



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BRISK THIS WEEK

Christmas Concert To Be Given Mon. Night

At High School Auditorium Beginning At 7 O'Clock Promptly By High School Band.

The Cherryville High School Band will present its annual Christmas concert, Monday evening, Dec. 17, 7 o'clock in the school auditorium. An afternoon performance will also be given for the benefit of students of all three schools and parents, who find it impossible to attend the night event.

There is much interest in the band this year. The people of Cherryville and the students are proud of the band and have eagerly watched its growth and development.

A large crowd of music lovers and supporters are expected to be present. The members have been working hard for some time and believe this concert to be one of the best it has ever given.

A small fee of 15 cents and 25 cents will be charged for admission to the concert. The proceeds are to go for music and needed supplies for the band. The citizens of our town have never let the band down and our band members promise everyone that he will get his money's worth.

An interesting program has been arranged—pieces that every one enjoys hearing and the band loves to play.

- The program follows:
- The Star Spangled Banner
 - Our Director (March) Bigelow
 - The Glow Warm Lincke
 - His Honor Fillmore
 - Anchor's Aweigh Zimmerman
 - The Bells of St. Mary's Adams
 - Saxophone solos
 - Milton Crocker
 - Flying Cadets Keller
 - Stout Hearted Man Romberg
 - White Christmas
 - Marc National Emblem Baglew
 - There's Something About A Soldier Goy
 - King Cotton Sousa
 - Christmasside Overture DeLameter
 - Christmas Festival DeLameter

W. C. McRorie Of Rutherfordton Dies

RUTHERFORDTON, Dec. 8.—William Caldwell McRorie, prominent Rutherfordton attorney died Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Dalton in Forest City.

Mr. McRorie had been a member of the Rutherfordton bar for 42 years.

Mr. McRorie was born in Union county December 22, 1874, the son of Cyrus A. and Mrs. Sylvania Helms McRorie. His early life was spent on a farm. He was educated at the Unionville High School and University of North Carolina, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1903.

He married Miss Cassie Wilma Hagler December 31, 1897. She died in Rutherfordton a little over three years ago. He is survived by four sons and three daughters: Robert G. and Ted McRorie of Rutherfordton, Syrus B. McRorie of Charlotte; M-Sgt. George S. McRorie of Fort Belvoir, Va.; Mrs. John W. Dalton of Forest City; Mrs. Jack Wachter of Rutherfordton; Mrs. Robert F. Smith of Cherryville, and a number of grandchildren.

He was a member of the First Methodist church of Rutherfordton, where funeral services were held Friday at 3:30 p. m.

George Homesley Home On Leave

George Homesley stationed at Norfolk, Va., has arrived home on a twenty five day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Homesley. He has been in the service for three years and served overseas thirty months. He wears the American-European Ribbons, Asiatic Victory Medal. He served in Africa, Italy, France, Iran, England, Scotland, Ireland, Russia, and the Hawaii Islands, also in the Marshall Islands, Carolina Islands and on Okinawa. He has 85 and 1-2 points.

CALEB FARMER HAS STROKE

Caleb Farmer, 87, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Black in Cherryville, Wednesday night. Mr. Farmer is well known to residents of Cherryville, and had come Wednesday afternoon to spend a day or two visiting.

T. N. DELLINGER IS FOUND DEAD

Well Known Cherryville Native Found Dead In Woods Near Ranlo; No Evidence Of Foul Play; Dead Several Days.

Thomas Nathaniel (Bud) Dellinger, about 50, native of Cherryville, where he lived most of his life and was well-known, was found dead in a grove of pines just west of Ranlo late Tuesday afternoon by two opossum hunters. He had been missing from his temporary residence in Belmont since Friday, and the body is believed to have lain in the woods for about two or three days.

At an inquest conducted by Sheriff Efrid here about 11 o'clock Tuesday night decision was that Mr. Dellinger's death was due to natural causes. There were no marks on the body nor any indications of foul play. It was said that he had been in ill health.

The body was discovered late Tuesday by John Dolin, employee at Rex School, and his son, Eugene, who were hunting opossums when they came upon it. It had apparently been lying at the spot through all the rain and subfreezing weather of the past few days.

It was said today that Mr. Dellinger had for some time been working at the Chronicle Mill in Belmont, and that he had been living in the Climax Mill village, Ill. family have continued their residence at the family farm on the outskirts of Cherryville.

Funeral services were set for sometime Thursday afternoon, probably at 2 o'clock, to be conducted at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Cherryville, with burial following in the church cemetery. Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was to officiate.

Mr. Dellinger leaves his widow and two sons and daughter of Cherryville. The children are John Bill and Clayton Dellinger; and Mrs. Annie Sue Roberts. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters, all residing in or around Cherryville: Dores and Lave Dellinger, Mrs. Jap Watkins, Mrs. Lester Benfield, Mrs. Riley Talbert and Mrs. Sam Adams.

Mrs. Vernon Myers Sister Of Mrs. J. C. Stroup Passes

Mrs. Cliff J. Stroup was called to Wadesboro last Friday due to the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Vernon Myers. Mrs. Myers died Friday at the Anson Sanatorium. She was buried Sunday in Wadesboro. Mrs. Stroup returned home Tuesday and was accompanied home by her sisters, Mrs. Floyd Smith of Peoria, Ill. and Mrs. Vernon Smith of Wadesboro, who spent until Thursday with Mrs. Stroup.

Dixie Home Super Market Opens Fri.

The Dixie Home Super Market, self service will open here Friday, December 14th, in the building formerly occupied by the Elite Beauty Salon next to Beam's Inn. The building has been remodeled and redecored for the store. This will be a complete modern meat market and grocery store.

Ben Homesley Gets Discharge

Ben Homesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Homesley has returned home from overseas and has received his discharge. He has been in the service for three years and five months and overseas two and one-half years. He has four stars, the American-Asiatic Ribbons, European Ribbons, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Ribbon. He served in the Aleutian Islands, Italy, France, Austria and Germany. He received his discharge from Fort Bragg.

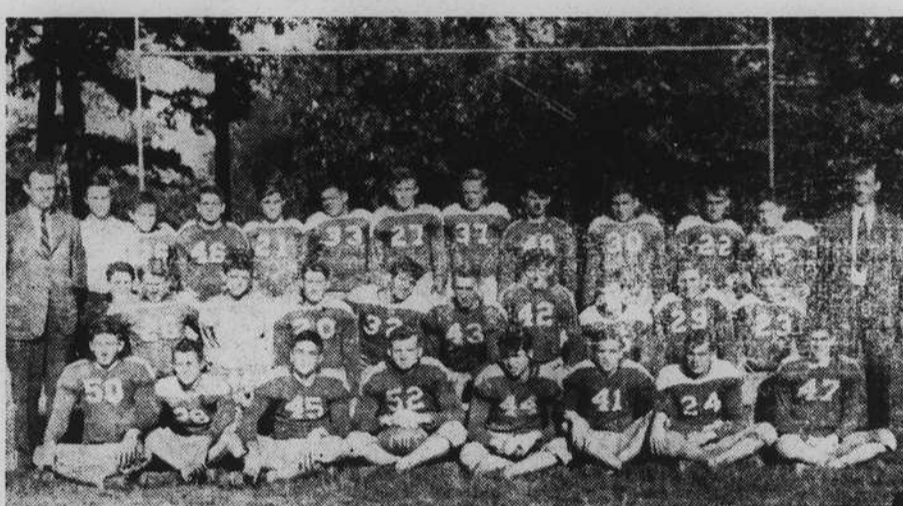
CHERRYVILLE "IRONMEN" 1945



Regular line-up of 1945 Cherryville "Ironmen" reading from left to right. First row: Right End, Wild Bill Elliott; Right Tackle, Joe Cooke; Right Guard, Edward Elliott; Center, Harold Blackwood; Left Guard, R. B. Robbs and Left Tackle, Cone Moss; Left End, Colon Hayes. Back row: Half-Back, Harry "Swiftly One Hundred Yard Dash" Rudisill; Half Back; Carroll Wright, Half Back; Tom "Swiftly's Twin" Quinn, and Full Back Captain, Hub Black.

Yates McGinnis, Co-Captain and regular Right End was ill when the picture was taken.

1945 ENTIRE FOOTBALL SQUAD



Reading from left to right: Front row: Blackwood (50); Rudisill (28); Robbs (45); Capt. Black (52); E. Elliott (44); Hayes (11); Sigmon (24); Bill Elliott (47). Second Row: Left to Right: Blaine Froneberger, Carpenter (26); Putnam, Wayne Froneberger (20); Wilson (32); Cone Moss (43); Wayne McGinnis (42); Max Beam, Going (29); Helms (23). Third row: Carson, Coach; Bill Beam, Paul Sigmon, Wright (46); Tedder (21); Seals (33); Crowder (27); G. B. Beam (37); Quinn (48); Cooke (30); Paul Moss (22); Lynn (35); and Quinn, Coach.

Three men were absent when this picture was taken. They are Yates McGinnis, Paul Ray Costner and Brice Moss.

Mrs. George Baxter Buried Saturday

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock from Bethel Methodist Church for Mrs. George P. Baxter, 70, who died in a Lincoln hospital Wednesday morning following an illness of ten days. Services were in charge of the pastor Rev. W. L. Harkey. Burial was made in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Baxter was one of Lincoln county's well known and beloved women. Before her marriage she was Miss June Florence Dellinger. She was born June 23, 1875.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Hoyle, of Lincoln, Route 3, Mrs. H. G. Celd, Route 3, two sons, Tom Baxter of Charlotte, formerly of Cherryville, and E. E. Baxter of Lincoln. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. R. S. Childers of Cherryville and Mrs. J. D. Peeler of Lawndale, Route 2 and one brother Mr. Z. M. Dellinger of Cherryville Route 2.

FLASH!

Altho sale of Victory loan market issues 2 1/2% and 2 1-4% Treasury Bonds and 1-4% certificates closed Saturday, December 8, all series, E, F and G Savings Bonds, and series C Savings notes sold through December 31 will be credited to the Victory Loan Drive. E Bond sales are lagging. E Bond sales will continue through December 31st and Cherryville and Gaston county are expected to go over the top by that time. Give E Bonds for Christmas gifts, nothing would be appreciated more. North Carolina must not fail in this last great Victory Loan E Bond drive, the most important of all. E Sale, as of December 7, \$17,500,000, 58% of E quota. Only 17 more selling days with 42% yet to go.

Our boys did the job over there, let us do our part over here by buying all the E Bonds you can. Buy them today.

Santa Claus Coming To Western Auto Store Saturday

Santa Claus will arrive at the Western Auto Associate Store on the square on Saturday afternoon, December 15th, at 1:00 o'clock, according to an announcement from Lee W. Cauble, owner and manager. This will be a big day in the hearts of the children. Bring them all to town to see Santa Saturday afternoon. He will arrive at the Western Auto Store at 1:00 P. M., Saturday, December 15th.

New District Supt. To Preach Here

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, District Superintendent of Gastonia district of the Methodist church will preach at the First Methodist church here Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Dr. Stanbury comes to Gastonia District from the Great Centenary Methodist church in Winston Salem. He served Centenary church five years prior to coming to Gastonia. He is one of the outstanding ministers of the Methodist church.

You are cordially invited to hear Dr. Stanbury Sunday morning.

Mail Your Christmas Packages Early

Postmaster John W. Mosteller urges the buying public to mail all Christmas packages and Christmas cards early as possible. The Post Office will remain open on Saturday afternoons, December 18th, and December 22nd, until five o'clock in the afternoon in order to take care of the Christmas mail and for the convenience of the public. Do your Christmas Mailing Early An Possible.

Girls Choir To Give Cantata

The Girls Choir of Cherryville High School under direction of Minnie Coleman will give a three-part cantata "Gloria in Excelsis" on Tuesday evening, December 18th, at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist church auditorium. The music is written by Mendelssohn. There will be choruses, solos, duets and trios. Soloists will be Joan London, Sue Black, Patsy Sneed, and Margaret Sue Dellinger. Misses Louise and Mildred Cobb are assisting.

Miss Coleman and the choir wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. Elliott for their hospitality. Mrs. McDowell for her decorating and Mrs. Allen for playing.

There will be an Informal Reception of Music students at Natway Club House on Monday, December 17th, at 3:45 P. M. These are Mrs. Coleman's students and the parents, friends and teachers are cordially invited.

Boggs Mens Shop Opened Wednesday

Boggs Mens Shop, owned and operated by Mr. R. S. Boggs, catering to men's wear exclusively, opened in the Jarrett building on East Main street here this week. Mr. Boggs invites the public to visit his store at all times.

Clarence Barker Has Discharge

Clarence Barker has returned from overseas and is home with his discharge. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barker and his wife is the former Miss Bob Williams. He received his discharge from Fort Bragg. He has been in the service for thirty months and served twenty-six months overseas, stationed in Tokyo, New Caledonia, New Georgia, the Philippines, and on the Okinawa Islands.

Merchants Expecting Rush Business Here

Merchants Making Preparations For Big Rush In First Time Peace Christmas In Years

Hal Beam Is Now U.S.S. LST 41

Garland Hal Beam, CCS, 656 50 64, V-6, USNR, the Chief Cook aboard the U.S.S. LST 28 was born in Cherryville, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Cline Beam. Hal enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on May 27, 1942, and has completed forty-one months of active duty. He served a short period aboard the YP 425 before being transferred to the U. S. S. LST 41 on which he was needed for duty of service in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

Hal is authorized to wear the following ribbons and stars for the listed Initial Landings he took part in while aboard the U.S.S. LST 41. He participated in the Initial Amphibious Operations on Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands; the Initial Amphibious Operations at Hollandia, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea; the Initial Amphibious Operations on Saipan and Guam, Marianas Islands; the Initial Amphibious Operations at Peleliu, Palau Islands, Caroline Group. Each of these operations entitled Hal to wear a star on his Asiatic, Pacific Ribbon, totaling five in all. He is also authorized to wear the American Theatre of Operations Ribbon, the Amphibious Force Ribbon and the Navy Good Conduct Ribbon for three years service.

Hal was transferred back to the United States on November 27, 1944 and was transferred to the U.S.S. LST 28 on the 23rd of June, 1945.

Cherryville Post Of VFW's Installation

Tonight, Thursday, December 13th, is to be installation night for the Roy Lee VanDyke Post No. 5200 Cherryville Veterans of Foreign Wars. Every overseas Veteran of Cherryville is urged to be present for the ceremony. If not a member come and join, and help elect the officers for the coming year. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Bank building on West Main street. BASEL DELLINGER, Act. QTRM.

James J. Patterson Returns To States

ABOARD THE USS PEN-SACOLA, JAPAN, (Delayed)—Among the Navy men transferred to this heavy cruiser for transportation to the States for discharge was James J. Patterson, Jr., 27, aviation machinist's mate, third class, USNR, son of J. J. and Mrs. James J. Patterson, Sr., 310 West 2nd st., Cherryville, N. C., and husband of Mrs. Velma Quinn Patterson, Cherryville. Patterson entered the Navy March 23, 1941, and served overseas five months at the Naval Air Base, Ominato, Japan.

Smokey Dellinger Home Few Days

Smokey Dellinger is home on a furlough for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dellinger. He has been in the service for three years and overseas nineteen months. He served in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and has six battle stars, and the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct medal, the E. T. O. and A. T. O. ribbons and Victory medal. He is stationed at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and will report back on January 6th.

MASONIC MEETING

There will be a special communication of Cherryville Lodge No. 505 A. F. & A. M. next Monday evening at seven o'clock. Installation of officers. Then work on the Good Will. All members and visiting Masons invited and urged to attend. Light refreshments. DAVID P. DELLINGER, Master. GEORGE S. FALLS, Secretary.

Christmas shopping has been brisk in Cherryville this week and the merchants are looking forward to a big Christmas shopping rush during the next ten days prior to Christmas. The Cherryville merchants are prepared for the first peace time Christmas in four long years and have their stock as near complete as is possible under the present conditions. It is true there are many items not available but the merchants still have a very complete stock of many nationally advertised merchandise which make nice gifts for each member of the family.

More than ever the Christmas spirit is in the air here and people are rushing from store to store buying Christmas merchandise and selecting their gifts from their long list.

The streets are gayly lighted each evening and the merchants have attractive decorated Christmas windows which give the atmosphere a cheery Christmas spirit.

All stores will remain open next Tuesday afternoon, including the grocery stores, to take care of the Christmas shoppers. The public is urged to do their shopping early as possible.

SHOP IN CHERRYVILLE THIS YEAR — OUR MERCHANTS HAVE YOUR NEEDS.

American Legion Sends Gifts To Vets

The Tryon Post No. 100, American Legion, has just completed the packing and mailing of gifts to all the veterans who are in North Carolina Hospitals. The packages were mailed Wednesday of this week. Those serving on this committee were J. C. Wilson, R. C. Williams, Howars Ballard, Kenneth Beam, Wallace Franklin, Ralph Pope and Howell Stroup. The money was raised through donations and the total amount given was \$191.95.

Previous years during the war the American Legion packed and mailed gifts to each boy from our community in the service. These packages run into large numbers and the mailing was done for the overseas boys during the month of October. This was not done this year due to the fact so many boys were writing the parents, they would be home for Christmas. The packages would have been shipped in October and outlook was bright for so many of the boys to be home with us for the Christmas holidays, and true it is, lots of the boys are home, while some are still away. Those boys who were not fortunate enough to be home for Christmas are not forgotten. The only reason they were not remembered by the post was, the fact they did not know which ones would be home and which ones would still be away.

Those making the donations are: Inez Crowder, Eth White, H. Y. Bridges, Annie Sue Johnson, R. G. White, H. D. Duncan, Wilma Henkle, Eva Newton, Marvin Scates, Ted Leonhardt, Lester

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T-4 Copeland Stubblefield Gets Discharge

T-4 Copeland Stubblefield is home with his discharge. He received his discharge on November 11th, from Fort Sheridan, Ill. T-4 Stubblefield has been in the service for three years, one month and one day. He served fourteen months overseas in the European Theatre of War and was returned to the states May 25th, 1945.

He is a son of Mrs. D. A. Stubblefield.

S Sgt. Glenn Self Receives Discharge

S Sgt. Glenn Self, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Self arrived in the states December 1st. He received his discharge from Fort Bragg, December 7th, after serving 3 years in the Army. He spent two years overseas in the China, Burma, and India Theatre with the 236th Engineers. He received his training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin before going overseas. S Sgt. Self received the Asiatic Pacific Theatre medal with two Bronze service stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. His wife is the former Miss Rachael Beam.