

CHERRYVILLE MERCHANTS HAS BUSY WEEK

First Methodist Church Destroyed By Fire Sun.

Erected In 1920 at a Cost of \$70,000.00; Estimated Loss At \$100,000.00.

The First Methodist Church, one of the most modern and finest churches in Cherryville was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin early Sunday morning, resulting in an estimated loss of \$100,000.00.

While it could not be definitely determined it was believed that the fire started in the balcony. The smoke was first discovered by the wife of the pastor while the pastor, Rev. L. P. Barnett was on a routine check inside the church. Firemen responded immediately but with a slate roof made it impossible to curbe the blaze. Lincolnton firemen were called but the blaze spread quickly throughout the building. All the church furnishing, including a Hammon organ, and four pianos were a complete loss.

Church officials, Board of Stewards and Trustees met Sunday afternoon and estimated the loss at \$100,000.00, with only \$30,000.00 insurance. Plans were made to hold church services at the high school auditorium at the present.

The church was erected in 1920 at a cost of \$70,000.00, under the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Moser. After years of sacrifice and loyal devotion by the members the dedication service was held in September, 1940, under the pastorage of Rev. D. Moody Nifong. The Hammon organ was installed in 1941 and the floor of the auditorium was carpeted.

Closely following the dedication approximately \$2,700 was spent on the parsonage and on the church repairs.

During the past couple years a building fund was carried on for the erection of an educational building to begin just as soon as it is possible to do so.

Now plans have been changed and the church will be builded back just as soon as it is possible.

At present services will be held in the High School Auditorium.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the regular Sunday School hour. A Christmas program will be given and treats for the children will be distributed. It was announced by W. P. Fitzhugh, Superintendent.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock and Young Peoples' Group will meet at 6:15 at the School Auditorium.

Veteran Bowling Team Wins Two

The Veterans Bowling Team won two practice matches from the Cherryville Men's team. The first game ended 1562 to 1439 pins while the second game was close all the way with the Veterans winning by 3 pins. H. George's 128 game was high for the two matches.

These teams are ready to accept matches from any company sponsoring teams. Matches can be arranged at the Bowling Alley.

Sergeant Mauney Home with Discharge

Sgt. Christine Mauney, daughter of Mrs. S. Mauney, has returned home after twenty-five months in the service. Sgt. Mauney received her discharge from Fort Bragg on points under the AAF surplus program. She was stationed at Fort Totten, La Guardia Field, Long Island, N. Y.

Special Church Notice At Lutheran Church

Instead of the regular schedule on Sunday at the St. John's Lutheran Church the program will begin at 10:30 o'clock and will be continuous until completed. The Sunday School treat will be distributed at that time.

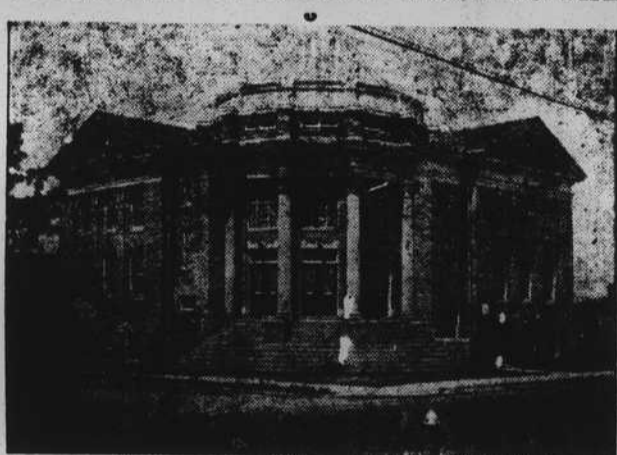
Sgt. Murray Beam Home with Discharge

Sgt. Murray Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Beam, has received an honorable discharge from the Army at the Fort Bragg Separation Center and has returned to his home in Cherryville, Rt. 2. He entered service in March of 1944 and spent 14 months overseas in the ETO.

College Students To Meet Sun. At 4 P. M.

All college students of the community are asked to meet at St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to make plans for the fifth Sunday evening service.

DESTROYED BY SUNDAY MORNING FIRE



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Program To Be At City Hall Saturday

A short Christmas Program will be given in front of the Christmas Tree next to the City Hall on Main Street, Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock, weather permitting. All are asked to join in singing the Christmas songs.

Missionary Methodist Church

There will be a Christmas Pageant, "Gifts for Jesus" by 16 character, presented at the Missionary Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 23rd, at 7 o'clock.

Financial Statement For Caleb Farmer

A financial statement is given below of the funeral services of Mr. Caleb Farmer who died at the City Hospital in Gastonia Sunday afternoon.

Expenses:	
Hospital Bill	19.50
Carpenter Funeral Home (for digging)	11.50
Allan Floral Shop	20.00
Burial Expenses	220.00
Dr. Payne	2.00
Telephone Calls	2.00
Rev. W. G. Cobb	5.70
Rev. Luther Hawkins	5.70
Total	286.40

He had insurance with the Burial Association of 100.00 which leaves a balance of \$186.40. The amount of the fund.

Missionary Methodist Church Program

Services for the First Methodist Church will be conducted at the High School Auditorium Sunday morning.

Services At The Free Saints Church

The Special Preaching Services for the holiday season will be conducted at the Free Saints Tabernacle on the Shelby road over the week-end.

Dean Jenks Home With Discharge

Dean Jenks, Radioman 1C arrived home Wednesday night with his discharge. Randman Jenks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenks. He has been in the Navy for thirty eight months and thirty two months overseas. He arrived in the states December the first and received his discharge from Camp (Shelton).

Harold Lloyd Waters Gets His Discharge

Harold Lloyd Waters, SC 2C was honorably discharged from the United States Navy at the Naval Personnel Separation Center in Shoemaker, California on December 6th. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Waters.

Christmas Greeting Edition Of Eagle To Appear Monday

The annual Christmas Greeting Edition of The Eagle will be published Monday, December 24, and this will be the only paper issued for next week. All merchants are urged to get their Christmas Greeting ads in immediately. All news items must be in the office by Saturday night.

Christmas Program At Dora Friday

A Christmas program will be presented in the Dora Club Room Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Pfc. Ralph E. Scism Co., Awarded Plaque

U. S. Armed Forces in New Caledonia—A Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded to the 3546th Quartermaster Truck Company of which Private First Class Ralph E. Scism is a member. His company was cited for superior performance and for achievement and maintenance of a high standard of professional and military efficiency, the unit received to plaque from Major General Maxwell Murray, South Pacific Base Commander.

Austell Infant Buried Thursday

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Austell born at the Gordon Crowell Memorial Hospital on Wednesday night, December 12th, died and was buried Thursday at the New Memorial cemetery. Commitment services were conducted at the graveside by Rev. L. P. Barnett, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The mother's condition is reported satisfactory.

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D. R. Mauney, Sr., Home From Ten Day Trip Thru Southeast

D. R. Mauney Sr. has just returned from a ten day trip through the south and southeast. On this trip he inspected cotton gins in four states, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This trip was made in the interest of new ideas for better ginning in this section. In Mississippi he saw the new cotton pickers at work. (the International and Russ Pickers) These pickers are being experimented with in the delta of the Mississippi River, and all of the major gin manufacturing companies have experienced gins in that section. The picker is doing good work, but Mr. Mauney believes there will be a great improvement made in the next year or so. The ginning equipment is doing a fine job of cleaning the machine picked cotton.

Dora Mill Erected Nice Service Board

We have seen many nice things in Cherryville, but the prettiest thing in the way of service boards is the one recently placed at the Dora Mill in North Cherryville. The service board sets near enough the sidewalk for the name, to be easily read by anyone standing on the sidewalk, yet far enough back to give room for a small white picket fence around the front of the board. The whole thing is surrounded by shrubbery of the right height to correspond with the other surroundings. The board itself is done in red and white with a gold eagle and other appropriate decorations. It contains 56 names of service men. Two gold stars are placed by the names of two men who gave their lives in service. They were Hillard C. Adams and Max Lybrand. A night a spotlight is turned on the board, making it a pretty sight even at night.

Stores Lined With Christmas Shoppers

Never before in all probability have the merchants of Cherryville experienced such a rush shopping season. Christmas shopping began several weeks ago and with the days drawing nearer to a close the shopping becomes more and more rushing. Only three more shopping days before Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CARLTON

The Carlton Community will present their annual Christmas program Sunday evening, December 22 at 7:45. The Choir will present the chorals. The program is entitled "Bethlehem" a panoramic scene of the town of Bethlehem reproduced from a famous artist painting will be used as the background for the first part, while an elaborate manceer scene will be the chief feature of the second part.

CHERRYVILLE SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL DEC. 31ST.

The schools of Cherryville have closed until December 31st, according to an announcement made by superintendent W. F. Starnes. Mr. Starnes stated due to the inclement weather it was decided to close before the scheduled date which was December 19th. The schools will open Monday December 31st.