



# THE RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS TODAY

## Funeral Services Held For Martin L. Rudisill

### Prominent Cherryville Citizen Passes Away Early Tuesday Morning At Age Of 77..

Martin L. Rudisill, 77, one of Cherryville's oldest and most prominent citizens passed away at his home near here Tuesday morning about 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Rudisill had been in declining health for the past three years and his condition has been serious for the past four weeks.

He was a son of the late Emanuel Rudisill and Cynthia Kilian Rudisill and was born in Gaston county February 5, 1868. In early life he became a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and was active in church affairs as long as his health permitted. When the present church was built Mr. Rudisill served as chairman of the building committee. He was married to Miss Fannie Falls, November 30, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudisill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in November, 1941.

Funeral services were conducted from St. Mark's Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. L. S. Miller officiating, assisted by Rev. H. P. Barringer, a former pastor, now of Salisbury and Rev. W. G. Cobb, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville.

Active pall bearers were nephews: Olin Rudisill, Cherryville; Kohn Rudisill and Marcus Mauney, Hickory; Martin McCarter, Clover, S. C.; Robert Miller, Kings Mountain; and Jake Rudisill of Charlotte.

Honorary pall bearers were members of the church council: M. S. Rudisill, Carl Rudisill, W. C. Ford, E. M. Melton, Forest Ramsey, Ralph Sellers, B. H. Carpenter, Dave Carpenter, F. L. Kiser, Clyde Kiser and Clarence Fiebertger.

Nieces and members of the Ladies Bible Class of St. Mark's served as flower bearers.

Surviving are his widow, one brother, Jonas D. Rudisill, Lincolnton and one sister Mrs. C. P. Miller of Chester, Va.

The beautiful floral offerings and the large concourse of friends and relatives attested to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

## Sgt. Rush Hardin Gets Medal For Excellent Work

FIFTEENTH A.A.F. In Italy, Feb. 20.—Master Sergeant Rush L. Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hardin of 100, Lime Street, Blacksburg, S. C. has been awarded a bronze star medal by order of Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commander of the 15th AAF in Italy.

The award, one of the newest C. S. medals authorized by the president for military personnel, was made recently at a ceremony in which Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, Wing Commander, officiated. Chief of his squadron's B-17 Flying Fortress bombers, was cited for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy."

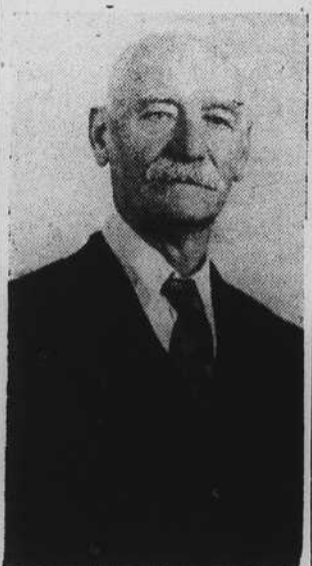
"The crews under his direction," the citation reads, "set an enviable maintenance record, despite unfavorable weather conditions and shortages in personnel, tools and equipment. When modifications and improvements were ordered, he exerted untiring efforts to familiarize and instruct his subordinates in new methods and procedures."

His selfless devotion to duty, leadership and example contributed immeasurably to excellent operations record set by his squadron.

A graduate of Centralized High school he was employed as a mechanic before entering the army. He is rounding out 22 months overseas, having served with his unit at overseas bases in Africa and Italy. Besides his newest decoration, he is already authorized to wear a Distinguished Unit badge with an Oak Leaf Cluster, a good conduct medal and a Europe-Africa-Middle East Campaign ribbon with six battle participation stars.

About three pigs out of ten die before the time of weaning. Plan to save one extra pig per litter this spring through better care and proper sanitation.

### Passes At 77



MARTIN L. RUDISILL

## Pfc. Benjamin Homesley With The Sixth Army Group

6TH ARMY GROUP FRANCE—Little heard of in today's mechanized war of jeeps, trucks and tanks is one of the oldest systems of army transport—the pack mule. Picking their way through winding, treacherous mountain trails and snow-swept passes along the Franco-Italian border, in the French Alps, they are bringing up material of war to front-line units that cannot be reached by mechanical means.

To the man a veteran Field Artillery Battalion of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army group, the pack mules are indispensable. Using the pack trains to transport artillery pieces, ammunition and supplies over the almost impassable terrain of the French Alps, the battalion is able to support the infantry by accurately blasting Germans from well-trenched positions.

Members of the battalion are not novices in cold-weather fighting. They made their debut the hard way by landing on Kiska Island in the Aleutians on August 15, 1943, as part of an assault wave. After three months on the island in defensive positions, they were ordered back to the United States.

In March, 1944, they arrived in Italy, where they received mules. Reformed into a pack unit and advancing into the rugged Italian mountains where the infantry was fighting tenaciously for each peak and hill, the battalion became the doughboys' life-line for supplies and equipment. When the Allied Armies began their crushing drive toward Rome, the battalion played a leading role by giving constant artillery support.

The battalion's present position in the French Alps is the climax of long and specialized training in mountain warfare. After its activation in April 1944 it underwent strenuous maneuvers in the Colorado mountains, learning many lessons in pack artillery functions that were to prove invaluable during these campaigns.

Members of the battalion include: Pfc. Benjamin S. Homesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Homesley of Cherryville, Rt. 2.

## Jerry Hobbs Makes College Honor Roll

MARS HILL, Feb. 22 — Jerry Hobbs is one of the five students from Gaston county to make the second honor roll for the first semester at Mars Hill College. Miss Hobbs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hobbs.

To be eligible for second honor roll a student must average 30 quality points with no grade below "C".



### In Germany



T-5 WILLIAM F. HALLMAN

T-5 William Fred Hallman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hallman of Bessemer City, Route 1. He was inducted into the Army March 12, 1943. He was first stationed at Camp Jackson and then transferred to Camp Wallace, Texas, Camp Edwards, Mass., Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Stewart, Georgia. He was shipped overseas in November 1944, and landed in England. He has been in France, Belgium, Holland, and is now somewhere in Germany with the 9th Army. T-5 Hallman would like for his friends to write him. His present address is: T-5 William F. Hallman 34609343 Btry "D" 571st AAA Aw Bn (sp) APO 339 c/o Post Master New York, N. Y.

## Subscriptions and Renewals To the Eagle

Subscriptions and renewals received to The Eagle during February include the following: G. W. Beam, Cpl. Hurbert A. Yoder, Frank Ballard, S. Sgt. Russell Leatherman, Bert Stroup, G. C. McGinnis, Cpl. Howard McGinnis, Guy Sisk, the Cherryville National Bank, Pvt. Robert E. Hallman, Mrs. Bill Wright, C. A. Self, Pvt. William E. Moss, M. H. Wilson, Cpl. William L. Beam, Mrs. Leon Baxter, Roland A. Goins, J. M. Leonhardt, Lt. W. H. Sellers, C. A. Martin, Mrs. Geo. Darty, Mrs. W. B. Andrews, Fannie Foster, Paul P. Moretz, John Billy Putnam SM 3-C R. J. Putnam SM 3-C, Pvt. R. E. Stroup, J. C. Goins, R. H. Kiser, T. A. Carter, R. V. Guiton, Lt. E. K. Parker, Mrs. M. L. Strickland, Pvt. Forrest Ross, Jim R. McNeill, Mrs. R. J. Morrison, J. T. Queen, Lt. Roy C. Eaker, Lucy Blackwood, Hubert Mauney, Harlee Beam S 1-C, Pvt. Jim Stroup, Mrs. J. W. Stroup, Pvt. James C. Stroupe, Sgt. James L. Lewis, Pvt. Carmie H. Rhoney, Mrs. Dacie Morrow, S-Sgt. Earl W. Green, Hudson Black, P. C. Beattie, Pfc. Max L. Davis, Mrs. Gus Helms, Lee Sisk, S. K. Burroughs CCS, Mrs. Winnie Wyant, W.A. Shuford, H.C. Putnam, Mrs. Guy R. Beam, Fletcher Dellinger, Cpl. Richard (Continued on page eight)

### In France



PVT. RALPH D. WILLIAMS

Pvt. Ralph D. Williams has notified his wife the former Miss Carrie Hallman that he is somewhere now in France. Pvt. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williams of Kings Mountain and entered the service October 12, 1943. He received his basic training at Fort Bragg and was also stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Camp Sheridan, Miss. before sailing.

### DELLINGER HERE 3RD

I expect to be in my office all day Saturday, March 3rd, and will be glad to be of service. Particularly I want every person to be fully protected with Fire Insurance. Better protect your automobiles as it costs but little. Always accommodating.

DAVID P. DELLINGER

## S/Sgt. Laney Allen Destroys Pillbox

Staff Sergeant Laney E. Allen 34779106, Infantry, Company A, 309th Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on January 10, 1945, in Germany. Staff Sergeant Allen was a member of an assault team assigned the mission of destroying a pillbox to their immediate front. As the assault began, a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage completely disorganized the group. The Staff Sergeant organized with Staff Sergeant Allen as BAR man. His extremely effective fire and coverage of the demolition man made it possible for him to go forward and place the charge that destroyed the pillbox. Maintaining a constant covering fire, Staff Sergeant Allen advanced with the party after the explosion and aided in the capture of eight prisoners and the capture of the ground around the pillbox until support could be brought up. His aggressiveness and disregard for his personal safety are in accordance with the highest military traditions. Entered the military service from South Carolina. Allen is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, of Cross, Route 1 and is a son of Mr. Ed Allen of Chester, S. C.

### Returns To Base



S-SGT. CARL B. RUDISILL

Staff Sergeant Carl Benjamin Rudisill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Rudisill who was reported missing in action as of January 31st, over Yugoslavia, has returned to his base in Italy, according to a telegram received by his parents Friday from the War Department. The telegram said he returned on February 5th, the family also received two letters from Sgt. Rudisill Sunday saying that he was back with his outfit, however, none of the communications told how he got back.

### Movie Late Shows Discontinued Here States Miss Killian

Miss Mary B. Killian, manager of the Cherryville Theatres, the Lester and the Strand, announced this week that the early Monday morning late shows have been discontinued here until further notice.

"It has always been our policy to cooperate 100 per cent with all government requests," she said. James F. Byrnes, director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, recently requested all places of entertainment to close by 12 o'clock midnight. "Our organization, since the outset of the war, has fully complied with all war effort requests and we feel we cannot shirk our patriotic duty during these critical times."

Mr. Alber Miller, owner of the theatres, as well as the popular manager, are really giving the people of Cherryville and community some real good entertainment with the best of pictures all the time. It is very fortunate at this time to have folks like Miller and Killian at the head of our movie houses, since the gasoline and tire situation is as critical as it is today. It enables the people here to see as good pictures as people in the much larger cities enjoy.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The General Assembly appears to be making good headway now and the time of adjournment is drawing near. There is no fixed time or term for the transaction there has been an understanding of the business of the state but that the members can draw all of their pay within sixty days. Then it is thought that after the pay stops the legislature is likely to stop pretty soon. That is there will be a special effort to get through before many days or weeks. The impression here is that ten days or so will be sufficient after the pay stops.

Many important matters have been enacted into law. Outside the revenue bill there will be very few more important bills to come up in all likelihood.

The most important of the entire session is the appropriation bill and that was passed by both Houses last week. This bill carries the largest appropriation ever made by the legislature. It carries more than \$232,000,000.00 for the operation of state affairs for the next two years. The bill carries from \$10,000,000.00 to \$15,000,000.00 extra appropriation for the schools of the state. The Governor says it carries three increases for teachers. That is the bonus for the balance of the year to June 30th, a substantial increase in regular monthly salaries and also \$120.00 extra for the year to be paid in monthly additions to salaries if the state's income is sufficient as we go along. Attention was called to the fact that a small bonus of \$10.00 per month to teachers and state employees means an extra cost of nearly \$5,000,000.00 to the state treasury. And that that is the (Continued on page eight)

## Chairman D. R. Mauney Says Plans Completed

### All Organizations Accepts Quota And Work Began Today In The \$6,160.00 Drive.

### Returned To Ship



GERRY WHITE, Petty Officer

Gerry White, Petty Officer 3-C U.S.N.R. has returned to duty after being home on a twelve-day furlough recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reece White. He has been overseas for nine months since being at home and has participated in five of the major invasions and two decisive battles. He holds the Purple Heart which was awarded him in February 1944.

## S Sgt. C.T. Carpenter Wins In Style Show

1330th AAF BU, INDIA CHINA Division, Air Transport Command Assam, India, 7 Feb. 1945—The 1330th AAF BU, celebrated the coming of Spring with a "Style Show and Beauty Contest." From a "bevy of beautiful babes," the "Very Special Services Judges" selected as the most lovely, Staff Sergeant Colonel T. Carpenter, of Cherryville, North Carolina.

This "prize package" won two chicken dinners, at the post's Chinese restaurant, and two cartons of cigarettes. Where or how these prizes were obtained or disposed of, remains a TOP DRAWER SECRET.

Prior to coming to the CBI theatre, Carpenter confounded the school authorities, his family and friends, by remaining in Cherryville High School long enough to graduate. Hollywood's Commandos were highly skeptical of "his" future in the Air Transport Command, as the ole serge has already spent 21 months in the picture business.

These men of the famous Air Transport Command, are the unit recently awarded the coveted Presidential Unit Citation for their achievement in supplying our allies in China and Burma, with the vital war materials so necessary in the struggle with the Japanese. They fly the giant unarmed transports over the treacherous Himalayan mountains, the route known as the "aerial Burma Road."

## R. W. Moseley Moving To Norfolk

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23. — C. O. Tysor, President, White Motor Lines, Inc., announced today that R. W. Moseley, Cherryville, North Carolina had purchased an interest in the company. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Moseley was elected Vice President and also appointed General Manager. He will shortly move to Norfolk to assume his duties.

Mr. Moseley has been engaged in the transportation field for the past ten years. He is active in the national transportation field, a.s.o. He is Regional Director of the American Trucking Association, a member of the American Society of Automotive Engineers, a Mason and a member of the Lion's International.

D. R. Mauney, Jr., Chairman of the American Red Cross War Fund Drive announced plans have been completed and workers organized to start the big Red Cross Drive today.

Chairman Mauney states each organization has accepted the quota assigned them and with the whole-hearted cooperation of every citizen he believes the quota will be reached.

This year the Cherryville quota is \$6,160.00, about five hundred more than last year and every individual is expected to do his or her part. The Red Cross is doing a magnificent job and they must have funds to continue.

The nationwide campaign begins today, March 1st, and the quota is larger than ever. Let's keep the Red Cross at his side.

Each Red Cross worker will have his official identification button so that no householder answer to a ring or knock will have any doubts as to his identity. For the most part, the buttons will not need display, for the volunteer worker is usually someone in the same block, or from the nearest community and is known. Families who give to the 1945 Red Cross Fund will receive from the solicitor the white window sticker bearing the well known Red Cross emblem and a sentence testifying to the solidity of their support.

## 'Render Unto Caesar' A Tribute To a Grand Group Of Citizens

There is a Biblical thought that seems to us well worth using here—"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's."—Mark 12:17.

There is a group of men in Cherryville who are seldom mentioned when folks are saying good things about others. Yet they deserve a lot of credit. That group is our splendid band of merchants and business men.

Throughout these busy days, with a manpower shortage the like of which has never before been seen, with merchandise getting more and more scarce, they have worked long and tirelessly and made many sacrifices to bring to us the things we most want.

True, they may have made many mistakes, but who hasn't? They have been accused of discrimination in that they sometimes deviated from the truth in order to hold back some scarce commodities for their regular customers, and this may be true in some cases, but have we stopped to think that they may have done so against their own will to keep from hurting our feelings?

None of us are perfect! The only perfect man who ever lived said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." In other words, "Give the devil his dues" or "Give credit where credit is due."

So, let's stop and give a little credit to our grand group of Cherryville merchants and business men. They have labored long and tirelessly; they have racked their minds to find ways and means to bring to us the things we want and need; they have withstood criticism and kept going! Faults or no faults—they have been and still are doing our fair community a great service.

Our hats are off to this great bunch of fellows—our Cherryville merchants and business men. What could we do without them?

## MASONIC LODGE TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a regular meeting of Cherryville Lodge No. 595 A. F. & A. M., on Monday night, March 5th, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in First Degree.

All members and visitors cordially invited to attend. G.F.O. S. FALLS, Secy.

## RALPH LONDON SENDS SOUVENIRS FROM GERMANY

Ralph London, somewhere in Germany has sent a box of several souvenirs to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry London. The box contained a silver pin tray, a pair of slipper pin cushions, an ash tray of china, the insignia from a German pilot's uniform and his identification neck chain. Ralph has been overseas for two years.