

Husband Of Local Woman Dines With Lady Astor

Major Carl Loth Describes His Luncheon in Article in Waynesboro, Va., Paper.

Major Carl Loth of Waynesboro, Va., husband of the former Mary Ellis Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beasley of Kenansville, is now stationed in the European theatre of war.

Lady Astor is a native of Virginia. She is married to a British Nobleman, a member of the British House of Lords and Lady Astor is a member of the British Parliament.

The article: "Virginia can well be proud of Lady Astor," says Maj. Carl C. Loth, Waynesboro officer serving with the headquarters squadron of the Ninth Air Force in England, who had lunch with the former Nancy Langhorne, at her English estate, "Cliveden," some time ago.

Near her English home the former Virginia, who was reared on the Langhorne estate, near Crozet, maintains a hospital for the wounded, Maj. Loth says, and mothers the wounded quite admirably.

The Virginia major tells of his having luncheon with her ladyship and the circumstances which led up to the event in a recent letter to his wife, Mrs. Mary Ellis Loth, here.

"I know that if you knew that yesterday I had lunch with Lady Astor at 'Cliveden' you would be fairly 'drooling' at the mouth until you had all the particulars," he writes.

"It all happened this way—it seems that last Monday Lady Astor decided to come up and have a game of golf at this club, of which she is a member. Not knowing that the club had been taken over by the Americans she barged right in and proceeded to take over. She was immediately surrounded by a bunch of curious American officers and G.I.'s.

"What Ho!" cried Milady "Plenty of Americans, yes, but tell me do they all have to be damn yandies? Isn't there at least one Southerner in the bunch?"

It was just about that time I wandered up to see what the commotion was about. I heard her last remark and said "Not only is there a good Southerner here, but one that knows more about Greenwood, Afton, Crozet, Charlottesville etc., than you do."

"Are you kidding?" she asked, and then we had a "carry me back to Old Virginia" reunion.

The outcome was an invitation to lunch Wednesday which I accepted because I knew you would kill me if I didn't. At lunch there were Lady Astor, Mrs. Tree, two wounded Canadian officers, a Canadian medical officer, and myself.

After lunch Lady Astor took me for a walk through the grounds which were beautiful, far beyond my ability to describe. The rhododendron, which was everywhere through the forest, was in full bloom, huge clumps of them bordering lovely grassy glades; a mass of every color known. One place that particularly caught my fancy was at the end of a woodland path on a bluff overlooking the Thames.

Years and years ago the huge trees had been planted and trimmed to form a gigantic picture frame for a glimpse of the river winding through the green hills in the distance. It was breathtaking and I would give anything if I could describe it to you.

The next place she took me to was one of the loveliest I have ever seen, in a different sort of way. A quiet glade, completely surrounded by beautiful shrubbery with marvelous old trees for a background. Deep back in the forest, in a niche in the shrubbery, half hidden, was an old, old, statue of an angel with outstretched wings, hovering over a lovely grass plot containing the graves of several soldiers killed in the last war and others. The whole thing was so beautiful and quiet and peaceful that it made you just want to lie down and rest and forget everything. We talked mostly about Mrs. Talbot and Virginia Ham. Lady Astor was particularly anxious to know how Mrs. Talbot was getting along. Her all I could. She also inquired wistfully about the baby she used to get from Virginia but could no longer be obtained. If you possibly could, it would be nice to send a small ham for her. I said I could take it to her. She has invited me back if I can get it.

proud of Lady Astor. "Hope everyone is well and happy as I am. Love, Rip"

Maj. Loth has been overseas for seven months, having before that time been stationed at Boca Raton, Fla., for 15 months.

Maybe A Record

Dr. Gooding thinks maybe his family holds a state record. He tells that Furness Gooding, 78 year old Negro tenant farmer has been on his and his father's farms in Lenoir and Jones Counties for the past 64 years. At present he is on one of Dr. Gooding's Lenoir County farms. Dr. Gooding says Furness has always been a good farmer and made money for himself as well as the landlords every year.

A CORRECTION

Two weeks ago this paper carried a story stating that Sam Bowden was the first boy from Warsaw to give his life in the present war. We were in error and are glad to make the correction.

Two colored boys gave their lives several months ago. Herman McKalop was drowned while serving in the Navy and Ned Kenan was killed. Ned was the first to make the sacrifice.

C. D. Burnette to Head Black Market Campaign

Mr. C. D. Burnette of Mt. Olive, has been named to head the local drive of the Petroleum Industry War Council's campaign to give the public the facts about black markets and how they are hurting the war effort, it was announced by J. Laurens Wright, State Chairman of the Industry's Committee, which is heading up the drive.

It was stated that more than 2,500,000 gallons of gasoline are being stolen daily by the black market.

Mr. Wright said: "Invasion of Fortress Europe has intensified the need for a vigorous effort against the black markets. When our boys are storming the beaches, there is no time for any good American to start cheating on the rest of us who are backing the attack."

Mr. Burnette, in accepting the appointment said: "There is no mysterious source of gasoline open to black market operators. They are stealing from the rest of us. Gasoline is powering the attack. We can't waste a drop."

Republicans Name Two Governors For Running Mates

Dewey of New York and Bricker of Ohio Respectively Will Run for President and Vice-president of the United States.

In one of the shortest and snappiest conventions in the history of the party, the Republican Party's National Convention last week named Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York as its presidential standard-bearer and Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio as his running mate for Vice-president. They were both nominated on the first ballot with Dewey getting every vote except one which was cast for McArthur.

Robert Williams writing from Chicago to the News & Observer, said it was a hopeful convention but lacked confidence. Governor Warren of California was the picked candidate for vice-president but at the last minute refused to allow his name to be presented. Williams said this probably indicated that he saw no hope for the party and that Roosevelt would carry California and probably the entire west for a fourth term.

Dewey is only 42 years old and is the youngest man ever to run for President of these United States.

Friendship Boy Wounded in Legs in French Invasion

Harry Pridden, Jr., stationed overseas with the U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Pridden, of Warsaw, Route 2, has been wounded in his legs in the invasion of France, according to word received by his wife, the former Mildred Currie, of Warsaw.

The report stated that both of his legs were broken and are now in casts.

It is time for every citizen to buy a War Bond if possible; there is no excuse for home front slackers in this matter.

County Still Lagging In Series "E" All Courts Canceled In County For The Months Of July, August

Rose Hill, Faison, Warsaw Beach Quotas; Series "E" Quota for County is \$223,000; Warsawite Sells \$81,000 in One Day.

Although Duplin took third honors in North Carolina by being the third county to reach and surpass its overall quota of \$587,000, we are still far short of our Series "E" quota of \$223,000. Mr. J. C. Thompson, chairman of the county drive, urges that every effort be put forth to reach that goal. Not only is this county lagging but every county in the state is far behind.

Rose Hill was first in the county to make its quota and was followed by Faison and Warsaw. Warsaw went over the top last Friday night when a War Bond Rally was given at the school house. The Rally, sponsored by the Warsaw Rotary Club, brought in \$37,000.

GEORGE DID IT Also credit must be given to George Bennett of Warsaw, who stated at the outset that he would sell \$25,000 or more. George was kidding right much about it but he came through. The last we heard, about a week ago, he had gone way over his voluntary quota. One day last week he sold \$31,000.

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Warsaw Boy Reported Missing In Action

Failed to Return in Flying Mission in Pacific; Three Brothers and Sister Also in Service; Brother and Sister in Defense Work.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wiggs of Warsaw have been notified by the War Department that their son, Cecil failed to return from a mission flight on June 22, 1944. They do not know if he was killed or was taken a prisoner. He was serving in the Navy as aviation radioman somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war.

The following telegram was received: The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Cecil Hertford Wiggs, Aviation Radioman, Third Class, USNR is missing following plane flight on June 22, 1944 while in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The Department appreciates your great anxiety but details not now available and delay in receipt thereof must necessarily be expected to prevent possible aid to our enemies. Please do not divulge the name of his ship or station. Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel.

Cecil was 20 years of age on June 15th. He enlisted in the Navy before Pearl Harbor, a few days after he was 18. At the time he enlisted he was doing war work in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggs have three other sons in service, all enlisted before Pearl Harbor, and a daughter in the Waves. Two other children are in Charleston, S. C., doing war work. In all they have given seven children to the war effort.

The others are: Sgt. N. L. Wiggs, 754th Mat. SAPRN, 31st Serv. G. P. Special, Fairmont AAB Geneva, Neb.; Cpl. Deems N. Wiggs, Co. A, 154th Bn. IRTC, Camp Hood, Texas; R. C. Wiggs, RMLIC, 15 A Tom McMillan Homes Navy Yard, S. C.; and Wave, Dixie Wiggs 2½ Wave Hs. "E" F 122 West Potomac Park, Washington, D. C.

The two children in war work are: Kathleen Wiggs, typist and asst. Supervisor, 15 Walnut Ave., Garden Hill, Charleston, S. C., and Glenn H. Wiggs, Store keeper, 15 A Tom McMillan Homes, Navy Yard, S. C.

Medium Bomber May Be Named For Duplin

J. C. Thompson, chairman of the County War Finance Committee says Duplin has a very good chance to have a medium bomber named for it. He has recently been informed that if our sales of E, F, and G Bonds totals \$125,000 by August 1st, the County will receive the honor. The goal has almost been reached at this writing. Buy more series "E" bonds and be sure we win.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS LIVING TOGETHER

MR. AND MRS. W. J. GRADY at the door and Mrs. Audrey Herber and daughter registered the guests. Mrs. Herman Spence presided at the punch bowl and the grandchildren served sandwiches and cake. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grady had charge of the presents. During the afternoon the couple together with a number of other old timers enjoyed dancing as they did in their younger days to the tune of string music.

"Uncle" Jock, as he is familiarly known, says that his wife, has never had to hit him over the head with a rolling pin during the entire 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Grady celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 29th at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Faison Smith in Albertson township.

The celebration was in the form of a reception in the afternoon when more than 100 people attended. The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Grady, Elbert and Roy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Maxwell, Miss Lillie Grady and Mr. and Mrs. Faison Smith. Mrs. Bertie Shannon received

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ARMY NEEDS MORE WACS

With battle casualties becoming greater each passing day, more and more trained and skilled women are needed in our hospitals, states Mrs. Inez C. Boney, of Kenansville, Women's Army Corps Civilian Recruiter.

The Army is determined to give the best medical care to our wounded soldiers, but we do not have enough nurses and technicians to do the job that lies ahead. The gap must be filled by women.

Women between 20 and 50 should contact Mrs. Boney or they may write to Headquarters, Charlotte Recruiting District, P. O. Bldg., Charlotte 2, N. C.

MCGOWEN RELEASES BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR

County Auditor Faison McGowen this week released the county budget for the fiscal year 1944-45 which began July 1st. An interesting feature to some will be the reduction in the tax rate of 15 cents, however, there are a great many taxpayers in the county who have expressed themselves as being opposed to reductions at the present time.

\$133,841.75 will be spent for general county, poor and health departments. County debt service takes the next largest figure with \$124,571.97; school debt service, comes next with \$43,862.86 while current expense for schools, county supplement, will require \$56,928.30. Capital outlay for schools is \$19,434.35, making a total expenditure by the county for schools of \$120,225.51.

Old age assistance will require \$40,896.00 and old age assistance pensioners will require \$900.00; \$19,440.00 will go for aid to dependent children and \$1,951.32 will go for aid to the blind.

Your \$1.35 estimate on the \$100 is broken down as follows: general county, .15; poor, .05; health, .08, a decrease of 2 cents from last year; county debt service, .75, a decrease of .05 from last year; old age assistance, .04, a decrease of .02; old age assistance pensioners, .02, a decrease of .01; aid to dependent children, .01; county supplement to schools, .05; capital outlay, schools, .05; and school debt service, .17, .05 less than last year.

An estimate of county property valuation is \$15,540,000.00. Total amount of tax levy, \$209,250.00; tax levy to balance the budget, \$188,325.00. Estimate of revenue from other sources than tax levy, \$283,501.35.

Your attention is called to the budget on another page.

ATTENTION ALL USED CAR DEALERS

It is necessary for you to call by the Rating Board and secure a license to deal in used cars. On and after July 10th a certificate of transfer will have to be filled out by the seller and buyer of all used cars before a basic gasoline book can be issued. The basic book is the "A" book.

Outlaw's Bridge AUW Meets Stourday

The Outlaw's Bridge AUW will meet with Mrs. M. W. Simmons Saturday afternoon. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are invited and welcome.

Warsaw Chief Escapes Injuries

Thomas Rogers, Police Chief of Warsaw, escaped possibly serious injuries Wednesday morning when a bus crashed into the side of an Army sedan in which he was riding with two Army MPs. Rogers was sitting in the rear seat alone and when the bus crashed, the door came open and he was partly thrown out. His head hit the ground and he suffered minor bruises on his forehead.

HEADS ROTARY CLUB

AUBREY L. CAVENAUGH was installed president of the Warsaw Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon on Thursday of last week. Other officers installed to serve with him during the coming year are: Warren A. Smith, vice-president; Paul Potter, secretary-treasurer. Directors: Mr. Cavenaugh, Mr. Potter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Earl Wall, Dr. Ewers and Arthur Humphrey. Committee chairmen are: A. J. Jenkins, club service; Dr. Ewers, International relations; Arthur Humphrey, home service and L. S. Whittle, community service.

At yesterday's meeting an open forum was held and aims and projects for the new year were discussed. Next week retiring president, Earl Wall will make a summary report of accomplishments of the club during the past year and the following week, Dr. Woodburn, County Health Officer, and Mr. Reed, County Sanitary Inspector, will give a report on their recent survey of sanitary conditions in Warsaw.

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Applications For That Amount Approved Facing a backlog of more than 20,000 approved applications for Grade I synthetic tires, for which there are no stocks available, the Raleigh OPA has cautioned motorists to take extra care of their tires in order to make them last until replacements can be made.

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State REA Groups Gets Loans

Four North Carolina cooperative Monday were allotted \$2,450,000 by the rural electrification administration as initial loans for purchase of rural properties now owned by private companies. They include: Tri-County Electric Membership co-operation, with headquarters in Goldsboro, \$800,000.

These brought REA loans for the current fiscal year to \$33,794,888, compared with \$8,225,379 last year.

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Judge Phillips Will Try Jail and Submission Cases in County Court; Governor Broughton Cancels July Term Superior Court; Farmers Too Busy With Crops

The Duplin County Bar, in session Monday, requested that all courts, County and Superior, be canceled for July and August in order to aid farmers with crops. However one exception was made, that Judge Phillips hear jail and submission cases.

The following resolution was passed: NOTH CAROLINA DUPLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION OF THE DUPLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The lawyers of Duplin County constituting the Duplin County Bar Association have requested the Judge of the General County Court to shorten the terms of court for July and August on account of the appeal that has been made to them by a great many farmers of Duplin County who, on account of the scarcity of labor and the burning of tobacco and saving other crops, renders their service at home indispensable and for that reason the Bar of Duplin County in meeting assembled during the session of the General County Court on this the 3rd day of July, 1944, have passed the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the Duplin County Bar Association that we do hereby request the Judge of the General County Court to try only jail cases and submissions at the July and August Terms of this court, and that all cases in which bond is given be made returnable to the September Term, 1944, instead of the August Term and that notice of this be published in the county paper.

And be it further resolved by the Duplin County Bar Association that for the same reason hereinbefore mentioned we hereby request the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County to request the Governor of North Carolina to call off the July 24th Criminal Term of the Superior Court, and by so doing it will save the people of the county money and give them an opportunity to save their crops.

The Secretary will furnish the Judge of the General County Court and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County a copy of this resolution.

Done at Kenansville on this the 3rd day of July, 1944. L. A. Beasley, Chairman. R. D. Johnson, Secretary.

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