

Shrum Wins Silver Star

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A New York, N. C. man, Major Claude R. Shrum, has been decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Southeast Asia.

Major Shrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Shrum, Rt. 3, Newton, was cited at a special ceremony at the Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. for actions during a rescue mission. The major led a flight of A-1 Skyraiders to an area where a Navy aviator had been downed. Subjecting himself to heavy ground fire at low altitudes, he searched until he located the survivor.

When his wingman was forced to discontinue the mission because of damage to his aircraft, Major Shrum courageously attacked a dominating gun position. Alone, unprotected and with complete disregard for his own safety, he destroyed the hostile position, establishing a safe environment for the recovery operation.

The 15-year veteran was previously a member of the 602nd Special Operations Squadron at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Presently he is an assistant professor of aerospace studies with the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps detachment at Indiana University.

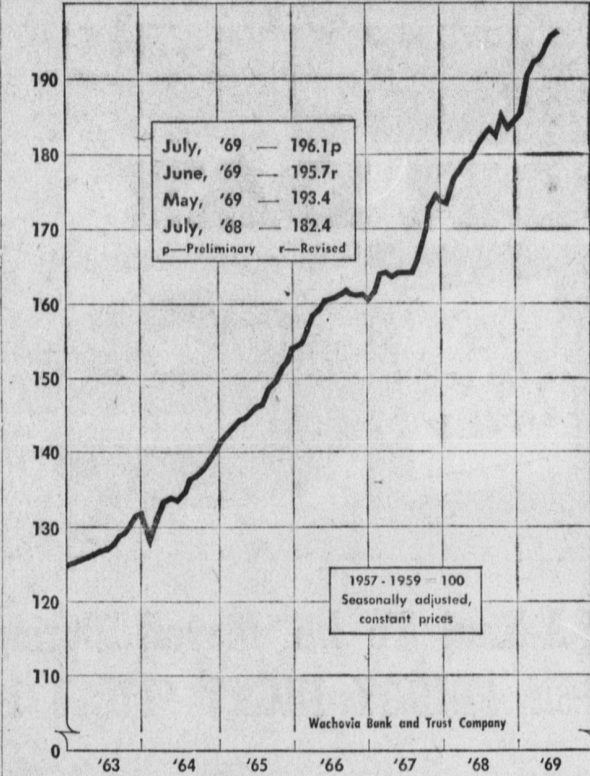
After earning his bachelor of science degree from Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, N. C., Major Shrum entered the Air Force, receiving his commission through the aviation cadet program in 1953. The 1950 Star-town High School graduate holds a senior pilot rating.

The major and his wife, Billie, daughter of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, 308 W. Washington Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., have three children, Danny 11, Ricky, 8, and Kay, 7.

Pfc. Paul Gaffney Artillery Surveyor

U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM (AHTNC)—Army Private First Class Paul S. Gaffney, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis V. Gaffney, 305 Waco Road, Kings Mountain, N. C., was assigned as an artillery surveyor with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, July 29.

Wachovia North Carolina Business Index



Economy Shows No Signs Of Leveling Off

North Carolina's economy showed no signs of leveling off as it marked its eighth consecutive gain in July, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., N. A. reported today.

The Wachovia North Carolina Business Index reached a preliminary all-time high of 196.1 in July. This is 0.2 percent higher than the revised June figure of 195.7. The gain over July a year ago was 5.8 percent. The years 1957-59 are used as a base of 100.

Bank debits, a measure of business and personal checkbook spending, showed an increase of 9.5 percent over the June figure. Although this is a decrease in the rate of gain since May, which was 4.4 percent, it is not indicative of a trend, Wachovia Economists

say. For example, last April's increase was 0.1 percent over March, while March scored a 7.6 percent gain over February.

Total bank debits for July were \$5,011,706,000 compared to \$5,575,691,000 in June. The gain this July over July 1968 was 14.3 percent.

Total non-agricultural employment declined in July compared to June, but it was up 4.5 percent over July 1968. Non-agricultural employees in July totaled 1,679,500 or 0.6 percent less than in June.

Manufacturing employment showed a 0.8 percent decrease. In July there were 692,300 people on the job, or 5,300 less than in June.

The average workweek in July was 40.7 hours compared to 41 hours in June. Consequently, manufacturing manhours declined from 28,601,000 to 28,176,600.

Employment in household furniture and textile mill products was down in July while employment was up in tobacco manufacturing and food and kindred pro-

Congressman Broyhill Releases Results Of Public Opinion Poll

Congressman James T. Broyhill announced today the results of the public opinion poll on national issues. As of August 13, 1969, a total of 9,747 questionnaires had been received by Congressman Broyhill and the present tabulation is based upon these expressions of opinion. In addition to the "yes" and "no" answers to the 18 questions, thousands of letters were attached with detailed comments on the issues.

The war in Vietnam is by far the most pressing issue facing us today. Responses to this question indicated that 51.08% favored the continued presence of our troops in Vietnam. The letters and comments on this subject, however, evidenced growing frustration. The ABM system showed that people are willing to support measures that will keep our defenses strong.

The most urgent domestic questions are those involving Federal programs and finances. The Federal Poverty Program, according to 66.93% answering this question, should not be retained. However, in many of their letters, people said that we need some kind of assistance for those individuals with an honest need. In-

creases in Social Security benefits to reflect the cost of living were favored by 59.84% and 81.18% favored the extension of Medicare to those under 65 who are permanently and totally disabled.

Support for a Federal plan to fight crime costing an additional \$25,000,000 was favored by 71.54% and 88.49% favored an additional and mandatory jail sentence in cases where a firearm was used in committing a Federal crime.

This is the 7th annual poll conducted by Congressman Broyhill since he has been a Member of the House of Representatives. "The responses to this survey," the Congressman stated, "have been very helpful to me in assessing the opinions of the people of the 10th District. This survey has opened many new lines of communication between the people and their representative in Washington."

Dewitt Emory's Rites Conducted

Final rites for Dewitt Emory, 46, of Shelby, father of Mrs. Ronald Leonhardt and brother of Mrs. Buford Pearson of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. from Faith Baptist church of Shelby.

Coroner Ollie Harris said death was due to self-inflicted gunshot wounds and no inquest was necessary.

Mr. Emory was a truck driver employed by the City of Shelby. Other survivors include his

Changes So Much It Scares Me

"This place changes so fast it scares me sometimes. You get the feeling it's almost alive."

This might sound like the introduction to a horror, it isn't. Instead it was Bobby Allison talking about Darlington Raceway. Allison was in Darlington running the test in preparation for the 20th annual Southern 500, Labor Day, Sept. 1.

"We brought the same setup down here we used for the Rebel 400 in May, but it doesn't work. It seems like this track has been lying around waiting on us," Allison remarked, "it's hot and it's slick. I don't believe we'll come close to Cale Yarborough's record of 152.293."

Allison hopped back in his Dodge Charger and went back to work. After turning a couple laps at 147.888 he continued the conversation about the track.

"I know one thing, if this track ever owed any driver anything,

it owes a debt to me. It would make me pink to run as good here Labor Day as I did in May," he said.

Allison was referring to the Rebel 400 when he had 193 laps of the 291-lap race, only to have misfortune slap him in the face four laps from the finish.

Allison tangled with eventual winner Lee Roy Yarborough and finished the race parked against the tunnel wall.

"Maybe I wasn't suppose to win that one, perhaps this old truck was grooming me for bigger things, like the Southern 500," he beamed.

Allison finally got his Charger up to 150.572 miles per hour during the tests and he and his mechanic Mario Rossi both agreed, "we can win it with this speed."

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Davidson Progressive Club will meet Tuesday night, September 2, 1969 at Bynum Chapel church on North Candler street in Kings Mountain, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss bylaws of the organization. It is extremely important for everyone living in this community should attend.

President, Mrs. Hazel Barnes.

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ducts. Average weekly hours were down in all these areas except food and kindred products.

Building permit values continued to gain in July. Figures from the Federal Reserve Bank survey of 18 cities in North Carolina showed a 9.6 percent increase over June which had registered a decrease of nearly 40 percent from the previous month. Values were \$40,203,600 in July and \$36,579,200 in June.

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