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NO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WILL BE USED

Carl A. Rudisill Speaks
To Local Lions Club

Ben R. Rudisill Received A Special Distinction and Honor Sunday When He Received His Wings At Kelly Field.

Carl A. Rudisill, member of the Cherryville Club of Lions made a short talk on Texas at the second regular monthly meeting of the Lions Club. President D. R. Mauney, Jr., called the meeting to order; and after the opening ceremonies, a steak supper was served by members of the Woman's Club.

An activities report was made by Club secretary Bob Smith who listed the following activities thus far in the 1942-43 year: The club has erected attractive Lions Club signs on the four main roads leading into Cherryville. A sum of fifty dollars was given by the club as their part in the construction and erecting of a service board of the men from Cherryville and Cherryville Township who are now in the armed forces. Lion F. M. Houser reported that all persons had been cared for in respect to the blind and the near blind. The club would appreciate information about those who need glasses, so that prompt attention can be given. The club presented a silk American flag, complete with stand to the Elementary School No. 2 at a special chapel program.

Lion W. F. Starnes, chairman of a resolution committee, read to the club a resolution which had been drawn up concerning the late W. B. Putnam. The club, by a unanimous vote, approved the resolution and directed that the proper disposition be made.

President Mauney stated that one of the Lions of the Cherryville club had received a special distinction and honor on Sunday, December 13. Lion Ben R. Rudisill who has been in training in Texas for the past nine months, received his wings at Kelly Field at this time along with 3000 other cadets. Lion C. A. Rudisill, his father was present for this occasion and he spoke to the club telling something of this event and also commenting on various phases of Texas. Lion Rudisill had the greatest of praise for the people of Texas and spoke of their hospitality. In closing he said that a person couldn't really appreciate the size and varied activities of the Lone Star state unless he could visit and travel over portions of it. In spite of the beauty, the hospitality, and the many points of interest, Lion Rudisill said that Cherryville was the "garden spot of the world." President Mauney expressed the appreciation of the club for the informative address, and the meeting was adjourned. At a tors, a motion was made and meeting of the board of directors, a motion was made and passed that the Cherryville Club would send a check for fifty dollars to the State Commission for the Blind Work, which is a project sponsored by Lions Clubs all over the state. Lions Carlyle Summer and R. F. Smith will have charge of the program.

Gaston Ration Board Members Are Praised

Gastonia, Dec. 15.—Members of Gaston county's ration board, several score in number, heard themselves praised for "patriotic, unselfish service" in an address by George Fulewider of the district office of Charlotte here last night.

"The work you are doing," Mr. Fulewider told the ration board members, "is indispensable because if the ration boards of the nation fail to function the armed services will suffer."

"It is your job to see that everyone gets what he is entitled to, but not one bit more."

H. S. Mackie, Gaston county ration chairman, told the gathering: "People will swear at you and berate you, but if you have the rules and regulations by which to be governed, there is but one thing to do—go by the rules."

County-Wide
Blackout Is
Ordered In Gaston

Gastonia, Dec. 15.—A county-wide blackout has been ordered in Gaston county next Sunday night, December 20, it was announced here today by Civilian Defense officials.

There was no indication of the probable time of the blackout, other than the statement by officials that it would not begin early enough to interfere with any religious services.

No factories or establishments of any sort will be exempt from the Sunday night blackout. This will be the last preannounced blackout for this area, officials said, with "surprise" blackouts possible at any time in the future.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows 6,170 bales of cotton were ginned in Gaston County N. C., from the crop of 1942 prior to December 1st as compared with 6,017 bales of 1941.

Please Save For "Me"
Red Cross Plea

During November and December the women have been doing some mighty fine work in knitting for the Red Cross. Twenty-four women have turned in 50 knitted garments with a total of 917 hours spent in knitting for the Red Cross. All these women are to be commended for their fine work but we would like to give special mention to Mrs. Pink Dellinger, who is 82 years old and knitted five pairs of gloves in less than a month, and Mrs. Lawson Sipe, who is 78 years old and knitted two turtle neck sweaters in less than three weeks.

Below is a list of the knitters and number of garments made and the hours spent on the garments:

Mrs. Ed. Sullivan, 1 V-neck sweaters, 44 hours; Mrs. Floyd Dellinger, 1 V-neck sweater, 22 hours; Mrs. F. D. Kiser, 1 V-neck sweaters, 55 hours; Miss Marie Huss, 2 V-neck sweaters, 44 hours; Mrs. R. J. Morrison, 1 V-neck sweater, 22 hours; Mrs. J. R. Burch, 2 V-neck sweaters, 44 hours; Mrs. Frank Henkle, 3 V-neck sweaters; 66 hours; Mrs. F. M. Houser, 1 V-neck sweater, 22 hours; Mrs. H. D. George, 1 V-neck sweater, 22 hours.

Mrs. C. A. Rudisill, 2 turtle-neck sweaters, 64 hours; Mrs. W. H. Houser 1 turtle-neck sweater, 32 hours; Miss Mary Mosteller, 8 beanies and 2 helmets, 70 hours; Mrs. Victor Stroupe, 1 beanie, 5 hours; Mrs. Lawson Sipe, 2 turtle-neck sweaters, 64 hours; Mrs. A. H. Huss, 3 helmets, 45 hours; Mrs. J. W. Styers, 1 muffler, 25 hours; Mrs. Pink Dellinger, 5 pairs of gloves, 5 hours; Mrs. L. L. Self, 3 V-neck sweaters, 66 hours; Mrs. R. C. Sharpe, 1 child's sweater, 20 hours; Mrs. McCurry, 1 muffler, 25 hours; Mrs. Wofford, 1 beanie, 5 hours; Mrs. John Beach, 1 V-neck sweater, 22 hours; Mrs. Heman Hall, 1 helmet, 15 hours.

The following have helped with this project:

Miss Julia Hall and Miss Louise Aderholdt sewed in the Chapter labels; Mrs. Victor Stroupe helped to give out the yarn and The People's Dry Cleaners blocked all the sweaters.

We are safe in saying that over a thousand hours have been spent in this project over a period of six weeks. Knitters and Red Cross workers who have put in as much as 25 hours are entitled to purchase a production enrollment pin for 50 cents. These pins will be for sale after Christmas.

Women "Chain Gang" For UNCLE SAM



No Vassar daisy chain is this one, composed of the first women ever to be hired by the quartermaster corps on an army reservation. They are hauling a big army truck out of its garage at Camp Grant (H.), and in case you're asking, we don't know why somebody didn't start the motor and back it out.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Will be Given At The Cherryville Methodist Church At 4 o'clock.

The Community Christmas program will be given at the Cherryville Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 4 o'clock.

The program is being directed by Miss Minnie Coleman, instructor of Public School Music. There will be Community Choir, special Glee Club, Junior and Primary Choirs.

Thursday night, December 17, a recital of piano students will be given at the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The Glee Club will assist with several numbers.

The public is cordially invited to attend both programs.

Christmas Padget
At Bess' Chapel

The Youth Division of Bess Chapel Church will give a Christmas Padget, Sunday night, December 20th, at 7:45 o'clock at the church.

The public is cordially invited.

W. O. W. To Meet
Tuesday Night

All members of Live Oak Camp No. 579, Woodman of the World, are requested to be present Tuesday night, December 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock. Very important business. Refreshments will be served.

W. S. BEAM, Fin. Secy.

Christmas Cantata
At Baptist Church

A Christmas Cantata, "The Light Celestial" will be given at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, December 20th, at 7:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited.

WARN MATCHES
MAY BE SCARCE

Civilian Conservation Urged to Offset Demand of Troops, Lend-Lease.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Matches, the War Production board warned today, may become scarce, if civilians don't conserve them.

The armed forces and lend-lease are taking an increasing quantity of matches, the board explained, and the material and labor for producing matches also are being curtailed.

WPR and match manufacturers now are studying several methods of saving materials, including possible shortening of wooden matches by a quarter of an inch, using smaller wire stitches on paper matches, and eliminating "frills" on paper matches.

"John Q. Citizens should borrow a light from a neighbor when he can, and put up with stumbling around in the dark while looking for a light switch," the board suggested.

The 13-foot female statue of "Justice" formerly on top of a Canton, Ohio, office building has yielded 400 pounds of zinc to the local scrap drive.

Scrap Being Moved
From Post Office Lot

The Scrap Metal which was merchants closed one half day zens some weeks ago, when the merchants closed one half day and took their true's and helped out, hauling scrap iron and metal for the one-half day, gathering more than two hundred thousand pounds, is now being moved.

Chairman of the scrap drive, Mr. Kenneth E. Putnam connected with the Witten Machine Iron and Metal Works of Gastonia. They began on this big task of hauling it away this morning and will continue until the entire scrap is hauled.

Proceeds of the amount of money will be published in the Eagle next week.

Rhyne-Houser To
Give Christmas Play

A Christmas Play, "Story of Christmas" will be given at the Rhyne-Houser Club House on Tuesday evening, December 22nd at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Warnings To Mail
Packages Early

Some of the public, but not enough, are heeding the warnings of the Post Office Department that Christmas gifts must be mailed early this year, earlier than ever before.

The local postmaster, John W. Mosteller has taken on extra help to handle the crowded conditions but it is hoped that everybody will mail their Christmas mail soon as possible.

Cherryville Public
Schools Closing Fri.

The Cherryville Public Schools will close Friday, December 18th, for the Christmas Holidays and will only have one week, beginning at the usual hour on Monday morning, December 28th.

Alonzo Blackwood
Has Stroke Monday

Mr. Alonzo Blackwood, who lives on Cherryville Route No. 2, suffered a stroke of Paralysis Monday morning. His condition is better today.

FORMER LOCAL
BOY JOINS ARMY

Edward Lee Beam, son of Mrs. J. Lloyd Beam, and the late Mr. Beam, has volunteered for army duty and reported at Camp Croft, S. C., for induction today.

Mr. Beam is a partner in the Westbrook Insurance agency of Charlotte, joining the Westbrook agency as bookkeeper in 1934. Since going to Charlotte he has been a leader in the activities of the young business men of that city. He is a past member of the Myers Park Country club and Optimist club, was president of the Young Civic society in 1940, and is a member of the Second Presbyterian church.

He has been active in Junior Chamber of Commerce activities and was chairman of the Fire Prevention committee and co-chairman of the Jaycee Annual in 1941.

Mrs. Beam, the former Harriet McCoy Sample of Charlotte, will continue to reside in Charlotte at 1520 Biltmore drive, where they made their home.

Catches Rabbit With
Two Tails In Box

Clarence Grigg, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Grigg who lives on Lincoln Route 4 caught a rabbit Monday in his rabbit box which has two tails. One tail is the natural cotton tail, while the other one resembles a tip of a Fox tail, about 2 1/2 inches long. The rabbit is of the gray wild rabbit variety.

Clarence has the rabbit at his home and will be glad to show it to all visitors.

SOLO LASHES
WAR PURCHASE

Washington, Dec. 15.—Purchase by the War department of the Stevens hotel in Chicago was criticised today by Senator Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia, in a letter to Secretary of War Stimson in which he asked an itemized statement on that and "similar purchases."

Byrd, chairman of a joint congressional committee on reduction of non-essential expenses, asked Stimson to include in his statement the appraised values of such properties.

Commenting that the \$6,000,000 paid for the Stevens, which he said had been in financial difficulty, was "very satisfactory to the security holders," Byrd asked Stimson whether it was the purpose of the War department or the government itself "to engage in the hotel business."

"It seems to me it would be far better to pay a rental for such properties, and you already have the power to commandeer properties of this nature, on a rental basis," the letter, inserted in the congressional record, added.

FLETCHER DELLINGER
GROWS LARGE TURNIP

Mr. Fletcher Dellinger brought to this office Saturday a five and one-half pounds purple top turnip grown in his garden. This is the largest turnip we have had brought to this office this season.

In Co-operation With
Civilian Defense Office

All Street Decorations and Lightings Will Be Dispensed With This Year Due To War Existing In The United States.

SCHOOL GIVEN
FLAG BY LIONS

At a special chapel program on Thursday, the Elementary School No. 2 was presented a beautiful American flag by the Cherryville Lions Club. Members of the second grades opened the program by singing two Christmas songs, after which a student of the fourth grade read the Christmas Story from the Bible. A rhythm band composed of boys and girls from the first and second grades, entertained the assembly with two selections. Miss Irene Sox, Principal, introduced Lion President D. R. Mauney, Jr., who in turn presented Lion S. M. Butler. In his presentation speech, Lion Butler spoke of the glorious heritage of the American people and the glory and respect that was due the flag. He urged the boys and girls to believe in, love, and respect their flag as it was a symbol of liberty. He then presented the flag mounted on a staff. Miss Sox expressed thanks on the part of the school and then had the children give the Pledge of Allegiance.

The assembly closed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

197 AMERICANS
JAP PRISONERS

First Group From Philippines Listed—Charlotte Man Among Them

Washington, Dec. 15.—The War department made public today the names of 197 American soldiers who are held as prisoners of war by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands.

The department said this was a preliminary list of the first names of prisoners in the Philippines received from the Japanese government by way of the International Red Cross and that other lists would be issued later.

In the list issued today were the names of four North Carolinians and three South Carolinians. The department said the next of kin had been notified.

The names and next of kin follow:

Lt. Col. Elvin L. Barr, Mrs. Cornelia Barr, mother, Wayneville.

Capt. John H. Davis, Mrs. Mary Plummer Davis, wife, 5 Howland Rd., Asheville.

First Lieut. Ralph Palmer Ford, W. A. Ford, father, 321 W. Seventh St., Charlotte.

Lt. Col. David L. Hardee, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hardee, wife, R.R.D. No. 5, Durham.

South Carolina:

Lt. Col. John H. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, wife, Oswego.

Lt. Col. Hampden E. Montgomery, Mrs. Mary S. Montgomery, mother, Kingstree.

Lt. Col. Ulysses J. L. Peoples, Jr., Mrs. Eliza W. Peoples, wife, 831 Sumter St., Columbia.

Masonic
Meeting

There will be a special communications of Cherryville Lodge No. 505, A. F. & A. M., at seven o'clock this evening. Work in the M. M. degree. Candidate is one of the newest soldiers, one who was inducted into the Army only last Saturday. All members and visiting Masons invited and urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

DAVID P. DELLINGER, Master.
GEORGE S. FALLS, Secretary.

In cooperation with request from Civilian Defense Office, no Christmas street lights will brighten the streets in Cherryville this Christmas, indoor tree lights will be permitted. The merchants have decorated their stores with lighted trees and Christmas decorations and the Christmas spirit prevails here as we see Christmas shoppers hurrying from store to store with their Christmas packages.

This year, a wartime Christmas brings many problems not experienced in normal times. With gasoline and rubber shortages, shopping trips are limited, therefore, shoppers are urged to make their list at home which might save making an extra trip.

The merchants still have a full line of merchandise. Many items have changed because essential materials must be saved for war use, but of gifts there are plenty. Santa Claus will be on hand before Christmas to talk with the children and The Eagle is publishing a long list of letters to Santa this week telling him their desires for Christmas.

We urge the public to do their shopping at home and save both tires and gas, and the prices in Cherryville are just as cheap if not cheaper than other places.

Band To Give Concert
Friday Night

The C. H. S. Band will give a concert Friday night, December 18. The program includes some very fine selections, some new tunes and some old favorites.

The program is as follows: The Liberty Bell (March) — Sousa Song of Love — Rumburg The Footlifter (March) Fillmore Phantom Trumpeters

(overture) — Gillette

Brass Quintet

Crusaders (overture) — Buchtel

Coronet Solo (Jim Boyles) Baley

Something About A Soldier-Gay

Queen City (March) — Boorn

American Patrol — Mecham

Christmaside (overture) — E. DeLameter

Jingle Bell Five

(swing novelty) — Whistler

Star Spangled Banner.

This is the first program the band has given this year and it promises to be a program that all will enjoy.

Patrol Bomber And
9-Man Crew Listed
As Lost

San Diego, Calif. Dec. 15.—

A twin-engined navy patrol bomber and its crew of nine, unreported for 11 days, was listed today as missing at sea off the southern California coast.

Engaged in a routine flight, the plane has not been heard from since it set out December 4, 11th naval district authorities reported. Names of the crew were not made known immediately.

An extensive search of the area in which the bomber was believed to be missing has been fruitless. No other details were released.

SOLONS EXPECT
SHORT SESSION

Legislators Visiting Raleigh Believe 1943 Assembly to Finish In Hurry.

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Legislators visiting the Capitol City generally are predicting a short session for the 1943 General Assembly. Several have told Secretary of State Thad Eure that they think the Assembly will last no longer than 45 days. Others have given estimates ranging up to 60 days.