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Chief Parker Says Every Day Can Be Safe Driving Days

It is entirely possible for Cherryville to go through "S-D Day"—Safe Driving Day, Thursday, December 1—without a single traffic accident, Chief of Police J. H. Parker said today. "We can achieve this goal of no accidents on S-D Day," Chief Parker said, "if we accept the idea that traffic safety is an individual, personal matter. "If every man, woman, and child in our community will keep in mind that traffic safety is his or her own personal responsibility, we can wipe out the traffic accident problem as effectively as medical science has eliminated some of our dread diseases of the past. "S-D Day will be observed in every community in the United States. It is a tremendous nationwide effort to prove that traffic accidents can be reduced if all motorists and pedestrians cooperate. The President through his Committee for Traffic Safety is lending the full support of his office to this program. It deserves the full support of all of us." Chief Parker suggested these specific safety rules to drivers and pedestrians: 1. Observe the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations. 2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship. 3. Give full attention to driving and walking. In short, drive and walk as you would have everyone else drive and walk. "Let's make every day Safe Driving Day in Cherryville," Chief Parker said.

T. F. Moore, City's "S-D Day" Director

As Cherryville intensifies its activities in preparation for "S-D Day"—Safe Driving Day, Thursday, December 1—T. F. Moore, the city's S-D Day Director, points out that safe walking, as well as safe driving, is essential in reducing accidents. Studies by safety organizations, he said, have shown that, since 1937, pedestrian deaths have been reduced by 49 per cent, while non-pedestrian fatalities have increased 16 per cent. "Nevertheless," Mr. Moore emphasized, "from one-half to three-fourths of traffic deaths in cities involve pedestrians. "The experts have found that seven out of every 10 pedestrians killed are men; that three out of five are struck during the hours of darkness; and that eight or nine out of every 10 adult pedestrian fatalities are non-drivers. "Some special studies indicate that more than one-third of all pedestrians killed are over 65 and that the great majority are wearing dark clothes when struck." Mr. Moore noted that jaywalking is a factor in half of the pedestrian deaths; that stepping from behind parked cars and crossing against red lights rank next in pedestrian actions which most often result in death or injury in cities; and that, in rural areas, many pedestrians are killed walking in the roadway with their backs to traffic. He added: "For the Nation as a whole, one of the brightest spots in the whole traffic-accident picture has been the reduction in deaths among school-age children. This reduction has been nearly 40 per cent during the years when deaths among all age groups were increasing by 26 per cent. Much of this improvement is attributed to the school safety patrols, now more than 500,000 strong, and intensive programs through posters, leaflets, talks by trained police officers, and so on. "The reduction in pedestrian deaths through the years is concrete evidence that traffic safety measures, properly conceived, consistently applied, and supported by the public, do pay off in terms of lives saved."

Pageant To Be Given At Lutheran Church

"The Women of the Church" of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present a Thanksgiving Pageant, "I Am Debtor," for their Annual Thank Offering Program on Sunday night, November 27th, at 7:30 o'clock in the church. The underlying purpose of the Pageant is to imprint clearly upon the mind and upon the heart of the present day American his great indebtedness to all mankind and to Almighty God. As the pageant progresses man's indebtedness falls into seven different categories. To the people who have lived before you and who have contributed to your comfort, pleasure and enlightenment. To the people and Nations of the past for the cultural pleasures you now enjoy. To those who have made possible your country and your government. To those many toilers who serve you to-day in a thousand ways. To those who have walked closely with you at times of need in your life, and have given you their guidance, their encouragement, their love. To Almighty God for the gift of all creation, the gift of life itself. To the Christian Church which is the visible expression of God's presence in the world. The pageant will be presented by a cast of thirty, all of whom will be fittingly costumed. Characters: Mrs. Wilson—A Woman of the Church. Spirit of Remembrance—The Reader. Pilgrim Woman, Colonial Woman, mother and children, two friends, farmers wife, nurse, sales woman, and writer. The following nationals: Chinese, Arabian, Phoenician, Jew, Greek, Roman, Italian, French, German, English and Negro. Bible readers, flagbearer, singer, deaconess, teacher, Missionary and minister. The Women of the Church of St. John's Lutheran Church extend to the public a very warm invitation to attend their Annual Thank Offering Service on Sunday night, November 27th, at 7:30 o'clock in the church.



Reviewing messages relayed through Western Union Telegraph system are (left to right): J. L. Boies, General Claims Manager; D. F. Beam, Secretary-Treasurer; C. G. Beam, President; L. L. Fraley, Executive Vice President. Seated at extreme left is William Anthony, message center operator.

Decorations and Lights Going Up

The Christmas Parade to be held here on Thursday afternoon, December 1st, at 3:30 o'clock sponsored by the Cherryville Merchants Association is taking form for one of the most colorful and elaborate parades in the history of Cherryville. Max N. Rainwater, chairman of the Parade Committee, informs us twenty units and seven bands have already been signed up for the parade with about six teens already entered. About twenty more units and floats are expected to be entered before the week is out. The parade this year will be one of the longest ever witnessed here. Old Santa Claus will ride the most beautiful float and bring up the rear. His float has already been engaged and will be drawn by eight live-sized reindeers, more elaborate and glittering than ever before. Get prepared to bring the family to Cherryville on Thursday, December 1st for the gala affair. The town crew has been busy all week stringing Christmas lights and decorations and getting ready for the parade. The lights will be turned on during the parade for the first time.

Woman's Club Dinner Outstanding Success

The members of the Cherryville Woman's Club wish to express their appreciation for the good will shown them and the splendid co-operation given them by the citizens of this town at the fall dinner of their Holiday Dinner an outstanding success. A delicious Turkey Dinner was served in a "friendly and homely" atmosphere to one hundred and fifty people last Friday night. The Woman's Club Building was artistically decorated with fall flowers and leaves. It is the hope of the Woman's Club that everyone left their dining room that evening both happy and contented. The Woman's Club plans another such dinner to be given sometime during the Easter Holidays.

Winners Saturday At Mitchem's

Mitchem's, Inc., had a wonderful opening last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The prize winning contest closed Saturday night and the names were drawn for the winners. Mrs. Richard Stroup won the 22" walking doll and Steve Eaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eaker won the Regulation Football. Those winning paint were: Mrs. Loren Hord, Ruffin Lail, Bill Mauney, Kenneth Dalton, Fred McSwain, David Becha, Mrs. Gresham Quinn, Mrs. Gazzie Lail, Bob Fisher, Harlee Beam, Mrs. John David Beam, Harry Parrott, Don H. Carpenter, Cecil Vernon, Dwight Champion, Craft Howell, Mrs. Woodrow Ware, Perry Hill, Susan Pope, Nancella Harden, Gladys Costner, Mrs. Charles Hartman, C. C. Lingerfelt, William Burger and John Saine. Mr. Paul Mitchem, owner, expresses his appreciation for the fine interest shown and the many visits made to his store.

Christmas Films Available Now

The Gaston County Public Library has two Christmas films, in full color, which are available to schools, churches, and community groups for programs. Christmas Customs Near and Far. (16mm-sound-color, 15 minutes.) Fran Allison, television star of Kukla, Fran and Ollie, tells the story of Christmas Customs Near and Far. In this film, she explains the Christmas legends and customs of the Western Hemisphere, Europe, and Asia as the camera explores a variety of traditional dances, decorations, and festivities. She answers such questions as: "How old is Santa Claus?" "Who invented the Christmas tree?" Filmed in Austria, this motion picture presents the factual history of the most inspiring of all Christmas carols. We see how a poem first composed by a priest reflecting on the beauty of the Christmas season, and later set to music by the village schoolmaster, traveled from the small, remote villages of the Alps, all over the world to become a universal symbol of the Christmas spirit. Reservations may be made by calling Gaston County Public Library.

R. Eugene Sigmon Laid To Last Rest

Funeral services were held for R. Eugene Sigmon, 51, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church with the pastor, Rev. George L. Riddle officiating. The church choir sang, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Come Thou Fount." Flowers were in charge of Miss Dot Mauney, Mrs. Dowd Dellinger, Mrs. Vernon Ford and Mrs. J. A. Blackwelder. Flower bearers were Mesdames Kenneth Hoyte, Eva Ruth Hoover, Robert VanDyke, Garland Stroupe, M. E. Weaver, Dave Rudisill, Jr., Yates McGinnis, Jab Blackwelder, Q. C. Randall, Kenneth Sigmon, Lois Ginn, Ben VanDyke, Wayne Black D. B. Ramsey, Jr., Gene Brown, Elsie Putnam, Katherine Goins, and Misses Lois Sigmon, Martha Ann Beam, Frances Dease, Inez Abernethy, Bonnie Farmer, Dot Mauney, Teeny, Rudisill, Helen Fronberger, Joan Wehant, Martha L. Beam, Frances Seism, Betty Hulsey, Shirley Mabe and Ella Ann Brooks. Active pallbearers were: Glenn Hinkle, Kenneth Sigmon, Jack Sigmon, J. L. Randall, Hugh Putnam and Raleigh Putnam. Burial was made in the New Memorial Cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers. Mr. Sigmon passed away at his home Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 unexpectedly. He had been in declining health for the past eight years. Before his illness he was employed at the Nuway Spinning Company as overseer. Surviving are his wife, who before marriage was Miss Vida Mauney and 12 children, Miss Elsie Sigmon and J. T. Sigmon at home, Harold Sigmon, Shelby Sigmon, in service, but was home on leave, Mrs. David Benfield, Gastonia, Billy Frank, Patricia, Dennis, Martel, Tim and Meredith, all at home. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Garland Sigmon, Ray Sigmon, Ben Sigmon, Everett Sigmon, Mrs. Eubern Quinn, Mrs. L. L. Randall, Mrs. Frank Henkle, Mrs. R. Z. McNeely, and Mrs. Ruben Yount.

Funeral Services For J. R. Sellers

Funeral services for Mr. Jacob R. Sellers, 52, of Wise, Virginia were held at Carpenter's Funeral Chapel last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial was made in the family plot at St. Mark's Cemetery. Mr. Sellers had been in ill health for some time. His body was found about one half mile from the home on Sunday, November 13th, after being missing from the home since the previous Wednesday. His death was due to exposure. The body was brought to Carpenter's Funeral Home on Monday where it remained until the funeral hour. He was born and reared in Cherryville, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sellers. He was married to Miss Ola Mauney, also of Cherryville and they moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee during World War II. About six years ago they moved to Wise, Virginia where they made their home. Surviving are his wife and nine children, Mrs. Bob Ramsey of Lincolnton, Mrs. Bill Kennedy, Wise, Va., Mrs. Odell Hammond, Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. Bernice Sellers, Jacob, Jr., Catherine, Brenda, Patsy and Carl, all at home. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Jenkins and Mrs. Raymond Brown of Cherryville.

Carolina Freight Carriers Inaugurate High Speed Private Wire Telegraph

Postmaster Urges Early Mailing

"It's time to start those Christmas mailings!" Postmaster Ralph J. Putnam warned today launching his 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign. "On the calendar it's a month away but here in the Post Office it's Christmas today—and every day until December 25th," he said. Extra mail carriers and office help have been secured, the delivery trucks serviced, Post Office inkwells filled and in fact everything is ready for the mammoth flood of Christmas mail that is expected to smash all records. The Post Office has already dispatched a tremendous quantity of gift packages headed for members of the Armed Forces overseas. Christmas cards for service personnel can still be delivered in time if they are sent by air mail before December 1st. In the U.S.A., smart people are now mailing gifts to friends and relatives living in other states. Postmaster Raleigh J. Putnam, especially calls on housewives to help in his effort to deliver every package and Christmas card before December 25th. "The lady of the house," he emphasized, is really in charge of each family's Christmas mailing program. She selects the Christmas cards, buys most of the gifts and sees to it that the mailing list of friends and loved-ones is up-to-date. "Actually, success in having all Christmas gifts and greeting cards delivered on time is largely a matter of advance planning and preparation which should be done this week," Postmaster Putnam pointed out. He urges that you take the following steps at once: Get out your Christmas card list and carefully check through it. Make sure that each address includes the full name, street and number, city, zone and state. Then, pay a visit to the Post Office, stock up on stamps (use three cent stamps on your Christmas cards for first-class mail service) and ask any questions you may have about mailing regulations. You can do this in a leisurely way if you will come to the Post Office before 10:30 a.m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. thus missing the rush hours. On your way home pick up a supply of heavy wrapping paper sturdy empty cartons strong cord and kraft paper adhesive tape. A modest investment in these necessities will pay big dividends in safe delivery of your cherished Christmas gifts. After your gift wrapping and packing is complete plan your mailings so that those for the most distant points go first. Try to get all long-distance mailings into the Post Office before December 5th and those for nearby points should be mailed by December 10th. You'll be glad you did.

Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation recently inaugurated a new, high speed private wire telegraph system. The new system, known as Western Union's Plan 111-A, inter-connects 16 Carolina Freight Carriers terminals from Boston to Miami and the General Offices at Cherryville, N. C. Telegraph circuits employed in the system aggregate in excess of 2,500 miles. Messages originating at any of the 16 offices are received at the Cherryville switching center in the form of printed, perforated tape. Special transmitting equipment at the center permits an attendant to automatically flash each message to its destination by the simple expedient of depressing a push-button. It is so arranged that a message can be transmitted to one office or to a combination of several offices simultaneously. At destination, messages are received in page form ready for instant use. The capacity of the wire system is 23,400 words hourly, and the thousands of messages handled weekly move between the several offices in a matter of minutes. The great majority, if not all, of the administrative and operational communications of the company are now handled on the new system and include the prompt dispatching of over-the-road equipment and tracing of shipments where necessary. The design of the Private Wire System provides the ability to transmit way-bills by telegraph direct to the destination terminal. This radical step into a new field, designed to provide vastly improved customer service, is now being developed and Carolina Freight Carriers expects to begin transmission of freight way-bills by telegraph shortly after the first of the year.

Officers Elected At Waco High Band

Officers have been elected for the Waco High School Band as follows: Athal Williams, President; Joan Cline, Sec'y-Treas.; Jo Ann Lackey, Reporter. The band is under the direction of Howard L. Gaffney, of Charlotte. He has directed youth band, five other high school bands, leader of Doc Gaffney's Orchestra, and while in the Army was commanding officer of the 94th Army Band. Joan Cline is drum majorette. The uniforms for the band members are being planned to carry out the school colors of red and white.

PTA City Council To Meet Tuesday

The PTA City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 29th, at the High School Library at 5 p.m. All officers and delegates are urged to attend.

Howell and Nuway Christmas Programs

The Christmas Program at the Howell Club House will be held on Saturday evening, December 17th, at 8:30 o'clock. "A Light In My Window" is the name of the play which will be given by the Howell Woman's Club. "No Room In The Inn" will be given at the Nuway Club House on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at 2:30 o'clock. These plays will be directed by Mrs. Blanch Self, club leader.

Attend Thanksgiving Service Thurs., Morn

As a reminder and invitation to attend the Union Thanksgiving Service to be held at the First Methodist Church, Thanksgiving morning at 9:30 o'clock, the Junior Woman's Club members will again this year call all the residents in town and remind them of the service and invite them to attend. When they call be ready to tell them you plan to attend and then be at the First Methodist Church at 9:30 on Thanksgiving morning.

John Philbeck Stationed In La.

FORT POLK, La.—Pfc. John W. Philbeck, son of John S. Philbeck, 322 E. Warren Street, Shelby, N. C., is assigned to the Aggressor Force in Exercise Sage Brush, the largest joint Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II, now being held in Louisiana. Some 110,000 Army troops are testing the latest concepts of bacteriological, atomic, chemical and electronic warfare. The exercise ends December 15. The Aggressor Force furnishes opposition to the regular maneuver troops in simulated battles. Philbeck, a driver with the Fourth Armored Division is regularly stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He has been in the Army since February 1954.

Additional Donor To Girl Scouts

An additional Donation to the Girl Scout Fund has been received from the Cherryville Nursery. Any others who would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause send your check to Mrs. Carlyle Summer, chairman of the Fund Drive.

Prayer Meeting At Cleatus Lail's Home

There will be a Prayer Meeting at the home of Mr. Cleatus Lail on the Howell Mill Village, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us. The meeting will be conducted by the Missionary Prayer Band.

Clark Commentator For All Stars

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—J. R. Clark, Carolina's News Editor for WBT Radio, has been invited to handle the "color commentary" for the twelfth consecutive year for the annual Shrine All-Star High School football game to be played here December 3. The game, featuring the best high school players in North Carolina versus the best from South Carolina, will be heard on a two-state, 140-station network.

Stores To Remain Open On Tuesdays

The Cherryville Merchants Association announced today that all stores would be open on Tuesday afternoons from now until Christmas. For the convenience of the shopping public the Grocery Stores will be open on Tuesday afternoon, same as the clothing stores. So, bring your family to town on Tuesday afternoon and do your Christmas shopping and also get you a supply of groceries for the week.

Shad Goodson With Cherry Motors, Inc.

Shad Goodson of Lincolnton has been added to the Sales Force of The Cherry Motors, Inc. Mr. Goodson comes well recommended and experienced in the automobile business, being connected with the Abernethy Chevrolet Co. of Hickory for the past five years.

Order Of Eastern Star

Cherryville Chapter No. 156, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday night, November 24th, in regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Carroll J. Schronce Stationed In La.

FORT POLK, La.—Specialist Third Class Carroll J. Schronce, 201 S. Main Street, Shelby, N. C., is participating in the largest joint Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II, Exercise Sage Brush, in Louisiana. Some 110,000 Army troops are testing the latest concepts of bacteriological, atomic, chemical and electronic warfare. The exercise will end December 15. Specialist Schronce a gunner in the Third Infantry Division, is regularly stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He entered the Army in March, 1954. Schronce is a 1953 graduate of Banok High School.