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Red Cross Drive Will Get Under Way Wednesday

Floridian Subscribes To Local Red Cross

The following letter received one day last week by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce seems peculiarly appropriate as a beginning for the story of the coming Roll Call campaign:

Zephyrhills, Fla.,
November 8, 1939

Chamber of Commerce,
Franklin, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I like your attractive city and also other sections of your very beautiful state, and hope some time to visit it again.

May I have the privilege of subscribing to your local chapter of the American Red Cross to the extent of \$5.00. I enclose money order for same and I would appreciate it very much if you will see that this money order reaches the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,
Frederic J. Saddington

Officers and committees of the Macon County Red Cross Chapter have completed their plans for the annual Roll Call drive, which will begin on Wednesday morning, November 22, and continue through November 30, it has been announced by the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin circuit, and Roll Call chairman.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, will have charge of the membership drive in the business section of Franklin and has appointed and assigned the following workers to the various sections: John M. Archer, James E. Perry, Ben W. Woodruff, Miss Rachel Slagle, John Hamer, T. W. Angel, Jr., C. Tom Bryson, Miss Elizabeth Slagle, Mrs. Lester S. Conley and T. W. Porter.

Mrs. Herbert E. Church is chairman of the residential section and has selected the following workers: Mrs. John M. Archer, Harrison avenue; Mrs. James A. Sutton, Bidwell street; Mrs. Bennie McGlamery, Church and Iola streets; Mrs. Lester Henderson, Hillcrest Drive; Mrs. Roy F. Cunningham, Palmer street and a part of the residences on Main street; Mrs. James Brookshire, Georgia road; Mrs. John Cunningham, beginning at Nantahala Creamery and Murphy road; Mrs. Fred S. Sloan, East Franklin; Mrs. Ray Swanson, Dillsboro road; Mrs. Verna Greene May, West Boulevard and Greene street; Mrs. George E. Brown, Bonny Crest; Mrs. D. W. Nichols, White Oak and Riverview streets; Mrs. John Wright, West Main street; Mrs. Bill Horsley, residences on East Main street and booth of Macon Theatre; and Mrs. Kate Rhinehart will canvass the teachers in the Franklin high school and the elementary grades.

Rural Workers Named

Mrs. Robert R. Gaines, public health nurse for the county, is rural Roll Call chairman, assisted by Miss Florence Stalcup, home demonstration agent and Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent. They have named the following to cover the rural communities:

The Rev. J. I. Vinson, Mulberry; Miss Kate Shope, Maple Springs; Mrs. Pauline Cabe and Miss Holland, Upper and Lower Tesenta; James L. Young, Hickory Knoll; Mrs. T. W. Kiser, Clark's Chapel; Mrs. Pearl Stewart, Salem; Sanford Smith, Higdonville and Ellijay; Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, Cullasaja; Mrs. Ed Kinsland, Holly Springs; the Rev. George A. Cloer, Watauga; Mrs. Clyde N. West, Cowee; the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, Iola and Olive Hill; Ralph Angel, Oak Dale; Mrs. Robert Parrish, Burnington; the Rev. C. C. Welch, Tellico; J. J. Mann, Oak Grove; E. O. Rickman, Leatherman; Mrs. Edith Foster, Otto; J. B. Brendle, Buck Creek; Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, Walnut Creek; Mrs. Myrtle Keener, Pine Grove; Miss Lois Henderson, Gold Mine; William Crawford, Otter Creek; Miss Lolita Dean, Aquone; Miss Virginia Tilley, Fairview; Miss Mary Elmore, Camp Branch; Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Rainbow Springs; Mrs. Henry Slagle, Cartoogechaye; Miss Esther Seay, Allison-Watts; and Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, Patton community.

The junior membership drive will be conducted under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, teacher in the Franklin school, who is working toward all the schools in the county subscribing 100 per cent. Already several of the schools have done so.

Dinner Meeting Tuesday
On Tuesday evening, November

21, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, a special dinner for all the workers will be served in the American Legion Hall. The program will open with special music followed by invocation by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan. Included among the five minute after-dinner speakers will be Mrs. Robert R. Gaines, public health nurse, on the work accomplished during the past year; Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county welfare officer, the Red Cross work in connection with the social welfare; Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, junior Red Cross work; Dr. Walter E. Furr, the present crisis, and the Rev. Harry S. Williams will speak on methods and materials. The principal address of the evening will be made by an out-of-town speaker. A skit on "Why She Didn't Go to the Dance" will be given by Miss Doris Penland and Miss Osteen Roberts.

Mrs. Bill Forsley will be at the Macon Theatre from Wednesday, November 22, through Saturday, November 25, with posters and window decorations for any who want to make a special Red Cross window, and various other supplies to help promote the Roll Call.

Mr. Williams, roll call chairman, is particularly anxious for all the business firms, the different organizations and clubs and all the professional men to join 100 per cent. This will require only one membership from those who belong to several different organizations.

Out of each membership 50 cents is sent to national headquarters with the balance being used by the local chapter.

Highlands Plans Outlined

Plans for the Roll Call drive in Highlands were outlined at a meeting of the Highlands chapter held Monday, at which time officers were elected as follows: chairman, W. H. Cobb; vice-chairman, Mrs. F. H. Potts, re-elected; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, re-elected; treasurer, O. F. Summer.

Mrs. F. H. Potts, Roll Call chairman, has appointed Mrs. W. H. Cobb and Mrs. Carl H. Zoellner to assist in the membership drive.

Junior Red Cross

According to Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, Junior Red Cross chairman, the following schools in Macon county have subscribed 100 per cent to the Junior Red Cross: Otto, Mashburn Branch, Scaly and Lower Tesenta, with Mashburn Branch leading in the largest amount to date.

The following elementary rooms in the Franklin school have joined: Mrs. Guffey's, Mrs. Cagle's, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Franks, Mrs. Hunter's, Miss Slagle's, Mrs. Alley's, Miss Jamison's, Miss Henderson's, Mrs. Ramsey's, Miss Moody's, Mrs. Barrington's and Miss Porter's, with Mrs. Ramsey's and Mrs. Barrington's leading in the largest amount to date. Mrs. Ramsey's \$1.12 and Mrs. Barrington's \$1.19.

Mrs. Stewart's seniors gave \$2.05, the largest amount yet received from the high schools.

Postmasters To Meet At Cherokee Nov. 21

Thomas W. Porter, postmaster at Franklin, has announced that the next postmasters' meeting will be held at the Cherokee Indian Reservation on Tuesday evening, November 21, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All the postmasters in Macon county are invited to attend.

Mrs. Walkingstick, postmaster at Cherokee, promises a splendid time to those attending. She is having a turkey dinner and a number of Indian dishes, that will be prepared by the home-making department of the Indian school especially for the banquet.

James R. Martin, 88 Passes Saturday

James Richardson Martin, 88, died at his home in the Rainbow Springs section Saturday afternoon. He had been ill for five days.

Mr. Martin was, before moving to Rainbow Springs five years ago, a merchant at Wilmont in Jackson county. He was a member of the Rainbow Springs Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Wilmont Baptist church, Jackson county, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Surviving are: six sons, A. D. of Elmira, W. Va.; James, of Chatsworth, Ga.; Lee, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. J., of Rainbow Springs; Isaac, of Swannanoa, and Pink, of Macon county; and one daughter, Mrs. Julia Bradley, of Wilmont. He leaves several grandchildren.

An Appeal From Roll Call Chairman

To the People of Macon County:

This is an insecure world, at best, and one where tragedy often comes without warning. Accidents, disease, earthquakes, fire, floods, storms and wars remind us that no one is safe or free from the possibilities of pain and suffering. The dangers we face are too many and too unpredictable for one person or one community to meet alone. In the Red Cross we are bound together for the prevention of just such tragedies and when they do come we meet them standing shoulder to shoulder in one great bond of brotherhood. At the beach, in the factory, on the farm, on the highway, in the home, in the school, or wherever it may be seen, the Red Cross stands for the saving of lives and the relief of suffering. Above the chaos of major disaster the Red Cross, floating in its field of white, means food, clothing, medicine or whatever help is needed.

A membership in the Red Cross is not a gift to charity. It is actual participation in social insurance and is actually having a part in the great work being done by the organization. Join the Red Cross and know you are helping to prevent suffering for yourself, for your loved ones and those who are dear to others. Know that you are relieving suffering for those on whom tragedy has fallen, and that you can receive such help in your possible time of need.

The Red Cross deserves your help at all times but it is especially needed in these days when millions suffer from the horrors of war. Without your help women and children must go without shelter, clothing and food, while men lack surgical supplies and bandages. We can have no sympathy with the idea of war and we pray that our country may have the wisdom to keep out of it. But at the same time we must not deny help to the organization that makes less the suffering of war for those who are wounded and for those who are homeless and starving.

In a world filled with hate, greed and oppression, there is one banner that stands for love, mercy and unselfish service—A RED CROSS ON WHITE BACKGROUND. Will you do your part to see that it always floats wherever it is needed?

Sincerely,
HARRY S. WILLIAMS,
Roll Call Chairman.

Summary Of Events During Past Week In European War

FEAR OF INVASION LESSENS IN HOLLAND

The people of Holland, who have been in fear of a German invasion for more than a week, were somewhat relieved Monday when Germany reaffirmed her pledge to respect the neutrality of Holland and Belgium "as long as Britain and France respect this neutrality." The Dutch are relieved but still watchful, knowing the worthlessness of many pledges made by Hitler in the past, and are keeping border forces at full strength.

FINNS ABANDON PARLEYS WITH RUSSIA

Negotiations on Russia's military and territorial demands against Finland came to a definite end Monday night when the Finnish delegation left Moscow and started their homeward journey. The Russian press warned angrily that Finland "is on the brink of ruin," but official circles in Moscow took the position that negotiations were merely suspended and not necessarily broken off. It is thought that Russia will not resort to military force to subdue Finland, as she would thus risk involvement with Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and would be drawn into the general conflict. Russian planes and troops are said, however, to be making threatening gestures along the border in an effort to break Finnish morale.

DUTCH AND BELGIAN PEACE EFFORT FAILS

The offer of mediation issued by the rulers of Holland and Belgium brought replies from France and Britain that they "would always be willing to examine a reasonable and assured basis for an equitable peace," but that it was "up to Germany" to establish peace "by reparation of the injustices that force imposed on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland."

Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, blasted Hitler and the Nazi government on the same day that the replies to Holland and Belgium were dispatched. In a broadcast he stated that "either all that Britain and France stand for in the modern world will go down or that Hitler, the Nazi regime and the recurring German or Prussian menace will be broken and destroyed." He also said, "If we are conquered all will

be enslaved and the United States will be left alone to guard the rights of man."

MASS EXECUTION OF GERMAN PILOTS REPORTED

Mass executions of some of Germany's ablest fliers have been reported recently. Seven bombing squadrons are said to have mutinied at the field because their demands for adequate fighting plane support were not complied with. Three squadrons of Marshal Goering's famed "Swallows of Death" are also said to have refused to take the air to meet the French and English fliers in their American-made Curtiss fighting planes.

WAR INTENSIFIED ON THE HIGH SEAS

Sinking of a British destroyer and 10 other vessels within 72 hours with a toll of 33 dead and many injured heralded intensified war on the high seas. Of the merchant vessels sunk seven were British, one Norwegian and two German. Three of the British vessels were sunk by striking a submerged wreck off the coast of England, one by a German mine and the others probably by submarines. The sinking coincided with a Nazi threat to torpedo all British ships "on the assumption that they are armed."

LITTLE ACTIVITY REPORTED ON WESTERN FRONT

The western front remains quiet with only minor raids and artillery action reported. Both sides are marking time during the heavy rains, and some observers believe that there will be little land fighting until spring unless growing unrest in Germany forces Hitler to risk all on a great offensive in the hope of winning a victory which will keep his people united and save his government.

GERMANS AFRAID TO RISK WHOLESALE BOMBINGS

It is believed that the reasons behind the Nazi failure to carry out the threat of bombing French and English cities are that they lack skilled pilots and fuel and that they fear the retaliatory action of the allies which would destroy exposed industrial plants at Essen and elsewhere in Germany—plants which are within easy reach of French and English aircraft.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

PRESIDENT UNFAVORABLE TO SHIPS' TRANSFER

President Roosevelt has announced his reasons for opposing the transfer of American ships to the Panama flag in efforts to circumvent the neutrality act provision banning American ships from war zones.

AID TO SEAMEN

President Roosevelt last Friday pledged three-way government aid

to American seamen who lose their jobs as result of the neutrality act, and disclosed that he is working on plans to avoid the necessity for shipowners to transfer idle trans-Atlantic vessels to foreign flags in order to continue in business.

PRESIDENT WILL VISIT ASHEVILLE

It is announced from Washington (Continued on Page Six)

Ray Brandt

Transferred To Ouachita National Forest

Ray W. Brandt, who came to Franklin in 1934 as junior forester and worked on timber stand improvement in the Nantahala National forest, has been transferred to the Ouachita National forest, with headquarters in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. Brandt, in his work on timber management, worked under Charles Rowland, and succeeded Rowland when he was transferred to Gainesville, Ga., in 1938. In this promotion, he handled timber sales work, game management and management plans.

In the transfer, Mr. Brandt will be management assistant to the Ouachita forest, which is chiefly a pine forest, and the work will broaden his experience.

No one has been sent to replace Mr. Brandt, as the management plans have not been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt left Friday, Nov. 3, for their new home in Hot Springs. During their stay in Franklin, they made a host of friends, who regretted their leaving.

P.-T. A. To Meet At High School Monday

The monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association will be held on Monday afternoon, November 20, at 3:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium, it has been announced by Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., president.

W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin high school, will speak on the "Aims and Goals of the Franklin School for the Year." A round table discussion on "Social Standards in the High School" will be led by Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, teacher of the home economics class, in the Franklin high school. Following there will be a hobby show by members of the P.-T. A. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Winn Seek Home In Macon

Mr. and Mrs. Courtland S. Winn, Jr., and young son, of Doraville, Ga., who have been frequent summer visitors in Franklin, spent last week-end here continuing their quest for a summer place near Franklin.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Winn advertised in The Franklin Press for a site, on Cartoogechaye preferably, with or without a house. Mr. and Mrs. Winn are the kind of citizens we need and want, so anyone who can sell them the kind of place they are looking for will be doing the county a good turn.

Funeral Held At Pisgah For Dewitt Hall, 67

Funeral services for Dewitt Hall, 67, who died at his home near Hayesville Wednesday afternoon, November 8, at 3 o'clock, were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Pisgah Baptist church.

Mr. Hall, a native of Macon county, had been ill one week, suffering with blood poison in his foot and a hemorrhage of the brain.

Mr. Hall was the son of the late R. H. and Lucy Morrison Hall, of Macon county, and was reared in the Oak Grove community.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth McCoy; seven sons, Walter Hall, of Young Harris, Ga.; Virgil Hall, Murphy; Lee Hall, of Winston-Salem; Claude, Charles, Albert, and Dewitt, Jr., of Warren; four daughters, Mrs. Lucy Hawkins, of Warren; Mrs. Fred Elliott, of Franklin Route 4; Mrs. Charles Kinney, and Miss Cordelia Hall, of Warren; two brothers, Elbert Hall, of Warren, and D. A. Hall, of Etta, and one sister, Mrs. Laura Shaw, of Spokane, Wash.

Houston Child Dies Here Tuesday Morning

W. G., the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Houston, of Brevard, died at Angel hospital on Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, following an illness of 14 days.

G. W. was brought to Angel hospital Saturday from the Lydia hospital at Brevard where he had been a patient for about 11 days. The body was taken to the home at Brevard Tuesday, with the funeral services to be held Wednesday.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Houston, formerly of Rose Creek, Macon county, four sisters, Gladys, Novella, Jessie Mae and Mary Alice; two brothers, Elmer and Verco, all of Brevard; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houston and Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish, of West's Mill.

WELFARE MEET NEXT TUESDAY

District Conference Will Include 21 Western Counties

The Western District Welfare conference will meet in Asheville on next Tuesday, November 21, with registration beginning at 9:30 o'clock.

This conference is especially intended for all government officials of the 21 counties represented in the district—county commissioners, welfare boards, clerks of court, county auditors, registers of deeds, representatives in the general assembly, and all interested civic leaders. The meeting will also be attended by county superintendents of welfare and case workers.

The theme of the gathering will be "Public Welfare a Public Service." Hon. D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, will be the luncheon speaker, Mrs. W. T. Bost, state commissioner of public welfare, will speak on "The Job Itself", and open forum discussions will be held as follows: Col. W. A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, will lead on the subject, "Service Through County Boards"; R. Eugene Brown, assistant commissioner of welfare, on "Service to Youth"; Nathan H. Yalton, director division of public assistance, on "Public Welfare a Sound Investment."

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Macon county superintendent of public welfare, urges a large attendance from this county of all connected with and interested in the welfare administration of the county.

Rufus Slagle Dies In Randle, Wash.

A telegram was received by Mrs. Henry Slagle Wednesday telling of the death of her son, Rufus G. Slagle, at his home in Randle, Wash. No details were given and the cause of death is unknown.

Funeral and burial will be in Randle where he had made his home for several years.

Mr. Slagle was 37 years old and leaves a wife, two daughters and one son. He is also survived by five brothers, Dr. T. D. Slagle, of Puerto Rico; Jesse, Frank and Hal Slagle, of Washington state; Fred Slagle, of Franklin Route 1, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Setser, of Franklin Route 1.

T. D. Bryson Opens Law Office Here

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Bryson, Jr., and family, of Bryson City, arrived on Tuesday to make their permanent residence in Franklin, where Mr. Bryson will pursue his profession, the practice of law. Mr. Bryson's office is located in the Asher building, while their residence will be in the Orlando apartments.

Mr. Bryson is the son of Judge Bryson, formerly of Bryson City, now professor of law at Duke University, and the brother of E. C. Bryson, assistant director of the legal clinic at Duke University. He is a lawyer of some years' experience, having practiced in his native town of Bryson City since receiving his license in 1925. He received his education in the Bryson City schools and the University of North Carolina. Three times he has served as mayor of Bryson City, and as a member of the General Assembly of 1939.

Mrs. Bryson was the former Miss Forbell, of Rockville Center, Long Island, N. Y. They have three children, Gail, aged 10; Ann, 8; and Thomas D. Bryson IV, 4 years old. Franklin is fortunate to add the Bryson family to its professional and social life.

Oak Grove Box Supper Brought In Nice Sum

More than \$50 was realized from the box supper held at the Oak Grove school on Friday night of the past week, stated J. J. Mann, principal of the school.

The money is to be used for the benefit of the school and for the home demonstration club of the Oak Grove community. The results of the supper were highly gratifying and the community in general is to be thanked for very generous cooperation.

Postoffice Will Be Closed November 23

The Franklin postoffice will be closed on Thursday, November 23, except for special delivery and perishable packages, it is announced by T. W. Porter, postmaster. This is the day proclaimed as Thanksgiving by President Roosevelt.