

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Christy Eaker

Passed Away Christmas Eve At Home Of Daughter, Mrs. Dave Carpenter Following A Long Illness; Was 84 Years Old.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Catherine Matilda Heafner Eaker, 84, widow of Christy M. Eaker, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the St. John's Lutheran church. Services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. G. Cobb, assisted by Rev. L. S. Miller, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, Crouse, and Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church, Cherryville.

Active pallbearers were grand sons: Kern Eaker, Boyd Eaker, Max Eaker, Ben Eaker, Cecil Eaker and Heber Eaker.

Flower girls were the granddaughters assisted by friends of the family.

The body was laid to rest in the Eaker plot at the Lutheran cemetery under a mound of lovely flowers.

Mrs. Eaker was born April 20, 1859, being 84 years, 8 months and 4 days of age at the time of her death which occurred Friday night about 11:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Carpenter, following several weeks illness. In early womanhood Mrs. Eaker united with Antioch Methodist church and later transferred her membership with her husband to St. John's Lutheran church where she remained a faithful member until death. She was married to Mr. Eaker on December 4, 1882, to this union were born ten children, 7 sons and 3 daughters, one son died in infancy.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Dave Carpenter, Mrs. Henry Dellinger, Roy Eaker, Rex Eaker, all of Cherryville; P. Stove Eaker, L. Coy Eaker, William W. Eaker, all of Crouse; Dulin Eaker and Mrs. Doris Dellinger of Homestead, Florida. Also surviving are one brother, John Heafner of Natchez, Texas and thirty-five grandchildren. She has five grandsons in the service who were unable to attend a funeral. Two of her grandsons are on foreign soil.

POSTPONE AUTO LICENSE DATE

Owners Of Vehicles Will Be Allowed Until January 31 To Purchase Tags.

By virtue of a bill enacted into law by the North Carolina General Assembly at the 1943 session, owners of motor vehicles are allowed until January 31, 1944, to purchase their license plates.

Representing an extension of time to the tune of 30 days by comparison with the previous statute, which made the use of old license plates unlawful after December 31 the statewide measure is intended to prove very helpful to motorists in North Carolina.

Eagle With Only Four Pages Today

The Eagle is only carrying four pages this week instead of the customary eight and therefore we are compelled to leave a number of feature stories as well as a lot of local news out of the paper this week, however we will be on the job next week and will start back giving the people plenty of local, county, state and national news throughout the year 1944.

We wish all of our readers throughout the world a most Happy and Victorious New Year.

Grocery Merchants To Continue to Close Tuesday Afternoons

N. B. Boyles, president of the Cherryville Merchants Association announced the grocery merchants would continue the practice of being closed on Tuesday afternoons beginning next Tuesday, January 4th. During the month of December they remained open to aid the buying public during the Christmas season. Beginning January 4, they will close at noon on Tuesday and continue closing on Tuesdays until further notice. All housewives are asked to please cooperate by buying their groceries Tuesday morning.

Sharks of today are insignificant in size compared to their ancestors, which grew to lengths of more than 100 feet.

To Hold Revival



REV. J. F. BIDDLE

Hear Rev. J. F. Biddle of Telford, Tenn., in revival services at the Wesleyan Methodist church each evening at 7:30 o'clock, January 2nd through Jan. 16th. Special singing service on Sunday, January 2nd at 3 o'clock by the Song Lovers Choir.

BUFFALO MILL SALE IS MADE

Jack C. Turk And Company New York Firm, Buys Property

SHELBY.—Sale of the Buffalo Mill, located four miles east of Shelby on the Cherryville highway to Jack C. Turk and Company, of New York, was completed today by R. J. Woods, owner of the property for the past several years.

Transfer of the business was effective December 22 but not until this morning were details taken over operations of the completed by which the new owners which manufactures coarse yarns.

Amount paid for the property which includes the mill and 26 houses together with the store, was not announced, but it was understood to be in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Woods bought the mill in 1940 from I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte, after directing its operation for three years prior to that. Since taking over, Mr. Woods has virtually rebuilt the equipment to bring production to its present standard. The plant was built originally in 1892 in a village which previously had been the location of an iron foundry and also a paper mill, but it has for the past 50 years operated intermittently with different managements producing yarns.

The Woods management has been more successful than those which preceded it.

Mr. Turk and his brother have other textile properties as well as commission and business interests in the north. He expects to spend much of his time actively directing the Buffalo plant.

Mr. Woods has no immediate plans although he hopes to get into operation as soon as possible a yarn mill at Boiling springs where he bought the old hosiery mill two years ago. A portion of that plant is being used for knitting operations by the Belmont Hosiery mill, but if Mr. Woods can get necessary machinery and power he expects to have a textile plant operating there after the war if not during it.

Steve A. Beam Won Early Promotion

Steve A. Beam, 21, husband of Olivia R. Beam, Box 506, Lincolnton, N. C., has won an early promotion in the Navy as a result of his past civilian training. Because he has had sufficient experience in a trade essential in the Navy he has advanced to the rank of Fireman second class upon completing his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The army has announced that the second of combined maneuvers employing elements of the airborne command and the troop carrier command will be held in the vicinity of Camp Mackall, N. C., January 5-9.

What Do You Mean, Happy New Year?



MRS. J. T. ALLEN PASSES YESTERDAY

Funeral Services To Be Held Friday Afternoon At 3:00 O'Clock At First Baptist Church; Interment In Memorial.

Music Club Has Christmas Program

The Cherryville Music Club met at the home of Mrs. Julia Hall on Friday evening, December 17 with Mrs. Hall and Miss Irene Sox as hostesses.

The program, "The Christmas in Rhyme" was beautifully rendered under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Houser, Jr. The program consisted of scripture passages interspersed with hymns.

Solo: Come and Hear the Grand Old Story—Mrs. Garland Sherrill.

Hymn: Hark Herald Angels Sing—Club.

Duet: Away in a Manger—Mrs. R. B. Porter, Mrs. R. H. Carroll.

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful—Club.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem—Club.

Quartet: Silent Night—Mrs. L. L. Self, Mrs. L. L. Summer, Miss Minnie Coleman and Miss Fannie Farris.

Story of Silent Night—Mrs. J. W. Payne.

Hymn: Joy to the World, Club Story of the Shepherds—Miss Irene Sox.

Trio: We Three Kings—Mrs. D. R. Rudisill, Mrs. S. M. Butler, Mrs. Grier Beam.

Following the program a delicious dessert course carrying out the Christmas idea was served to the members and guests who were: Mrs. Emmett Houser, Mrs. D. P. McClard, Mrs. W. R. P. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Heman Hall, Miss Louise Wyant, Miss Mary Moteller, and Mrs. Edwin Getchell, Jr., of Safety Harbor, Florida, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Payne.

As in years before gifts were exchanged by the members of the club.

LIONS CLUB SENT TREAT TO COUNTY HOME

The Cherryville Lions Club sent a Christmas treat to the inmates of Gaston county home at Dallas on Christmas Eve. Five dozen bags of oranges, apples, tangerines, raisins, nuts, was carried. The committee with R. C. Sharpe, chairman was composed of R. C. Sharpe, Grier Beam, Troy Carpenter, and Russ Boggs.

This was the first time this project has been done by the Lions and it will be an annual event.

Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAR BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

Killed In Action

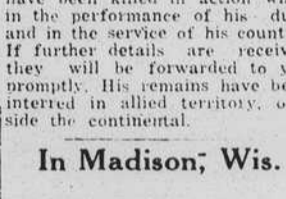


JOHN HARDIN BROWN

John Hardin (Buster) Brown who was first reported as missing in action by the War Department has been announced as killed in action. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brown and his wife the former Miss Pauline Baker, has received the second message from the War Department as follows: The navy department deeply regrets to inform you that your husband John Hardin Brown Quartermaster, Third Class, U.S.N.R. previously reported as missing in action is now known to have been killed in action while in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country.

If further details are received they will be forwarded to you promptly. His remains have been interred in allied territory, outside the continental.

In Madison, Wis.



PFC. E. J. HAYES

Pfc. E. J. Hayes, second son of Mrs. E. J. Hayes was inducted into the army at Camp Croft on April 14, 1943. He was sent from there to Miami, Florida, then to South Dakota and now is at the Army Air Base at Madison Wisconsin.

Cadet James William Aderholdt left Tuesday night for Maxwell Field, Ala., after spending ten days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Aderholdt.

New Year Shooters To Keep Old Custom Alive

Will Start At One O'Clock Saturday Morning From Wayside Inn With Twenty Or Twenty-Five In Number This Year.

Christmas Passed Off Quietly Here

No accidents were recorded here to mar the Christmas holidays. More Cherryville people remained inside their homes on Christmas Day due to the ice coated ground than ever before on a Christmas Day. Many trips which had been planned were not made. Freezing rain, which started between midnight and dawn of Christmas Day covered the highways, sidewalks and everything was coated with ice which was so slick that even the best walkers could hardly walk. Not many made the overhead bridge without falling several good bumps and others walked around without trying to make it.

The New Year Shooters, an old custom that has been in vogue here for the past fifty years will again make their rounds in and near Cherryville, visiting friends throughout this section.

The group which will number about twenty or twenty-five will start at the Wayside Inn at 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning and will go on their journey throughout the countryside and will shoot their last round in town here about five o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A. Sidney Beam, the veteran speech crier will go with the boys again this year to call the persons from their home or business and then the boys will shoot their round.

Two More Cherryville Men At Great Lakes

William B. Stafford, 21, husband of Doris I. Stafford, and James A. Correll, 26, husband of Phyl M. Correll both of Cherryville, N. C. are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill and naval procedure at Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Station. They will soon be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit training they will be given a nine day leave to come home.

Labor Shortage In Eastern Part of State

RALEIGH.—North Carolina contains three areas in Group I classification by the War Manpower Commission, as of November 1, Elizabeth City, New Bern and Spruce Pine which means that these are areas of acute labor shortages.

These areas, along with 66 others so classified in the nation, are subject to strict hiring controls. Dr. J. S. Dorton, State WMC Director, explains that Group I areas are those in which all establishments hiring eight or more workers must do on the 48 hour work week basis, paying time and one-half for the eight hours above 40. Such areas are also passed over in awarding additional contracts, those going to less critical areas.

The Elizabeth City labor market area, embracing Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties; the New Bern area including the counties of Currituck, Craven, Jones, Pamlico and Onslow, except Camp Davis, and the Spruce Pine area, which includes Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties were placed in Group I by order of the Regional WMC director and having been operating under strict regulations since Nov. 18.

Three other labor market areas—Burlington, Charlotte and Wilmington are in Group II Classes—area of labor stringency and those anticipating labor shortages within six months. These areas have been and still are on the verge of going over into Group I areas. However, because of industrial leaders in the Charlotte area, especially, this classification has been avoided so far, and these areas may remain in Group II.

The Charlotte labor market area embraces Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Gaston and Lincoln counties and dips into South Carolina. The Burlington area includes Alamance county alone, and the Wilmington area takes in the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender and the Camp Davis part of Onslow county.

Three other labor market areas in the state are in Group III, areas in which slight labor shortages will remain after six months. They are Asheville, which covers Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, Transylvania, and Haywood; Raleigh-Durham, embracing Durham, Orange, Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin and Wake; and Winston-Salem-Greensboro, including Forsyth, Guilford and Davidson counties.

All other North Carolina areas are in Group IV, with substantial labor surpluses.

Three million babies were born in the United States during 1942.

STEEL STRIKE APPEARS ENDED

Back To Work Order Issued After WLB Directive On Pay

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—A one-day walkout by more than 170,000 steel workers appeared ended today with the granting of their demands for possible retroactive pay from new contracts now being negotiated.

Reports from the scores of plants in nine states which were closed by the work stoppage showed most of the men were obeying orders telegraphed last night by Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steel Workers of America, to resume "uninterruptedly the production of steel."

Murray's instructions were dispatched a few minutes after the War Labor Board in Washington issued a directive which incorporated suggestions of President Roosevelt that retroactive pay be guaranteed.

No Alternative

Steel operatives had but little alternative but to accept the order. Reports in informed sources were that the War Production Board would readily consider requests for higher steel prices which Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel Corp., said some time ago would be necessary to cover any added cost such as more pay to the workers. Republic Steel Corp., largest of 214 companies whose contracts with the union expired at midnight Christmas Eve, precipitating the crisis, estimated it would require "about 48 hours" for production to return to normal.

More than half of Pennsylvania's 400,000 idle went back, tennoon and evening shifts. Ohio reported big turnouts from its army of more than 80,000 idle.

U. S. Subs Bag Jap Destroyer, 11 Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Holding Japanese supply lines over which the enemy is trying to supply bases in the South Pacific, American submarines have blasted a destroyer and 11 other vessels to bring to 536 the number of enemy craft sunk, probably sunk or damaged by the undersea arm of the Navy.

This largest sinking report in recent months gave emphasis to a recent statement by Secretary Knox that the submarines on their lonely patrols, through the Far Pacific are doing "an excellent job."

No Details

No details were disclosed of the sinking of the destroyer, two large tankers, one large freighter, two medium transports, and six medium freighters, which were down "somewhere in the Pacific." All of the ships sank near the category of vessels used to ferry men and materials to the far-flung Japanese bases. Presumably the destroyer was on convoy duty.

The submarine damage, which with aerial bombing has forced the Japanese in some parts of the South Pacific to resort to the use of barges for moving supplies brought to 386 the number of enemy ships definitely sunk. In addition the Navy has announced probable sinking of 36 Japanese ships and damaging of 114 others.

CAROL DIANNE BLACK, Pvt. and Mrs. N. L. Black, Jr. (Joe) announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Dianne, on Saturday December 25, 1943, at Gordon Crowell Memorial Hospital, Lincolnton.