



MERCHANTS CHRISTMAS PARADE FRI. 30TH.

Special School Tax For Cherryville Carried

250 Votes Cast For Special Tax; 51 Against; Inclement Weather Kept Many Away.

Three hundred and one voters braved the inclement weather on Tuesday, November 27th, to cast their ballots in the Special Tax Election for the Cherryville School District. Of the above number, 250 votes were cast in favor of the tax while 51 dissenting votes were being cast, leaving a total of 196 registrants who failed to vote out of a registration of 497. By virtue of this election, the Cherryville Schools are assured of fifteen cents on the dollar valuation on property lying within the Cherryville school district with which to carry on its work with extra-curricular activities. The great majority of schools in North Carolina have been voted this supplementary tax as the people of these communities have realized the great need for these extra-curricular activities for which no State provision is made.

The rainy weather prevented voting on the part of many who had registered for the election and who were in favor of this special tax and would have carried the issue by a much larger majority. The results of Tuesday's election places Cherryville on a par with Gaston County schools who have also been favored by a similar supplementary tax. The action of the voters in this section indicates that the people of the Cherryville School District realize the value of extra-curricular activities in the schools and are anxious to make theirs a "progressive school".

Tommy Massagee Aboard USS Seirra

Tommy Massagee, seaman, first class, USN, Cherryville, N. C., served aboard the USS SIERRA, one of the Navy's famed "floating Navy Yards", which has received a commendation from the commander of destroyers, Pacific Fleet, for her crew's feat of performing 21,392 man-hours of work on 65 ships in one nine-day period.

At another time, during a five-week period at Port Purvis in the Solomon Islands, the crew of the SIERRA helped the ship distinguish herself by substituting divers for drydock facilities to complete repairs on worn and damaged underwater equipment. During that period, she also provided tender service for a Fleet of LST's destined to carry troops and supplies to Iwo Jima.

Although the SIERRA is designated as a destroyer tender, she repaired all units of the Fleet from landing craft to battleships, during more than a year's service in combat waters.

Sgt. D. DeVenny Received Discharge

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Sgt. D. DeVenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. DeVenny, Waco, who served 10 months as Supply Clerk with 8th AAF in European Theater has been separated from the Army Air Forces at the San Antonio District, AAF Personnel Distribution Command.

Air crewmen and ground crewmen returning from combat areas and army personnel from continental installations are received by the San Antonio PDC in installation and in three days of processing their records are straightened out, their army pay matters arranged and their physical condition checked thoroughly in a medical examination. Only then are they returned to civilian life, adjusted completely for the change from combat soldier to civilian.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Craft Wed.

Mrs. Hudson Craft, 52, who was Miss Sallie Baxter before marriage, died Monday at midnight in a hospital in Lincoln, the result of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday on the Cherryville-Lalla's road.

The funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock. Burial was made in the new Memorial cemetery. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Miss Ruth Craft, a teacher in the Lexington schools, and Miss Sara Craft, a student in Appalachian State Teachers college; one son, Wilbur Craft, at home; three brothers, Jack Baxter, Boyd Baxter, and Earl Baxter of Cherryville; and a sister, Mrs. F. A. Wright of Hudson and her aged mother, Mrs. Ida Baxter.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Sellers, widow of the late H. S. Sellers, were held from the home on West Church Street Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services were in charge of Rev. W. G. Camp, a former pastor and Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church.

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He Is Coming Tomorrow



T-4 Eugene McGinnis Military Rites For Home With Discharge

T-4 Eugene McGinnis arrived home early Saturday morning from Fort Bragg with his discharge. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Webb McGinnis and has been in the service for more than five years, serving forty-five months of that time overseas. He has been in the South Pacific spending most of the time in Argentina and the Philippines.

Brother Of Mrs. Vernon Harrelson.

Funeral rites for John L. Raper, 49 year old High Point resident, and Veteran of World War I, was held at the home of a brother, W. W. Raper, 213 Lind say St., High Point on Wednesday, November 21st. Rev. Wilbur Hutchins, pastor of the First Baptist church conducted the services.

Ben Griffith Gets His Honorable Discharge

Ben Griffith, C. B. M., U. S. N. R., has received his honorable discharge from the Naval Service and has accepted a position with the Police Force at Norfolk Navy Yards, Portsmouth, Va.

PRIZE HOME IN DORA COMMUNITY



Homes Judged In Yearly Yard Contest in October.

For several years one of the highlights of the community program for the Dora Yarn Mill has been an annual yard beautification contest. The fall prizes are awarded the houses with the highest average grade in the community.

The first prize is \$10.00; Second prize, \$7.50; and Third prize, \$5.00. One dollar is given as an honorable mention award to each house having an average grade of over seventy-five. The grading is based on six requirements for attractive homes as set up by the landscaping department of North Carolina State College. The requirements are: (1) General appearance; (2) Neatness; (3) Grass in the yard; (4) Foundation shrubbery; (5) Evergreens; (6) Attractive porches.

Enthusiasm for this contest is widespread, and the results are a source of pleasure to the occupants of the homes and to the visitors to the village.

In the yard beautification contest prize winners were as follows: First prize, Buster Gantt; Second prize, Clyde Beam; Third prize, S. L. McGinnis.

Honorable mention: W. W. Lynn, R. B. Kidd, J. W. Webb, Evans Warren, Mary Lou Upton, E. R. Bivens, Pearl Hartman, Meda Lail, Paul Dellinger, Gordon Mode, Everette Upton, J. C. Brackette, G. L. James, Boyd Schronce, Alonzo Crane, J. P. Nolen, Annie McNeely, Silas Fourshee, John McGinnis, Nell Hendricks, Walter Peeler, Mrs. Marshall Lechhardt, D. M. Carpenter, Herman Bivens, James Welch, Odell Carpenter, E. M. Devine, and Junior Upton.

Luther Glenn Rudisill Gets His Discharge

Luther Glenn Rudisill, S. I. C., Radar Man, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rudisill received his discharge on November 18, at Shelton, Virginia. Seaman Rudisill landed in San Francisco, on November 14th. He joined the Navy in June, 1944 and was assigned to the USS Rochambeau AP65 in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of War and was later transferred and served on the USS Hill DE141 in the European Theatre of War. Before entering the service he was employed at the Howell Manufacturing Company. He is married and has three children. His wife was the former Miss Helen Moses. He received the American Theatre, Victory World War II, and the Asiatic Pacific Theatre medals.

Sgt. Blaine McGinnis Home With Discharge

T-3 Sgt. Blaine McGinnis, son of Mrs. L. A. T. McGinnis, arrived home Tuesday night from Fort Bragg where he received his discharge on Monday night. Sgt. McGinnis arrived in the states on November 19th, after serving in the South Pacific for 2 1/2 years. He has been in the service for thirty-one months.

Sgt. Fred Carpenter Scheduled To Arrive

Sgt. Fred R. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton H. Carpenter was scheduled to leave Rome, Italy, on November 16th. Mr. Carpenter is expecting him home within a short time. He is the last one to come from overseas of the Carpenter family. He is expected to get his discharge when he reaches the states.

Pfc. John P. Beam Home With Discharge

Pfc. John P. Beam, son of Mrs. John P. Beam, returned home Sunday after twenty-eight months overseas serving in the Aleutians Islands. Pfc. Beam received his discharge from Fort Bragg. He has been in the service almost four years. He returned to the states on November 9th.

T-5 Hugh Harrelson Home With Discharge

T-5 Hugh Harrelson received his discharge at Camp Gordon, Ga., and arrived home on Thursday, November 15th. He has been overseas for eighteen months and has been in service for more than two years. His wife is the former Miss Aileen Hoyle.

James L. Alexander Lands in States

Pfc. James L. Alexander, son of Mrs. Ben Alexander has arrived in the states after thirty-one months overseas. He landed November 27th and is expected home soon.

Merchants To Stay Open On Tuesdays

For the convenience of the buying public during the Christmas shopping season the Cherryville Merchants Association has announced the Cherryville merchants will remain open on Tuesday afternoons, beginning next Tuesday, December 4th, and will remain open on the half holidays until Christmas.

The merchants appreciate the fine co-operation they have received and will remain open to serve their customers during the rush season.

British Police Are Looking For Golden-Haired Girl Who Drove Car For Two Bandits Who Robbed Postoffice at Great Bad-dow, England.

British police are looking for a golden-haired girl who drove the car for two bandits who robbed the postoffice at Great Bad-dow, England.

Christmas Lights To Be Turned On At 5 P. M.

Cherryville School Band Will Parade; Santa Claus Coming To Town.

John B. Brigman On USS Keokuk

John B. Brigman, chief commissary steward, USNR, Cherryville, N. C., had the distinction of serving on the USS KEOKUK—a ship which Navy records have disclosed had probably a more varied career and a longer one than almost any ship of the Fleet.

The KEOKUK is a survivor of two world wars, with continuous service beginning in 1914 when she was built for peaceful commercial trade. During the recently ended Pacific conflict, she went back to the wars to see the capitulation of Japan after suffering her first damage due to enemy action, an aerial bomb hit at Iwo Jima. In that operation she became known affectionately as "struggle buggy" because she was the oldest auxiliary in the campaign, if not the very oldest vessel present.

Changes of name, classification and theaters of operation were common for the KEOKUK. Proof of her staunchness is the fact she still retains her original engines and boilers, though the latter units have been converted from coal to oil burners.

Acquired by the Navy July 28, 1941, the ex-merchantman had a career as a cruiser-mine-layer, taking part in virtually all of the Atlantic and European campaigns. Then, as a netlayer, she saw service in most of the Pacific "hot spots," including Okinawa.

During World War I, the ship served as a train ferry, transporting box cars to Europe.

Final plans and preparations are being made for the Christmas Parade and opening of the Christmas Shopping Season, sponsored by the Cherryville Merchants Association, which will take place tomorrow, (Friday) November 30th., at 5 o'clock. The town's electricians have done a fine job in stringing the Christmas lights and they will be turned on for the first time in four long years tomorrow when the High School Band Parade begins at 5 o'clock. This will mark the official opening of the Christmas shopping season in Cherryville.

The Spirit of Christmas in person—Santa Clause—has been notified of the event and has consented to be present for the occasion to help entertain the children.

The merchants this year are preparing for Christmas in the first peace time Christmas in four years, and they are expecting the largest Christmas trade they have had in the four years. The stores have all gathered the Christmas spirit and have decorated the interior, some with lights, some with trees, and others with Christmas decorations of various colors and assortments, showing the Christmas Spirit once more.

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Cpl. Clyde H. Lewis Receives Discharge

Clyde H. Lewis returned to his home here on Thursday of last week after serving 31 months in the U. S. Army Air Forces having been attached to the 36th Fighter Group of the Ninth Air Force stationed in the European Theatre of Operations.

He served 20 months in England, France, Belgium and Germany, and holds 6 battle stars for participation in the Air Offensive Europe, Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. In addition he holds the Good Conduct Medal, Unit Citation with Cluster and The Belgian Fourragere which was presented to his unit by the king of Belgium in appreciation for the part which his group took in the Liberation of Belgium.

Lewis was Chief Operator in the Teletype Section of his group. He states his group held second place in achievement, in the Ninth Air Force as a Fighter Group when the war ended. He held the rank of Corporal.

Mr. I. P. Long Hit By Passenger Car

Last Tuesday afternoon, November 20th, about 6:00 o'clock, Mr. I. P. Long was struck by a passenger car driven by Mr. Tom Hood and suffered painful bruises. Mr. Long started to cross the street at the square and the car was making the turn at the Houser Drug Company and ran into Mr. Long, knocking him several feet out onto the street. Mr. Long's many friends will be glad to learn he is improving at his home in the Western part of town.

Robert H. Beam Lands In California

Robert H. Beam landed in San Pedro, California, November 22, on his way home from 23 months of overseas service. He was last stationed at Manila. He is eligible for discharge.

Pfc. Robert McLeod Gets His Discharge

Pfc. Robert McLeod received his discharge at Fort Bragg on October 28th, after being overseas for 12 months. He has been in the service about two and one half years. He is at home with his wife who is the former Miss Lillian Homesley.

ONLY FEW DAYS LEFT BUY VICTORY BONDS

The Victory Loan Drive is drawing to a close. Chairman Mauney urges every one to buy all the bonds they possibly can.

The Drive will close on Saturday, December 8th. Mr. Mauney hopes Cherryville will be over the top again. So lets all buy all the bonds we can.

LEAVES FOR RALEIGH

SIC Bob Rudisill will leave Friday for Raleigh after spending a 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rudisill.

He is to report for active duty.

CHERRYVILLE BOWLING TEAM WINS THREE

Cherryville Men's Bowling Team defeated Mooresville and Charlotte twice. These men have won every home game this season while losing only one game away.

The Charlotte-Cherryville was sparked by Johnnie Mosteller's high game of 161. The first game finals were Cherryville by 1583 pins to 1498 pins.

The second game in Charlotte was close with Cherryville winning by 1534 to 1501 pins. Skidmore's game was high.

The Cherryville - Mooresville game ended 1526 to 1404 pins with Stroupe's 128 game being high.

Everyone is invited to attend these matches and root for their home team.

Interest is running high for the organization of a local league beginning around January 1. Any mill or store wishing to sponsor a team get in touch with Stewart Shumate at the Bowling Alley.

ALICE GERTRUDE RUDISILL
Mr and Mrs Edwin Rudisill announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Gertrude, on Wednesday, November 21, at the City Hospital, in Gastonia. Mrs. Rudisill and baby are getting along nicely.