

Reminiscences Of Cherryville

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"MAIN STREET"

Main Street is nothing like it was at first. We can remember when the space in the main business section was nothing but vacant land. No houses in the immediate section. There was a long store building running east and west down about two-thirds of the way to the railroad. Mr. John C. Dellinger and others operated a grocery store there for some years. A little later Messrs. M. E. Rudisill and D. W. Aderholdt bought the building, tore it down and rebuilt it north and south at the spot where Harrelson Company have their store.

The space west of across Mountain Street was a wheat field or open field. Messrs. Rudisill & Aderholdt and Kendrick Brothers got interested doing something to make the place look like a town. Thus these people made arrangements to open up a street now known as main street. This was

done by about three rounds with a big turning plow running from about the old depot to what is now North Elm Street. The shaping of the street amounted to but little more than ploughing out a shallow ditch on each side of the street. Main part of the street was no more than the level land it was before the street work was done. Then the space was but a little more than half the present width. It was a number of years before any real street shaping-up was done. In the years to follow the town board bought a street plow and Mr. N. B. Kendrick operated it and shaped up a number of streets. From that time on the town began to take on the appearance of a town with streets.

Prior to the time this work was done there was a road running from the whiskey store on the old road from the mountain to Kings Mountain via the John Dellinger store (as mentioned) to the S. S. Mauney block where Mr. Mauney had a store which was burned during the 80's. This road served the people south of the railroad. Then in much more recent years the town people dug down into the deep railroad cut just north of the Mauney store and Mountain Street was opened up from

a point at or near Walter Houser's store to a point about until Dr. A. W. Howell built his store and moved over from Walter Houser corner no one had ever thought of a name for any street. We can well recall that Dr. Howell bought a medicine shop and the shapper made up and shipped him a lot of medical appliances. They bore the name of "Dr. A. W. Howell, East Main Street, Cherryville, N. C." From that day until this time this has been known as Main Street and about the same time the street north and south took the name of Mountain Street. No other streets bore a name. In 1891 Captain John M. Rhodes from Kings Mountain with his associates built the old Cherryville Manufacturing Co. mill and the railroad put in a coal chute for the benefit of the mill and the town opened up a little street from the chute to the mill and it was named Mill Street, our third street.

The first building on Main Street, up town, was that of Rudisill & Aderholdt. The next was a brick building built by Messrs. Melville L. Rudisill and son David A., and son in law of John H. Rudisill, on the corner of Main and Mountain Streets. Now

Houser Drug Company location. The first brick building in town was by Mr. S. S. Mauney just north of Main street on the west side of North Mountain street. The brick building at the Dora Yarn Mills was built as a company store building when the old Gaston Mill was built in 1896, and is an old building.

Main Street has not always been so very attractive. For many years it was much of a mud street. Here on the square it was very muddy in winter for many years. Sometimes it was so bad it was hard to drive a wagon team across the square. We have seen town commissioners haul in loads and loads of rock to pile in the deep and mud so that the street could be used.

Rudisill building on the corner and the Allen Drug Store building were cut off in front to get in the new line and then all other buildings were built in the new line. The line-up of buildings had an odd appearance for some years. Now buildings were built in the new line some years before the aforesaid buildings were cut back in line. Visitors got a kick out of talking about the ziz-zag appearance of the street.

In spite of the long slow processing and work and worry in getting the street made and improved Main Street now compares favorably with the streets in other small towns—and we all like it as it is.

president of the Council, "but because of accidents - and especially traffic accidents - it becomes a day of tragedy in entirely too many American homes. The greatest tragedy of all is that so many of these accidents could be prevented!"

"It's time for Americans to realize that these traffic accident victims die in vain. They die because the victim, or some one, was careless."

"If everyone would assume personal responsibility for himself and others, whether walking or driving, many of these accidents could be prevented and Christmas could be a happy holiday for many more people."

As the holidays grow nearer, the Council is stepping up its annual Christmas safety campaign. Mr. Dearborn said. Cooperating with the Council in this effort to hold yuletide accidents to a minimum are 163 other national organizations, city and state officials, civic leaders and local safety councils.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season present special Christmas hazards, the Council said. These, plus the normal winter hazards of bad

weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness often add up to tragedy.

To compare for the extra hazards, the Council suggests:

1. Start automobile trips early and take it easy. Be extremely cautious in bad weather and darkness.
2. Don't compete in traffic. Let the other driver have the right-of-way and you take the right way.
3. Don't pass without a sure margin of safety. And don't change lanes unless you are sure no one is coming up behind you.
4. Stay alert. Don't let distraction take your mind off the road even for an instant.
5. Don't drink if you have been drinking - and refuse to ride with drinking drivers. If you don't drink, watch out for the fellow who does. Remember that tipsy pedestrians and drinking drivers are most common during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

The most common home injury is cuts. When you're doing that last minute shopping, give a knife rack or a knife sharpener. The rack keeps knives where they can be reached without cutting oneself, and a sharp knife is safer than a dull one.

Christmas Seal Sale Progressing Nicely

According to C. D. Gray, President of the Gaston County Tuberculosis Association, "The tireless work of so many volunteers and the enthusiastic cooperation of our newspapers, radio stations, schools, churches, business firms and merchants have given us all a true insight into real community teamwork."

Mr. Gray stated "encouraging reports are coming in from all over the county, indicating good response to our Christmas Seal Sale campaign." "However," he stated, "Some of our people and firms have not yet sent in their usual fine contributions, and I urge them not to forget to help us control and eradicate tuberculosis from our community."

An interesting note: the Gaston County Schools is conducting a county-wide mass x-ray of all ninth graders - using the x-ray machine donated to the county by the Tuberculosis Association.

Rabbit hunting is probably the most popular shooting sport in North Carolina.

Watch How You Drive; Be Alive In '55

CHICAGO, December—Watch how you drive—if you want to be alive in '55!

That's the advice of the National Safety Council, which points out that it's only 1 more day until December 24th - the most dangerous day of the year in traffic.

"Christmas is a very special day of joy," said Ned H. Dearborn,



Best Christmas Wishes

From the bottom of our hearts we warmly extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of unbounded happiness.



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In sincere appreciation of our pleasant relationship through the past year... we extend a wish to you, our patrons, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Season's Greetings



As carolers give voice to the Christmas Spirit with hymns and beautiful ballads so do we humbly give voice to our appreciation of your year 'round friendship and loyalty. A Joyous Yuletide Season to one and all.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May your joy this Christmas Season be as continuous as the wreath of holly.

May your happiness and good health during the coming New Year be without end.

BLACKWELDER'S MACHINE SHOP

DR. JOE PHARR

CRAIG CLEANERS
South Mountain Street
BURLIN CRAIG

E. V. MOSS AARON MOSS INSURANCE
FIRE - AUTO - WINDSTORM

Merry Christmas



Our Wish For You IS THAT YOU ENJOY A MERRY CHRISTMAS And that the coming Year brings the answer to your dreams of peace, happiness and prosperity.

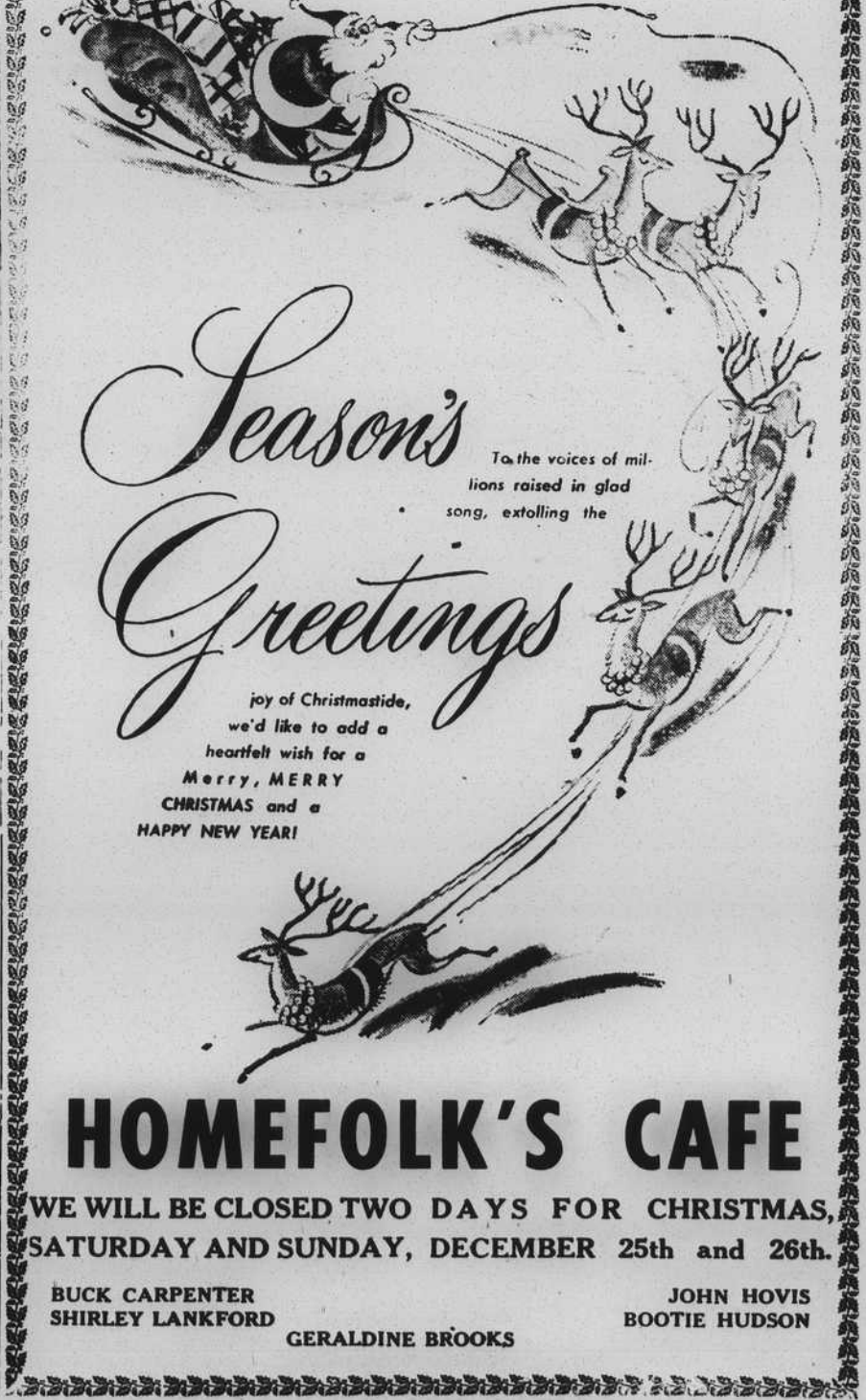
The NEW GOLDINER'S



Sing out with all good wishes of the season, With songs of faith and carols of good cheer: For Yuletide's here and Christmas is the reason That bells ring out for all the world to hear.

And at this time, to all our friends and neighbors We give our thanks for kindness in the past; We take a thoughtful pause from worldly labors To wish you Christmas joys that last and last.

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Season's Greetings

To the voices of millions raised in glad song, extolling the joy of Christmastide, we'd like to add a heartfelt wish for a Merry, MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HOMEFOLK'S CAFE
WE WILL BE CLOSED TWO DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th and 26th.
BUCK CARPENTER SHIRLEY LANKFORD GERALDINE BROOKS
JOHN HOVIS BOOTIE HUDSON