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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE TOMORROW



In the above picture is Tom Moore, Safety Director for Carolina Freight Carriers, Harry Graham, Patrolman; Guy E. Bean, winner of the Expert Driver Certificate awarded for the week ending, November 24th; J. H. Parker, Chief of Police, presenting the certificate, and W. T. Robinson, Mayor, who designated the week of November 18-24 as one of the weeks, a local driver would be given an expert drivers certificate. Another expert driver will be selected for the week ending Thursday, December 1st.

The awarding of these two expert driver certificates is a part of Cherryville's Pre-S-D Day activities. The "Expert Driving" certificate will entitle Mr. Bean to ten gallons of gasoline, provided at Firestone or by VanDyke Esso Station.

Funeral Service Ruffin P. Houser

Funeral services for Ruffin P. Houser, 57, of Vale, Route 2, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Halls Grove Baptist Church of which he was a member. The pastor, Rev. Floyd Willis, officiated, assisted by Rev. Jesse Johnson and Rev. Coleman Upton. The body lay in state at the church for 30 minutes prior to the service.

The church choir sang, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Abide With Me". A duet, "When the Evening Shadows Fall" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Castles. Flower girls were nieces, assisted by members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church: Jeanette Shidal, Mrs. Frank Mauney, Mrs. Clyde Denton, Kathryn Miller, Mrs. J. I. Paschall, Mrs. Wayne Lingerfelt, Mrs. Lester Sain, Mesdames Ervin Sain, H. A. Braltherton, Farrell Willis, Paul Willis, Sarah Willis, Dennis Elmore, Max Shidal, W. C. Wehunt, Bryte Wehunt, Venda Mull, H. Ervin Reep, Keiffer Brendel, Ray Brendel, Carl Stevens, Cleat Taylor, Richard Johnson, Harold Houser, W. C. Willis, Joe Abernethy, James Carpenter, Carolina Houser, Joan Sain and Leslie Sain.

Active pallbearers were members of the Woodmen of the World, Vale Post, W. J. Carmwell, B. E. Houser, M. J. Gilbert, E. D. Geymont, O. E. King and Sam Canipe. Burial was made in the church cemetery under a mound of lovely flowers.

Mr. Houser was born in Lincoln County, May 17, 1898, a son of the late H. Lee Houser and Laura Childers Houser. He was a successful farmer of the Vale section. Mr. Houser died suddenly Thursday morning, November 24, after suffering a heart attack.

He is survived by his mother, his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Annie Miller and three children, Mrs. Rhine Reep, Mrs. Vernon Boyles and Billy Houser, all of Vale; three grandchildren, Rhodney Reep, Nelita Faye Boyles and Martha Ann Houser. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Bass, Newton; Mrs. N. J. Canipe, Vale; Mrs. John Crew, Gastonia and four brothers, Flay Houser, Lincoln; Fred Houser, Croun; Dean and Vernon Houser, Vale.

Rotary Club Endorses "S-D Day"

William J. Allran, Jr., president of the Rotary Club, today announced his organization's full support of the Nation's second "S-D Day"—Safe Driving Day, Thursday, December 1—and cautioned:

"Let's not miss the main objective. S-D Day is not being undertaken just to persuade us to walk and drive safely for a single day. Its purpose is to awaken us to the need for being safe every day, the year-around. S-D Day is sponsored by the President's Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with nearly 200 national organizations. "The Rotary Club," Mr. Allran reminded, "is dedicated to civic service. Helping to combat traffic accidents is certainly in this category. The only way we can conquer this problem is to bring every resident to a continuing realization of his own responsibility for safe driving and walking."

"We are hoping that, with public support, we can make safe driving a year-around habit. Of course we want Cherryville to have a perfect record on S-D Day itself—not a single traffic accident of any kind. But we are also going to try to extend the program throughout the coming year. "The President has given his complete endorsement of this project. So have Governor Hodges, Mayor Robinson, and countless other influential organizations and individuals. The problem is one of making every driver and pedestrian—all of us—aware of our own responsibility. As a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so are we all dependent upon each individual for the success of the S-D Day program.

"Common courtesy is a much under-rated commodity; it is the basis for overcoming a menace which kills tens of thousands, and maims more than a million every year. I hope that every one of us in Cherryville will start right now to practice that courtesy every day which will enable all of us to win the fight against traffic accidents."

FRANKLIN LUTHER BEAM, III Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Beam, announce the birth of a son, Franklin Luther, III, on Sunday, November 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Beam have a little daughter, Anita.

Carlton Christmas Activities Planned

Tuesday, December 13th, the Carlton Woman's Club will have its annual Christmas dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. Exchange of gifts among the 42 members and the singing of Christmas Carols will add a festive air to the occasion.

Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon "The Birds Christmas Carol" will be presented by popular request. This beloved story was first presented at the Carlton in 1948, this will make the fifth production. This year a slightly different version of the play has been chosen. It features Carol as having fallen from a horse and skillful surgeons are able to restore her to normal health. The scene featuring Mrs. Ruggles getting her brood ready to go to the party at the "big house" as used in its entirety. With the exception of Mrs. Ruggles the entire cast is new. The Carlton Girls Club will constitute the choir. By presenting the program in the afternoon we hoped not to interfere with various church programs on this day.

Tuesday, December 20 at 3:30 a Big Christmas party for employees' children from infants through ten years of age will be given. A very entertaining program of fun has been planned for all the kiddies. Mr. Ben Rudsill will, as usual, be master of ceremonies. Word from Santa Claus assures us that he will be here with a gift for every tot together with candy and fruits.

On Thursday the Carlton Family Party will be held at the club house. This is the usual gathering for the treat.

Plans are underway for affairs for the Girls Club and the Boy Scout Troop, to be announced later.

Steady Increase In Christmas Mail

Postmaster Raleigh J. Putnam, announced today that there has been a steady increase in the flow of Christmas cards and packages through the Post Office the past few days. He said he was glad to see that many people are getting their Christmas gifts for infants being pointed out that packages addressed to folks living in other states should all be mailed before December 5th and those for near-by points before December 10.

Stressing the need for everyone to cooperate in his 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, Postmaster Putnam says that, following these three simple rules, you're certain to have your gifts delivered before Christmas Day: Wrap them securely, Address them correctly, and mail them early.

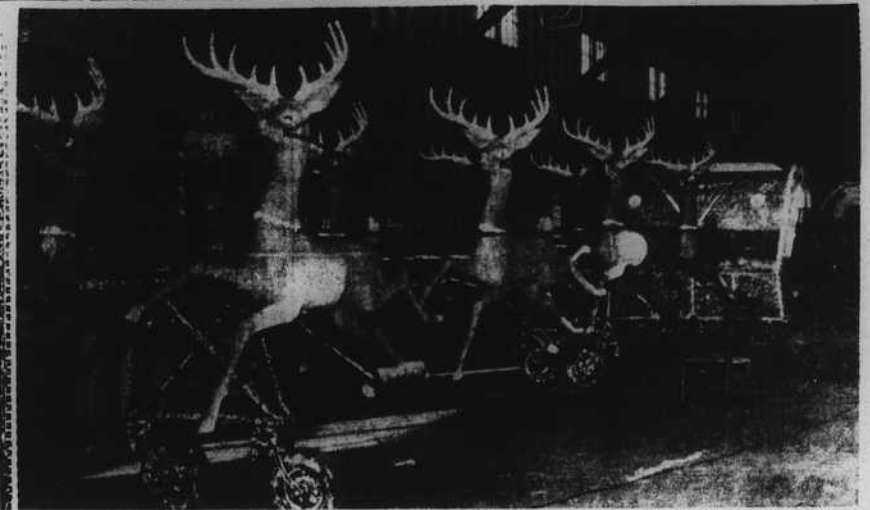
He went on to say, "Of course early mailing of all Christmas cards and gifts is a big factor in getting everything delivered before Christmas. Keep in mind the careful packing and correct addressing is equally important. Every year many poorly wrapped packages break open despite careful handling and we often have to puzzle over addresses which are incomplete or simply cannot be read at all."

Advance care in preparing gift packages for the mails and making sure that all addresses are legible and complete will prevent disappointment to sender and receiver alike. "If you have any articles of unpointed mail (Continued on page 3)

Missionary To Speak At Second Baptist,

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus of the International Board of Jewish Missions will speak at the Second Baptist Church this Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Dr. Gartenhaus was born in Austria into a cultured Jewish home. He was educated in the strictest Jewish schools of learning, the cherished hope of his parents being that he become a Rabbi.

In his youth he came to America, expecting to find gold, but he found instead something infinitely more precious, his faith in Jesus Christ. So wonderful was that revelation to him that immediately he began to win others to the Lord. In his efforts to win his own people to Christ he suffered insults, abuse, beatings, and imprisonment. His voice has been heard in thousands of pulpits throughout America and many other parts of the world: Israel, Egypt, England, Germany, France, Poland, Denmark, Mexico, etc. He is the author of a number of books and tracts on Jewish Tvangalism, some of them running more than twenty editions. The public is cordially invited to attend this service and hear this twentieth century apostle.



GETTING READY FOR PARADE—This fabulous "Santa Claus" float belonging to J. E. Vassey and L. S. Ellis of Forest City is pictured as it is prepared for the big (Cherryville) parade tomorrow, Thursday, December 1st. This year, as the picture shows, the reindeer have been given a coat of natural looking "hair" which is quite different from their snow-white color last year. Vassey and Ellis have \$4,250 invested in the float, and they charge \$350 for appearances in other parades. It will appear in more than a dozen. It is sponsored by the Cherryville National Bank and the Cherryville Building & Loan Association.

North Brook Queen



Miss Betty Bumgarner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Bumgarner has been elected "Miss North Brook" and will represent the school in the annual Christmas Parade.

Miss Bumgarner possesses a charming personality, is a loyal school citizen, and has proved her self a leader in many activities. She is a member of the Beta Club, assistant editor of Le Souvenir, the school year book, and a member of the Babbling Brook Staff. In a recent class election, she was elected class treasurer and was voted "Prettiest Girl" in the superlative election.

The F.F.A., Chapter recently elected Miss Bumgarner "F.F.A. Sweetheart", and she has played important roles in both the Junior and Senior Class Plays. Her escort will be Ted Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beam. He will represent the school as Mr. North Brook.

Tryon P.T.A. To Hold Their Meeting Thursday

The December meeting of the Tryon P.T.A. will be held Thursday night, December 2, at 7:30.

At this meeting, a representative from the Gaston County Health Department will conduct a discussion on nutrition. A nutrition survey was conducted by Mrs. Hanna, Home Economics Teacher at Tryon. The results of this survey will serve as a basis for the discussion. All P.T.A. members are urged to attend this meeting.

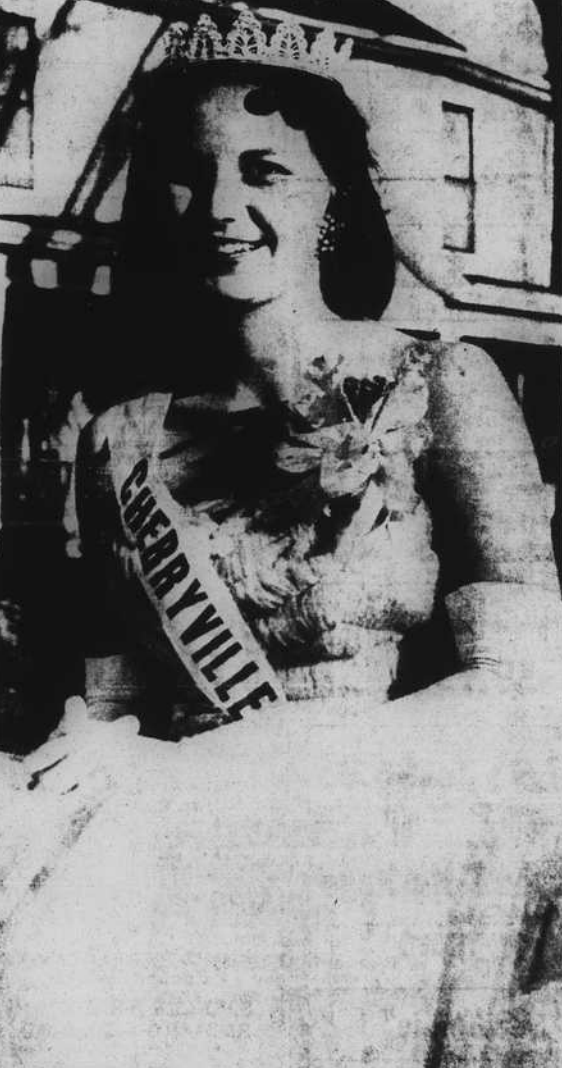
High School P.T.A. To Meet Thursday

The High School P.T.A. will meet Thursday night, December 1st, at 7:30 at the High School Building. All members and parents are urged to be present.

Funeral Service For Rufus Heavner

Funeral service for Mr. Rufus Heavner was held Friday, November 25th, at 3 o'clock at Antioch church with Rev. Zane Norton and Rev. Mr. Ritchie officiating. Burial was made in the church cemetery. Mr. Heavner died on Thanksgiving Day at the home of his son in Gastonia following a lengthy illness.

Cherryville Queen



Miss Judy Hovis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hovis, the Carousel Princess from Cherryville, will be the Cherryville Queen in tomorrow's Christmas Parade.

David Peeler Won Western Auto Bicycle

David Peeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Peeler, was the happy winner of the bicycle given away last Saturday night by the Western Auto Associate Store in connection with their grand opening last week. The second prize which was a choice of a Vacuum Cleaner or set of tires, was won by Mrs. W. E. Beam of Route 1, Bessemer City when she brings in the matching stub to her ticket.

Peebles - Harley Has New Manager

Mr. J. J. Brock of Spartanburg, S. C., has come to Cherryville as the new manager of Peebles-Harley Co. He will replace Mr. Fred Harley who has returned to Greer, S. C. Mr. Brock is well experienced in the mercantile business. For the past several years he has been connected with the H. A. Collins Chain Stores of Mullins, S. C., and before going to Mullins was with the Graham Cash Stores in Spartanburg. He is married and the father of two children, a daughter, Alice, 15, and a son, Danny, 12. Mr. Brock plans to move his family to Cherryville next summer as he hesitates to change their school in the mid term. The family are Baptist. Mr. and Mrs. Harley moved back to Greer Monday where they will continue with the Peebles Harley Store in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Harley made many friends while in Cherryville who regret to see them leave.

FORTY UNITS FIVE QUEENS EIGHT BANDS

Tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, December 1st, at 3:30 o'clock Cherryville is promised one of the most elaborate Christmas Parades ever to be staged here. The weather man has predicted crisp, cool and chilly weather, but get your overcoats and come on out to the big parade.

The parade will be headed by a Police Escort and the famous Ed Chapman in his Gene Autry Cowboy Suit. Eight outstanding bands will march in the procession of colorful floats and high school beauty queens. The parade will start at the Carlton Mill and come up Main Street to Elm Street and down South Elm Street to Carroll Street, East on Carroll Street to South Mountain Street, North on Mountain Street to the Farmers Union and down First Street to the High School building where it will disband.

The Lineup: Police Escort, Ed Chapman Houses, Mayor of Cherryville, Kings Mountain Band, Cherryville Queen, Belk-Matthews and Houser Drug Float, Remnant Shop and Blacks Skating Rink, Ferguson Hardware & Goldiners Dept. Store Float, Lattimore Band, Cherryville Ice & Fuel & Rainwater Furniture Float, North Brook Queen, Tillman Super Market & Tillmans Variety Store Float, Harrelson Co., Inc. Float, Mt. Holly Band, City of Cherryville Float, North Brook Beta Club Float, Bessemer City Band, Carolina Freight Float, Dellinger's Jewel Shop Float, Waco High School Queen, Stanley High School Band, City Meat Market, Cherry Motors Float, Shelby Band, Tryon High School Queen, Lattimore Trick Horses, Upchurch Feed & Seed Store Float, Ashbury Band, Farmers Union Hardware Float of Yesterday, Farmers Union Hardware Float of Today, Union High School Queen, Tryon-Waco School Band, Earle Office Float, Cherryville Majorette Corps, North Brook Princess Float, Beam and Gaskins, Cherryville High School Beta Club, Cherryville High School Cheer Leaders, Pony Float, sponsored by Kenneth B. Beam, Cherryville National Bank and Cherryville Building & Loan Association Float. This is the Santa Claus Float with the life-sized reindeer. Don't miss this parade, and bring all your friends.

Miss Lynda Bess 1956 Miss Hi Miss



ROCK HILL—Miss Lynda Bess of North Brook High School, Cherryville, N. C., has been selected as the 1956 Miss Hi Miss by the student body of her school. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Bess of Route 1, Cherryville, Miss Bess will be honored in the special Miss Hi Miss edition of The John-sonian, Winthrop College weekly newspaper in February.

The honor senior girls from South Carolina and North Carolina high schools will be the guests of Winthrop for a week-end March 16-18. Miss Bess is a member of the Beta Club, the Dramatics Club, the Yearbook staff, and the school paper staff. She is a cheer-leader and a library assistant. Miss Bess plans to major in art in college. The Miss Hi Misses are selected from each high school on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and personal attractiveness. Experiments have shown that hogs gain weight faster, especially during hot weather, if given night lights.

Wins "Oscar"



Ralph T. Self, has been awarded an "Oscar" as North Carolina's Driver of the Month for August. Mr. Self has driven a total of 1,200,000 miles without a chargeable accident. He is a veteran of 18 years driving for Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation, and Judge Glover said he had earned the title "Knight of the Road." "His record shows that he has aided many disabled motorists and assisted local police officers at scenes of accidents. It is drivers like these that make the highways safer for all motorists." Mr. Self is married to the former Miss Blanche Gettys of Cleveland County and they have one daughter, Nell Self, student at Lenoir Rhyne College. Their home is 804 Self street, Cherryville.

Jack Edwards Dies In Hickory Hotel

Earl T. (Jack) Edwards, a veteran newspaper advertising man, and once worked with The Cherryville Eagle, died in his room at a Hickory hotel early Sunday morning. He was doing advertising work for the dedication of the new armory of Hickory Company H. 120th Infantry of the North Carolina National Guard December 9th. His death was attributed to natural causes and no inquest was held.

Funeral rites were held from the First Presbyterian Church in Hickory Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Burial was made in Houck's Chapel cemetery with full military honors by Hickory Post 48 of the American Legion of which the deceased has been a member since its organization following World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Robinson Edwards; one daughter, Mary Ann; two sons by his first marriage, E. T. Jr., and Jimmy Edwards and his mother, Mrs. Claudia Edwards of Hickory.

Funeral Service For J. T. Martin

Funeral service for Mr. James Thomas Martin, 78, were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. Waldo Mullen, officiated.

The choir sang "Never Grow Old", "A Beautiful Life" and "On Jordans Stormy Banks". Mrs. Juanita Thomas sang "Beyond Sunset". Flower girls were members of the Mother's Sunday School Class of the Church. A full Masonic Funeral was conducted at the grave side by Cherryville Lodge A. F. & A. M., with members of the Lodge serving as pall bearers. Burial was made in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Cleveland County.

Guest Speaker At Missionary Church

There will be a guest speaker at the Missionary Methodist Church on West Ballard Street Sunday morning, December 4th. The speaker has been a Missionary worker in China for thirty years. You are invited to come and hear this great worker for the Lord Sunday morning. Rev. Paul Harris is the pastor. MRS. SAM SELLERS SUFFERS LEG INJURY The many friends of Mrs. Sam Sellers will be sorry to know she had the misfortune of suffering a leg injury last week and has been confined to her home. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Thanksgiving Pageant Presented At Lutheran Church

On Sunday night, November 27th, the "Women of the Church" of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church presented a most impressive Thanksgiving Pageant, "I Am Debtor". This pageant was directed by Mrs. R. J. Allran. Serving on her committee were Mrs. J. Garland Sherrill, Mrs. Bill Nail and Mrs. Keith Lohr. All members of the cast were festively costumed. Many of the costumes were very elaborate, consisting of Chinese, Arabian, Jewish, Greek, Roman, Italian, French, Pilgrim, Colonial, and a number of Oriental ones. After viewing the pageant those present went away with a greater realization of their indebtedness to all mankind and to Almighty God.

Mrs. D. R. Mauney, Jr., quite capably served as the Reader, the Spirit of Remembrance. Other characters wear as follows: Mrs. L. Edwin Rudsill, Rev. Leroy C. Trexler, Mesdames Norman Warlick, Howard Ford, Bill Houser, Leroy C. Trexler, Clyde Brown, Roy Houser, Cline West, Stewart Shumate, Tom White, Bill Nail, J. Ben Dellinger, Bill Fitzhugh, Glen Leonard, Dwight Jenks, Paul London, Roland Ferguson, and Bobby, Mark Dixon, Keith Lohr, Kenneth Stroupe, Carlye Sumner, Bill Black, James Putnam, J. Garland Sherrill, Heber Baker and Misses Martha Mauney, Barbara Allran, Lavinia Rudsill, Sue Jenks, Libba Houser and Sara Fronberger. Miss Fannie Farris was organist.