; Parents Get Medals

T/Sgt. Huron R. Voliva, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer Voliva, of Columbia, was reported missing in action over Austria in April 1944. He was a bombardier on a bomber in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

On April 19, Captain Mack of Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., made a presentation of two medals, two oak leaf clusters and the flying cross in honor of T/Sgt. Huron R. Voliva to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer Voliva, at their home in the Scotch community, on their son's 24th birthday.

Captain Mack told the parents that their son—if only news had been received by them from the Government, that he was missing in action—may still be alive.

Among those present for the presentation were his brothers, Alva Voliva, of Norfolk and Marvin Voliva of Columbia; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alva Voliva, and sisters, Mrs. C. L. Voliva and Mrs. W. E. Pavey, of Norfolk; Mrs. Oscar Sawyer, Mrs. Fannie Davenport, Mrs. Ethel Holiday, Mrs. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Kitty Sawyer, Mrs. Minnie Ray Cooper, Emmett Voliva, Mrs. Ronald Davenport, Mrs. Burville Voliva, Mrs. Lois Voliva and Joe Liverman all of Columbia.

Cancer Quota for County Is Raised

April was designated by an Act of Congress and of the North Carolina General Assembly as Cancer Control Month. The Cancer Society in the nation set \$5,000,000 as a quota to wage a nation-wide fight against cancer. Tyrrell county was asked to accept a quota of \$68.85.

Funds will be used for research, detection clinics, educating the public in methods of detecting the presence of cancer in its early stages.

The Cancer Control Campaign was sponsored in Tyrrell County by the Columbia Woman's Club and the Rotary Club, of Columbia, with the president of each organization serving as co-chairman. The Columbia Woman's Club raised \$60.50—\$9.40 of this amount was from an offering taken at the Columbia Theatre and \$13.10 from the three Columbia colored Sunday Schools. The Rotary Club raised \$24 making a total of \$84.50. The treasurer, M. A. Matthews, of the Tyrrell County Cancer Control Society sent in the quota assigned to this county.

Mrs. Sadie Walker Funeral Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Sadie Walker were conducted at the Columbia Missionary Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Revs. J. E. Baker, C. K. Wright, and B. W. Gaither. Interment was made in the Oakwood cemetery, Columbia.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sadie Walker at the home of her husband, Mr. A. L. Walker, three daughters, Mrs. C. E. Cohoon, Mrs. W. A. Yerby, of Columbia, and Mrs. D. M. Darden, of Wilmington; one son, J. L. Walker, of Raleigh; four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Newberry, of Columbia, Mrs. J. R. Stokes, of Hertford, Mrs. D. W. Sawyer, of Belhaven, and Mrs. H. E. Spruill of Great Bridge, Va.; one brother, W. M. Patrick, of Williamsburg, Va.

Mrs. Walker died at her home Saturday night at 9:15 o'clock after a lingering illness of four years. She was a life long resident of Tyrrell County and very active in the Columbia Missionary Baptist church of which she was the oldest member.

Minutes of Town Board Meet Held Here on May 7th

The following is the minutes of the Town Board of Columbia meeting held May 7:

Mayor W. M. Laughinghouse presided. Donald Selby was absent.

The bank balance as reported by the Clerk in General Fund, \$1100.90. Bond fund \$208.72.

Bills paid: W. M. Laughinghouse, mayor \$40; G. R. Riddick, clerk \$15; R. G. Riddick, alderman \$1.50; C. H. Leary \$1.50; W. H. McCles \$1.50; W. A. Williams \$1.50; Donald Selby \$1.50; J. L. Postum, chief of police, fire chief, tax collector \$100.78; B. B. Combs, night policeman \$61.60 (business men supplement this \$36); Charlie Griswell, cemetery c. \$12; Tyrrell County librarian \$10; VE&P Co., street lights and office \$11.10; Standard Oil Co., trash truck, sewerage, gas, fire truck \$32.18.

Petty cash—(2 months) street salaries \$166; street supplies \$28.24; street supplies (tiling) \$60; administrative (phone, clerical) \$19.70; cemetery \$2.50; total \$276.44.

Tyrrell Co. Lbr. Co. tractor rent 4 mo. and lumber \$41.18; Columbia Motor Co., install motor \$48.95; L. B. Davenport, motor for trash truck \$37.50; Carolina Supply Co., street, sewerage, road machine blade, tape, and wheel barrow \$31.48; Daily Advance, ballots \$4; H. A. Owens, registrar \$25; Mrs. Leslie Snell, poll holder \$5; T. J. Davenport, poll holder \$5.

A motion was passed to write CAP concerning information about the initial cost of an air marker.

A motion was passed that the street commissioner contact Mr. Davenport and Mr. Godfrey about the gates at the end of Va. Ave. Also to contact Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Harrell about the street parallel to their property.

Signed, R. G. Riddick, clerk.

IRVING REX SAWYER



IRVING REX SAWYER was born in Tyrrell County on June 30, 1920. He graduated from the Gum Neck School and then went to a CCC camp at Tule Lake, Calif., for 6 months training. When he entered the Armed forces in 1942 he was employed by the Virginia Electric & Power Co., at Norfolk, Va. He received his training at Great Lakes, Ill., Norfolk, Va., and in California and was sent overseas in 1944. He has taken part in many of the major invasions of the Pacific and has been serving on a Landing Ship He has written home of many terrible experiences during his invasions. His wife, the former Miss Rosalie Parish of Gum Neck and two little girls, one 3 months old, are making their home in Gum Neck for the duration.

Overseas 'Veteran Gets Clerical Work

S/Sgt. Chester L. Tweedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Tweedy, of Columbia, has been assigned to clerical duties. The sergeant entered the service August 7, 1941, and a few months later was sent to the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations. While overseas he worked as an operations clerk. Sgt. Tweedy has been awarded the American Defense ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three bronze stars, the Good Conduct ribbon and the Distinguished Unit Citation. He with other veterans of overseas duty have recently been stationed at Camp Davis.

Camp Davis, an installation of the AAF personnel distribution command, will function as a convalescent hospital and redistribution station. This command also maintains and supervises overseas replacement depots and recruits for the post war air force.

Russell R. Rhodes Gets Promotion To Sergeant

Sgt. Russell R. Rhodes, son of Mrs. Lona R. Rhodes, of Columbia, has recently been promoted from private to his present grade. He is the holder of the EAME Campaign Medal Combat Infantryman's Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and one Bronze Battle Star. He is overseas in France.

Eight Men Go To Bragg April 27th

Eight Tyrrell County white men were sent to Fort Bragg for induction April 27: Maryland Garfield Brickhouse, Daniel Elmo Davis, Kenneth Lee Armstrong, Archie Lee Sawyer, Roderick Dhu Reynolds, Stewart Shelton West, for the Army, Joseph Shelbourn Williams, and James Robert Payne for the Navy.

Five Negro men were sent for pre-induction physical examination April 18. They were Joseph Woodard, William Edward McCles, Thomas Franklin Owens, James Milton Wrighton and Alfred Tennyson Holloway.

Six white men were sent for pre-induction physical examination May 8. They were: Joseph Haywood Pledger, Woodrow Wilson Brickhouse, Booster Tex Lindsey, Verma Gray Gibbs, Joseph Columbus Davis, Jr., and Henry Earvin Gray, Jr.

Thomas Henry Smith Is Training for Commission

A/S Thomas Henry Smith entered service in March, 1942, from Columbia, and was first trained at Fort Bragg and Florida. He was sent then to Alabama as an inspector and then to Mississippi as an instructor.

In March Sgt. Smith was sent to the Aviation Cadet School in San Antonio, Texas, where he will be trained for 40 weeks before receiving a commission as a lieutenant. His assignment then will be on a B-29 as a mechanic.

Two months before going in service, he married Miss Barbara Barnes of Creswell.

Tyrrell County's ROLL of HONOR

- WILLIAM S. BRICKHOUSE—Near Greenville.
- EPHRAIM C. COOPER—In Action.
- CHESTER HOPKINS, JR.—In U. S. Hospital.
- JOSEPH HOLLOWAY (C)—In Columbia.
- LINDSEY JARVIS—In Jap Prison.
- GAUTHER LASSITER—In Action.
- JAMES T. MACHEN—In Action.
- NELSON McCLES—In Action.
- RAYFIELD OWENS—In U. S. Camp.
- CHARLIE SYKES—In Action.
- NORMAN E. SMITH—In Action.
- PETE TAYLOR—In Action.
- CALVIN DOSS WEATHERLY—In Action.
- RAYMOND WILKINS—In Action.
- RICHARD WYNN (C)—In Camp.
- HURON RUDOLF VOLIVA—Missing In Action.
- EDWARD EVERETT VANHORN—German Prisoner.

Laughinghouse Is Reelected Mayor

W. M. Laughinghouse, incumbent won in the mayor's race May 8 over W. A. Williams by polling 98 votes to his opponent's 64.

The five candidates for town aldermen were elected but a few voters expressed their desire for other officials by writing in names of three persons not nominated for office.

Votes received by the elected aldermen were J. D. Selby, 111; G. R. Riddick 108; W. H. McCles, 92; Floyd Cohoon, 83; and W. S. Carawan, 97. Names written in the printed ballots were John W. Melson, 29; C. H. Leary, 27 and Paul Liverman, 27.

Cohoon and Carawan are the only new members of the board, the other three being incumbent.

Red Cross Chairman Is Given Certificate

The April meeting of the Tyrrell County Red Cross Executive Committee was held in the Court House, Friday night the 27th at 8:30 o'clock. The chapter chairman, Mrs. W. S. Carawan, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to G. E. Love who served as the 1945 War Fund Chairman for Tyrrell County. This was sent to him by the American National Red Cross for distinguished achievement in reaching the War Fund quota.

Mrs. J. A. Alexander, production chairman, reported that sweaters are still being knitted for the armed forces. A motion was passed to have 144 kits costing \$1 each made and filled for the men going overseas. Also to continue giving those boys leaving here kits whenever it was possible to find out the time they were to leave.

Mrs. H. E. Smith, prisoner of war chairman, reported she had distributed to the families of missing service men and the officers of the club the war prisoner's bulletins.

The home service chairman's report showed that more requests for assistance for men in service and their families were given in April than in any month in the past.

Statement of ABC Board for Quarter

TYRRELL COUNTY ABC BOARD Profit and Loss Statement For Quarter Ended March 31, 1945	
Income from Sales, Etc.	\$17,861.50
Discounts	150.87
Other Income	69.00
	\$18,081.37
Cost of Merchandise Sold	\$15,477.31
Add Inventory at Beginning of Period	8,021.33
	\$23,498.64
Less Inventory at End of Period—March 31, 1945	7,680.08
Gross Profit on Sales	\$15,818.56
	\$ 2,262.81
Expenses	
Law enforcement	\$ 274.69
General expenses	3,664.08
	3,938.77
Net Loss	\$1,675.96
Net profit for period of wine account—for quarter ended March 31, 1945	\$164.74