

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all OUR FRIENDS



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Dallas Rhea Clark Is Prisoner Of Japanese

Haywood's First "Casualty" Has Been Prisoner For Past 21 Months.

Dallas Rhea Clark, son of Mrs. Lelia Clark and the late Dee Clark, of Waynesville, a machinist Mate First Class, U. S. Navy, who has been reported missing since the battle of Java, February 28, 1941, a prisoner of the Japanese government, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Clark. The message from young Clark to his mother, was in the form of a postal card, and was the first word Mrs. Clark has received about her son in 21 months, except notification from the navy department which declared her son was missing in action.

On the card young Clark stated that his health was excellent and that he was working for pay. He was listed as a prisoner of the Imperial Japanese army No. 4, P. O. W. Camp, Thailand.

At the time he was reported missing, Clark was believed to have been aboard the U. S. S. Houston, which was sunk in the Battle of Java, February 28, 1941.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in January, 1930 and received his training at Norfolk Naval Base, after which he went aboard the U. S. S. Texas where he served for six years.

After this period of his service he attended the Naval Optical School in Washington, D. C. Upon completion of which he was transferred to the U. S. S. Houston.

Young Clark was born in the White Oak section of Haywood County and was a graduate of the Jones Creek high school in the class of 1928. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Waynesville. His last visit home was made in 1938.

Japanese Prisoner



DALLAS RHEA CLARK, the first casualty reported from Haywood county, after 21 months is found to be alive and held a prisoner by the Japanese government.

Haywood Private Making More Than Major's Base Pay

Induction into the armed forces will present no financial worries for Private Goldman G. Trantham, of Clyde, who last week reported for active duty at the reception center at Fort Jackson. Pvt. Trantham will suffer no pay cut in the transfer from his job in a shipyard to the army.

As the father of nine children, the 36-year-old private and his family will draw \$268 a month from the government, more than a major's base pay.

As a shipyard machinist, Pvt. Trantham was making \$240 a month before his induction three weeks ago at Camp Croft. He was sent to the induction center from the Waynesville draft board.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Grover M. Davis, of Camp Perry and Waynesville, announce the birth of a son on December 22 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

No Cause For Alarm Over Flu Epidemic In County, Says Dr. Sisk

"There is no cause for alarm at the present time in this county. While influenza is on the seasonal increase, it is so far, in a mild form but we must keep it from spreading, protect ourselves and others," said Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer in discussing the situation this week.

"And again, don't become victims of hysteria, but don't be blind to facts. Don't expose others, and most important, go to bed and seek your doctor's advice," further commented Dr. Sisk.

Most people are inclined to think of influenza as having had its genesis during the first World War, but such is not the case by any means, according to Dr. Sisk. As far back as 1890 there was an epidemic in North Carolina which spread through and raged in 68 of the then 90-odd counties of the state.

There were 200,000 cases in New York alone, showing that it spread

Christmas Tree To Be Held At Long's Chapel

An old fashioned Christmas tree program is being planned at Long's Chapel Methodist church to be held on Friday evening at 7:30. The affair is not entirely for the children of the Sunday school, but for every child and adult of the community, according to the pastor, Rev. Miles McLean.

Extensive effort has been made to secure the names of all the adults, and the name and age of every child of the immediate community, so that Santa Claus can remember everyone.

Among those serving on the different committees in connection with the event are the following: Charles Underwood, general chairman, Curtis Seay, Robert Jones, R. N. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Medford, Mrs. W. E. Crater and the officers and teachers of the Sunday school.

Christmas readings will be given by the primary and junior departments and the young people will present a pageant, "The Birth of Christ," directed by Miss Dorothy Chaney. The choir under the direction of Charles Klopp, with Miss Anna Glosser at the piano, will furnish the music for the pageant. Several songs will be sung by the children and there will be Christmas carols by the congregation. Every person in the community is cordially invited to attend.

Canton C. of C. To Be Closed From 24th To 28th

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be closed at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon and will not open again until Tuesday, according to Mrs. Leta Smathers, of the Carolina Motor Club. Mrs. Smathers explained that since the Governor had declared a holiday for all state business for that period the local office would comply with the same dates.

She further stated that since the banks would also take that lengthy holiday the office would have no banking facilities to deposit the money turned in for automobile licenses.

Haywood Prisoners To Have Chicken On Christmas Day

The prisoners in the Haywood county jail will enjoy a good old-fashioned chicken dinner with all the trimmings, according to Wade McDaniel, jailer.

Each prisoner will also receive a bag containing fruits, candies and nuts from Robert V. Welch, sheriff.

Too Fast for Santa



MARINE PVT. P. C. Hanton, East Boston, Mass., looks over his 1942 Christmas cards and gifts which have just caught up with him somewhere in the South Pacific. His year-old Christmas moustache the fast-moving Leatherneck all over the map (International)

Scott Schulhofer To Be Buried In Aiken Today

Scott S. Schulhofer, 50, of Aiken and Waynesville, son of Mrs. David Schulhofer, died at his Aiken home on Tuesday of pneumonia, according to a message received by his brother, Emanuel Schulhofer, of Hazelwood.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Aiken today. His brother and others from here have gone to attend the services.

Mr. Schulhofer was in the lively business and maintained stables in Aiken in the winter and for the past few years had been going to New Hampshire for the summer season.

Surviving are his mother; one sister, Mrs. Fritz Schulhofer, of Aiken; three brothers, Emanuel, of Hazelwood, Max, of New Hampshire, and Corporal Arthur Schulhofer, of the U. S. Army.

Awards Made By Girl Scouts At Meet Here; Dorothy Martel Given Curved Bar

Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld, leader of the Waynesville Girl Scout Lone Troop, received the Blue Thanks Badge of the Girl Scouts at the Court of Awards held by the local Lone Troop Tuesday night in the Community Room of St. John's Catholic church. The award was made on behalf of the girls of the troop by Ruth Wagenfeld, who was among those at the first meeting of the girls forming the local troop eight years ago. With Mrs. Wagenfeld were Doris Colkitt, Ann Edmunds and Lorraine Martel, who with Ruth Wagenfeld are members of the first Senior Service Scouts group under Mrs. Wagenfeld and who are still registered Scouts.

The Blue Thanks badge is given by a troop to a leader or an adult actively interested in the troop as a means of expressing the troop's appreciation of that person's services.

Dorothy Martel won the highest award given to a Girl Scout by earning the Curved Bar, in addition to which she was awarded her First Class badge. Miss Martel is the sixth local Scout to win the Curved Bar. Doris Colkitt received hers at the last Court of Awards.

Others who won their First Class badges were: Jackie Sue Messer, Betty Brown, Elsie Green, Ida Lou Gibson, Jane Wyche.

Many badges in special work were won by the girls: Dorothy Martel, bookbinding, transportation and communication, community life, needlecraft, reader, bibliophile, typography, book finder; Peggy Jansen, designers, readers, glass;

Salvation Army Has Full Program of Christmas Cheer

The Salvation Army is carrying out a full program of Christmas cheer as is their usual custom, despite conditions. This year's cheer will include: gifts to 687 individuals in seven different mountain communities; 28 boys who are in the armed forces; and a number of grocery orders for families in Waynesville and vicinity.

The presentation of gifts and clothing at each of the centers served by the Salvation Army will be accompanied by a Christmas program, where the whole community will gather.

The financial support for this entire program comes through response to Christmas appeals by letter, unsolicited donations and contributions to the Christmas kettle on Main Street.

The schedule of programs includes the following: Sunday morning, December 19, at Little Creek; Sunday night, December 19, at Grace Lumber Camp, Cold Spring; Monday night, 20th, at Bonnie Hill, at Shut-In-Church community; Tuesday, Miller's Gap School; Sunday afternoon, December 26, at Maple Springs Citadel; Monday evening, 27th, a supper will be held on the grounds of Shelton Laurel community with a Christmas tree; Tuesday 28th, the homes of the Big Ben section will be visited and gifts distributed.

Sister Of W. F. Strange Killed In Accident

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Maysville, Ga., for Mrs. G. M. Bellamy, 38, of Monticello, Ga., sister of W. F. Strange, of Waynesville, who was accidentally killed on Monday when she was alighting from a bus. Mrs. Bellamy had put her mother, Mrs. S. M. Strange, who had been visiting her, on the bus and as she stepped off a truck knocked her down, instantly killing her.

Mrs. Bellamy is survived by her husband; four daughters, Geneva, Janette, Bonnie Faye and Robbie, all of Monticello; two sons, Otis, U. S. Navy and Richard, of Monticello; three brothers, W. F. Strange, of Waynesville, and John and Jesse, of Maysville; two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Osborne and Mrs. Omer Atrial, of Maysville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Strange attended the funeral on Tuesday.

New High Being Set By Christmas Buying In This Community

Dime Board Will Operate Through Christmas Eve

The dime board which is sponsored annually by the Lions Club had to its credit late yesterday afternoon around \$250 with high hopes for nearly doubling the amount during the next two days.

The Lions Club has on its list for Christmas cheer some 75 needy families in the community who will be remembered through the funds raised from the dime board. The remainder of the money will be devoted to their work among the blind and children needing glasses.

Mercury Hit Two Above On Friday

The mercury in the official thermometer slid down to two degrees above last Friday for the coldest day of the year. On Thursday, the mercury did not rise above the freezing point all day, as it hovered between the low of eight and the high of 24.

The official reading as recorded by Leo Martell, official meteorologist, was as follows:

Date	Max	Min
15	34	21
16	24	8
17	47	2
18	51	8
19	55	11
20	45	16
21	56	19

And while on the subject of cold weather, all the above low readings were in the fall—as winter officially arrived here at 12:30 Wednesday.

Senior Band Members And Band Committee Have Banquet Monday

The senior members of the Waynesville Township high school band and the band committee enjoyed a banquet on Monday evening held in the cafeteria of the Hazelwood school, with Charles Isley, bandmaster, presiding.

The Christmas motif was observed throughout the decorations and the appointments. A turkey dinner was served to the sixty present. The menu had been planned by Mrs. Rufus Siler and the dinner prepared by those in charge of the school cafeteria.

Assembly singing of popular songs featured the first part of the program which was followed by a square dance.

Quiet Christmas Is In Prospect For County, Business To Suspend

While Christmas in 1943 may lack the festive gaiety of other years, the community was making the finishing touches yesterday toward celebrating the annual event. Due to the fact that the day falls on Saturday, plans are for a long extended week-end for manufacturing plants and in some cases, business firms.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon the Woman's Club will stage their annual community Christmas tree for the underprivileged children in the area. The tree will be placed in the courtroom at the courthouse, with a special program, with Rev. J. Clay Madison and Rev. M. R. Williamson taking part. Special music for the occasion will be furnished by the high school band under the direction of Charles Isley, bandmaster. Gifts and toys, nuts, fruits and candies will be given to the children.

At 11:30 on Christmas Eve the usual midnight service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, with the rector, the Rev. Robert Tatum in charge. The public is invited to attend.

Business in Waynesville is surpassing all expectations, it was learned in a survey here yesterday.

Merchants have about all they can take care of, and with the shortage of help, some are finding it difficult to handle the steady throng of shoppers.

As a general rule, the buyers are very considerate, and are taking what stocks are available without much grumbling or murmuring. Staple items have been bought heavily during the season, and few special Christmas items will be left over, it was learned.

Business in all lines is surpassing that of past seasons. Some reported gains as high as thirty per cent. The average seemed to be about twenty-five per cent over last Christmas.

Some merchants reported that delayed shipments of Christmas merchandise were being received this week. Others were looking for more goods even today and tomorrow.

The stores will remain open until seven o'clock Friday night, but will close at six today.

Tax Listers Named For County; Work To Start On Jan. 1

The listing of taxes will start in Haywood County on January 1, according to Earl Ferguson, county tax collector, who has announced the listers for the various townships in the county, in charge of the work.

Mr. Ferguson stated that each lister will have headquarters at certain places in the township, and that these will be announced next week. He is urging all property owners to be ready to comply with the rules governing the listing of taxes this month.

Those who have been named to list taxes in the townships are as follows: Ivy Hill, Taylor Ferguson; Jonathan Creek, Walter Wright; Cataloochee, Mark Caldwell; Fines Creek, France Rogers; Crabtree, Frank Medford; Pigeon, Gay Burnett; Waynesville, J. S. Black.

ENSIGN DAVIS COMING

Ensign Paul Davis is expected Christmas Eve for a two-weeks stay with his family and parents. Ensign Davis will report for duty in Maryland on January 7th.

R. L. Coin, Jr., E. M. To Arrive Saturday

R. L. Coin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin, of Waynesville, who is Electrician's Mate First Class, U. S. Navy now attending a technical school in Washington, D. C., will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas week-end with his parents.

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