History & Folklore

From Liberty Gazette, Thursday, March 17, 1977 –

LONGTIME MEMBERS OF LIBERTY METHODIST CHURCH TO BE HONORED AT HOMECOMING

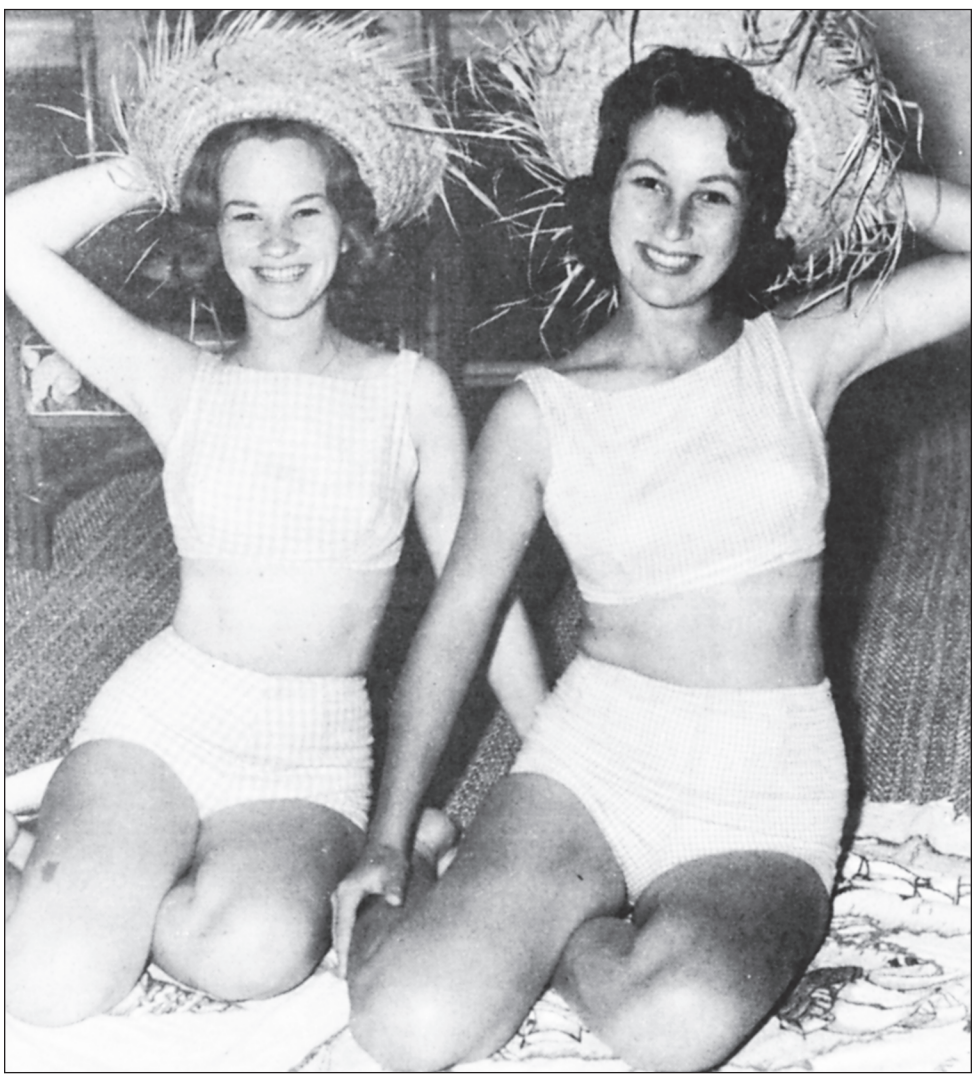
The membership of First United Methodist Church of Liberty will honor eleven of its members for 60 years or more of membership in this church, Sunday, March 20. This will be one of the highlights of homecoming activities planned for the eventful day. Each member will be given an appropriate Certificate of Recognition for their years of service during the fellowship period following the homecoming luncheon. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

In addition to those being honored for 60 years of membership, the following will be recognized for 50 or more years of membership in the Liberty church: Louise Perryman Shawn, Vannie Merle Canter Rhodes, Katie Lou Cocke Townsend, Bill Daniel, Elizabeth Canter Arnett, Orlan Burch, Sarah Gilpin Buchanan, Lucille Morris Bailey, W.W. Norman Jr., Mrs. J.W. Arceneaux, Tennie Scott DeVore, Helen Hackenberger Tillman, Mayme Tisdale McLean, and Annie Mae LaCour.

Mrs. C.W. Fisher Sr. hold the longest membership record in the Liberty Methodist Church. Her membership spans 73 years of active service.

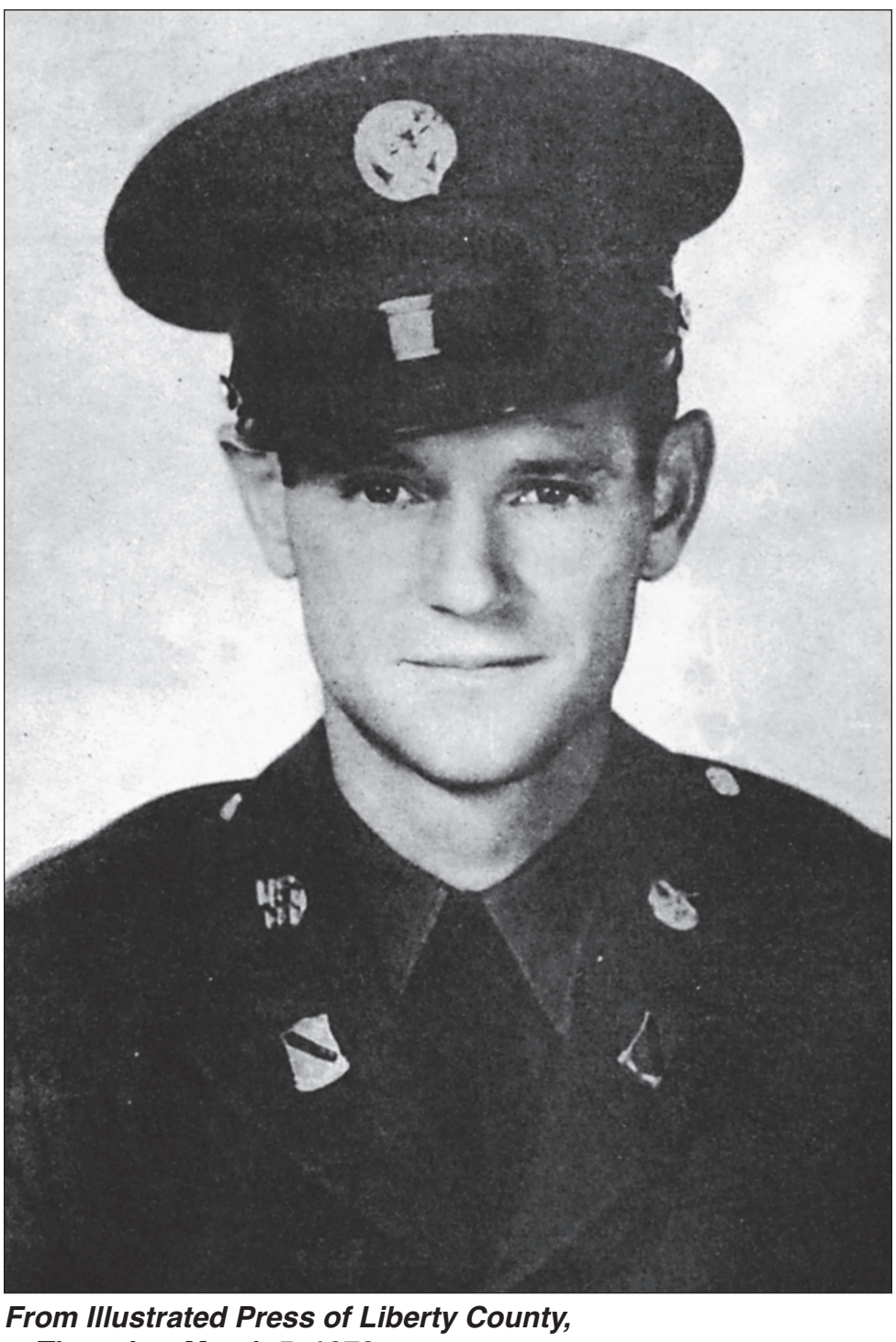
LONGTIME MEMBERS

Pictured are five of the eleven members of Liberty First United Methodist Church who hae been members of the church for 60 years or more. From, left to right, are: Emma Scott Buchanan, Wilda Calhoon Baillio, Florence Calhoon Fisher, Miriam Partlow and Valentine Chambliss Mitchell. Not pictured are: W.D. Partlow, Jewel Woods Rodgers, Elnett Browning Partlow, Bessie Blount Wait, Ruth Blount Farris and Mrs. C.R. Wilson.



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, November 11, 1963 –

Linda McGowan, left, and Laura Jolly, Broncho twirlers, made the two-piece swimsuits they are wearing n the picture. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGowan and Laura is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Jolly, Dayton.



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, March 5, 1970 –

First Lieutenant Douglas Barrow is typical of the fine young men who have given their lives and well being for the defense of the country and its allies. Lt. Barrow was killed in World War II and a street is named for him in Dayton. Most of the streets in Dayton are named for servicemen killed in World War II – a fine practice. Perhaps those of the Korean and Vietnamese wars should be treated in the same way. Lt. Barrow was the son of Mrs. Ben Barrow and her late husband.

Informally Speaking –

Credit Cards – Monkey on My Back

by Homer Smith (1995)

Someday I'm going to get into just the right mood and destroy some of the multitude of credit cards I carry inside my billfold.

They have got to go! It's dangerous to have so many of these things on my person.

Years ago it was a status symbol to open your wallet and "whip out" that folded compartment of plastic that contained a large number of cards that dropped down maybe a foot.

A while back, I counted the number of credit cards I carry and it came out to an even twenty. Is it any wonder I look deformed on looking at my left hip pocket while passing a mirror?

What if I were to lose or have stolen this billfold? Besides, most of these celluloid money substitutes have never been used in many years and some never since receiving them.

Today, perhaps, it's the color and not the number that demands respect.

This reminds me that I have got to conduct a quick audit and see if any more have expired.

There's nothing more embarrassing than to check out of a motel or get ready to pay for dinner and the person at the cash register looks at your card and gives you a coy but truthful remark like, "I'm sorry, but we can't take this card – it has expired."

Hating to get rid of these sort of reminds me of the way monkeys are captured in the jungle. They say a coconut is cut to where there is a sizable hole in the side, filled with goodies and then left hanging in the tree. When a monkey comes along and reaches inside to get a fistful of these tasties, he won't let go, no matter what. He then is easily captured and set off to a distant zoo.

Maybe, on this credit card thing, I'm like the monkey and I am reluctant to let go.

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