

Hillsboro, N. C., Thursday, September 20, 1945

## Pvt. Woods Crashes To Tragic End

Pvt. Stephen Woods, son of Mrs. Elva Lloyd Woods of the White Cross community, was mortally injured last Thursday night when his car crashed into a tree on the Durham highway about three miles out of Chapel Hill. He died in the Camp Butner hospital at 8:20 Friday morning.

Thomas Clark of Chapel Hill and Harold Clark near New Hope Creek had been riding with Pvt. Woods early Thursday evening, but were not in the car at the time of the accident. Pvt. Woods had just taken Harold Clark to his home and was alone when his car crashed into the tree. Both the Clark boys had tried to persuade Woods that he was in no condition to drive. While they were riding with him, an attack bringing on temporary blindness had seized the home-on-furlough veteran, probably caused by the injury he had suffered in his chest while overseas.

Pvt. Woods was only 19 years old, but had already seen action in Germany, France, Normandy and Austria. After being wounded, he spent four months in a hospital in France. He was home on furlough at the time the accident occurred. Known to his friends as "Steamboat," he was a familiar figure to all Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents.

The young soldier is survived by his mother and one brother, Corbette Woods, both of White Cross. He is the grandson of the late Luebo-Lloyd. Relatives in the county include Mrs. Nannie Andrews and Mrs. Mahler Butler of Carrboro, Mrs. Bob Madden, Chapel Hill, Ralph Lloyd, Lester Lloyd and Miss Blanche Lloyd of White Cross, Mrs. Emma Lloyd, Calvander, and Mrs. Ola Lloyd, University Station.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A military escort accompanied the casket and taps were blown as the flag was lowered. A wreath with the inscription "Our Buddy" was sent by his friends in the service.

Active pallbearers were Donald Stanford, Roy Lloyd, Howard Smith, David Durham, Lewis Cheek and Jasper Ward. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Chapel Hill American Legion. Floral bearers were his schoolmates.

Special music was furnished by the church choir and by Flight Cadet Graves with Mrs. P. Cleveland Gardner as accompanist.

## High Eleven Knuckles Under To Prepare For First Game

Football season rolled into full swing at Hillsboro High last week with 26 boys out for afternoon drills under the able direction of Coach Harry Breeze and his assistant Randolph Brown. Only five lettermen are back this year, and the average weight of all the lads is light. But the team is expected to make up in fight what it lacks in experience and weight.

With no graduating class at Hillsboro this year and with experienced men as few as they are, emphasis will be placed on building up a really strong outfit for next year. Placed last year pre-nex year in Class B conference, this year the team will stay away from conference games and plan for a triumphant entry next year.

Returning lettermen are Frank Fredrick, back, Luther King, back, Mather Howerton, end, Gates, end, and Collins, guard. In the show-field, Fredrick and King are showing up exceptionally well. The whole line is inexperienced.

Other candidates for this year's edition of the Hillsboro football team are: Yates, Boone, Lloyd, Parker, Rosemond and Gilmore, backs; T. Howerton, Dalehith, backs; T. Howerton, Dalehith, backs; Riley, ends; Smith, Roberts, Kirk, cock, Heafner, Carr, Wm. Grackles, Austin, Roberts, Wm. Gravatti, and Wiley Gravatti, guards; and Gates and Griffin, center.

## Progress At Woolen Mills Runs Steady

Construction is going at full blast on the outside and remodeling continuing on the inside of the old Durham Hosiery Mill building in Carrboro, now home of the subsidiary branch of the Pacific Woolen Mills. Since the woolen mill opened in the latter part of April, much headway has been made toward the goal of a plant that will operate three shifts a day and employ around 250 workers.

Windows have been broken out and brickwork up so that an air conditioning system may be installed in the plant. This task, delegated to Bahnsen and Co., of Winston-Salem, is about half completed.

Plans have been altered since David E. Arthur, resident manager, and his crew of a few key men moved to Carrboro. Now a warehouse on the east side is in the office. The old shed at the front of the office is being torn down, and many other changes are destined to take place. Air conditioning was not included in the original blue prints.

Government contracts were cancelled right after V-J day, and the 50 mill workers are now completing weaving that will wind up materials called for in the contract. No one has been laid off; on the contrary, six from the National Munitions Corp. have been hired, and it is hoped that soon production can swing to a full civilian output.

Arthur points out that the job of preparing for full-time operation is a big one and a lengthy one. The progress that has been made is phenomenal. In less than five months floors have been made fit to bear the weight of heavy looms, fluorescent lighting has been installed, around 10 men acquainted with operation of a loom have been instructed, 40 green men in the way to handle one of the machines, plans have been extended in all directions and soon peace-time schedules will be going into effect.

Carting and spinning machines were installed last week and some are still coming in. There will be a need for women to operate these machines, and it is expected that many of the ladies who lost their jobs with the closing of the National Munitions Corp. will be employed at the woolen mill after the looms are in operation.

J. E. Slirine and Co. of Greenville, S. C., has been the plan inside the building. C. M. Guest and Sons of Greensboro and Anderson, S. C., have around 50 men working in their assignment of outside changes.

## Two Barbecues Held At Firemen's Hut

Carrboro. Local firemen made this year's annual barbecue supper a big event when they got together with many out-of-town guests last Wednesday night at the Firemen's hut near here for an evening of good food and good fellowship.

Several speeches were made, the main one of the evening by State Fire Marshal Brockwell. Other guests besides Brockwell were Fire Chief Lloyd of Raleigh, Chief Perry and three members of the Chapel Hill fire department, Joe Walker and Jack Andrews from Walker's Funeral Home in Chapel Hill, Mayor West and the Carrboro town aldermen.

Tuesday night the Firemen's hut housed another group of barbecue lovers — the Chapel Hill Jr. O.U.A.M.'s. This supper was the climax to their drive to secure funds for the Junior Orphanage at Lexington.

Albert Best and Brodie Clark made talks in behalf of the orphanage. An offering was taken and the sum of \$100 contributed to the fund.

## Mack Poole Takes

# Roads Blocked, Bridges Gone; Streams And Rivers Swollen; Property Damage Seems High

## Sgt Edwards, Veteran Of Leyte And Manila, Wins Discharge

## NEWS Makes Special Offer To Subscribers

A special subscription offer is being made by THE NEWS for those who have never taken the paper before and for readers whose subscription expires before the first of the year.

The sum of \$1.50 from anyone within the county and of \$2.00 from anyone outside the county will pay for THE NEWS from the date of subscribing to Jan. 1, 1947. This \$1.50 in-the-county and \$2.00 outside-the-county is standard rate for twelve months subscription to the paper. Now, with the special offer, a person who mails in the coupon included elsewhere in this issue will receive issues free up until the first of the year, in addition to the twelve months from Jan. 1, 1946 to Jan. 1, 1947.

In other words, here is something that you should take advantage of right away to get the maximum of free issues. The longer a person waits to subscribe, the shorter his period of free issues.

Last week THE NEWS made this offer in 500 sample copies sent out over Mebane, Efland and Cedar Grove routes. The papers were mailed Thursday, and on Saturday night the first coupon to be returned was found in THE NEWS box. It was from P. C. Luck, Rt. 1, Efland. He wasted no time. So beginning with this issue, he will receive free copies of the paper up until the first of the year and then continue to have a copy in his mail box until the first of the next year.

## Cedar Grove

### AYCOCK SCHOOL OPENS

Aycock school opened Monday, Sept. 10, with a good enrollment. The opening exercises were conducted by the principal, E. F. Cude. The devotion was led by Rev. K. F. Duval, pastor of the Cedar Grove Methodist church. Mr. Cude talked to the students, faculty and visitors on the plans and organization for the school year.

### PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOC. APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN

The Aycock P.T.A. held its first meeting of the year in the school auditorium Friday evening. Mrs. Allen Lloyd directed the singing at the beginning of the meeting. Rev. J. S. Cooke conducted the devotion.

Mrs. Studie Warren, president, presided over the business session, and at that time appointed the chairman of the various committees. Following the business session, the program chairman, William Tolar, read an article on child training in the home and at school.

### PLANS FOR CANNERY AT AYCOCK SCHOOL

A call meeting was held at Aycock school last Friday evening to make plans for the erection of a cannery at the school. Z. C. Burton, president at the meeting, presented the group with the idea of a cannery and a building committee consisting of Z. C. Burton, G. A. Munn, and John Hawkins, was appointed. Plans for the building will get underway in the near future.

A good crowd attended the meeting and much enthusiasm was shown over the new project.

Technical Sergeant Virginia Edwards, sister of Mrs. Florence Barnes of 741 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, received her discharge on Sept. 8 at Fort Bragg. She visited her sister last week and, following a visit to New



York, is planning to return to Chapel Hill where she will make her home.

Welcomed back from 18 months overseas was Tec. 4 Edwards when she arrived at Fort Bragg's Personnel Center for her discharge with 60 points to her credit. Her first army service was with the WAC detachment at Fort Bragg, with which she served for 15 months before going overseas. During that time, she was a frequent visitor in Chapel Hill.

Sgt. Edwards has served in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. Her first assignment in Manila at General MacArthur's headquarters was that of chief clerk in the combined message section and recovered personnel section. Her work with the recovered personnel section was concerned with the processing of liberated prisoners of war for their return to the United States.

She wears the Presidential Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Southwest Pacific ribbon with one battle star, the Good Conduct ribbon and the WAC service ribbon. Sgt. Edwards landed with the first plane load of WACs to Manila.

In civilian life, Sgt. Edwards was a telegraph editor for the St. Augustine Herald, St. Augustine, Fla.

## Rev. Gwynn To Address All Churches

Rev. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., has been secured as the speaker for the convocation of churches, sponsored by the Orange County Council of Churches, which will be held in the Presbyterian church of Hillsboro on Wednesday night, Sept. 26, at 8:00 o'clock. This announcement comes from the president of the Orange County Council, Rev. J. S. Cook, minister of the Presbyterian church at Cedar Grove.

Dr. Gwynn is director of Christian Education for the Synod of North Carolina of the Presbyterian church and chairman of the committee on Bible in the public school for the North Carolina Council of Churches. He is a noted speaker who is in demand all over the state and an author who has the state and national recognition. The gained national recognition. The officials of the Council have expressed the hope that the people of Orange county will avail themselves of this unusual opportunity.

Creeks became rivers and rivers turned into raging currents Monday night all over the county. Exact amount of the damage caused to homes, roads, bridges, animals and plants has not been determined, but from the reports circulating Tuesday morning, the damage is considerable.

### NINE BRIDGES OUT

Nine bridges in the county, all on country roads, were reported washed out to county superintendent of state highways Clarence Walters. The steel bridge at Denmock's Mill, just beyond West Hillsboro, was broken by heavy waters from one of the Eno River tributaries. The biggest bridge to go was the one four miles north of White Cross over Haw River at the Orange-Alamance line. The bridge across King's Point at Cedar Grove was washed out, also the one across Back Creek between Bob Walker's and Lynch's store. Two more reported were on MC Sini road and on Booker road.

Hillsboro's firemen were called on to evacuate two families in Eno Village, the Talbots and "Tink" Terrell's household. Fire Chief George Gilmore, with Chandler Cates, J. L. Brown, Jr., and Alton Williams, devised an ingenious scheme for routing the women-folk to dry ground. They stood in water up to their arm pits and held together ladders over which the women walked, wetting only their shoes.

Traffic on the Hillsboro-Durham highway was blocked by a landslide at Highland Park. A one way lane was made about 2:00 o'clock Tuesday morning and traffic was resumed.

Hillsboro was being served by reserve water Tuesday after Eno River had risen four feet above the high water mark at the City Water Plant and put one of the pumps out of commission. It was expected that the pump could be put back into operation in a day or two.

### TALL TALES CIRCULATED

Walter Wrenn gave an account of pigs being washed down the stream by flood waters that were lassoed by some aspiring cowboys. Whether this is a true story or just another of the thousands of tall tales racing around town Tuesday has not been determined.

One tale, and this is a true one, centers around Duke Power Company transformer and Duke's serviceman, Fred Boone. Boone, who had been out in the pouring rain for hours repairing sagging lines, had just returned. Chances were dry clothing and was settling down for a much-earned rest when Duke power official (no one would give the name) called Boone and demanded that he come immediately to fix a transformer that was blazing red hot. The transformer that was supposed to be ready to explode was near Jim Shue's store. Boone hurried out of his dry house and found to his disgust, and reluctant amusement that the "red hot" transformer was one that had been stripped of its outer coat of grey enamel to leave the red paint underneath exposed. Through some trick of lighting, the paint was glowing red hot into the night.

There were so many other tales in the air, most of them too ridiculous to be repeated, that a person easily got the impression Tuesday that the whole storm, floods and all, was the biggest joke of the season. But underneath there was a serious side, and when the damage is tabulated, there will be no escaping the fact that this sudden rising of the waters on Sept. 17 was one of the most history-making events to hit the county in many a day.

## New Hope

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. John Freeland last Tuesday. The program topic was "What Shall I Say." Members present were Mrs. W. S. Nunn, Mrs. W. A. Craig, Mrs. A. J. Freeland, Mrs. Louis

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