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MACON'S WAR FUND LAUNCHED

Red Cross Appeal Gets Quick Response To Campaign

The response to the call for \$1,000 for the Red Cross War Fund for the Macon County Chapter, is going forward with determination to meet our quota promptly according to Harley Cabe, chairman. Booths in the post office, bank and Macon theatre Saturday were in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. C. N. Dowdle with Mrs. Dick Jones, Mrs. James Perry, Miss Bettie Rogers, Mrs. Rosalie Watkins and Mrs. Bill Horsley as assistants.

A dime board, in the form of a Red Cross is being built by Harry Willhide and will be placed in the post office, of which the members of this committee will have charge during the coming week.

The Red Cross—among its many duties as "the volunteer arm" of the Army and Navy—supplies nine-tenths of the surgical dressings needed in war time. This is only one branch, a vital and immediate need—of the many calls upon the American Red Cross at this time. Our men are stationed all over the world, and already shedding their blood in their country's defense. All that we can give cannot be too much to ask for them, says Chairman Cabe.

Many Needs Now

This sum of \$50,000,000 which President Roosevelt has asked of the people of the United States must meet the demand of total war that now faces the country. It will meet the countless needs and calls that come daily to keep the morale of our men high as well as to care for their physical and emergency needs. It will help the families of men in the armed forces during times of trouble.

Thousands of nurses and technicians must be enrolled immediately for service in military hospitals and for special duty to civilians. Many millions of volunteers must be trained in first aid, nursing, and civilian defense in case of sabotage or bombings, and all kinds of disaster and relief work.

The Red Cross must stand back of the soldiers and sailors and the money for this service is needed at once.

The employees of City Garage have set the pace for other firms and places of business in this campaign by each one donating one day's salary to the Red Cross War Fund, the day being Christmas eve, December 24. Roy Mashburn and Earl English, proprietors added to the firms donation \$10 each.

Results of the campaign to date will be announced in the New Year's edition of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian.

Buy Defense Bonds

'SGT. YORK' COMING HERE

Year's Greatest Picture To Be Shown Dec. 29 At Macon Theatre

"Sergeant York", Warner Brothers' mighty picture starring Gary Cooper, will appear at the Macon Theatre on Monday, December 29. It is proclaimed "the year's greatest picture", and unique in that it dramatizes the true story of one of America's greatest and most picturesque heroes who personally passed on the authenticity of the facts. The World War I hero received all over again the ovation of thousands in the large cities when he appeared at the first showing of the movie.

The action is pictured where York formed his amazing feat of single-handedly killing 25 German machine gunners, and with the aid of a handful of comrades, capturing 132 prisoners. For this feat he was decorated with the Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the Red Cross, and the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Drinking

Moonshine Liquor is Unpatriotic; Cheats U. S. A.

It's unpatriotic to drink moonshine liquor.

A person who consumes a gallon of non-tax paid moonshine cheats the United States government out of \$4 in taxes "needed to support the national defense program", according to the Alcohol Tax unit office here.

The Washington office of the ATU has had thousands of circulars printed, and distributed over the United States showing how the consumption of corn liquor retards the government in collecting taxes for the defense program.

The ATU had figured out that for every 100-pound sack of sugar that is used in the manufacture of corn liquor, 10 gallons of liquor are produced. Since the federal tax on a gallon of whiskey is \$4, each bag of sugar used for the making of corn liquor causes the government to lose \$40 in taxes.

"Sugar is the Lifeblood of Illicit Distilling," is the title of the circular issued by the ATU. "Since all moonshine whiskey is produced through the process of fermentation and distillation from sugar, sugar is the one absolute essential upon which an illicit distiller is dependant for the existence," the circular says.

The circular urges citizens to "keep sugar out of bootleggers' hands" and "cooperate by refusing to sell sugar in quantity to suspicious persons or known violators."

de Guerre with palm, telling York that what he had done was the greatest single achievement of the war.

For over twenty years York refused all offers to commercialize or dramatize his service to his country. He returned to his Tennessee farm and has led the simple life of a mountain farmer.

World War II is responsible for the story coming at this time. Alvin C. York was persuaded by Jesse Lasky of Warner Bros. that he could in this way help his country again in its struggle to preserve democracy.

The film was proclaimed the "Movie of the Month" by the Parents' Magazine.

Dr. Grady Williams who has been quite ill at his home is reported to be improving.

Miss Alice Bennett, teacher in the Camp Branch school, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett.

Men In The Service

Bob Sloan enlisted in the army at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Ray Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett, of Iola, is stationed on the U. S. S. Dixie at Pearl Harbor. He has completed his metal smith course in the U. S. Navy.

Blaine Moffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Moffitt, of the 28th Field Artillery, Fort Jackson, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents. He has been in service 18 months. Ray Moffitt, brother of Blaine, is now in the Marines stationed at Pearl Harbor. His parents have recently received a letter from him dated December 1.

Gurnell Lee Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woods, Franklin, Route 2, is a member of the 79th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. He has been in service nine months and is now spending the Christmas holidays at home.

The Christmas leave of Pvt. Hugh A. Johnston was recalled after war was declared. He is the son of Mrs. T. J. Johnston and is now stationed at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., in the 379th School Squadron.

Herschel Henson of the Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Henson, is home on ten days leave.

Bob Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, of East Franklin who has been in Iceland has returned to his post after a brief visit home.

Sgt. George H. Houston and Sgt. Claud Zachary of Highlands, stationed at Fort Jackson, are spending Christmas with their families. Pvt. Grayson Higdon of Cullasaga, stationed at Fort Bragg is home on leave for Christmas.

More Roll Call Memberships

The acknowledgment of the following additional Red Cross memberships are made:

Holly Springs—Mrs. J. R. Franklin and Mrs. R. E. Pattillo. Franklin—Mrs. W. A. Sellers, George McGee, Mrs. Gladys Guy, J. R. Bradley, Bea Harrison, Dr. J. L. Stokes, Charlie T. Blaine, Mrs. J. B. Matlock, Mrs. L. P. Compton, A. G. Cagle.

PONTANA FUNDS APPROPRIATED

President Roosevelt has signed the appropriation bill providing funds for the construction of Pontana dam, it was reported last week.

Red Cross

Garments Should Be Sent In By January 1

Mrs. James E. Perry, production chairman of the Red Cross has made an urgent appeal to all those who are making garments or knitting to finish the work and turn it in to her committee for shipment before the end of the year. A new program of production is expected at an early date, so that it is important that work on hand be completed and shipped, said Mrs. Perry.

The following list gives the locations of some of Macon county's men in the service. The Press will be glad to receive other names to publish each week for the benefit of their friends:

Cadet Van B. Carter, U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.; Jack Ralph Mason, U. S. S. "Wasp"; Pvt. Robert L. McGaha, Btry. A, 82nd C. A. "A.A.", Fort Sherman, Canal Zone; Cecil Allen, Fort Sherman, Canal Zone; Corporal Dorsey Matlock, Fort Lee, Va.; Sgt. W. J. Morrison, Schoefield, Hawaii; Wayne Carl Jones, Fort Kamehameha, Honolulu, Hawaii; J. G. Allen, Ft. Bragg; Quentin Hall, Harry Bryson, Weaver Hollbrook, and R. L. Jacobs in the mid-west camps.

Truck and Bus

Inventory Calls Owners To Return Questionnaire

The Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department is appealing to the Department of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina to urge all truck and bus owners in Macon county to immediately fill out and mail in the questionnaire cards sent to them for the National Defense truck and bus inventory. This inventory is being made for the War Department by the Public Roads Administration and the Works Project Administration to be used in planning National Defense emergency transportation.

A report made Friday by Mr. L. G. Watters of the Public Roads Administration, who is Technical Advisor for this work in North Carolina, revealed that only thirty-one percent of the vehicle owners in North Carolina had sent in their reports. This shows North Carolina to be lagging far behind most of the states in the Union in the compilation of this essential National Defense data for the War Department.

Macon Baptist Sunday School Convention meets December 28, 1941 at 2 o'clock with Oak Grove church.

Efforts To Be Unified To Defeat Hitlerism

Before January First Buy 1942 Auto Tags

No extension of time has been given this year for purchase of 1942 tags. All owners of cars are urged to secure their licenses, as cars with 1941 tags will not be allowed on the highways after January 1.

Defense Council

Publicity Chairman Jones Tells Of Co. Program

At the meeting of the Defense Council which was held some few days ago, I was designated as the person who would give publicity to the work that the Defense Council was doing and proposed to do in the future.

This council consists of a chairman for this county, selected by the Governor, which chairman in turn appoints those in charge of the various civic and governmental organizations of the county as members. Among those appointed for this county were J. O. Harrison, Mayor of Franklin, Wilton H. Cobb, Mayor of Highlands, A. B. Slagle, S. W. Mendenhall, County Farm Agent, with his assistants, the County Health Nurse, the Home Demonstration Agent, the Presidents of the Lions Club and Rotary Club, the pastors in charge of various churches, and others. I take it that it is generally understood that this is a national organization headed by Mayor La Guardia of New York, who has asked each governor to organize his own state. The Governor of North Carolina has appointed Mr. G. L. Houk as defense chairman for this county. It is the duty of this defense council to organize the county in such a way, first, as to best protect itself, and second, so as to best promote the National Defense Program. A detailed program has been set up by the National Organization, and this program points out the kind of work that each particular type of community can best do.

Food And Health

It seems to be the opinion of the National Organization, and it is certainly the opinion of the local organization, that the principal job of inland farming communities like our own county is, first, to do everything possible to keep the citizenship of the county in as good health as possible (and of course this work always begins at home), and second, for its citizenship to conserve all possible food supplies that could be used by the Army, the Navy and the enormous civilian personnel that has been set up to keep our armed forces supplied with war material. It is assumed, of course, that all local merchants will cooperate in this enterprise. The civilian population of Macon county is urged, therefore, to produce, as far as is possible, not only a sufficient amount of food and feed for home consumption, but a surplus as well. It was pointed out that it would be a surprise to many to know just what amount of foodstuff can be raised on a plot of ground, say 100 feet square, or a little less than one-fourth of an acre.

Supply Line

The National Organization urges that each farm and factory throughout the country do nothing that will in any way disrupt its producing power; but on the contrary, to bend every effort to produce and conserve. Macon county can best do its bit by allowing the food, feed and clothing supplies that we ordinarily buy to be utilized by the Army, the Navy and the personnel of munition and armament factories; and in addition to provide not only enough for our own needs, but a surplus of products to be sent home to our loved ones. A shortage of work is

Fighting More Intense Battle Fronts Of The World

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has made a secret and hurried trip to Washington, arriving Monday morning for a momentous conference with President Roosevelt. It is announced that their secret conferences are for the purpose of unified war plans to "defeat Hitlerism throughout the entire world." While this history-making parley between the chief leaders against Hitlerism proceeds, history is being made, fast and furiously, all over the planet as Christmas comes to the world this Year of Our Lord, 1941.

The War Picture

Winston Churchill told newsmen that the German defeat in Russia and America's entry into the war had produced a turning point on the tide of world-wide conflict.

IN PACIFIC

After 16 days of bloody and heroic fighting by a little band of Marines, the Japs are reported to have occupied Wake Island.

American and Filipino troops are fighting to stem a massive Japanese attack by air, land and sea at different points on the Philippine Island. A large force has landed as a major fight for the islands develops.

Manilla has been bombed with many civilian lives lost. Three Japanese transports with thousands aboard are reported sunk off the invasion coasts.

Dutch planes are aiding American aircraft in the Philippine harbor of Davao, which Tokyo claims has been occupied by Jap forces.

RUSSIA

The Red forces show gains from the Baltic Sea to Azov as they announce that the tide of the war has turned for good. Heavy fighting continues before Leningrad, Moscow and Kalinin, as the Nazis fall back with tremendous losses in lives and material.

AFRICA

British columns now block Axis line of retreat south of Bengasi in North Africa. Many German and Italian prisoners have been captured with war supplies. The RAF reports three planes lost to 17 of the enemy.

ASIA

The British flag still flies over Hong Kong, in spite of the hopeless odds the British are reported to be facing. The Chinese are aiding the British.

The biggest battle of Malaya is seen imminent 300 miles from the British stronghold of Singapore.

LONDON

London reports that a German push into Africa through France and Spain is imminent, as Petain resigns in angry protest and axis friend Darlan succeeds him.

SAN FRANCISCO

On our Pacific coast a Japanese has sunk the tanker M. S. Mabelly and machine-gunned the life boats and shot at others who managed to make port.

"Student Night" At Baptist Church

"Student Night at Christmas" will be conducted at the Franklin Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will consist of brief messages by students at home from all over the holidays, and a message from the local senior class. Their will also render a play.

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