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JONES PRAISES NURSES' WORK

Spikes Rumor Regarding Split-up in Flood Relief Unit

Gilmer A. Jones, who returned Thursday of last week from Louisville, Ky., where he headed a flood relief unit dispatched from Franklin, explained in a letter to The Press-Maconian this week why some members of the unit returned home shortly after arriving in the flood zone.

Mr. Jones gave unreserved praise to three nurses from Angel hospital for their work in Louisville, stating that through their untiring and efficient services they won the commendation of Louisville doctors and Red Cross executives. The nurses were Miss Clyde Berry, Miss Louise Roberts and Mrs. Herschel Bennett. They, together with Mr. Jones and his son, Andrew, remained in Louisville for nearly a week.

"Those girls worked plenty hard," Mr. Jones said. "Some days they got only two or three hours sleep. The doctors and Red Cross officials were mighty appreciative of their work and hated to see them leave."

'Split-Up' Spiked

The letter explaining the early return of some members of the relief unit sets at rest various rumors concerning a split-up in the relief unit. It follows:

"Since my return from Louisville I have learned that there has been some criticism offered in regard to the return of some members of the party before the remainder of the unit came in.

"The telegram requesting us to come, directed us to report 'to Dr. Darwick at Mory.' There was no 'Mory,' neither was there a Dr. 'Darwick.' As it was impossible to communicate with legion headquarters, this left us without anyone to report to, and each one had to pick out his own work and do it. Later we learned that the telegram as sent was 'Report to Dr. Tra- wick at the Armory.'

"As to why some of the men returned, this was done upon my express advice. These boys left Franklin prepared to stay for a few days, and as it became apparent that certain sections of the town would be quarantined, it seemed rather foolhardy for them to stay there and take the risk of being quarantined for an indefinite time, leaving their families at home to get along for themselves the best way they could. This quarantine was actually placed upon certain sections of the city the day after they left. Some of these men were very reluctant to leave, and would only do so when it was pointed out to them the serious consequences that their staying might cause.

"Those who did stay did splendid
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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 13c
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 9c
Eggs, doz. 17c
Corn, bu. 95c
Wheat, bu. \$1.15
Potatoes, No. 1, bu. \$1.25
Field peas, bu. \$1.50
Crowder peas, bu. \$2.25
Yellow Mammoth Soy
Beans, bu. \$1.50
Lorida Beans, bu. \$2.00
Onions, bu. 60c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 30c

Fatally Shot

Lonnie Dills Wounded by New York Police

Lonnie Ellis Dills, 36-year-old native of Macon county, died Thursday in Nassau hospital at Mineola, Long Island, from wounds received on January 27 in a pistol battle with New York policemen.

Dills, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dills of the Cartoogechaye community, was reported to have left the county about 10 years ago after skipping bond on a liquor charge.

Press dispatches from New York said that Dills, who had been employed as a gardener, shot his estranged wife, Charlotte, 28, in January after she had refused to return to his home in New Hyde Park.

Officers who went to investigate the shooting found Dills in a garage and he fired at them when they approached, wounding two policemen, Christopher Wyer and Sgt. Charles Snyder. The policemen recovered.

Dills was seriously wounded and his death cheated Nassau county authorities of an opportunity to try him on a charge of attempted murder.

RELIEF FUND TOTALS \$838

Macon Far Exceeds Quota For Aid of Flood Victims

Contributions of Macon county people for relief of flood victims in the Ohio and Mississippi river basins reached a total of \$838.21 yesterday, it was reported by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Thanks a thousand times for the superb efforts of your chapter," said a letter received by Mr. Flanagan from Cary T. Grayson, national Red Cross chairman, who added that in 16 days a total of \$18,778,474 had been contributed through the Red Cross for work in the flooded areas.

The Flood Situation

"While the waters of the Ohio are falling," the letter continued, "the flood is still running high on the Mississippi. Everything that is humanly possible is being done to avert further disaster, but, of course, it cannot now be definitely known what the future may bring."

He urged that every chapter meet its quota, but the Macon county chapter already had nearly tripled its allotment of \$300.

The past week has brought many new contributions, large and small. The Civilian Conservation Camp at Coweta sent in \$69.06; employes of the W. H. Ritter Lumber company at Rainbow Springs, who already had made up a large "jack pot," sent in another donation of \$30. Sealy school contributed \$5, Cowee school \$5.20, and Chapel (colored) school \$5, the 6th and 7th grades of the Highlands school \$2.59.

The Horse Cove CCC camp donations of \$32.25. A crew of workers on a WPA project in Burningtown township raised \$22.15.

Forest service employes raised \$50 and postoffice employes contributed \$21.

Other Contributors

Other contributions not previously reported include:
From Highlands—\$25 contribution, Miss Lilla A. Nourse; \$10 contribution, Miss Mary B. Elliott; \$5 contribution, Col. and Mrs. Sewell, H. M. Bascom.

Other contributions: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis, Mrs. Carl Zoellner, Miss Sara Gilder, Mr. Willie

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Marriage of Child Bride, 9, Denounced



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. . . . Bitterly assailing the mountain marriage of 9-year-old Eunice Winstead to 22-year-old, 6 ft., Charlie Johns, January 19, Tennessee club women, ministers and jurists are asking the state legislature to act to prevent such 'disgraceful unions' in the future. Photo shows 9-year-old bride (arrow), with her father, mother and other members of the family, before their mountain home. The father and mother said "they planned no interference with the children" when asked if they would seek annulment of the marriage.

More Correspondence With Representative Patton

Patton Charges Forgery

Mr. Blackburn Johnson,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter and asking you to print the same in the next issue of the Franklin Press, together with the letter from Mr. C. L. Blaine which is self-explanatory.

I again desire to say to you, and to the other tax payers of my county, that when the time has arrived in a political situation that citizens or office holders stoop so low as to forge names to telegrams and petitions to the members of this Legislature in order to thwart my bills which I have introduced for the sole purpose of saving money for the tax payers of my county, then I think it is time that all loyal and honest citizens should march under the banner of a new regime or a new set up of some kind that they believe to be honest and sincere.

To be perfectly frank with you, I was astounded when I made the discovery that the petitions and telegrams sent to Mr. Bennett were acts committed by one who is supposed to be a man of better judgment, if not of better principle. I shall keep my feet pointed in the same direction that I have started, which is to represent the interest of all the people of my county, and I have the utmost confidence in the honesty and integrity of the citizenship of Macon County to believe that they stand for an honest and fair square deal and, since the day has come that a part of our Democratic organization and a part of our Democratic office-holders show by their acts that they oppose fair and honest legislation; then I, for one, shall not stop and shall lead the fight to purge our party of any such unfair and dastardly conduct.

I have received more than a hundred letters from my good friends throughout the county commending me for my acts and assuring me of their loyal support in my undertakings. I sincerely hope that you will print this letter, together with the letter attached from Mr. C. L. Blaine, and I respectfully ask you and anyone else who may chance to read it, to draw their own conclusions.

I am,

Most Respectfully yours,

R. A. Patton

House of Representatives,

Raleigh, N. C.

February 5, 1937

The Supporting Evidence

Mr. R. A. Patton,
House of Representatives,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Bob:

I received a letter a few days ago from Senator Kelly E. Bennett in regard to a wire received from me about the jail fees bill. I could not understand why Senator Bennett would write me in regard to a telegram that I had never sent or heard tell of. Today is the first time I have been able to be in Franklin due to sickness and condition of roads. I found out today that some one had sent the telegram and signed my name to it without any authority. I had no intention of making any kind of recommendation in regard to this bill. If I have any recommendations to make, I will make

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PATTON NAMES TAX ASSESSORS

Also Introduces Measure To Bolster Absentee Voting System

Three bills relating to Macon county were introduced in the general assembly Saturday by Representative R. A. Patton:

- 1.—Concerning absentee voting.
- 2.—Placing a bounty upon predatory animals and birds.
- 3.—Relating to the quadrennial reassessment of property, and appointing tax assessors and listers in each township.

The first measure would bring this county under provisions of a law applying to Jackson county which prohibits withdrawal of an absentee ballot once it has been delivered to a precinct registrar. It is interpreted in political circles as an effort to strengthen the system of absentee voting and to place another weapon in the hands of the controlling faction or party.

Assessors Named

The quadrennial reassessment bill calls for a reevaluation of real property starting in April, and names the following persons for appraisers of real property in the various townships:

Burningtown: Jud Wilds, W. R. (Bill) Parrish, J. R. Ramsey.

Cartoogechaye: Robert Southards, John Roane, Oscar Lewis.

Cowee: John H. Dalton, Johnathan Morgan, Carol Gibson.

Ellijay: Sam Bryson, Andy Evans, John T. Henry.

Franklin: (1) W. H. Roane, C. L. Garner, Robert Shook.

Franklin: (2) Frank Moody, Walter McConnell, J. O. Harrison.

Flats: H. O. Penland, Ray Dryman, Miller Ritchie.

Highlands: Porter Pierson, Fred Edwards, Frank Potts.

Mills Shoal: Jerry Franklin, Lee Dills, J. M. Raby.

Nantahala: (1) George Steppe, Lee Baldwin, Luther Jacobs.

Nantahala: (2) Jim Shields, James Grant, A. L. Wilson.

Smith's Bridge: Robert Cabe, John Brabson, Charlie Norton.

Sugar Fork: Alex W. Shook, Charles Henderson, Olney Moses.

(Mr. Shook, the Press-Maconian is informed, is dead, and Olney Moses has been a resident of another county for several years.)

The bill provides that the first named person in the above listing for each township shall serve as chairman for that township, act as list taker for personal property and gather farm statistics for his township.

A statewide law provides for appointment of tax assessors and personal property listers by the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Patton's bill also would supplant the present board of equalization, consisting of the county commissioners, by a new board comprised of the register of deeds and the chairman of each township assessment group. The register of deeds is to serve without additional pay as tax supervisor. Remuneration of the assessors is set at \$3 a day.

Mr. Patton's bill creating a jury commission for Macon county assigned to the duty of drawing juries for the superior court, and a companion bill repealing the all-year grand jury act, were enrolled and ratified Friday of last week after passing both houses. The first measure appoints Alex Moore, of Franklin; Charles Rogers, of Prentiss, and Sam Gibson, of West's Mill, as members of the commission.

Mr. Patton's bill relating to bounties on predatory animals and birds directs the county commissioners to pay \$10 for coyotes, \$3 for wild cats, and 25 cents each for crows and chicken hawks killed in the county.