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# "MARCH OF DIMES" DRIVE THIS MONTH

## Mr. Vance Gantt Cherryville's First Fatal Accident For 1954

### New Years Shooters

Came the stroke of midnight, January 1st, 1954, and blasts from loaded muskets were again heard resounding from the Wayside Inn. This meant that Uncle Sid Beam and his New Year Shooters had again started shooting out the old year and shooting in the new with the same traditional ceremonies and chants as has been the custom in this area for over two hundred years and dating back in Germany to before the 17th Century.

Uncle Sid has been making the rounds and reciting the chant for 61 years and some say that he is getting better as the years go by. Something like old wine mellows with age. J. C. Beam said the speech for his father a few times and shows great ability for future service. Vance Sellers took care of crying the ladies speech in a commendable fashion. Uncle Sid also fired a few rounds to show his men that he could still handle the old musket.

He and Doc Shull gave a demonstration of a jig and if you have never seen this performance are advised to do so.

After being given a warm send-off by Dwight Sweat at the Wayside Inn, the groups proceeded to Mrs. Lee Dellinger. She was ill and couldn't leave her bed but Uncle Sid graciously said the chant for her by the bedside.

Black's Grill was the next stop, two rounds being fired at Howard Black, who has a sandwich shop just across the bridge at Bryson City. A car came home just to see and hear the shooters.

The next visit was to Hunter Self's then on to Aunt Violet Carpenter's for the best midnight supper that has ever been served. After a round for the ladies, Aunt Violet headed the group in to a full table of meats, sandwiches, pickles, peas, cakes and many other delicious edibles and as a clincher had ginger tea for a delightful liquid refreshment.

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Traveling on Highway 274, stopped to shoot for Ray Beam, Esper Wright, Thea Beam, Guy Brown, Sam Wehner, O. H. Venters, Bush Miller and turning back to shoot for Roy Taylor.

The home of Thea Beam is always a highlight in the program as he is 85 years old and remarked that if he were a couple of years younger he would accompany the group on the full schedule.

Kent Beam's home was next followed by Rafford Dellinger and Michael Leonard, then back to Cherryville, arriving about day-break.

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This year Radio Station WLON in Lincolnton invited the group over for an interview and to fire a round for their radio audience. A large crowd was gathered there to see "the men with the muskets". Then they journeyed to the Lincolnton County Courthouse where a round was fired for the Sheriff of the County and they were met also by Joe R. Nixon, who was formerly a resident of Cherryville, who makes a point each year to meet the group there to listen to the crier and hear the muskets as they are fired.

Returning, a stop was made at the Riverside Service Station and the Hilltop Grocery for a round apiece.

Mrs. Jessie Randall had dinner ready at the Carlton Cafeteria and although the eats had been plentiful all along the route enough appetites had been held in reserve to enjoy her delicious dinner.

Sam Sellers, who has been shooting for 68 years, home was the first visited after lunch, followed by James Homesley's and back to the H. & H. Grocery where a round was fired for Bill Hayes and Mon Hallman. Then on to the Nuway Mill, Hump Crowder's and Jesse VanDyke's Store.

Then a visit was paid Mrs. Jane Lineberger at her home. Doc Shull headed the festivities there as he always struts his stuff for his sister, Mrs. Janie. Jan. 1st happens to be her birthday and attempts were made to find out her age but no success was reported.

The Dora Mill was next on the agenda with the home of Mrs. Ina Beam following.

About dark they headed back (Continued on page five)

### Funeral Services

The first tragedy in Cherryville for 1954 happened Tuesday night about 10:30 when Mr. Vance Gilbert Gantt, 56, was killed at the Railroad Crossing near the Carlton Yarn Mills, Inc. Mr. Gantt was on his way to the Carlton to pick up his wife who is employed on the second shift at the Textile plant, when the accident occurred. Mr. Gantt is employed at the Glenn Mills in Lincolnton. He was alone in the car and is presumed he failed to see the approaching train. He was rushed to a Lincolnton Hospital, where he died about one hour later.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock and burial will be made in the New Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife and five sons, Robert, Willie, Howard, Hillard and Jack. Five brothers and four sisters also survive.

The train was an East bound Freight.

### Arthur Smith TV Talent Hunt Coming Here February Sixth

Arthur Smith's "Television Talent Hunt" Show is coming to Cherryville on Saturday, February 6th. All the Cracker-Jacks will be with Arthur to search for new television talent at the Starnes Auditorium. Time is 7:30 and admission prices are \$1.00 and 50c. Local grand winner will appear on Arthur Smith's Tuesday or Wednesday night WBTV Television Jamboree. Mark the date down on your calendar so you can enjoy seeing the amateur and professional local talent compete for this big opportunity to be on television. And in addition—Arthur Smith and the Cracker-Jacks, stars of radio, television, and MGM records will present a brand new variety show. It's the big entertainment event of the season. Using the whole family and have the time of your life cheering the local talent. The big "Television Talent Hunt" show is being sponsored locally by Cherryville High School Beta Club. Set aside the night of Saturday, February 6th, 1954 now and join in the fun.

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There will be an emergent communication of Cherryville Lodge No. 505 A.F. and A.M. Monday night, Jan. 11th, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock. Work in Master Mason's degree. Members urged to be present and visiting Masons cordially invited.  
MAX G. BEAM, Master  
GEO. S. FALLS, Sec'y.

## Strange Facts About Polio

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Ivey Pope

Funeral services for Mrs. Ivey Frances Pope, 62, who died at her home on Cause Route 1 Saturday morning at 5:10, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Antioch Methodist Church in Lincolnton County. Rev. W. C. Crenshaw, pastor, was in charge of the service. The body lay in state at the church for thirty minutes before the service. Burial was made in the family plot at Mount Zion Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Pope is survived by her husband Clarence Pope, four sons, three by a former marriage. They are: Frank, Delmar, of Cherryville; Boyd Dellinger, of Crouse; Ted Dellinger and Jerry Pope of the home. Four daughters; Mrs. Margaret Motts of Crouse; Mrs. Frank Cody, Misses Sue and Jane Dellinger at the home. Also surviving are seven grand children, three brothers; Enoch Devine, Oscar Devine and Floyd Devine, all of Cherryville and four sisters; Mrs. E. L. Black of Crouse; Mrs. Hope Potite of Bessemer City; Mrs. Johnnie Eaker, Cherryville, and Mrs. Thornburg of Bessemer City.

Mrs. Pope's request was no flowers, but all contributions be sent to the Cancer Fund. Mrs. Gladys Harrelson of Crouse was appointed to handle the fund. If you would like to make a contribution, send it to Mrs. Harrelson at Crouse, N. C.

### Pfc. Fred Moss Gets Promotion

Word has been received here that Pvt. Fred E. Moss, husband of Mrs. Fred Moss of Cherryville, has been promoted to Private First Class. PFC Moss is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is a member of the 6th Armored Division, the famed "Super Sixth". He received his engineer training there.

PFC Moss spent Christmas with his wife, the former Miss Betty Owens and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moss. He has returned to camp and on Jan. 7th will begin 13 weeks unit training at Fort Leonard Wood.

He would like to hear from his old friends here. His address is as follows: PFC Fred E. Moss US 53175150 Co. A, 115th E (C) B, 6th Armored Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

### REV. C. O. SWICEGOOD TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. C. O. Swicegood of Lenoir City, Tenn., will preach at the Free Saints Tabernacle in West End Cherryville, on Saturday night at 7 o'clock and again Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

### JUNIOR PLAY TO FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BE PRESENTED Mrs. T. F. Sellers JANUARY 21

At the time of the suicide of Boon Paulkner, a Swedish match king and financial juggler, revealed the complicated factors of his international financial interests. It was assumed that he had only faked his death and really had departed to South America to live in comfort and in luxury on a fortune that he had established there. This story is the basis of the play selected for presentation by the Cherryville Dramatics Club, for a benefit of the Cherryville Juniors.

The subject of the play is a murder trial, and an unusual feature of it is the recruiting of twelve members of the audience to serve as jury. These members will not be heard of by the audience, but chosen by lot. Jurors selected will be on professional basis, for they will be paid for their services.

"Night of January 16th" had a long run in New York, and has toured the United States.

### Waco Senior Class To Repeat Play On Friday Night, 8th

The Senior Class of Waco High School will give a repeat performance by request of the class play "Murder With Orchids", a mystery comedy, on Friday night, January 8th, at 7:30 o'clock at the school auditorium. Admission 40c and 25c. The public is invited to attend.

### Bank Stockholders Meet Next Tuesday

The annual stockholders meeting of the Cherryville National Bank will be held next Tuesday, January 12th, at the Bank building. Delicious refreshments will be served at 3:00 P. M.

The bank has made wonderful progress during the past twenty years and managed by the Executive Vice President, Mr. Ezra V. Moss.

### New Ports Chief Sees Good Year

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The new director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority predicts more business in 1954 for the terminals at Wilmington and Morehead City.

C. B. Richards, S. Varr, retired, newly elected SPA director, took over the reins of the authority. He took over the reins of the authority with SPA Chairman Edwin Tate of Laurinburg and A. W. Thompson of Lake Waccamaw, an SPA member.

## BANKERS TO PUSH PROGRAM CITING PROGRESS OF STATE

### Old Year Out New Year In

The Traditional New Year Shooters made their first round an organized group this year. This organization was formed to give to the public a safer and finer presentation of shooting than in the past.

This group now consists of 44 members of which about two-thirds are seasoned veterans of this celebration, while the remaining third are mostly new members.

We had the honor of having as speakers Mr. Peter Saine and Ronney Black. Mr. Saine is the oldest member, being 82 years of age, while Ronald Hovis is the youngest at the age of 11.

These Shooters journeyed to S. C. on Dec. 31st visiting Blacksburg, Gaffney, Kines Mountain and Grover, then back to the Elks Club in Shelby and making their last stop Philbeck's Fish Camp near Waco.

They gathered on New Year's Eve at Lloyd Heavner's Fish Camp at 12 P. M. to start their regular route. This group shot and waited more places this year than could be recalled by any of the older members. They shot between sixty and sixty-five rounds. They broadcast over station WLON, Lincolnton, N. C. at 6 A. M. New Year's Day, shot several rounds on the Court Square around noon and then journeyed back to Cherryville.

We wish to thank the Cherryville Police Department for their cooperation and services, to all the business firms, individuals, spectators, all homes visited, we wish the best and most prosperous New Year ever and hope to be with you again next year.

This group consisted of: Luther Sisk, president; Lloyd Strouse, vice president; Roy Black, secretary; James Jones, Lack Harsh, V. White, Russell Morris, Jim Carpenter, Rufin White, Lloyd Heavner, Duke Heavner, Warren Smith, Tom White, Max G. Beam, E. G. Green, Ray Russell, Gene Simpson, Don Phillips, Joe Bill Clawson, Dan Black, Lester Sisk, Charles Sisk, Ed Ray, Ben Nell, Ed Cannon, Keith Lawson, E. L. Beam, Ben Strouse, Grand Fisher, Ross Hovis, Robert White, Max G. Beam, W. B. Clawson, Jim Potter, Carl Dellinger, Kenneth Simpson, Earl Probst, Von Heavner, Harold Ansel and Dave Beam. Several of the members were unable to attend.

This event will be publicized in "The Muzzle Blast", a monthly magazine published by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association of Portsmouth, Ohio.

### Kannapolis Art Teacher Has Painting Displayed In Capital

An oil painting entitled "Mountaineer" by Miss Lucie Ingram of Kannapolis will be evaluated in Washington by a panel of internationally known art directors. Charles Warren of the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation announced today in Raleigh. On January 5 Miss Ingram's work, along with selections from 24 other states, will be viewed by a panel consisting of Albert B. Sabin and Fred Laurens, of the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Thomas M. Boggs, Director of the National Collection of Fine Arts in Washington; and James Rawls, a Washington artist.

These works of art, now on display in the gallery of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, make up an unusual exhibit of "Art by the Handicapped." All of the artists who have succeeded in the arts despite physical handicaps. Most of them, including Miss Ingram, were prepared for their careers through help from the State-Federal program for vocational rehabilitation. Some of them were trained under the direction of Mr. Dome and a group of prominent artists associated with him. Miss Ingram, now an art teacher in Kannapolis, has a hearing disability.

The exhibition is scheduled for later showings in Baltimore and New York.

### O.E.S. TO MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT, 8th

There will be a regular meeting of Cherryville Chapter No. 40 O.E.S. on Friday night, Jan. 8, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

The Cherryville Woman's Club will meet Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 o'clock at the American Home Department will have charge of the program. Mrs. C. A. Rudisill is chairman of this department.

## Rev. and Mrs. Trexler Chairmen

The March of Dimes campaign was officially launched in Gaston County on Tuesday night at a kick-off dinner at the Gastonia Elks Club.

J. Mack Holland is County Chairman and Mrs. J. B. Garland is in charge of the Women's division.

Rev. and Mrs. Leroy C. Trexler will serve as chairmen for Cherryville Township with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackwelder, serving as advisors. Following are Mr. and Mrs. Blackwelder and Miss Marie Huss, who is Chairman for the Tryon Community. Attended the dinner. About fifty Chairmen and guests were present.

One of the statements at this dinner was, "This is the only fund raising drive that we know of which is trying to work its way out of business."

The March of Dimes Campaign will continue through out the month of January, closing on the 30th. The following men will be in charge of the drive in each township last year, when the county contributed \$45,185.91.

Rev. and Mrs. Trexler are completing their plans and appointing committees for the drive in Cherryville and will have a complete list for next week's Eagle. If you want to mail your funds in, send them to Rev. Leroy C. Trexler, 400 West Church Street, Cherryville, N. C.

## Men Announced To Head March Of Dimes

J. Mack Holland, Jr., Director of the 1954 March of Dimes announced that the following men will head the drive in their respective communities: Gastonia, Bonnie Norris; Stanley, Russell Handels; Mt. Holly, John Brinkley; Lowell, L. H. Heck; Dallas, W. W. Fogie; Belmont, Johnny Johnson; Meadwell, Nell Pharr; Cramerton, Brock Hunt; Randle, Bill Hardin; and High Shoals, David E. Ewe.

He also invited all township invitations are being mailed out to all club directors regarding the "kick-off" dance to be held at the Gastonia Elks Club, Tuesday, January 5, 7:30 P. M.

## Women Announced To Head March Of Dimes Drive In Co.

Mrs. James Boyce Garland, Director, Women's Division, 1954 March of Dimes Campaign, has announced that the following listed women will head the 1954 March of Dimes drive in their respective communities: Gastonia, Mrs. Harry Brant; Belmont, Mrs. Beale Maynard; Dallas, Mrs. Max Phillips; Tryon, School, Miss Marie Huss; Stanley, Mrs. Paul Thorne; Bessemer City, Mrs. E. G. Mullins; Lowell, Miss Nancy Simpson and Mrs. J. M. Holbrook; High Shoals, Mrs. P. A. Herman; Mt. Holly, Mrs. Paul Anderson; Cramerton, Miss Martha Holland.

All persons wishing to help work with this year's March of Dimes drive are requested to contact the director in their community. Inasmuch as the national budget has been increased substantially in order to carry out the research work necessary to find a vaccine to immunize against Polio, Mrs. Garland expressed the hope that many new workers will come forward to help.

The 1954 March of Dimes drive will get underway in Gaston County January 6th.

## United States Steel Hour Named "TV's Best Dramatic Show Of The Year" In Poll

New York, N. Y.—The United States Steel Hour has been named "Television's best Dramatic Show of the Year" in the recent poll of 500 radio and television editors conducted annually by "Radio-Television Daily." The well-known trade publication announced the award in a front page story released today.

On the basis of the five telecasts offered thus far, TV critics coast-to-coast have been almost unanimously in their praise of The United States Steel Hour, many of them hailing the fledgling series as the best new program of its kind.

Viewers will have an opportunity to see the celebrated Tallulah Bankhead how is his first dramatic role on television in the distinguished Henrik Ibsen classic, "Hedda Gabler," as the sixth presentation on The Steel Hour.

## Dancing Classes To Begin Sat. Morning

The Henderson School of Dancing, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Venning, who has been on the staff for six years, and is a member of the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters, will begin classes here Saturday morning, January 9th, at the American Legion Building on North Park street.

Registration and interviewing will be held at the building on Friday afternoon at 3:30 immediately at the close of school. It is very important that all those who are interested in these classes be present on Friday afternoon for registration. In order to know what hour their class will be held on Saturday.

It is not necessary to have your dance shoes, as Mrs. Venning will make arrangements for these later.

Classes will be given for children 3 years of age and up. They will receive training in rhythmic, tap, ballet, toe and acrobatic.

## COMMUNION AT SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAY

Communion will be observed at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. All members are urged to be present for this service.