

10 LEAVE FOR FORT BRAGG AUGUST 14TH.

Houser Clan Held Reunion Wednesday

Old Officers Re-Elected During the Business Session; Large Crowd Present.

With a large crowd in attendance, the North Carolina Houser Clan, held one of its most interesting annual meetings Wednesday, August 8th, at Bethpage Lutheran Church.

NEW DINING LODGE AND KITCHEN AT PIEDMONT BOY SCOUT CAMP TO BE DEDICATED.

TRYON, Aug. 9. — The new dining lodge and kitchen at the Piedmont Boy Scout Camp, at Lake Lanier, considered by camp authorities as one of the finest camp buildings in the country, will be formally dedicated on Sunday afternoon, August 12, at 2:30 o'clock.

John L. Tart Wins In Forestry Contest

RALEIGH, July 24.—John L. Tart of Four Oaks, has won the first place in the statewide Cooperative Forestry Contest, Roy Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, announced from Raleigh today.

American Legion To Meet Friday Night

Tryon Post No. 100 American Legion will hold a special meeting Friday night, August 10th, at 8:30 o'clock on the third floor of the Cherryville National Bank building.

Pfc. Thomas Black and Baby Daughter



Pfc. Thomas G. Black and baby daughter Iris Hilda, at the age of two days old. Iris is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Black and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woods of Shelby. She is the great-grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Davis of Shelby and Mrs. Thomas N. Wright of Kings Mountain.

REDS ENTER WAR AGAINST JAPS — WILL SPEED PEACE

MOSCOW, Aug. 8.—Soviet Russia declared war on Japan effective at midnight tonight (5 p. m. EDT), and revealed she had been asked to join the Pacific conflict by the Allies to speed "universal peace."

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov disclosed Japan had asked the Soviet Union to mediate in the war in the Pacific, but said Tokyo's rejection of the Potsdam ultimatum to surrender made her proposals "lose all significance."

Lt. E. R. Stroup Returns To States

Lt. (jg) Eugene R. Stroup, 24, Cherryville, N. C., served aboard one of seven infantry landing craft which have returned to the states to be prepared for duty in the Pacific after 15 months of service in the European theater.

Wm. G. Sperling Arrives At Norfolk

William Glenn Sperling, 18, seaman, second class, USNR, of Cherryville, N. C., has arrived at Norfolk, Va., to train for duties on a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He has completed a course of instruction at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md.

Cherryville Boys Meet In Germany

Pfc. Carl Eaker and Sgt. Murray met in Germany July 24th. Pfc. Carl Eaker is now in Germany and has been overseas for eight months and has been in service one year.

Photos Show Bomb's Catastrophic Force

GUAM, Thursday, Aug. 9.—Japanese perished by uncounted thousands from the searing, crushing atomic blast that annihilated 60 per cent of the 343,000 population city of Hiroshima Monday, photographic and other evidence indicated today.

Tokyo radio, which said that "practically all living things, human and animal, were literally seared to death," reported that authorities were still unable to check the total casualties.

Both General Spaatz, who announced from his strategic air force headquarters here that 60 per cent of Hiroshima had been "completely destroyed," and Tokyo radio warned that more atomic bombing could be expected.

Spaatz declared that other Superforts were ready to follow the B-29 "Enola Gay" which Col. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., of Miami, Fla., piloted over Hiroshima to drop war's newest and most devastating weapon.

Tokyo radio, which referred to the bomb only as something new in its home broadcasts, urged the Japanese to keep their spirits firm and predicted that a defense against the bombs would be developed.

Spaatz announced that reconnaissance photographs showed that 4.1 square miles of Hiroshima's built up area of 6.9 square miles were wiped out and that the destroyed area included five major industrial targets.

The photographs disclosed that the damage extended beyond the area of complete destruction. Except for the fire-blackened concrete structures, the center of the city was utterly crushed and burned. The mighty force had smashed it flat.

Officers at B-29 headquarters who had studied the photographs estimated that the damage from the single bomb, which was described only as so small that a fighter plane might have carried it, equalled that of an ordinary 150-Superfort raid.

Sgt. H. R. Hallman Returning To States

ASSEMBLY AREA COMMANDANT, FRANCE.—Sgt. Howard R. Hallman, Cherryville, is one of the thirty-six North Carolinians who is returning to the states.

On the head end of General George S. Patton's spearhead from the Meuse to the Saar, the 508th Tank Destroyer Battalion is returning to the United States with a remarkable record for 225 consecutive days "On the line."

Dellinger Home Destroyed By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Dellinger in the Black Rock community was destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon, July 28th, about 4:30 o'clock. The house which was a six room building caught from the explosion of a hot water heater and was completely destroyed.

TOWN OF CHERRYVILLE NOW HAS "POLICE CAR"

The Town of Cherryville has purchased an automobile to be used as a "Police Car". The following gentlemen are now serving as policemen here: Paul Timmons, chief of police, assisted by A. C. Short, Ralph Guffey and J. D. Jones.

This Group Goes For Final Induction

Small Number Of Draftees Reports To Fort Bragg For Final Induction Tuesday.

North Carolina Is Now In The Best Financial Shape In Its History

RALEIGH, July 30.—The state is now in the best financial condition in its history, Governor Cherry said proudly today, but he emphasized that only a proper handling of currently available funds can insure a safe and happy future for North Carolina.

Revenues and expenditures alike have reached a peak in Tar Heel history, he said, with revenues considerably in advance of the spending which might throw the balance the other way and undo all we've accomplished in reaching financial independence.

"We must not take this unusual money balance as an indication that the flow of funds into the state treasury will continue indefinitely," he said. "It is well to repeat—and to remember—that these are abnormal times. The years ahead may not be abnormal in a business way. We have felt the effect of hard times before; we should prepare now for such conditions as we may have to face after peace."

The state, he said, has a credit balance of \$5,074,435 in its general fund as of June 30. This balance represents a surplus over all expenditures during the last fiscal year, including a \$56,731,344 fund set aside by the 1945 general assembly for gradual retirement of the state's bonded indebtedness. It also includes a \$30,115,612 post-war fund set aside by the 1943 legislature and left untouched by its 1945 counterpart.

The state highway division had a cash surplus of \$46,816,251 and the agriculture department a surplus of \$792,906. Of the highway balance more than \$15,000,000 was earmarked by the recent general assembly for county road improvements.

Of the general fund's credit balance, approximately \$4,200,000 will be used to pay all state employees and school teachers earning less than \$3,600 a \$120 year by emergency salary. The first of these emergency checks are now in the mails.

Also to come from the surplus is a \$500,000 contingency fund to be administered by the state hospital care commission for aid to indigent hospital patients; and emergency salary and expense raises for supreme court justices, superior court judges and solicitors. State financial experts believe the surplus will be adequate to meet all of the contingent appropriations.

The governor's balanced statement of the condition of the general fund showed that: 1. Revenues during the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$80,897,290. Also available was a \$12,439,108 general fund temporary investment account, and \$394,000 as a reserve for permanent appropriations for liquidations making total revenues available \$93,730,398.

2. Expenditures totaled \$86,555,634 not including debt service retirement. Of the total expenditures \$39,922,928 went to maintain the public school system and \$16,650,606 to maintain other phases of state government. With the debt service retirement fund, total expenditures reached \$113,334,848.

The agriculture fund had a total credit balance of \$703,604 on July 1, 1944, to which was added \$82,038 representing total revenues during the 1944-45 fiscal year. Expenditures last year totaled \$1,062, making the credit balance as of June 30 \$792,906.

The highway fund went into the 1944-45 fiscal year with a credit balance or surplus of \$39,891,720. To this sum was added \$33,514,603 in revenue from the motor vehicles division, \$5,997 in miscellaneous revenues, and \$335,133 in Federal aid appropriations.

The following ten white young men will leave Tuesday morning, August 14th for Fort Bragg for final induction in the United States Army: William Pinkney Barrett, Bessemer City; John D. Murray, Bessemer City; Jack Buford Payne, Dallas; William Luncan Kiser, Bessemer City; Ernest Brackett, Bessemer City; James Hampton Schronce, Lincolnton; Lee Roy Emmet, Dallas; Ernest Lewis Best, Lowell; Troy Lafayette Brown, Lincolnton; Loyd Everett Canipe, Cherryville.

Home Coming At Bethel Church

The Reverend L. Summie Miller Pastor, has announced the annual Home Coming at Bethel Lutheran Church in Gaston County the second Sunday in August, the twelfth, Sunday School will be at 9:45, and the Home Coming Service at 10:45.

The Home Coming Sermon will be preached by the Reverend Walter N. Young, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Asheboro, N. C., a former pastor of the Crouse Lutheran Parish.

Bethel has recently remodeled their church building, and all members and friends are invited to come back home and enjoy the day. Dinner will be served on the beautiful church grounds. There will be no afternoon service.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

PACKAGES MAY BE MAILED ALL YEAR ROUND TO NAVY, MARINE, COAST GUARD.

Overseas gift packages for the fighting men of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines may be mailed all year round, Rear Admiral Jules James, USN, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District and Charleston Navy Yard, reminded families and friends of the fighting men today.

There is no deadline by which Christmas mail must be posted, but the Navy urges packages be mailed now to insure delivery by Christmas since the fleet is operating 5,000 miles beyond the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Gift packages must be not over five pounds in weight, no more than 15 inches in length, nor more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

In mailing gift packages to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel, Admiral James called attention to these recommendations: Use a strong box, use shredded paper inside the box, use strong wrapping paper, and use strong wrapping cord.

Ramoth Carpenter Promoted To 1st Lt.

HEADQUARTERS 13th AAF, PHILIPPINES.—Ramoth M. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Carpenter, Cherryville, recently was promoted to First Lieutenant.

Lt. Carpenter is a B-24 pilot and plane commander with the Bomber Barons group which was twice cited by the president for spearheading "Jungle Air Force" attacks on Woleai Island and Balikpapan, Borneo. Overseas eight months, he has completed 42 missions and holds the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with three battle stars.

He was a student at Lenoir-Rhyne College, at the time he entered the AAF in February, 1943.

Jack A. Wyantt Gets Silver Wings

ENID ARMY AIR FIELD, ENID, OKLAHOMA, (Special)—Aviation Student Jack A. Wyantt, 27, son of Mrs. J. P. Wyantt, 104 Sussex Avenue, Cherryville, N. C. has been awarded his silver pilot's wings and appointed a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces upon completion of his twin-engine advanced training at this advanced unit of the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

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