

# 7TH. WAR BOND BABY CONTEST WARMING UP

## John T. Sellers Accidentally Killed

Funeral Services To Be Conducted At 3:30 P. M.; Today From St. Mark's Lutheran Church Near Cherryville.

Funeral services for John T. Sellers will be held this afternoon at 3:30 at the Saint Marks Lutheran Church. The services will be in charge of the Rev. D. L. Stubbs, Jr., pastor of the Crouse Methodist Church. He will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of St. Marks Church and Rev. Paul H. Moore, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Sellers is survived by the following children: Jake Sellers of Tennessee, Mrs. Raymond Brown and Mrs. Dewitt Jenkins, of Cherryville. His wife preceded him to the grave some twenty years ago.

Also surviving are three sisters Mrs. Ida Helton, Mrs. Fannie B. Carpenter and Mrs. Margaret Beatty all of Bessemer City, R. I. and two brothers, W. S. Sellers and C. A. Sellers of Cherryville, Route 2.

Mr. Sellers met his death Tuesday night when a Carolina Freight truck headed toward Cherryville and a car driven by Mr. Jenkins Harelson and headed toward Lincolnton were passing near the Wayside Service Station on Highway No. 150. Mr. Sellers was walking in the middle of the road, it was reported, and the lights of the car and truck so blinded the drivers that neither of them saw Mr. Sellers in time to avoid the accident. He was killed by the car driven by Mr. Harelson. No inquest was considered necessary as evidence seemed to be definite that the death was the result of an unavoidable accident.

## Cpl. Ruth Sneed In England V-E Day

1ST BASE AIRPORT, WARRINGTON, ENGLAND—V-E Day found Cpl. Lola R. Sneed of Cherryville, N. C., on the job helping to ready more combat planes and equipment for immediate action wherever they might be needed.

Cpl. Sneed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sneed, Cherryville, N. C. is one of the crack Air Service Command team who pitched in to back up the air assaults that helped knock Germany out of the war.

Commending their battle backing efforts, Brigadier General Morris Berman, Commanding General of the Base Air Depot Area, Air Service Command, declared: "These soldiers of the Base Air Depot have, since their work began, dispatched 415,000 tons of Air Corps supplies, assembled and modified 12,000 combat planes, and repaired or overhauled more than 30,000 aircraft engines."

"Every soldier, whatever his job, contributed materially in the magnificent, final results. I commend them, and I know that what ever their next task, they will fulfill it with credit to themselves and their country."

Cpl. Sneed has been overseas since June, 1944, and joined the army in February, 1943.

She attended Cherryville High School.

## Junior Baseball Gets Started This Week

It's in the air! Yes, everywhere one may turn, baseball is in the air. It is being played on corner lots, back lots, and even in the streets, now that school is out and the youngsters are free to play.

But the Baseball News of the community is this: THE JUNIOR BASEBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY OPENS FRIDAY AT 5:00 P. M. Announcement to this effect was seen Wednesday evening given from Coach Gleason who is the fellows a workout at the High School Ball Park. The first game of the season he says will be Friday evening at 5 o'clock, with Cherryville American Legion Juniors playing against the Gaston County Juniors. The game promises fair to be an interesting one. Admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

Further schedules will be announced.

## In South Pacific



J. D. CARPENTER  
J. D. Carpenter, 2-C, of Cherryville, Route 2, sailed in September 1944. He is now serving in the South Pacific. Seaman Carpenter took his basic training at Camp Perry, Va. He would like to hear from his friends in and around Cherryville. His address is: John D. Carpenter, F 2-C, USS Uvalde A.K.A. 88, c-o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

## C. H. Carpenter Receives Letter From Navy Dept.

Mr. Clayton H. Carpenter received the following letter from the Navy Department Sunday and enclosed was a picture of the shipboard memorial service, which took place the day following the casualty.

My dear Mr. Carpenter:  
During the operation of this ship in the Okinawa area, your son Max was, on May 12, 1945, killed while at his battle station as a result of enemy action. Through his devotion to duty and his loyalty to his country he has paid the supreme sacrifice.

During his service on this ship, your son showed himself to be a man of character and integrity. His performance of duty was excellent and he was in every sense of the word a real shipmate.

May it be of some consolation to you to know that he died unflinchingly in the face of enemy fire, endeavoring successfully until the last to protect his ship and shipmates. His loss will be keenly felt among all of us who were privileged to serve with him.

I am enclosing, as something you would like to have, a print of a photograph taken on the occasion of the shipboard Memorial Services I caused to be held the day following the action. Attendance at the service was on an entirely voluntary basis, but they were, as you can see, attended by practically every officer and man not actually on watch.

Details of the service and certain other matters are covered in a separate letter by the ship's Chaplain.

As your son's Commanding officer prior to and at the time of the casualty, and in the name of all his shipmates — officers and men alike — I wish to convey to you and yours our heartfelt sympathy in that hour of your great bereavement.

Most sincerely yours,  
J. M. HAINES, Captain,  
U. S. Navy, Commanding.

## Horse Show At Shelby June 13th

Shelby will have a Horse Show on Wednesday evening and night June 13th. There will be classes for Cleveland and adjoining counties only. This is expected to be one of Shelby's best horse shows.

## At Home



PVT. WILBUR CANIPE  
Pvt. Wilbur Canipe, who has been a prisoner of war of the German government is at home on a thirty day furlough. He is a son of Mrs. John Huffstaler and the late Mr. Andy Canipe. He entered service in 1943, was wounded in France in July 1944. He returned to duty October 1944, and was taken a prisoner November 25, 1944.

## Hillard R. Bess Returned To Norfolk

Hillard Ralph Bess, 20, seaman first class, USNR, of Cherryville, N. C., has arrived at Norfolk, Va. to undergo pre-commissioning training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He wears the American Theater ribbon and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater ribbon with one star.

## SMOKEY DELLINGER WRITES TO MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dellinger received a letter this morning from their son, Smokey, who has been a prisoner of the German Government, which indicated he has been liberated and hopes to be home soon.

This was the first time they had heard direct from him since he was reported missing as of December 22, 1944. They had a telegram from the War Department some time ago stating he was a prisoner of the German government.

The letter follows, dated May 30, 1945:  
Hello Mom:  
How have you been getting along? Fine I hope. I am doing O.K. for myself. I'm sorry I didn't write to you sooner, but I thought I would be home before now.

I've been out of Germany over a week now, was in Paris Sunday for a while, it is a very nice town now.

Well, I haven't had any mail in about five months now, so I am kind of interested in getting to where I can get some mail. It won't be any use for you to write to me until I get to some place where I will be for a while. As soon as I get to some place I will let you know.

Hoping to be home soon,  
SMOKEY

## Fire Twice Threatens Cherry Spinning Co.

The Cherry Spinning Company was threatened with destruction by fire Wednesday morning about 7:15, when sparks from a motor or some wiring evidently had set some waste cotton on fire.

Local firemen called to the scene found a blaze roaring in the rear of the building and had to fight a fierce battle with the fire through a very dense cloud of smoke that completely filled the building. It was not long after the firemen arrived, however, until the fire was extinguished.

Again this morning about 12:10 the firemen were called to the same location and found that some of the waste cotton that had been thrown outside the building had caught up again and was making quite a blaze. This was extinguished.

The extent of damage has not yet been determined.

## TWO MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE



Reading left to right front row: Robert Franklin, Killed in Action, Ruben Ramsey, Jack Jenkins, J. L. Carroll.

Reading left to right, top row: Loyd Hastings, Robert Moss, Max Carpenter, Killed in Action, Fred Neill, and Jimmie Boyles.

These nine Cherryville boys all about the same age joined the Navy June 23, 1944 and all entered Boot Training at Bainbridge, Maryland. They were all nine assigned to the same ship and sailed the Pacific. They took part in the invasion of Mundora and Luzon Islands.

Robert (Bobby) Franklin and Max Carpenter were killed in Action on Okinawa according to a message received here last week by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Carpenter and Mrs. Lillian Franklin.

Their ship poured 1,500 pound shells onto Okinawa for six days to clear the way for troops taking part in the greatest amphibious landing in the Pacific war. Their ship underwent numerous air attacks during the last few days before the landings. Two torpedoes launched against her never reached their mark.

Before dawn on "Love Day" she was brought into position to give the beaches a final working over. The men were up at 2:30 A. M. and at their battle stations soon afterward, undaunted by three Jap suicide planes which made futile runs against the ship.

This gives some idea of what the battleship these nine Cherryville men were assigned to was going through.

The Franklins and Carpenters each received a letter Sunday from the commanding Captain giving some details and enclosing a photograph of the Memorial service held on the ship the following day. The letter disclosed the boys were killed at their post of duty on Saturday, May 12.

Max Carpenter was the youngest of ten children, eight boys in the family, three in the service. Sgt. Colton Carpenter and S-Sgt. Fred Carpenter both overseas in the European Theatre of War and Corporal Lloyd Carpenter stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Bobby Franklin was the only child.

## DORA MILL HERE EMPLOYS MRS. HUNTER CARROLL COMMUNITY AID

Announcement comes from Mr. G. L. James of the Dora Yarn Mills to the effect that the Dora has arranged for the services of Mrs. Hunter Carroll as community worker for the entire summer.

Mrs. Carroll began her work last Saturday night with a special outing of the Women's Club at the Dora Park. The meeting was attended by a great many of the Club members and friends, and members of the various families. A feature of the meeting was the auctioning of a number of hand-made neckties. The women wore aprons and had made neck ties to match them. The ties were wrapped and sold to the highest bidder. In turn, the one who bought the ties were entitled to eat lunch with the lady having an apron to match the tie. Mrs. Carroll will aid in the religious and civic work of the community. She is now meeting the young folks for a couple hours each evening in the Park.

## Beam Brothers In Service Of Country

Dare Reese Beam, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy a few weeks ago is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. His address is Dare Reese Beam, A-S Co. 4165, Bks. 428 U. S. Navy, N. T. C., Bainbridge, Maryland.

Cpl. Miller Beam, brother to Dare has been in service almost three years with 18 months overseas with the Air Force. His address is Cpl. Miller Beam, 3403-67-20, 2188 A. Trk Co. (AVN) AI-635 c-o PM New York, N. Y.

These boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beam of Vale, Route 2, and would like to hear from their friends.

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## Contest To Close Monday, June 11th.

Six Of The Highest Contestants Announced Today; Closes 6:00 P. M., Sharp Monday; Buy Bonds Now and Vote.

## In The Pacific



CPL. FRED O. DELLINGER  
Corporal Fred O. Dellinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dellinger, is now in the Philippines. His address is Corporal Fred O. Dellinger, 34772632, 3rd Emergency Rescue Sqdn, P. O. 74, c-o P.M., San Francisco, California. He would like to hear from his friends.

## 1st Methodist to Have Educational Director

For some time the First Methodist Church has been considering the possibility of having a director of religious education, and now the official board has voted to undertake the enterprise. Accordingly, an agreement has been reached with Miss Sybil Sisk to take over this work. She comes highly recommended by many who know her. Dr. Raymond Smith, head of religious education at Greensboro College, says this about Miss Sisk: "Sybil has done good work in her courses in religious education. She has been active in the practical program of young people's work in her father's church and in the sub-district program. She has a definite interest in the Church work. Her home and family background is excellent in every way."

The following is quoted direct from the Church Bulletin:

"This is a new project for the First Methodist Church, and it will prove to be a great help definitely a forward step. It can to our homes and community if we give wholehearted support. It will take money to be sure, but it will take cooperation in addition to the cash. Many of you have expressed an interest in having a director of religious education. Will you further indicate this by money and cooperation?"

Miss Sisk will arrive here in time to begin her duties on June 12th. The First Methodist Church is to be congratulated upon this forward step.

## Sgt. G. H. Henkle Gets Combat Badge

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION, SOUTHERN LUZON, P. I. — Combat Infantryman's Badge has been awarded to Sgt. Glenn R. Henkle, husband of Mrs. Wilma A. Henkle, Route No. Two, Cherryville, North Carolina. It has been announced by Colonel Charles E. Brady, commanding officer of the Eighth Cavalry Regiment.

The badge is given only to those soldiers who have come into actual contact with the enemy and given a satisfactory performance under fire.

Henkle, who arrived overseas in 1945 to become a part of Gen. MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command, is the holder of the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon.

Soaking pans and dishes saves time, and cold water is recommended. Don't let iron utensils rust.

Warming up is right! The 7th War Loan Drive Baby Contest is really warming up, and votes are continually pouring in from all corners for favorite children in the contest.

This contest will close Monday afternoon, June 11th, promptly at 6 o'clock. Not much time left if you intend to get your votes in. So don't procrastinate. "Do it now" is a motto often seen in offices, minister's studies, and various other places where people realize the value of time. So, those who wish to take advantage of the time and get their votes in for this Baby contest should take warning and get busy. These votes must be in the ticket box at the Eagle office by six o'clock Monday evening. REMEMBER — MONDAY, JUNE 11th, at 6:00 P. M.

The following is a list of the children entered in the contest:

- 1st—Tommy Houser, Melinda Houser, Ginger Black, Martha Mauney, Carole Sullivan Putnam, Johnny Mosteller III, Josephine Mauney, Brenda Ray Beamguard, Brenda Boggs, Caroline Bagby Mauney, Josephine Mauney Payne, Betty Warlick Putnam, Eva Janice Summer, Howard David Homesley, Carl B. Eaker, Brenda Houser, Edwina Kiser Rudisill.

Two new babies were added to the list this week. They are Wilbert Leroy Schronce and Joyce Martina Ford.

The six having the largest number of votes are:

- 1st.—Eva Janice Summer.
- 2nd.—Melinda Kay Houser.
- 3rd.—Benja Rudisill.
- 4th.—Edwina Kiser Rudisill.
- 5th.—Johnny Mosteller III.
- 6th.—Carol Sullivan Putnam.

Buy your bond today and vote for your choice.

## GASTON BADLY BEHIND IN 7TH

GASTONIA. — Warning that Gaston county is seriously behind schedule in its E bond purchases in the Seventh War Loan, Allen H. Smith, general county War Loan chairman, pointing out only 25 days remain until the 7th War Loan will be closed on June 30, disclosed today that Gaston is still approximately \$1,000,000 from reaching its E quota of \$1,660,000.

"We have less than a month," Chairman Smith pointed out, "in which to reach our quota of \$1,660,000. As of today, we are just about a million dollars from that goal."

"If our quota is to be reached, it's going to mean that every man woman and child in Gaston county is going to have to purchase E bonds of as large a denomination as possible and to the fullest possible extent."

"Our people," said Chairman Smith, have been buying bonds at a steady clip, and our record on the total number of individual sales is good. But the great majority of E bonds bought up to now have been in small denominations.

"We need now a steady and growing purchase of large denomination E bonds if our quota is to be met."

"Gaston county has never fallen down on a financial undertaking of this kind and I am confident that before the closing date of this campaign rolls around we will meet our E bond quota in full but it will not be easy and it will involve a realization now on the part of our people, while there is still time to act, that we are further behind in our schedule in our efforts to reach our goal than ever before, and that only by a large amount of buying, which must include many purchases of large denomination E bonds, can we hope to catch up."

"I am sure that it is unnecessary to remind our people that we have thousands of men and women in the service from this county in this war, many of them now moving on the active battlefronts and in the active naval battle zones in the Pacific area where the war against Japan has not yet reached its peak. We cannot, we

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