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Majority Of Cherryville Stores Closing 2 Days

Giving Their Employees A Good Rest After Christmas Trading Rush

The majority of the Cherryville merchants will be closed for two days, Friday and Saturday of this week according to announcement made here yesterday.

An advertisement on the back page of this section, list the names of those merchants who will have their stores closed, giving their employees a few days rest, following the Christmas trading rush.

According to announcement given is to the effect that all the stores, bank, building and loan offices will be open for business Monday morning.

Kester Groome Closing 2 Days

The Kester Groome Furniture Company will be closed two days for Christmas, Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26. They will be opened for business as usual on Monday, December 28.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Clement Clarke Moore, poet and renowned scholar, was borne in New York City, July 16, 1779. A graduate of Columbia, he prepared for the ministry, but was never ordained.

It was Christmas Eve, 1822, while homeward bound with a turkey for a Christmas basket that his wife, Catherine Elizabeth Taylor, gave to the poor. Moore began to think about his six children, the Christmas season and Santa Claus. Reaching home he rushed to his study, straightened his jumbled thought and gave the world its best known Yuletide verse.

For twenty years Moore refused to admit authorship, as he felt the verse trivial. This refusal cost him a small fortune in royalties. The poem was first printed, anonymously, in the Troy Sentinel, Dec. 23, 1823, under the original title, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," but it is best known as "Twas the Night before Christmas." Moore died in Newport, R. I., July 10, 1863.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long Winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the luster of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh, and eight reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
Now, Dasher! now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!

On Comet! on Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! To the top of the Wall!
Now dash away! dash away, all!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh of toys, and St. Nick, too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my ead, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nick came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow,

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself,
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



JOHN AND CLAUDE
HALLMAN



John and Claude Hallman, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hallman of Cherryville. They registered in the first registration and was sent together to Spartanburg, South Carolina, then to Fort Bragg and from there they were transferred to Camp White, Oregon. They are still together and room together. Their address is Pvt. John or Claude Hallman, 80th General Hospital, Camp White, Oregon, Barrack No. 2.

Services At First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Coleman O. Groves, pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School, Dr. Joe Pharr, superintendent.
Mr. Erskine Carson, teacher of Men's Bible Class.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching by the pastor. Text: Psalm 103:13. "Like as a Father."
6:45 P. M.—Young Peoples' Vesper Service.
7:45 P. M.—Evening Worship. The pastor will discuss the "Parable of the Barren Fig Tree."
7:15 P. M.—Wednesday, "The Prayer Band."
7:45 P. M.—Wednesday, the Mid-Week Prayer Meeting.

Lieut. Howell W. Stroup, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stroup, who has been serving with the Infantry in New Foundland, arrived home Thursday to spend a few days with his parents. Lieut. Stroup has been transferred to the Air Corps and left Wednesday for Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

THE STAR STILL SHINES By J. R. McCrary

Over the smoke of battle the Star of Bethlehem shines on and on.

It is still discernible through the telescope of the spirit, to the eye of faith its radiance can yet be seen.

Over the bodies of the dead and the groans of those dying on the fields of conflict, over the roar of cannon and screaming shells, over the cling in the skies, over the tears and heartaches airships carrying their loads of death and circling widows and orphans and of mothers and fathers caused by this terrible war, this serene and blessed Star is always over us and will endure forever.

Other stars may sometimes fly from their orbits and crash together in the illimitable distance of space, but this one will never leave its place, for it stands beneath the throne of God itself.

Wars may continue to come and go, despots may continue to rise and fall for generations yet to come, but sometime, in the near or distant future, the glorious light of the Star of Bethlehem will be seen on every land sea and will be worshipped by all the sons of men, for it is the only solution for the strifes and conflicts and hatreds and woes and miseries of the human race.

It is the same Star once let down from the Throne to guide the Wose Wen of the East, and which stood over the cow stable in the little town in old Judea where the Redeemer began His earthly career and taught and lived and died for that glorious call to a sin-covered world:

"Peace on Earth, Good-Will Toward All Men."

Funeral Services For Martha Jane Wacaster

Funeral services were conducted from Mount Zion Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Martha Jane Wacaster, who died in the hospital at Morganton, Monday morning at 12:15. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Kiser.

Mrs. Wacaster had been in ill health for the past four years. She was 81 years 7 months and 10 days of age at the time of death. Surviving are two children, S. S. Wacaster and Miss Sallie Wacaster, one brother, F. P. Wacaster.

Carlton Pageant Largely Attended

The Pageant, a colorful Pageant of the Nativity of "The Prince of Peace," was largely attended Sunday night at 8:30 at the Carlton Club House. The house was filled with an enthusiastic audience.

The directors, Mrs. Victor Stroup and Miss Minnie Coleman as well as the entire cast are to be commended upon the fine manner in which it was rendered.

The Nu-Way and the Rhyne-Houser mills also rendered Christmas programs which were well attended and enthusiastically received.

Read The Greeting Ads In The Eagle This Week

This Is Our Annual Christmas Greeting Issue Sending Greetings From The Merchants To All.

Correction

In last week's Eagle we had an error in the advertisement of Neal's Taxi. The phone number should have read 4921. We are sorry this error crept in but always glad to make corrections.

Remember
4921

GETS WINGS



LIEUT. BEN. R. RUDISILL

Large Class of Army Airmen Is Graduated

Hdqs. Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, Dec. 13. —One of the largest classes ever to receive silver pilot's wings at the seven schools of the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center was graduated December 13, little more than one year after Pearl Harbor. Many of these already seasoned flyers will be carrying America's smashing vengeance to the Axis.

Among the 42 graduates from North Carolina was Lieut. Ben R. Rudisill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Rudisill. Mr. and Mrs. Rudisill attended the graduation exercises.

Among the members of the current class are John Winant, Jr., son of the United States ambassador to Great Britain, and Benjamin D. Randolph, after whose father, Capt. William Randolph, Randolph Field was named.

Fighter pilots, shortly to join the Allied air offensive, are winning their wings at three single-engine advanced schools—Foster Field, Texas; Moore Field, Texas; and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Twin-engine pilots, trained to fly bomb loads to enemy production centers and supply lines, will be graduated from four bomber schools—Kelly Field, Brooks Field, Ellington Field, and the Lubbock Flying School, all in Texas.

Some members of the graduating class will be commissioned second lieutenants, and the others will be appointed to the recently created rank of flight officer.

First Baptist Services

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School. Christmas Time should be a time of all times to worship God. "For-sake not the assembling of your selves together."

11:00 A. M.—Preaching service. Subject: "War Conditions. Why All This?"

6:30 P. M. Training Service. Come, it will help you. The F.B.I. estimated that 1,531,272 major crimes were committed in the U. S. in 1941. Our courts tell us that those who attended church services regularly do not commit these crimes.

7:30 P. M.—Worship service. Student night Service, College students will have charge.

Mid-Week services, Wednesday night 7:30 o'clock.

New Year's Eve Watch Night Service at the church. Plan for it.

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man."—Lincoln.

E. S. ELLIOTT, Pastor.

We call your attention to the special Greeting ads from the merchants and business men in the Eagle this week. These firms appreciate your patronage.

The following ads appear in today's issue of the Eagle.

- Carlton Yarn Mills
- Rhyne-Houser Mfg. Co.
- Howell Manufacturing Co.
- Nu-Way Spinning Co.
- Knights Motors, Inc.
- Belk-Matthews Co.
- Kester-Groome Furniture Co.
- Cherryville National Bank
- Town of Cherryville
- Dellinger's Jewel Shop
- Carolina Freight Carriers
- Galloway's Dept. Store
- Homesley Chevrolet Co.
- Ballards Grocery
- Beam's Barber Shop
- Waldensian Bakery
- Cherryville Building & Loan Association
- Eagle Publishing Co.
- Allen Drug Company
- Allran's Flower Shop
- Main Street Service Station
- City Market
- Long's Metal Shop
- Peoples Barber Shop
- Amoco Service Station
- Elite Beauty Shop
- David P. Dellinger
- Carpenter Furniture Co., and Burial Association
- Upchurch Department Store
- Putnam Hardware Company
- Central Cafe
- Cherryville Ice & Fuel Co.
- Goldiners Department Store
- Peoples Dry Cleaners
- Western Auto Associate Store
- Houser's Grocery
- Royal Cafe
- Shell Service Station
- J. C. Jenkins
- Modern Dry Cleaners
- Sanitary Market
- Sinclair Service Station
- Farmers Union Supply Co.
- Houser's Grocery
- Paul Crocker
- Rose's 5c, 10c, 25c Store
- Harrelson Company, Inc.
- Harrelson's Table Supply
- Moss Radio Service
- New Coal & Wood Company
- N. B. Boyles Grocery
- L. M. Clemmer
- Peoples Barber Shop
- W. N. McGinnis Grocery
- Howell's
- Lester Theatre
- Strand Theatre
- Sanitary Barber Shop

Morning 10 O'clock St. John's Lutheran Church Services

There will be a Christmas program at St. John's Lutheran Church on Christmas day at 10 o'clock. You are invited to attend.

In California

J. D. Randall enlisted and was inducted into the U. S. N. R. August 15, 1942, as a seabee. Later he was promoted to 2nd class seaman. In October he was transferred to the fleet Marine Force Training Center.

He writes he likes the Navy fine and is very proud he is able to serve his country. He wants his friends to write to him. His address is John David Randall, 2 C-S Headquarters Co. B. N. C. B. R. G. Fleet Marine Force, Tr. Ctr. San Diego, California.

In Pikesville

Pvt. Charles Marion Ramsey, of Cherryville, was inducted into the service in April. His address is Pikesville, Md. M. P. Training Center.

Don McGinnis, student at Butler College, Indianapolis, arrived home Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Webb McGinnis.