

CITY ENTITLED TO DELIVERY

Receipts For Past Year Warrant This Service

Three Thousand Dollar Increase Over Last Year; Made Progress For Past Years.

According to information learned from Postmaster John W. Mosteller, the office here is now entitled to free delivery service of the mails since the receipts during the past year were high enough to warrant free delivery service. However the Postmaster pointed out that we probably would not get this service during the duration of the war, but it will be a great advantage to the people living inside the corporate limits of the town.

Mr. Mosteller pointed out that the total receipts during 1942 were \$13,041.00 as compared to the previous year of \$10,073.24, and increase of approximately \$3,000.00, the largest percentage of increase in the history of the office.

The following will give you an idea how the office has progressed during the past fourteen years:

1929—Receipts,	\$6,363.40.
1930—Receipts,	5,683.06.
1931—Receipts,	5,089.77.
1932—Receipts,	5,076.94.
1933—Receipts,	4,653.63.
1934—Receipts,	5,468.81.
1935—Receipts,	6,323.58.
1936—Receipts,	6,593.41.
1937—Receipts,	6,984.93.
1938—Receipts,	7,558.23.
1939—Receipts,	7,997.45.
1940—Receipts,	8,659.49.
1941—Receipts,	10,073.24.
1942—Receipts,	13,041.00.

Cherryville is continuing to grow at a rapid pace, and as she grows the people of this area will be benefited to the extent of more and better facilities for its homes and also the advantages of trading in Cherryville as our merchants will have a larger line of high grade up-to-date merchandise for the people of this community to select from. When a town begins to grow, it helps every one in one way or another, let's all pull together and make Cherryville one of the best towns in the state of North Carolina. It can be done.

Cherryville now has a population of about 4,000 people and if she continues to grow as in the past few years, we will have a population of 5,000 inhabitants in the next couple of years.

200 NAZI SUBS ROAMING SEAS

London, Jan. 20.—In an attempt to keep the tremendous output of Allied war factories from the battlefields, Adolph Hitler was said by British naval observers today to be maintaining 200 U-boats of his fleet of perhaps 500 at sea all the time.

As the Germans gave indications of pinning their hopes more and more on an ever-increasing fleet of submarines, which many Allied leaders rate as the greatest menace to the United Nations, demands were heard in Britain for faster freighters to outrun the U-boats.

An unofficial British estimate was that Germany is building from 15 to 20 submarines a month—faster than naval observers here believe the Allies are sinking them.

The German radio meanwhile boasts to the world that the new U-boats are able to stay longer at sea than the old ones and that they are getting torpedoes, supplies and even new crew members from large "mother U-boats."

Germany now is reported to be building U-boats by prefabrication in much the same way as freighters in the United States. Parts are being made all over Europe, it was said, and assembled in great bomb-proof caves and concrete pens in French Bay of Biscay ports.

SHARE THE MEAT

In cooperation with the government's Food Requirements Committee, the menus on Seaboard Railway's trains contain a message asking patrons to cooperate in the "share the meat" program. Average portions served in dining cars are three to four ounces, which should be included in travelers' voluntary 2 1-2 pound per week quota.

ELECTRIC CHAIR BILL IS KILLED

Judiciary Committee Votes 7 to 1 Against Bill To Abolish Gas Chamber; Legislature In Adjournment.

RALEIGH, Jan. 20.—Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1 voted 7 to 1 Tuesday against a bill by Senator Chaffin of Harnett to abolish the State's lethal gas chamber and return to the electric chair, which was abolished in 1935.

Appearing against the measure were Penal Director Oscar Pitts, Warden Ralph McLean of Central Prison, Former Warden Hugh Wilson, Former Warden H. H. Honeycutt, Dr. W. G. Chaves, prison physician, Executioner R. A. Bridges and Chief Counsel Charles Ross of the State highway and public works commission.

For it were Chaffin and Willis Holding, city chemist of Raleigh.

Bridgers, who has been with the prison department since 1917 and executed 119 persons, described conditions of bodies after execution and said that in his opinion the gas chamber was more humane. Dr. Chaves said he believed no pain was suffered by the condemned in the gas chamber and that execution by gas more nearly averaged a natural death. The average man, he said, loses consciousness within four seconds after the first whiff of the gas. McLean said the fumes rose to the condemned person's head within 10 seconds after the pellets are dropped into the acid and the gas reached a maximum concentration in the death chamber within 20 seconds. Chaffin contended that death by electrocution was quicker and that if the state was going to carry out capital punishment, death should be made as easy as possible. He said, however, he had never witnessed an execution.

The House appropriations committee voted unanimously to favorably report an amended Senate bill providing for the investment of \$20,000,000 of the state's general fund surplus in short term paper of the Federal or State governments.

The Senate measure as received by the House provided for the investment of \$22,000,000 in State or Federal long-term bonds.

Judge Marshall Spears of Durham, who headed a gubernatorial committee which investigated conditions at the State Hospital at Morganton, was invited to speak tomorrow afternoon before a joint committee on mental institutions.

The legislature adjourned until noon tomorrow in honor of Robert E. Lee, whose birthday was today.

Slicing Of Bread And Cakes Reduced

Better get out the old bread slicing knife, because it's going to be very much in style after this. New regulations concerning sliced bread went into effect Monday. They follow:

No bread or rolls will be sliced; no bread will be double wrapped for sale, only six varieties of bread, no more than three of which can be pan bread can be handled; for restaurants, hotels, and institutions, not more than ten varieties of bread, and not more than three of these shall be pan bread.

Some types of bread—rye, French, etc., are cooked on screens and not in pans.

It is predicted that the volume of cakes for the market will be greatly reduced, because all types of cane syrup and corn sugar are being rationed to the bakers.

TONY THAMER STROUPE

Mr. and Mrs. Thamer Stroupe announce the birth of a son, Tony Thamer, Wednesday, January 13th, at the Crowell Memorial Hospital, Lincolnton.

Mrs. Stroupe was formerly Miss Aline Sellers.

On The Pacific



Pvt. Clyde H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Cherryville is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. His address is ASN 34431269 APO 8424 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. He would like for all his friends to write to him.

FATHERS TO BE DRAFTED NEXT

Washington, Jan. 20.—Selective Service soon will announce plans to hit the ban on the drafting of married men with children, authoritative sources said today.

It was learned that preliminary reports of a nation-wide survey by draft officials on the number of single men and childless married men available for call to the armed services showed that it would be necessary to call married men with children and collateral dependents by the end of the summer.

When drafting of these men becomes necessary, it was said, these with collateral dependents probably will be called first, then those with one child, followed by those with two, three, or more children. The plans on just how boards will be instructed to call those with children and collateral dependents are still indefinite.

War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt refused to give any indication on how soon Selective Service, now a bureau in his commission, will take this step. He insisted that it will be "uncertain" when married men with children must be called.

WARTIME RATIONING GUIDE

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10 good for three pounds until January 31.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 28 good for one pound until February 7.

FUEL OIL—Period 3 coupons good for 9 gallons and valid through February 19. No. 2 coupons valid until January 22. No. 1 coupons expired December 26.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 3 in A book good for three gallons until January 21. No. 4 coupons become valid January 22. Temporary T coupons will be issued directly until February 1, when thereafter they will be issued on basis of ODT certificates of war necessity.

TIRES—Holders of ration A coupons must have tires inspected by OPA on or before March 31. Holders of B and C must get first inspections by February 28.

WAR RATION BOOKS—Ration Book No. 1 is being currently used for the purchase of sugar and coffee. It will be necessary to possess Book No. 1 before the holder can obtain ration book No. 2 for point rationing of various commodities, soon to be issued. To those not holding Book No. 1 the deadline for obtaining same was January 15.

J. E. Britain Catches Large Hawk

Mr. J. E. Britain caught a large hawk in a steel trap near his house last Wednesday morning. The hawk caught one of Mr. Britain's hens on Tuesday and he set the trap and caught the hawk Wednesday which measured 28 inches from wing tip to wing tip.

Lions Have Meeting; New Members Taken In

Seven New Members Added To Club; Doing Great Work Giving Needy Glasses.

President D. R. Mauney, Jr., presided over the second regular monthly meeting of the Cherryville Lions Club which was held at the Woman's Club House Tuesday night. The meeting was opened with the singing of "America" and the Lions Song" by the members after which Lion W. J. Allran asked the blessing and the members were served a delicious steak supper by members of the Woman's Club.

The month of January is annually set aside as Melvin Jones' Birthday period at which time the clubs everywhere pay honor to the founder of Lionism by bringing into the club new members. The Cherryville Club honored the Secretary-General by having seven new members join the club. Lion R. Hunter Carroll was reinstated into the club, and Lion C. B. Newton was accepted into the club on transfer from Murphy, N. C. The remaining five new members were Dewey F. Beam, Kenneth Mayhue, Rev. C. O. Groves, Ed Embree, and T. A. Carter. Past President Henry Michael presented these members with the Lions Club button and welcomed them into the club, expressing the hope that the Lions Club and the individuals would profit greatly by their coming into the club.

Secretary R. F. Smith read a letter to the club from "Uncle Charlie" Garland (colored) thanking the club for a pair of glasses which had been given him by the club.

One of the "highlights" of the meeting was the report made at the culmination of the "Dollar Talent" enterprise. In September each Lion was given a dollar and told to see what could be done in causing that dollar to grow. The club realized a profit of \$154.00 from the profit with some few members still to report. The plan for this project was proposed by Lion G. V. Lohr, and President Mauney thanked Lion Lohr for his interest and initiative in thinking of the enterprise to help the club financially.

Lions E. S. Wehant and D. O. Rudisill had charge of the program and Lion Wehant introduced Lion Claude Woltz of the Bessemer City Club as the speaker of the evening. Lion Woltz has recently taken over the duties of Draft Board Clerk. He spoke briefly on "Loyalty and Firmness" and said that when the victory is achieved in the struggle which is now going on that Americans must be loyal to the Christian principles which they adhere to, but at the same time there must be a firmness in the peace terms which were lacking in the last war.

Lions John Wilson and R. C. Sharpe will have charge of the program for the first meeting in February. After the singing of "God Bless America" the meeting was adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors it was proposed and passed that the club raise the price of the supper plates from fifty to seventy-five cents. Members of the Woman's Club serve these meals and the rise in the cost of foods necessitates an increase in the charges. The club was informed by Lion W. J. Allran that Cherryville was entitled to city delivery of the mails since the receipts for the past year had been high enough to warrant this service and the club went on record as favoring this progressive step.

Harrelson Is Manager Of Kester Groome Co.

Mr. Vernon Harrelson has accepted the position as manager of Kester-Groome Furniture Company here, succeeding Mr. L. W. (Speed) Short, who has been manager of the store since it opened here six and one-half years ago.

Mr. Harrelson has had much experience in the furniture line and we are sure he will make Kester-Groome a good man in the field here.

GASTON COUNTY SEEKS CANNERY

Movement Inaugurated For Establishment of Public Project.

Gastonia, Jan. 16.—A movement was inaugurated here yesterday by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce looking to the establishment of at least one public cannery in Gaston this summer with a probability that several community canneries may also be put into operation. A committee composed of Maury Gaston, county agent, Postmaster C. W. Boshammer and Secretary Brice T. Dickson of the Chamber of Commerce, was appointed to investigate the need and possibilities for such an institution. They were instructed specifically to visit Clover, S. C., near here, where a public cannery has been unusually successful.

In the early years of the depression, 1933 or 1934, a public cannery was operated here under the supervision of a government agency and was widely used by farmers and people who had truck gardens. A large quantity of vegetables and fruits was canned. It is believed that the equipment used at that time is stored somewhere in the county and the committee hopes to be able to locate it. It is believed that, in view of the pending shortage in foodstuffs, that a very large amount of vegetables will be produced in Gaston this summer.

The committee was also charged with the duty of looking into the proposition of the establishment in the county of a freezer locker plant similar to those in operation at Clover and Kings Mountain. It is believed that a large amount of poultry, meats and even vegetables would be taken care of through that method.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By R. J. SEITZ
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R. L. Cloninger, Route 1, Dallas, in the Dallas community, said that he had fed his last pitchfork full of hay to his livestock last week. In order to have enough to go through the winter in future years, he said that he was going to sow three additional acres this spring. The sericea hay which he has been using was mowed from a hollow in his field which serves as a waterway to take care of the water from the terraces. This meadow contains about an acre.

Edgar Abernathy, in the Stanley community has recently received a shipment of 2,000 loblolly pine seedlings which he purchased from the State Nursery. These seedlings will be planted on idle land which will prevent it from eroding and put it to work producing a future crop.

This past fall, C. O. Carpenter, Route 4, Lincolnton, in the Landers community, received 2,250 beans and 150 bass to stock his one and a half acre pond. These fish were furnished by the Fish and Wildlife Service and made available through the Lower Catawba Soil Conservation District. This pond will help produce more food on the farm.

James Benson, Route 2, Cherryville, in the Cherryville community, has constructed approximately 1,800 linear feet of terraces with the use of a two-horse plow and a Martin ditcher. By using a team and drag pan, the banks in the lower spots were built up and the high spots along the terrace lines were graded. By following good maintenance practices in plowing the land each year, Benson can increase the carrying capacity of the terraces and prevent them from breaking.

RECEIVES HONORABLE DISCHARGE



SGT. PAUL H. BEAM, son of Mrs. J. M. Beam and the late Mr. Beam of Cherryville who enlisted for service in the United States Army in November and was commissioned as Sergeant and stationed at Fort Bragg has received his Honorable Disability Discharge from the service.

Sgt. Beam who is a member of the County Board of Commissioners from Cherryville Township, Gaston County, has been on leave of absence since his enlistment and will return to civilian life and resume his duties.

THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER



CHARLES PARKER GEORGE, son of Mrs. A. B. George enlisted in the Navy in August, 1942 and received his basic training at Norfolk, Virginia.

Parker, formerly worked for the Dixie Lumber Company before he enlisted in the Navy. He is stationed somewhere in the British Isles. His address is: Charles Parker George, C. M. 3/C, 8155 c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

150,000 BOYS MAY MAKE USE OF ARMY'S COLLEGE PROGRAM YEARLY

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 10.—The army's college program will be available only to approximately 150,000 young men each year, Brig. Gen. Joe N. Dalton disclosed today.

Dalton, assistant chief of staff for personnel, services of supply, said in a speech prepared for delivery to the Knoxville junior chamber of commerce that the program "is not designed to offer a nice, soft spot for young men who have been inducted into the service."

CADET CORPS

At colleges selected for participation in the army specialized training program, the soldier-students will be organized into a cadet corps under a commandant whose military authority will be final, he said.

"It will not be possible to utilize all colleges and universities," Dalton said. A joint committee of the army, navy and the manpower commission is now selecting schools where required facilities are available.

COURSE INSTRUCTION
The army, Dalton added, will sign a contract with the governing body of each selected college under which the school will furnish a prescribed course of instruction under its own professors, in a manner meeting army regulations, and provide textbooks, laboratory supplies and other academic equipment. Beyond that, the army will supervise and discipline its men, and give them instruction in military subjects.

All the students must be under 22, and they will spend from 12 to 48 weeks in studies preparing for special duties in the air forces engineers, medical corps, chemical warfare, signal corps or adjutant general's department.