

FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE OPENS MONDAY

Local Juniors Defeated Forest City Tuesday, 6-4

Greene Pitched Good Game With Splendid Cooperation From Team Mates: Score 6-4

The Tryon Post No. 100 of the American Legion opened the 1944 base ball season here Tuesday afternoon by defeating the Forest City Juniors, 6 to 4.

Before the game D. Hunter Rudisill, commander of the local Post made a short talk, expressing the appreciation of the American Legion for the attendance and the support fans always gave a team here. Special prayer was then offered by Dr. J. W. Cobb, pastor of the Presbyterian church. I. P. Long and J. Cliff Stroup then presented the American flag and the American Legion flag before the grandstand with a number of soldiers and one sailor in the background while the Victrola, operated by Roy Quinn, played the National Anthem. Commander Rudisill then administered the "Code of Sportsmanship" to the two teams.

After this, Sam M. Butler then walked to the pitchers box to open the 1944 season by pitching the first ball over the plate to Commander Stallings of Forest City. Butler was in old time form as the first pitch was down the middle for a called strike. "Play Ball" was then shouted from umpire C. T. Skidmore and then the fans were entertained with a swell ball game after the first inning, as a down pour of rain held the game up for over an hour, the Cherries were leading 5 to 0 at the last half of the first inning.

Green pitched the triumph, fanning seven, while Riddle for Forest City did not strike out a single Cherryville slugger.

Lineberger, Cherryville short stop, had three for five in leading the batters for the winners. Laid, Cherryville catcher, had two for four. Pack hammered a triple and a single for Forest City.

Cherryville plays Lenoir here at the high school park, Tuesday, June 13th.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, E. Rows for Wright, Lineberger, Henkle, Gabriel, Klutz, Weaver, Tillman, Laid, and TOTAL.

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Sgt. And Mrs. Ross Moving This Month

1st Sgt. C. G. Ross of Jacob St. of this city, retired from the U. S. Army May 31st, after twenty three years service from August 1920 to May 1944. He served in Fort Slocum and Camp Upton, N. Y., Fort Bragg, Camp Blanding, Florida, Camp Shelby, Miss., Camp Fike, Ia. Sgt. Ross was sent over seas from Camp Shanks, N. Y., where he served seven months in North Africa and Italy, since returning to the states he has been in Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., and Moore General Hospital, Swannona, where he received treatment for a stomach ailment and a back injury received in Italy. In addition to the good conduct medal and three campaign ribbons he is a holder of the soldiers medal since June 1931 which is the highest award a soldier can receive for heroism in peace time. After June 26th, Sgt. and Mrs. Ross who is the former Miss Lela Hallman of this city will move to the home they have purchased on Dixon street in Lincoln ton.

MRS. TROY HOMESLEY REPORT CUCUMBERS EARLY

Mrs. Troy C. Homesley is the first to report cucumbers from her garden. She gathered them Wednesday and says she has pretty vines and will have plenty cucumbers. She is also gathering beans and other vegetables from her garden.

COMMUNITY D-DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Churches Remained Open Throughout The Day

A large gathering was present Tuesday evening at the City Park to take part in the Community "D-Day" Prayer Service which the pastors of the town had arranged. Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor of First Baptist Church, had charge of the service and called upon Dr. J. W. Cobb, pastor of the Presbyterian Church for the opening prayer. After the reading of a passage of scripture by Rev. Elliott, Rev. L. P. Barnette, pastor of First Methodist Church, prayed for those engaged in the conflict. Rev. W. G. Cobb, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, made a short talk on the wonderful powers of our Creator. He said that America had made great strides in all phases, but that the people of our great nation must not forget that all things come from God and that man has never made anything that could not be destroyed. In his talk, Rev. Cobb said that people must feel humility before God and from the association which comes they will receive the greatest of comfort and strength to face whatever befalls. He quoted passages from the Twenty-Third Psalm and said that we, today, could find a refuge in the Lord, even as the writer of this passage did. After a closing prayer by Rev. Elliott, Rev. Cobb led the gathering in the singing of "America". The short service was very impressive and the number of persons present was indicative of the desire for prayer on the part of the people for the days ahead.

Although the business concerns and mills did not close down for prayer services at the various churches, the doors of the churches were open and many availed themselves of the opportunity of going to the house of God for prayer.

AIRBORNE TROOP CARRIERS LOST

With The Ninth Air Force, June 7—Twelve C-47 troop carriers and 12 gliders were reported missing today from overnight reinforcing operations beyond the beachheads in Normandy. This was the first specific report of losses from airborne operations since the invasion began.

In three waves the C-47 sky-trains and gliders flew equipment and reinforcements to the beachheads late last night and early this morning. Two of the waves were towplane-glider combinations.

Airborne engineers were among the troops dropped. The planes also released parajumps filled with rations, ammunition and other supplies.

Returning fliers said the whole Cherbourg peninsula was a mass of white and colored parachutes this morning where the troops had descended.

Each C-47 is capable of carrying 24 fully equipped soldiers together with pilot-co-pilot and navigator. CG-4A gliders can seat 15 men but seldom are loaded that heavily.

Vacation Bible School To Begin Monday

Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning, June 12th, at the Methodist church, First Baptist church, Presbyterian church and St. John's Lutheran church. All four churches are planning for two weeks period, from Monday through Friday of each week. Parents are urged to have their children enrolled at one of these schools. Classes at each church will be arranged from the small children on up through the intermediates.

SISTER OF MRS. LESTER DELLINGER PASSES WED.

Mrs. Lester Dellinger was called to Freemont last Tuesday by the death of her sister, Mrs. May Brotherton, native of Catawba county. Mrs. Brotherton died at her home in Freemont Tuesday at 12:30 P. M. Funeral services and burial took place at Hopewell church in Catawba county Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Surviving in addition to Mrs. Dellinger are three other sisters, Mrs. W. Dickerson of Freemont with whom she made her home. Mrs. W. D. Shannon, Corpus Christi, Texas; and Mrs. W. A. Stamey of Newton.

Governors Relish Army Chow



Governors Thomas E. Dewey, New York; Leverette Saltonstall, Mass., and Harry F. Kelly of Michigan, help themselves to army chow. Buffet supper was given at the Indiantown Gap Military reservation during governors convention in Pennsylvania. Regular GI ration was served and enjoyed by the state chief executives.

It Has Happened At Last

Reference no longer need be made in regard to D-day. It has happened, June 6, 1944, which will be remembered by the entire world as one of the greatest fighting forces of all times set out to make the world a better place in which to live and make secure the liberties of those who love freedom.

The people on the street, in the shops, in the textile plant and in the office will no longer have to discuss when the Invasion Day will come, it has started and there can be only one end to this great venture, else the hopes of mankind would perish. And mankind must not, and will not be defeated.

Tens of thousands of North Carolina's 300,000 and a large proportion of Gaston's and a number from Cherryville in the armed services will make their contribution to this decisive struggle.

Hitler's Hours in Europe as a factor and dictator are numbered. Just how long it will be, no one knows.

City Had one of Worst Electrical Storms In History Sunday P. M.

Firemen Called to Carlton Mill Where Lightning Struck During Storm.

Sunday afternoon Cherryville suffered one of the worst electrical storms in its history, continuing for several hours.

Described by Duke Power Co., official here, it was the "hottest" electrical storm this section has seen in many years, the combined thunder, lightning, wind, hail and rain wrought very little damage in this immediate section, but in other parts of Gaston and Cleveland counties, the damage was estimated very high.

Lasting for several hours, not letting up, the storm brought the heaviest spout of lightning seen in many years.

Lightning scored a direct hit on one of the motors at the Carlton mill. Fire blazed up. City firemen were called out in the heavy electrical storm in driving rain to the fire. The flames from the motor were brought under control and it was discovered fire was in the lower part of the mill, this blaze was also quickly extinguished.

Although it seemed lightning struck nearby, several times, it has not been learned that any lives or property was lost from the lightning.

THOMAS BANKS BROWNE COMPLETES COURSE

Thomas Banks Browne, S. I. C. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Browne, has just completed the course of training in the Aviation Machinist's Mate school at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Browne enlisted at Spartanburg, S. C., on August 31, 1943 and received his boot training at Rainbridge, Md., being transferred to Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Browne and daughter, Mrs. Marshall Shives, recently visited him at Memphis.

95 Percent Of 1943 Town Tax Collected

Town Tax Collector, E. E. McDowell reported 95 percent of the 1943 town tax had already been collected. This is the highest percent age in collections on record for many years. Mr. McDowell is to be congratulated on his success.

Chairman D. R. Mauney Has Plans All Outlined

Cherryville Merchants Will All Cooperate By Selling Bonds During The Drive

Chairman



D. R. MAUNEY, Sr.

D. R. Mauney, Chairman of the Fifth War Loan Drive announced today plans have been completed for the drive which will get underway Monday June 12th, and continue through July 8th. Mr. Mauney is expecting the loyal cooperation as was shown in the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Gaston county's quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive is \$5,188,000.

James L. Putnam, Jr., President of the Cherryville Merchants Association will have charge of the merchants division and is making plans for every member of the merchants Association to participate in the selling of bonds during this drive. The proper blanks will be placed in each merchants store and instructions given all employees so they will be able to solicit the sales of bonds.

S. M. Buttel, Howard Houser, W. B. Rhyne, Frank Love and Grier Bonn will also lend the same cooperation as before.

Mrs. Edwin Rudisill, chairman of the Woman's division is making plans for the house to house canvass. Mrs. Rudisill has called a meeting of the finance committee Friday evening at the Nuway Club House at 8 o'clock to complete plans for the drive. All volunteer workers are urged to be present. Their names appeared in last week issue of the Eagle. Cherryville E Bond quota is \$24,370.

TENTATIVE TAX RATE 75 CENTS

Gastonia June 6—The county commissioners fixed the tentative tax rate for the coming year at 75 cents at their regular July meeting. This is a reduction of five cents. The tentative rate was set at this time in order to enable those who wish to do so to make prepayments on their 1944 taxes. A two per cent discount is allowed for the prepayment of county taxes in June, the rate decreasing one-half of one per cent a month until October.

The budget committee for the year was named as follows: J. H. Gardner, Attorney; H. E. Garrison and Clerk C. E. Dent. The committee will work on the budget this month and report a tentative budget in the July meeting. The final budget will be adopted in October.

The bonds and bid interest requirements of the county have increased to the point where the 75 cent tax reduction could be made without any curtailment in public services rendered by the county.

The county voted to build a fence around the unimproved quarry near McAdams. The fence would have been built long ago, if the material could have been had.

Licenses to sell beer were granted to Mrs. Gladys Carpenter in Gladys place near the James Mill, and to Charlie Neat at the Cross roads near the James Mill. Curfew was turned over to the board of health.

The board voted to continue the county canyery book program. It provided it did not interfere with the terracing program. It was found out that last summer the terracing employees were bringing out that had summer the terracing employees were bringing out that had summer the terracing employees were bringing out that had summer.

The message from the War Department from information furnished by the International Red Cross stated that Sergeant Shive was a prisoner of the Rumanian government, and that a letter of information would follow. Sgt. Shive spent last Christmas day here and presumably left the States about January 1. He flew from an east coast port. He was first engineer on a B-17 Flying Fortress, and was based somewhere in Italy.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Shive, Lieut. Lowell Shive, is home for the week end from Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

Sgt. Shive Is Prisoner Of War In Romania

Gastonia—Mr. and Mrs. Shive received the glad news Saturday night that their son, Tech, Sgt. Verne Shive, reported missing in action as of April 24th in a flight over Romania, has been reported a prisoner of war in Romania.

The matter of a colored county agent was brought up at the suggestion of the extension department in Raleigh, but after much discussion, it was decided not to employ such a man at this time. A representative of the department was present at the meeting. It was felt that the number of Negro farmers in the county did not warrant such a move by the county at this time, the matter of employing a duty specialist to assist County Agent Kiser received favorable attention from the board and it is more than likely that such a man will be employed when one can be found.

CHARLOTTE JR. WHIP FOREST CITY

Forest City, June 7—Charlotte's third hitting American Legion Juniors took over the top rung in the Western district race here this afternoon, whipping the Rutherford county kids, 8-2, for their second straight triumph.

John Hopkins, big righthander, went the distance for the Queen's club, and pitched scoreless ball games, the two error tainted Forest City runs had come across in the first rack. He allowed but one hit.

Charlotte went scoreless in the first inning but blasted out four in the second and two more in the third and fourth. Terry relieved Houser, starting Rutherford pitcher, the fourth, and finished unscathed.

Housers and Catcher Billy Fowler of the Charlotte batting attack, Burgess, Forest City catcher, combined for three singles.

Table with columns: Player, R, H, E. Rows for Houser, Fowler, Burgess, Terry and Burgess.

SHELBY KIDS EDGE CHERRYVILLE, 5-4

Shelby, June 7—Exploding Shelby's bats in a third inning, Shelby's American Legion Juniors topped their Western district opponent this afternoon by edging out Cherryville kids, 5-4, here.

Shelby went all the way for Shelby, allowing seven hits, fanning three and walking two. Coone had an identical record for the loss, but the difference was that the Shelby crew was more adept at scoring its blows.

Cherryville rallied and two more in the eighth, but fell just short, Shelby clinched the game in the top of the ninth when Lane singled across Allen, who had singled and been sacrificed down.

Allen had two for four to lead Pop Simmons' victors, while Gabriel and Wright connected for two apiece for the Cherries. One of Wright's was a double, Check and Washburn had two - baggers for Shelby.

Table with columns: Player, R, H, E. Rows for Washburn, Wright, Gabriel, Allen, Simmons, Check, and Shelby.

GASTON JUNIORS SOCK LENOIR BY 9 TO 8

Gastonia, June 7—Gastonia's County Legion Juniors tonight defeated Lenoir by 9-8 in a thriller here. The Gastons battered out 10 hits and were led at the plate by Ken Bost with three for three. Robbins led the losers with three hits, including a double and a triple. Lenoir 002 040 020—4—7—1 Shelby 200 120 020—9—10—7