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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE BACKED 100% BY MERCHANTS TO PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL BAND IN STREET CONCERT

Thurs. Afternoon From 2:45 to 3:45

On Thursday afternoon, December 15th, if weather permits, the one hundred and twenty-five Cherryville Merchants, Professionals and Industry will present to the general public, The Cherryville High School Band in a Christmas Concert. This concert will be held on Main Street from 2:45 to 3:45.

Come and bring the family and enjoy a good old-fashioned Christmas Shopping Afternoon. Tell all your friends and come early.

Friends Of Library Meeting Thursday

A meeting of the utmost importance to Citizens of Cherryville and Gaston County will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Cherryville Court House. The Friends of the Library has planned an organization meeting of "The Friends of the Library."

It is hoped that all the Civic Clubs of Cherryville will send at least one representative and members of the Cherryville Book Clubs and all other interested individuals are invited and urged to attend.

"The Friend of the Gaston County Library," patterned from a national movement, is an organization of citizens who are sincerely interested in the development of our public library. The Gaston County Public Library System is composed of the Main Library in Gastonia; Branches in Belmont, Cherryville, Dallas, McAdenville and Mt. Holly; and a large number of Book Stations and Book Stops scattered throughout the county and served by the Bookmobile. It receives its support from the State of North Carolina, Gaston County, City of Gastonia and the local communities. A good library, however, needs more than tax money; it needs Friends, and it is the purpose of this organization to bring constructive friendship to one of our most beneficial public institutions.

In brief, the present aims of this group include:
BRINGING the public to a deeper appreciation of its library, and focusing public attention on its needs.
STIMULATING gifts of books and special collections to the library.
PROVIDING a group means of communication between the community and the library.
GIVING close attention to the need for new and expanded library buildings.

ARRANGING occasional public meetings for acquaintance with each other and the library personnel, for Programs of timely interest, and for free discussion of library needs and services.
Many people find the Library an indispensable adjunct to their daily lives in Gaston County, but accept its facilities as a matter of course. Others would like to help but do not know what to do about it. "The Friends of the Library" opens a natural way in which all who are really interested may find expression for their desire to develop and improve our Library. Every citizen of Gaston County is invited to join.

Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting service at the home of W. R. Barker's on West Ballard Street Wednesday evening, December 7th, at 7 o'clock. Everyone is welcomed to come and worship with them.
Conducted by Missionary Prayer Band.

The Eagle To Publish Christmas Shopping Guide Next Week To Benefit Christmas Shoppers

With the issue of The Eagle next week, December 14th, the paper will present its annual big Christmas Shopping Guide for the benefit and convenience of Christmas shoppers everywhere. The pages of this edition will be packed with gift suggestions from local stores. Cherryville merchants are reportedly offering this season the fullest and most varied stocks of Yuletide merchandise they have ever displayed.

It has been pointed out that the Cherryville trading area provides a complete shopping center and the time has passed when local residents need travel tiresome and expensive miles to other cities to find merchandise to suit their taste and needs.
We trust every merchant in

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Mr. John W. Putnam of Clearwater, S. C., a former resident of this section and a regular subscriber to The Eagle, has completed 25 years employment with Clearwater Finishing Plant, a Division of United Merchants and Manufacturers, Inc.

North Brook Seniors To Give Play Friday

On Friday evening, December 9th, at 8:00 o'clock the Senior Class of North Brook High School will present its annual class play. The three-act comedy, "The Easter Mrs. Beaver," is an outstanding play. The following cast promises a night of excellent entertainment: Gwynell Parker, Betty Bumgardner, Betty Fay Hull, Evelyn Bracklett, Ruth Willis, Kathryn Miller, Larry Baker, Evon Queen, Jr., Harold Hall, Hubert Wright, Kay Baxter and Arnold Leonhardt.

Kenneth Mayhew, Jr. Initiated December 6

Kenneth Mayhew, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Mayhew was one of the 58 new members initiated into the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honorary fraternity on Tuesday night, December 6th, at Duke University.

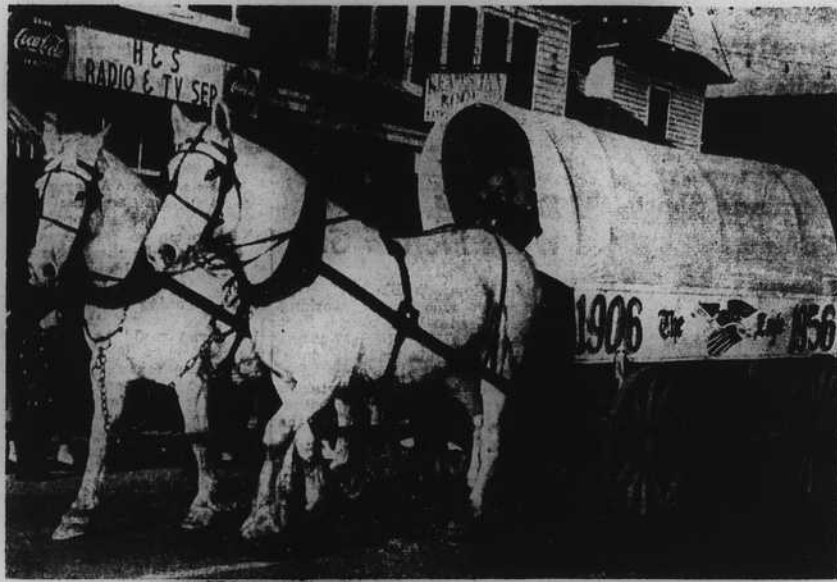
Stop - Look - Listen

Stop-Look—and come to the Delview Club House Saturday night, December 10th, for an old-fashioned Chicken Pot Pie Supper. Serving will begin at 5:30 o'clock. The menu consist of:
Chicken Pot Pie
Green String Beans
Cold Slaw—Pickles
Cranberry Sauce
Potato Pudding
Hot Rolls
Coke, Coffee or Tea
Adults: 75¢ Children: 50¢
Come and bring the family and enjoy a good old time dinner. Tell your friends.

Farm debt reached \$18 billion at the beginning of 1955. This was six per cent more than a year earlier.

The market value of farm real estate increased more than two billion dollars during the 12 months that ended March 1, 1955.

Scenes In The Christmas Parade



15,000 Witness Cherryville's Biggest Christmas Parade Thursday

Last Rites For Mr. A. D. Black

Funeral services were held for Mr. Alfred Daniel Black, 77, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church at 3:00 Tuesday, November 29. Rev. F. A. Hicks, the pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. K. Mullen of the Second Baptist Church in Cherryville, Rev. Hale Hovis of the Gainsville Baptist Church of Lincolnton and Rev. Ray Caldwell of the Oak Grove Baptist near Cherryville.

Mr. Black died in the Shelby Hospital Sunday night after an extended period of illness. His body was buried in the Mount Zion Cemetery under a lovely mound of flowers.

In 1903 he worked for the Seaboard Railway as section hand and in 1905 was married to Miss Mary Catherine Farris. Mr. Black joined the Mount Zion Baptist Church in early manhood and remained a faithful and loyal member until his departure.

He always made a friend wherever he went and was always willing to lend a helping hand to all he came in contact with. He was a loving husband and a good father. He will be greatly missed in his home and in his community.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine Ferris Black and seven children: John R. Black, Lee Black, Mrs. Ray Anthony, Mrs. Winford McSwain and Mrs. Jo Sisk of Cherryville, Mrs. Edward Hutchins of Forest City and Forest Black of Lincolnton. He is also survived by a foster-son, Mr. Andrew Trammel of Cherryville, two sisters, Mrs. Ruffin White and Mrs. Oliver McSwain of Cherryville; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The choir led by Mr. Marlow Dellinger sang, "Nearer My God To Thee," "Abide With Me," and "Shall We Gather At The River." The pallbearers were, Mr. Fred McSwain, Hugh Anthony, Cone Black, Voyde White, T. E. McSwain, and John W. Putnam.

Mrs. Ray Carroll was in charge of the flowers assisted by Frances Porter, Mrs. Lee Porter, Frances Trammel, Betty Jo Whitener, Brenda Ray Carroll, Judy Anthony, Mary Helen McSwain, Mrs. Alvin McSwain, Mrs. Barney Bingham, Mrs. Andrew Trammel, Mrs. Texie Homesley, Mrs. Kathryn P. Ferguson, Mrs. J. W. Putnam, Mrs. J. P. Cooper, Vada Putnam, Sue McSwain, Mrs. Ismael Beam, Mrs. Gene Starnes, Mrs. B. M. Whitener, Joyce Brackette, Mrs. Lester Sisk, Lucy Self, Mrs. Will Black, Betty Sue Black, Mrs. McSwain, Zurlina Dellinger, Mrs. Margaret McSwain, Mrs. Kathryn Foster, Mrs. Luther Sisk, Mrs. Oscar Blackburn, Mrs. Russell Morrison and Mrs. John McSwain.

Cone Black and Cleve Dellinger were in charge of digging the grave, helping them were Stoney Black, John Lee Black, Charles Hutch Black, Clarence Carpenter, Hubert McSwain, John Beal, Forest Haynes, Rome Jones and Cone Simpson.

The family wants to thank their many friends and neighbors for the many flowers, food, drinks and each expression of sympathy.

Waco High School Senior Class To Sponsor Talent Show

The Waco Senior Class will sponsor a Talent Show and Carnival on Thursday, December 8th, in the school auditorium at 7:00 P. M.
The public is invited to attend and fun for all is guaranteed.

Howell and Nuway

The Howell Manufacturing will present its Christmas Play on Saturday evening, December 17th, at 7 P. M., and the Nuway Spinning Company will present its Christmas Play on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at 2:30. The public is invited to attend both Christmas plays.

Last Thursday afternoon was the perfect day for the Annual Christmas Parade. It was a crisp cold day, but fair, and the sun was shining. People, big and little, old and young, began gathering in the early morning and continued throughout the day until 3:30 o'clock when an estimated crowd of 15,000 lined the streets of Cherryville to witness the most elaborate parade ever staged in Cherryville. The parade sponsored by the Cherryville Merchants Association had more than 45 entries, taking more than one hour to pass. The parade formed at the Carlton Mill on East Main Street and passed through the Main street out beyond the Post Office to Elm Street, turning south on Elm Street and went to the Old Post Road. Turned East at the Old Post Road and entered North Mountain street at the edge of Freedom and back to the square and on to the Farmers Union, turning down First Street and disbanding at the High School building.

The Police Patrol Car and a State Highway Patrolman led the parade, followed by Ed Chapman in his Gene Autry outfit riding on his prancing horse, Champion. It is rumored Champion sat Ed down in the middle of the street, however, we cannot vouch for this, as we did not see it. Buddy Houser and Jess Johnson galloped on their high stepping fine horses.

There were nine High School bands in the parade: Kings Mountain, Mt. Holly, Lattimore, Bessemer City, Stanley, Shelby, Asbury, Tryon, Waco and Cherryville's 65 piece High School Band. Six convertibles carrying princesses and queens led the parade next to the Carrousel Princess, represented the Cherryville High School. Other School Queens were North Brook High, Tryon High, Waco High, Union High, and Tryon High School Princesses.

Mayor and Mrs. W. T. Robinson headed the parade next to the horses and were followed by Veteran of the Year, Rev. Geo. L. Riddle. Next in line were the Beautiful floats intermingled with the high school band and the queens and princesses.

Those entering floats were: Belk-Matthews and Houser Drug Float; Remnant Shop and Black's Skating Rink; Ferguson Hardware and the New Goldiner's; Cherryville Ice and Fuel and Rainwater Furniture Co.; Tillman Super Market and Tillman Variety Store; Harrelson's Co. Inc.; Beam Gaskins, City of Cherryville, North Brook High School Patri Club, Carolina Freight Carriers, Cherry Motors, Dellingers Jewel Shop, City Market, Upchurch Feed and Seed Store, Farmers Union Hardware of Yesterday; Eagle Office, Eagle Carriers Boys, Cherryville High School Beta Club, Pony Float, sponsored by Kenneth B. Beam, Cherryville High School Cheer Leaders, Raeford Dellinger Poles, and the Lattimore Trick Horses.

Bringing up the rear was the big Santa Claus with his eight life-size reindeer float sponsored by the Cherryville National Bank and Cherryville Building & Loan Association. Up and down the parade the Micro Midway Racers kept the tract warm.

The beautiful Christmas lights were turned on for the first time, making a canopy of multi-colored lights up and down the street. The decorators had selected four large Santa ornaments for the square with all red lights across the square which added to the decorations.

The parade proved to be one of the most successful Cherryville has ever sponsored and the largest crowd was here to see the parade.

Mayhew Recipient of \$500 General Electric Scholarship Award

DURHAM, N. C.—Kenneth Edwin Mayhew, Jr., of Cherryville, a rising Duke University senior with a major in accounting, is the recipient of a \$500 General Electric Scholarship awarded on the basis of record and departmental recommendation to an outstanding student in accounting of business administration. The scholarship is a project of the GE educational fund.
Mayhew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Mayhew of 212 South Mulberry St., Cherryville. He graduated from Cherryville High School where he was valedictorian.

By Merchants Professional And Industry

We take this means and opportunity to express our deep thanks and gratitude for the wholehearted co-operation of the contributors that made our parade possible and otherwise most successful. Holton Smith, of the Remnant Shop and P. D. Grubbi, of the Cherryville City Schools made the statement at press time today, "Everybody was with us all the way in anyway they could help."

Contributors
Town of Cherryville, Black's Grill & Skating Rink, The Remnant Shop, Dayberry's Paint & Shoe Shop, Tillman's Variety Store, K. B. Beam, Insurance; City Market, J. L. Beam, Jr., National Oil Co., Ernest Sellers, Eagle Office, Cherryville Building & Loan, Dr. Joe Pharr, Middlebrooks Jewelers, Cherryville National Bank, Kenneth Mayhew, Insurance; Houser Drug Co., Tillman's Super Market, Heman R. Hall, Insurance; Homesley Super Service, Frank Heathers Garage, Belk, Matthews Co., Homefolks Cafe, Dora Yarn Mills, N. B. Boyles Grocery, Cherryville Feed & Seed, Mauney Gin & Feed Co., Vandynes Super Market, Cherry Motors, Inc., Cherryville Ice & Fuel Co., Farmers Union Supply Co., Walker Houser Grocery, Moss Radio TV Service, Specht's Feed & Seed Store, J. & B. Tire Service.

Upchurch Dept. Store, Allen Drug Co., Harrelson's Co. Inc., The New Goldiners, Rhodes Appliance Store, Sanitary Market, Roy & Troy Grocery, David P. Dellinger and Loy E. Stroppe, Insurance; Firestone Home & Auto Supply, Main Street Service & Garage, Rogers Bowling Alley, Rainwater Furniture Co., Everett Tillman Painting Contractor, Ferguson Hardware Co., McCoy's Service Station & Garage, T. A. Carter, Insurance; E. Hunter Carroll, Insurance; Elite Beauty Salon, Cleveland Appliance & Furniture Co., Brides Auto Parts, Main Street Floor Covering, Economy TV Service, City Loan Co., Peoples Dry Cleaners, Doty's Men's Shop, Peebles & Harley Dept. Store, Guy's Clothing Store, Western Auto Assoc. Store, Dr. W. L. Armstrong, Dellinger Jewelry Store, Peoples Barber Shop, Robert Ballard Grocery, Modern Printing Co., Hub's Barber Shop, Stroup's Auto Top & Body Shop, Shake Shop, Triple H Restaurant.

James Homesley Grocery, Beam & Gaskins Motors, W. J. Albram, Jr., Dr. Charles Metcalf, Dr. E. E. Wehant, Cherryville Beauty Shop, Ann's Shop, Roses 5 & 10 Store, Heafner Bros. Wholesale, Beam Construction Co., Dr. M. E. Azner, Dr. R. J. Morrison, Lester Theatre, Beams Inn, Rays Shoe Shop, Sanitary Barber Shop, Suway Mill & Blacksmith Machine Shop, Rhyme-Houser Mfr. Co., Dr. F. M. Houser, Dr. L. L. Chastain, Sullivan Motors, Carpenter Funeral Home, Carlton Yarn Mill, Cherryville Concrete Products, Conley Kiser Grocery, Dr. J. W. Payne, Craig's Cleaners, Summers Amoco Service, Lamm Metal Shop, Cherryville Laundry Works, Dixie Lumber Co., Albram's Flower Shop, Howell Mfg. Co., Thornburg Grocery, Carolina Freight Carriers, Lewis McCurry, Insurance; Cherryville Nurse, Jimmie Austell, Insurance; Tony Sebetic Insurance; Carl Hallman, Fingers Laundry, Carolina Cleaners, Lackey's Sinclair Service, H & H Grocery, Raymond Randall's Grocery, Weatherly Grocery, J. R. Hill, Agent Life Insurance, Tillman's Esso and Grocery Store, Cream Bar, Cherryville Production Credit Association, Mitchem Incorporated, Thornburg Grocery, G. L. Jarrett, Insurance; VanDyke Esso Service and Howells Ready-to-Wear.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held at 7:30 A.M. every Monday morning at the Home Folks Cafe. The time has been moved up for the convenience of some who were unable to come so early. A very successful meeting was enjoyed last Monday morning with nine present. Come next Monday morning and enjoy the fellowship.

The new Dixie Bright 244 tobacco, developed in North Carolina, is resistant to Granville wilt, fusarium wilt, and black shank. The total value of livestock and poultry on farms January 1, 1955 was 42 per cent below the record 1952 value.