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AMBULANCE TO BRITAIN

All Asked To Aid Fund
For State's Gift Of
Mercy Plane

Dr. Ed Angel, Macon county chairman of the Old North State Fund for the British-American Ambulance Corps is asking every citizen to have a share in this fund.

The huge amphibian "mercy plane" that the Old North State Fund is preparing to purchase to send to Britain to use as an ambulance has toured many of the cities and towns of the state and has been inspected by thousands. It has been returned to New York where complete ambulance and hospital equipment will be installed at once and the ship rushed to England to begin rescue work of planes downed at sea, carrying injured soldiers to medical centers and aiding injured civilians in bomb raids.

The State's Gift To Britain
To meet this dire need of the British people, who are fighting our battle as truly as their own, the people of North Carolina are raising \$75,000 for the gift of one such plane to the sorely pressed people of England. Governor Broughton is heading the committee. It is the hope of the committee that North Carolina will be the first state to deliver an airplane ambulance as a gift from its citizens.

Many such planes are needed in modern warfare, to save lives that would otherwise perish. Surely, every person enjoying safety here will want to help these wings of mercy over to war-torn Britain. It is hoped that the other states will do likewise.

Bishop Purcell To Preach Here Sun. Evening

Bishop Clare Purcell will remain after the dedication of Asbury church next Sunday to preach at the Franklin Methodist church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent, will also take part in this service, as announced by the pastor, Dr. J. L. Stokes, II.

W. N. Sloan Receives Regular Army Com.

W. N. Sloan, Jr., Second Lieutenant of Franklin, in reserve, has received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the regular army. Lieut. Sloan is one of five reserve officers at Fort Bragg to be given a commission in the regular army under the Thomason Act. He is with the Quartermaster division of the army.

Lieut. Sloan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sloan of Franklin and Atlanta, Ga. His brother, G. B. Sloan holds a commission as captain in the regular army.

Two Macon Soldiers Sent To Florida Bases

News has come from the War Department that Samuel G. Carver has been assigned to the 67th Bomb Squadron, MacDill Field, Florida; and that Robert L. Dalton is assigned to the 42nd Air Base Squadron, Tallahassee Air Base, Tallahassee, Florida. Both these young men are from Macon county.

Macon Has Increase In Traffic Fatalities

Macon county reported three traffic fatalities during the first five months of this year, according to a five-months' summary released this week by the Highway Safety Division.

This number represented an increase in comparison with the number killed in Macon county during the same period last year when one person was killed.

Traffic fatalities for the state as a whole totaled 448 persons for the five-months' period, this grim toll running nearly 49 per cent ahead of the 301 persons killed in North Carolina the first five months of last year.

"There has been a constant upward trend in traffic deaths in this state since last August, with the result that we are now running nearly 50 per cent above last year in the number of persons killed in street and highway accidents," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of Highway Safety Division.

"This trend can be stopped, and careless motorists and pedestrians must make up their minds that it shall be stopped. This carnage is unnecessary. And it is preventable. Let's stop it."

Asbury Church

Dedication Services To Be Held July 6th

The dedication services of the new Asbury church will begin Sunday, July 6, at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Swaim, pastor of the church, will preside at the ceremony. He will be assisted by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Waynesville district.

Bishop Clare Purcell, bishop of The Methodist church, who is the principal speaker of the day, will deliver the dedication sermon. The program for the 11 o'clock service will be as follows:

Prelude.
Processional: Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".
Apostles' Creed, congregation.
Prayer, Rev. W. L. Hutchins.
Responsive reading.
Gloria Patria.
Second Lesson, Rev. J. L. Stokes.
Offertory, music by Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Green.

Welcome and announcements, Rev. J. C. Swaim.

Presentation of Windows, Rev. J. C. Swaim.

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

Introduction of Speaker, Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

Dedicatory Sermon, Bishop Clare Purcell.

Dedication.
1. Presentation by trustees.
2. Response by minister and people.

3. Prayer of Dedication.
Hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues."

Benediction.
Luncheon will be served on the grounds following the morning ceremony.

Dr. E. J. Coltrane, of Brevard college, will speak on the afternoon program which will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The following have been named as trustees of the new church: Mrs. Gordie Stewart, E. M. Keener, and J. W. Cabe.

Rev. Swaim has appointed these committees to aid with the ceremony:

Decoration, Mrs. Blanche Parrish, Mrs. Leonard Myers, and Mrs. Fred Slagle; lunch, Mrs. Claude Bradley, Mrs. Hazel Norton, Mrs. L. M. Henson; parking, Robert Stewart; tables, Leonard Myers, ushers, Misses Lotis Bradley, Bernice Cabe, Margaret Corbin, Edith Cunningham, Ruth Norton, and Roberta Henson.

Over 500 guests are expected to be present at the dedication. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the overflow crowd in the auditorium of the new Otto school building where a loud speaker will be installed to carry the program.

Etta Whitehead, Age 71 Dies At Home

The body of Mrs. Etta Whitehead, 71, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, here at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, was taken to her old home place at Rocky Mount, on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Whitehead, who had been with her daughter here for the past month, was taken critically ill on Friday night, although for several months she had been ill. Death was caused from heart ailment and complications.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Fields. She was born in Wayne county on March 8, 1870. She was a member of the Methodist church and during her many visits to Franklin always attended the F. S. Johnston Bible class of the Franklin Methodist church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, of Franklin; Mrs. W. B. Sanders, of Rocky Mount; and Mrs. C. B. Harrison, of Rocky Mount; two brothers, Joe Fields and W. C. Fields, both of Norfolk, Va., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Winterville Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Allen Siler Obtains Highway Promotion

Allen Siler, son of Mrs. F. L. Siler of Franklin, was appointed assistant division engineer for the North Carolina State Highway Division. He assumed his duties July 1, and his family will move to Asheville this week to take up permanent residence.

Mr. Siler was formerly district engineer for the highway department with offices in Sylva.

Asbury Methodist Church



New Church Building to be Dedicated at Otto July 6

PROGRAM FOR FOURTH OF JULY

9:00 A. M.

50 YARD DASH (Boys)
First Prize—5 quarts of oil—Western Auto Store.
Second Prize—4 Macon Theatre tickets—Macon Theater.

50 YARD DASH (Girls)
First Prize—One pair slacks—E. K. Cunningham & Company.
Second Prize—\$1.00 in trade—Roy Cunningham Feed & Grocery.

WHEELBARROW RACE
First Prize—\$3.00 in trade—Cagle's Cafe.
Second Prize—\$2.00 in trade—Cagle's Cafe.

TRICYCLE RACE (Boys)
First Prize—One first baseman's mitt—S & L Store.
Second Prize—One Franklin Press subscription.

TRICYCLE RACE (Girls)
First Prize—One compact—Perry's Drug Store.

EGG RACE (Girls and Ladies)
First Prize—One electric toaster—Nantahala Power & Light Co.
Second Prize—\$1.00 in trade—City Market.

THREE LEG RACE (Boys)
First Prize—\$2.00 in trade—Baldwin & Liner Market.
Second Prize—\$1.50 in trade—Macon County Supply Co.

THREE LEG RACE (Girls)
First Prize—\$1.00 in trade Jess' Shop; \$1.00 in trade—Jo's Shop.
Second Prize—One Prize—Polly's; One cleaning and pressing—City Pressing Club.

THREE LEG RACE (Men over 40)
First Prize—5 gallons of gas—Cunningham's Service Station; 5 Quarts of oil—Womack's Service Station.

Second Prize—Wash and grease job—Patton's Service Station.

ROLLING PIN THROWING CONTEST (Ladies)
First Prize—\$2.00 in trade—Cagle's Cafe.
Second Prize—\$1.00 in trade—Angel's Drug Store.
Third Prize—One meal—The Tavern Lunch Room.

HORSE SHOE PITCHING CONTEST (To be held throughout the morning)
First Prize—\$5.00 Meal ticket—Dixie Grill.

GREASY POLE
Prize—\$5.00 Cash—Reeves Hardware Co.

WATERMELON GRAB
Prize—All the melons you grab.

2:00 P. M.

BASEBALL GAME.
Franklin All Stars vs. Walhalla. First game.

3:15 P. M.

GREASY PIG CHASE
Prize—The pig—given by Lee Poindexter.

BICYCLE RACE
First Prize—\$3.00 in trade—Cagle's Cafe.
SECOND PRIZE—5 Gallons gas—City Garage.

4:00 P. M.

BROADCAST PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH
Following the speech the group will join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Bank

Will be Closed Friday And Saturday, July 4, 5

The Bank of Franklin will be closed on both Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, according to an announcement made by Henry W. Cabe, cashier. Mr. Cabe states that the governor has declared a bank holiday on Saturday as well as the Fourth of July for all banking institutions of the state.

Mrs. Addie Holland Taken By Death June 15

Mrs. Addie Holland, 73, widow of the late J. H. Holland of Cullasaja, died at her home Sunday morning, June 15. She is survived by two children, the Rev. W. Holland and Mrs. Walter Watkins, four brothers and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Frank Reid, assisted by Rev. Davis and D. E. Park.

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral services which were conducted at the Sugarfork cemetery.

Wine Regulations Effective July 1

New regulations in regard to the sale of wines in North Carolina go into effect on July 1, under the law passed by the 1941 legislature. Beginning on that date, fortified wines may legally be sold only in the 26 counties in the state that have ABC stores, and there only under strict ABC regulations.

The new wine law absolutely forbids the sale of "fortified" wines (those of more than 14 per cent alcoholic content) in the 74 legally dry counties, Macon county comes under this new law.

Last Rites Held For Harvey Sanders

Funeral services were held for Harvey Sanders, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sanders at 2 o'clock June 30, at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church with the Rev. Lester Ledford officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Benbow Dills, Spurgeon Ledford, and Dan Mason. The flower girls were Rebecca Ledford, Birdie Crawford, Julia Mason, and Dottie Hastings.

Franklin Will Celebrate July Fourth In Big Way

Voters Urged To Register

The town of Franklin will hold a bond election on Tuesday, July 8. The two bond issues to be voted upon are a \$1,000.00 ordinance for sidewalk improvement and a \$9,000.00 ordinance for street improvement.

All citizens of the town of Franklin wishing to vote must be registered in the town registration book. The book will be open in the town of Franklin office on Saturday, July 5. All voters are urged to make certain that they have registered.

Patriotic Rally to Feature Oath Of Allegiance Flag Raising

"All that is needed to complete plans for a glorious Fourth is the crowd that is expected", says W. C. Newton, chairman of the Fourth of July Celebration Committee.

The morning celebration will be taken up with a program featuring games, races and original contests with loads of prizes, highlighted by a greasy pole climbing contest with a cash prize of five dollars.

To start the afternoon program there will be a double-header baseball game between the fast climbing Franklin All Stars and the strong Walhalla club with the added attraction of a greasy pig chase and a bicycle race.

To climax the program there will be a broadcast of President Roosevelt's speech at 4 p. m. on the public square which will be followed by the assembled crowd joining in a pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The committee has taken steps to erect a permanent iron flag pole and American flag on the square.

94 Youths Register For Army July 1st

According to a statement released by the Macon County Selective Service Board 94 men were registered through the local office here on July 1 in the second nation-wide registration. There were 89 whites and five negroes. Of these 15 men have permanent residence elsewhere than in Macon county but registered through the local board.

Fine Attendance At Fifth Singing Convention

Before an audience of between five and seven hundred people the Fifth Sunday Singing Convention had one of their most successful meetings of the year in the Macon county courthouse, Sunday, June 29.

The program consisted of singing by 12 different choirs and quartets and group singing. Three states and seven counties were represented.

J. M. Raby, president of the convention, stated that it was an "extraordinary meeting with the choirs and quartets acquitting themselves in fine fashion."

At the business session it was unanimously approved to hold the convention on the next fourth Sunday rather than the fifth in order that Macon county singers might cooperate with Jackson county in a district meeting to be held there on the next fifth Sunday.

Carlton Davis Injured In Highway Accident

Carlton Davis, 24, truck driver for the Franklin Hardware company here, was painfully, although not seriously injured, on Friday afternoon, when he was struck by an unidentified car and driver on highway No. 23 near Dillsboro.

Returning to Franklin, Mr. Davis saw the car coming at what he termed a high rate of speed and, attempted to pull the truck to the side of the road, but was struck by the car and he was thrown from the truck onto the pavement, rendering him unconscious for several minutes and injuring his head, shoulder and hip. The truck was hit with such force that it was completely turned around in the road.

Mr. Davis was reported by attending physicians to be getting along nicely Saturday.

Dr. F. E. Verdon's Brother Dies In N. J.

Friends of Dr. Franklin E. Verdon will regret to learn of the death of his brother, Dr. Alexander J. Verdon, 34, of Hoboken, N. J., following an abdominal operation and illness of two weeks. The funeral was held in Hoboken on Monday, June 23. Dr. Verdon was constantly at the bedside of his brother during his entire illness, and gave him two blood transfusions.

The deceased was police physician of Hoboken Borough. He is survived by his widow, one son, eight months old; his mother, one sister and five brothers.

In a letter received by a friend in Franklin, Mrs. Verdon expresses appreciation of many messages from friends, and states that Dr. Verdon will temporarily take over the practise of his brother.

SECRET

The U. S. Department of Commerce has ceased publication of statistical information on exports of American farm produce and will keep such information secret because of the war.

Negro Killed In Auto Wreck On Highlands Road; Driver Held

William B. Porter, negro, was killed instantly in an auto wreck which occurred near the Dugout on the Highlands road Saturday night.

The driver of the car, Arlexie Gray, is being held in the Macon county jail on a charge of reckless driving pending further investigation of the case.

Mr. Porter's home was in Atlanta, Ga., but he was employed during the summer months by the Highlands Country Club. The body was taken to Atlanta, by the Hanley Funeral Home.

Franklin Takes Opener From Sylva 4 To 3

Behind the excellent pitching of Dan "Fog Ball" Reynolds and sparkling infield play which produced three double plays, the Franklin All Stars defeated the strong Sylva team 4 to 3 in the opening game of a double header. Reynolds allowed seven hits and struck out eight men.

Franklin collected eight hits with Gentry, who got three hits in four trips to the plate, being the leading hitter.

In the second game Sylva came back to win a wild affair by the score of 17 to 11. Sumner, who pitched the first game, pitched the second also for Sylva giving up 13 hits while English, Gentry and Newton were on the mound for Franklin allowing 14 hits.

By splitting the double header Franklin remained in third place in the Tri-State League.

On July 4 Franklin will go out of the league to play the strong Walhalla, S. C. Cubs.

The All Stars will play a double header at Andrews Sunday with the local club there.

Allen Whitted Injured Fatally By Auto

Allen Whitted, 45, of Candler, brother of Mrs. Gus Cagle of Franklin, was struck by a car while walking on the Pisgah highway Saturday night and fatally injured. Mr. Whitted died Sunday afternoon in an Asheville hospital.

W. T. Crawford, Waynesville attorney and driver of the car which struck Mr. Whitted has been absolved of all blame.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God on the Pisgah highway and interment was in the Piney Mountain cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, one son, five brothers and six sisters. Mrs. Cagle went to Asheville Monday to attend the funeral.

Army Deserter Caught By Local Police

Jack Jacobs, formerly of Franklin, was arrested by Chief of Police C. D. Baird, Tuesday morning, July 1 and turned over to Army officials. Jacobs was charged with desertion from the U. S. Army. He will be taken to Camp Jackson, S. C., and will face his charges before a military court.