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**YEARLY REPORT RELEASED BY TYRRELL LIBRARY**

Columbia. — The yearly report released this week for the Tyrrell County Library showed a circulation of 50,753 during the past fiscal year. The circulation was broken down as follows: Main Library in Columbia — 10,979; Schools in Tyrrell County — 19,860; Bookmobile service — 14,566; Negro Branch Library — 5,348.

1269 new books were added to the Library, which makes a total of 10,846. There were 3219 borrowers during the year. The bookmobile is operated in the county two days per week, furnishing County-wide Library service in 67 community stops, and five deposit stations in all county schools.

The library received \$3,600.00 from the state of North Carolina, and \$2,371.56 from the county Library fund.

Another set of book shelves for adult books has been added and a new set of drawers to catalogue card file. Plans are underway to paint the Library interior.

United Nations Day, Bookweek, and all other special days and holidays have been observed by the use of posters, book displays etc. Through the Interlibrary Loan Resource Book Collection the library continues to borrow books.

Library Personnel are: Mrs. W. V. Reynolds, librarian; Mrs. Evelyn Gibbs, consultant; Mrs. Verdie Alexander, bookmobile librarian; Mrs. Janie Owens, Negro branch librarian for winter months; Miss Lilla Jones, Negro branch for summer.

Members of the Tyrrell County library board of trustees: Mrs. C. E. Morris, Chmn.; Mrs. H. C. Davenport, V-Chmn.; Mrs. C. Earl Cohoon, Sec.; Mrs. W. A. Basnight, H. S. Swain and W. M. Laughinghouse.

**ACCIDENT SENDS SEVERAL PEOPLE TO HOSPITAL**

Columbia. — A 1952 Blue Pick-up driven by Jack Combs, collided with a 1941 Green Chevrolet driven by Mrs. Nacie Armstrong at the curve in front of the home of Pat Sawyer in Gum Neck on Sunday morning, July 26th at 11:15, the pickup turned over and was badly smashed. Occupants in the car driven by Mrs. Armstrong were Mrs. Sue Swindell and several children. The only other occupant in the pickup with Mr. Combs was his three year old brother, Donnie Combs, who suffered abrasions about the face and head. Both drivers were hospitalized at the Columbia Hospital. Mr. Combs from severe bruises in the chest and jaw, and Mrs. Armstrong from shock and high blood pressure. No arrests were made, ac-

**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Miller a son, weight 9 lbs and 15 oz., at the Cape Hatteras Health Center, July 28. This is the Miller's second child.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Farrow are the parents of a son born at the Health Center Sunday, July 26.

Love cannot be a mere abstraction, or goodness without activity and power. — Mary Baker Eddy

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**COLUMBIA PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Etzel B. Wilhelm and daughter, Iris, and son, Bill, of Whitefish, Montana, who have been visiting Mrs. Wilhelm's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Combs of Route 3, left Thursday. Mrs. Wilhelm is the former Miss Louise Cooper of Gum Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Evans and daughters, Dot and Fay, of Belcross were the week end guests of Mrs. Louise Hales.

Dr. and Mrs. James Mitchener and children, Jimmy and Mary Ann, are visiting Mrs. Mitchener's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Woodley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weisser and daughter, Pat, of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Louise Hales and Miss Polly Alexander. Jimmy Alexander and Bernie Hamm of Portsmouth, Va., who are playing in the Orchestra at the Surf Club at Nags Head, spent the week end with Mrs. Louise Hales.

Misses Thyra Howett, Annette Jones and Carolyn Swain have returned after attending 4-H Week at State College in Raleigh. W. G. Toomey, Asst. County Agent, who has resigned his position, and Mrs. Toomey left Sunday to take up similar work in Rutherford County.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie E. Liverman have returned from vacation at Nags Head and Hatteras.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Swain, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White and son, Bill, spent Monday and Tuesday at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chas. Cohoon and children, Pat, Bud, and Andy, left Sunday for a vacation in the New England States. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cohoon's mother, Mrs. J. W. Woods of Richmond.

Pat Woods of Richmond spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Charles Cohoon.

Aviation Cadet Irvin M. Everton arrived July 19 to spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Everton. He is awaiting transfer to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He has been stationed at Elnice Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Goode M. Williams, daughter, Susan, and son, Jack, of Greenwood, S. C., visited Mrs. C. Earl Cohoon during the week end.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brickhouse of Columbia, Route 2, at the Columbia Hospital, a daughter, Anne, weight 10 lbs, 5 ozs., on July 22, 1953.

According to Patrolman L. N. Walters, who investigated the wreck, except of Mrs. Armstrong, who held no driver's license.

**BUXTON PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Olen Miller.

Mrs. Santie Williams was taken to the Marine Hospital in Norfolk Sunday for treatment.

Mrs. Amelia Nanovich and children are visiting Mrs. Maria Gray.

Mrs. Cora Lee Casey had as guests recently Mrs. Ross Godwin, Mrs. Emma Casey, Mrs. Clara Casey of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Braxton and children of Ayden and Mrs. Hilda Spruil and son of New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Dixon and their son, Merion Dixon, and family are attending the Dixon family reunion in Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Midgett of Norfolk, where he is employed, are spending some time here.

Edward and Eddie Fulcher, Jerome and Pearl Fulcher of New Bern, Harris and Nora Fulcher and family, and Mrs. Fannie Willis of Oriental visited Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Dixon.

Irma Williams visited her mother, Mrs. Santie Williams for the week end.

**RICHMOND ANGLER LANDS SAIL OFF OREGON INLET**

Nags Head. — Tom Winston of 1018 Pepper Street, Richmond, Va., landed a large sailfish of the 1953 season while trolling on Saturday from aboard the Laurie skippered by Capt. Sam Tillett. The Richmond party, which also included Clark Jones and Wilson Scarborough, caught more than 50 small dolphin, the largest running to about 12 pounds.

The Winston sailfish measured

**SKY SCREEN TEAMS HELP BIG GUNS HIT ENEMY STRONGHOLDS**

Washington. — The Army uses sky screens to make doubly sure its big guns deliver their outgoing mail to the right enemy bunker address.

The sky screens—optical eyes sensitive to light conditions coupled with electronic counters—measure the speed, or muzzle velocity, of the Army's artillery weapons.

With a battery of six guns of the same caliber firing identical powder charges, it cannot be assumed that all guns will develop the same muzzle velocity. It still is possible for one or more of the guns consistently to fire short.

To compensate for this error—usually due to low muzzle velocity—the battery commander uses the data made available by the sky screens to make the necessary correction so that all guns within his battery have the same approximate point of impact. This results in accurate mass firings.

In plying their trade in Korea, sky screen teams—officially known as Ordnance Ballistic and Technical Service units—bounced up and down Korea's mountains from one gun position to another.

These Ordnance teams placed their sky screens at two different points forward and directly under the line of fire of the gun being tested.

When all is in readiness, the gun is fired and the first photo-electric eye detects the silhouette of the passing projectile. As the projectile passes over the "eye," it screens out or changes the intensity of the sky's light which makes detection possible.

As soon as the first intercept it made, the "eye" sends a pulse to the electronic counter. This counter then remains in operation until the second "eye" detects the passing projectile when another pulse is sent to the counter and causes it to cut off. The recorded count is the time of flight of the projectile between the two sky screens.

Knowing the position of the gun, the position of the sky screens, and the time of flight between the two "eyes," the ballisticians then use this data to determine the muzzle velocity of the gun being tested.

Organized in teams of 12 enlisted men and two officers, the ballisticians also check the inside of the gun tube and the all-round efficiency of the guns. This is done because wear and tear on the gun tube and the firing chamber after prolonged firing will cause a decrease in muzzle velocity and change the point of impact of the out-going mail.

Shells falling short of their targets not only are less effective but also cause artillery men to expend costly ammunition that otherwise could be saved.

When artillery men aim a gun to fire at a designated target, certain varying conditions must be

compensated for in order to get accurate and effective fire. Two of the most important corrections that must be made compensate for existing atmospheric conditions and muzzle velocities.

Unlike state-side operations, where ballistic teams have the weapons brought to them, sky screen operators in Korea cover the firing front. As one of the ballisticians put it, "the Eighth Army could hardly afford to keep hauling its artillery all over Korea for ballistic checks."

Besides being ballisticians, the team members also double as housekeepers and maintenance men. Entirely self-sufficient except for food, the teams live in their mobile vans and take care of their own maintenance work.

**FAIRFIELD PERSONALS**

Mrs. Paul Osgood and children returned to their home in New Bern Sunday with Mr. Osgood after spending a week with Mrs. Jennie Midyette and Robena.

Mrs. Lydia Sadler of Belhaven, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pinkham, Wayne, and Jack of Baltimore, Md., were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sadler.

Miss Rebecca Swindell of Raleigh spent the week end with her aunt, Miss Helen Swindell and sister, Mrs. Murray Mann.

6 feet and 10 inches from tip to tip. It weighed 38 pounds.

This was not the first sail to be landed off the Dare coast during 1953. Previously this year during July three sailfish have been landed by anglers off Hatteras trolling from aboard charter boats basing at Hatteras.

Other bill fishes taken so far this season off Hatteras and Oregon Inlets include three white marlin and one blue marlin.

Skippers o cruisers fishing off Oregon Inlet and Hatteras recently have reported many sailfish, some of which were hoked and played before being lost.

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