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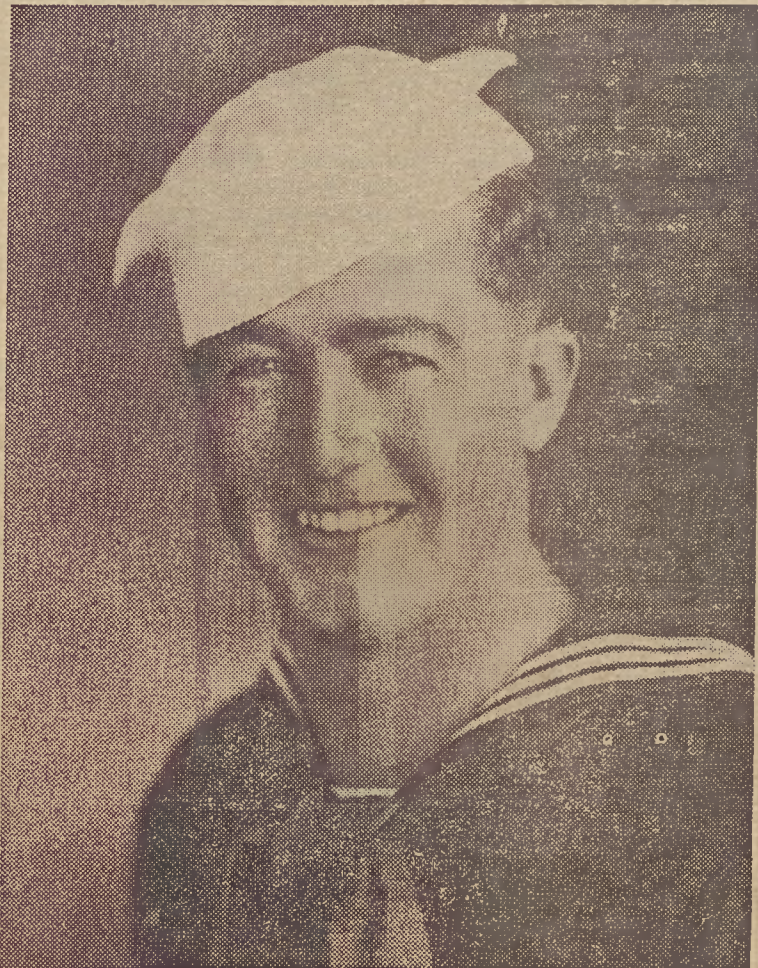


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SEAMAN CLARENCE EDGAR CHESHIRE

First Tri-City Youth To Be Killed In Action

The first Tri-City youth to give his life in the service of his country in World War II, as officially reported, is Clarence Edgar Cheshire, seaman first class, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Edgar Cheshire, of Flint Hill, Spray. The Navy Department this week notified Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire of their son's death by the following message:

"The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Clarence Edgar Cheshire, seaman first class, U. S. Navy, was killed in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The Department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. To prevent possible aid to our enemies, please do not divulge the name of his ship or station. On account of existing conditions, recovery of remains impossible. If further details are received, you will be properly informed."

The notice was signed by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel.

Young Cheshire was 21 years of age and had been in the naval service for over two years. Previously to joining the Navy, he had spent all his life in this community and attended Leaksville schools.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie May Ray and Martha Gray Cheshire; a brother, Joseph Wesley Cheshire, and a half brother, Clyde Cox, all of Spray.

Quiet Christmas For The Tri-City

What is generally described as one of the quietest Christmas seasons ever known here has passed. The war seems to have caused people to think and act more seriously than is the usual case during the Yuletide season. Other than making the boys from

camp welcome, the Tri-Citians apparently went about their business as usual. Officers report that there was less drunkenness than in any holiday season in their memory.

People are, it appears, taking the war and added responsibilities very

seriously — which bodes ill for the Axis powers. It has often been said that to make an American think, you must first make him mad—and when he's mad he goes into action!

Despite the apparent lack of enthusiasm the churches, schools and various civic associations enjoyed their usual programs, which were all well attended.