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## WAR PICTURE ON ALL FRONTS

### Pacific A. E. F. Launched As Japs Gain In Far East

#### WASHINGTON

Ship sinkings continue on the Atlantic coast, the last reported being the City of Atlanta off Hatteras on Monday, only two survivors of crew of 46. This makes six merchantmen and four tankers sunk close to Atlantic shore of U. S.

A U. S. Sub last week sank a Japanese cruiser close to the shores of Japan.

The vanguards of a new A. E. F. are enroute to far-flung battle lines, the size of the troop movements and their destination are a military secret.

OPM passes out of the picture as WPB—War Production Board—becomes the central agency which Don Nelson heads towards streamlined war production.

#### THE PHILIPPINES

Gen. McArthur has driven back the latest assaults on the Batan Province with heavy losses to the enemy. Guerilla raids behind the lines in N. E. Luzon destroyed a Japanese airdrome, the enemy leaving 110 dead on the field.

#### RUSSIAN FRONT

The Russians have driven the Nazis out of Mzhaisk, key city on Hitler's winter line, taking great quantities of war supplies as the enemy flees in confusion. They are also blasting German line on Leningrad front.

#### BATAVIA

Dutch have lost more ground on island of Celebes, with heavy loss to enemy. They cry for "planes and more planes."

#### SINGAPORE

The Japs lose 12 planes in savage raid on Singapore and a second wave of planes was driven off on Wednesday. There was heavy damage and civilian casualties.

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## Rev. J. L. Teague

### Beloved Retired Pastor Dies at Prentiss

Funeral services for the Rev. John Lawson Teague, 81, were held at Union Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Waynesville, district superintendent; the Rev. J. C. Swain, pastor of Union church, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Following an illness of several months, Mr. Teague died at his home in the Prentiss community, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

He was a son of the late James Wilson Teague and Martha Teague. He was born March 1, 1860, in Haywood county. After attending schools in his native county, he studied at Emory and Vanderbilt universities two years.

A retired Methodist minister, Mr. Teague's life and character had been a benediction to his people throughout his long residence in the county. He never failed in his witness as a preacher of the Gospel and lover of his fellowmen.

Mr. Teague was transferred to the Western North Carolina conference in 1911, where he was active in his work for nine years. While supernumerated he was assistant pastor of the Clyde and Lake Junaluska churches, and for one year served as pastor of the Highlands Methodist church.

He was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mary Summers Cornwell, a granddaughter of Bishop Joshua Soule. After her death he was married on April 12, 1905, to Miss Ellen Deeke Moss, of Greensboro, Ky., who survives him.

Surviving are the widow; five children by his first marriage, Miss Florence Teague and Mrs. T. A. Wigginton, of Nashville, Tenn.; John, of Nashville, Perry, of New York City, and W. C., of Memphis, Tenn.; four grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Addie Teague Wells, of Canton; Mrs. Mattie B. Johnson, of Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Laura Teague Herren, of Chicago. He was a brother of the late Charlie Teague, of Prentiss.

The pallbearers were: Ned Teague, Wilbur Teague, and Woodrow Teague, nephews; Charles A. Rogers, and Thomas Stiles. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. W. A. Rogers, J. W. Addington, M. L. Dowdie, Frank Fleming, and Charlie Nichols.

## Scrap Iron

### To Be Sold At Auction Mon., Jan. 26

The workers in the county agents office wish to take this opportunity to thank the neighborhood leaders and other workers who have helped in the campaign for the collection of scrap iron. We also wish to show our appreciation to every person who has donated scrap iron to this cause.

This scrap iron is to be sold at public auction on Monday afternoon, January 26 at 4 o'clock. If there is any of this material that is still out in the county, it should be assembled at the Agricultural Building by noon, Monday, January 26.

The results of the sale will be published in this paper so that every one will know the amount of money that will be given to the Red Cross.

## CHEESE PLANT A POSSIBILITY

### Mendenhall Urges Macon To Support Movement By Prompt Action

Since it has been ascertained that there is a national shortage of dairy products the county agent's office has been exerting every effort to obtain a market for whole milk for the farmers of Macon county. Milk plants, condenseries and cheese plants have been contacted by S. W. Mendenhall, farm agent. Indications now are that there is a possibility of securing a cheese plant at Franklin. The present price of milk used for the manufacture of cheese is around 18 to 20 cents per gallon. One of the factors which will determine whether we get the plant or not will be the attitude of the farmers and business men of Macon county toward this endeavor.

**Prompt Action Necessary**  
How many farmers will sell milk and how many cows there will be in the county that milk can be sold from will be the main factor in securing this great advantage for the farmers of the county. Farmers who are interested in selling milk should see their neighborhood leaders or report direct to the county agent's office. This should be done immediately as we only have a short time to secure this information. We should let nothing prevent us in securing this source of income for our farmers. Our very life after this war may depend upon our dairy products, says Mr. Mendenhall.

### Mrs. Joe Sweatman Succumbs To Pneumonia

Funeral services for Mrs. Dona Dills Sweatman, 71, were held at the home on Upper Cartoogechay Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, the Rev. George A. Cloer, of Leatherman, and the Rev. Lester Sorrells, of Cullasaja, officiated. Interment was in Dills family cemetery.

Mrs. Sweatman succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia after only a week's illness at her home on Upper Cartoogechay last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Sweatman was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Dills. She was born February 11, 1870, and reared in the Cartoogechay community where she lived all of her life. She was a member of the Cartoogechay Baptist church. On December 1, 1889, she was married to Joe Sweatman.

The pallbearers were: Will Dills, Bryan Setser, Ed Ramey, Arthur A. Drake, Charlie Dills, and Broadus Sweatman.

Surviving are the husband; three sons, Dewey, of Greenville, S. C., Fred, of Chicago, and Lyman, of Franklin Route 1; four daughters, the Misses Elizabeth and Clara Sweatman of Franklin Route 1, Mrs. Manson L. Stiles of Franklin, and Mrs. Alec Southards of Sylva; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers; L. D. Dills of Long Island, N. Y., Tom, Archie, and Meredith Dills, of Franklin Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Smith, of Coddoo Mills, Texas, and Mrs. Alec Neal, of Hayesville; two half-brothers, Hex Dills, of Franklin Route 1, and Lawrence Dills of Hayesville, and three half-sisters, Mrs. George A. Cloer, of Leatherman, Mrs. Arthur Drake of Franklin Route 3, and Mrs. Ed Ramey of Franklin



Talbot cartoon courtesy of Washington News.

## TWO DANCES NEXT WEEK

### Panorama and Otto To Give Birthday Benefits For Paralysis Fund

A big square dance at Panorama Court on Saturday night, January 31 will be a feature of the celebration of the President's birthday, A. G. Cagle, Franklin chairman, has announced.

The famous Soco Gap band that has played for Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House has been engaged for the occasion, says Mr. Cagle, and the dance promises to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season, both to those who love to skip the light fantastic and to onlookers and listeners alike. Tickets are being sold at many places, of business in Franklin and may also be bought at the door.

**Otto Dance Friday Night**  
The people of Smithbridge township, with Joe Bradley as chairman, also plan a big square dance to be held at the Otto school auditorium on Friday night, January 30. The proceeds will be given to the Macon county Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Mr. Cagle has also sent out a number of letters to citizens enclosing special checks asking for contributions from ten cents to ten dollars to the fund.

## S. R. CROCKETT ACCEPTS CALL

### Macon Pastor Has Moved To Hazelwood in Charge Of Church There

The Rev. S. R. Crockett, of Franklin, who has been filling the pulpit of the Hazelwood Presbyterian church for the past few months, has moved there from his home on Cartoogechay in view of accepting the call which was recently extended to him by the Hazelwood and Bethel churches, subject to the action of the Asheville Presbytery.

Mr. Crockett held pastorates in Kentucky and East Tennessee during the early years of his ministry. During the war in 1918 he served as chaplain in the American army both here and abroad. Immediately after his discharge he served on the committee of Christian Education and Ministerial relief of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church.

After this he was called to the pastorate of the Waynesville Presbyterian church. He remained in that capacity until he resigned to become superintendent of the Maxwell home for boys near Franklin. There he remained until the school was suspended.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett and their two sons have moved from their home on Cartoogechay to Hazelwood recently.

Pvt. 1st Class William Rogers Deal, of Camp Gordon, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Deal of Franklin Route 4.

## R. C. NEAR TOP ON WAR FUND

### Two-thirds of Macon's Quota Has Been Reported

The Local Chapter of the American Red Cross reports that \$949.35, has been deposited to the War Relief Fund. This chapter has \$550.65 yet to raise before reaching our \$1500.00 quota. All organizations that have been working toward our goal are urged to put forth just a little more effort as we near the top.

Of the amount contributed, Highlands has raised \$290. This amount is a tribute to the spirit in which Highlands always responds when a worthy cause is presented by the Red Cross, said Harley Cabe, county chairman. Special interest is also shown to the ladies who have been attending the booths at the postoffice and bank. From these places approximately \$125 has been collected, Mr. Cabe reported.

Lack of space prevents the printing of the long list of acknowledgments in this week's issue. The complete list will be printed next week.

## Forest Warden

### Urges Caution Against Forest Fires

J. Fred Bryson, County Forest Warden reminds the people that the spring fire season will soon be here.

"Keeping fires out of our forests is going to be the business of every person that uses them," says Mr. Bryson.

"You who enjoy them, and you who use them to earn a living, must help to make the careless more fire-conscious," is the forest warden's advice.

In District No. 1, which comprises 11 of the 13 western counties there were 622 fires last year, 620 of them were man-caused and could have been prevented. Incendiary fires led the list. Smokers came along second and brush burners made a close third. The average fire was 31 acres, total damage estimated was \$59,308.00.

Macon county fell from top list in number of fires and also in the size of fires.

Mr. Bryson gives the following instructions:

We know that there is some burning that must be done. A good suggestion is to burn before the woods get so dangerously dry.

Get your burning permit and pick a good time to burn and be sure your fire is completely out before leaving it. Most of our brush burning fires escape after they have been left and pronounced out.

Late spring is the most dangerous time of the year for burning. The wind can not be controlled, so if we are not extremely careful we will have a fire that will be hard to control, almost uncontrollable as the wind.

## Transportation and Housing For Fontana Discussed

### Mayor's Proclamation

Whereas at all times, and especially during a national emergency such as that in which we are now living, we should turn to God recognizing His authority and seeking to find and to do His will; and

Whereas the pastors of the Franklin churches have recommended a period of prayer for peace each day, and have been supported by their congregations in this move;

Now, therefore, I, as mayor of Franklin, urge all residents of the town and community of Franklin to pause at six o'clock each evening, beginning Monday, the 26th of January, 1942, at the ringing of the church bell, to offer prayers to Almighty God for pardon for our past sins, for the hastening of His kingdom of righteousness and peace, and for grace and strength to do His will.

Signed this twenty-second day of January, 1942.

J. O. HARRISON,  
Mayor, Franklin, N. C.

## Call To Prayer

### Made by Local Churches And Mayor

Last Sunday the congregations of the Franklin churches gave their approval to a joint proposal made by their pastors that the people of Franklin unite in prayers for peace at a certain period each day. Six o'clock in the evening was suggested and adopted as the time, and it was agreed that the signal would be the ringing of a church bell, beginning Monday, January 16.

In their meeting last week, the pastors expressed the conviction that the prayers of the people should include:

Repentance, that our sins have made possible a world-wide war in this year of Our Lord, 1942; Prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom of righteousness and peace; and the commitment of our lives to finding and doing God's will.

That most people, perhaps, will want to use their own words in making petitions in their prayers, was the general expression of the pastors' meeting. However, for those who may be helped by suggestions, they offer the following, taken from various sources:

**Prayers for a Nation at War**  
Give peace for all time, O Lord, and fill my heart and the hearts of all men everywhere with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, we pray Thee to take away from each one of us the things that make for war—pride, selfishness, obliviousness to the needs and problems of others. Purge us and make us clean within. Make us willing to suffer. Free us from laziness and self-satisfaction and being content to believe anything less than the Truth; for the sake of Thy world give Thy victory in us. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and did send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and hasten Thy kingdom; through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Daylight Saving Begins February 9

At 2 a. m. Monday, February 9, the clocks of the nation will be moved up one hour under the provisions of the daylight savings bill which President Roosevelt signed on Tuesday.

## Grade Mothers Sponsor Rambling Mountaineers

Carl Story and The Rambling Mountaineers, stars of WWNC Farm Hour, on the air each day from 12:35 to 1:30 p. m. at Asheville, will appear at the Franklin courthouse, Saturday, January 24, at 7:30 p. m. This show is sponsored by the grademothers of the Franklin school. The funds for this will go for a much needed lavatory for the school. Admission, 14 years or younger, 15 cents; adults, 30 cents. This price includes tax.

## C. of C. Elects Directors, Appoints Committee, Bids Pres. Goodbye

The Franklin chamber of commerce met on Tuesday night to discuss the matter of transportation and living accommodations in Franklin that will be available for employees and their families on the Fontana dam project in Swain county, which will begin operations shortly.

A committee of three was appointed by the president, Ben Woodruff, to make a survey to ascertain how many houses, rooms and boarding places could be furnished, and report this information as soon as possible to the chamber of commerce.

This committee, consisting of Gilmer A. Jones, R. H. O'Mohundro and Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson was asked by the chairman to give publicity to this request through the press and any other way, and to urge all who have houses to rent or other accommodations with or without board to send the information in writing to any one of this committee. It was made clear that this information must be gathered at once, so that the approximate number that can be taken care of and the type of homes and boarding houses available can be conveyed to the T. V. A. authorities as soon as possible.

## Transportation Discussed

The matter of transportation was also discussed at length. Carl Jamison stated that he was interested in starting regular transportation service if the number warranted it. T. W. Angel stated that Mr. Wright of the Smoky Mountain Stages operating through Franklin was considering a bus line from Bryson City to Greenville which would pass through Franklin, and if this materialized, he would be glad to arrange the schedule to suit workers on the project. It was pointed out that residents of the county working on the dam would need transportation as well as new people.

An official of TVA in Knoxville was quoted as saying that the number of people brought into this area in connection with workers on Fontana would be around 16,000 and that many would live on trailers. He ventured to say that the capacity of towns within 75 miles of the project would be taxed to take care of the influx.

## Directors Elected

Gilmer A. Jones and A. G. Cagle were elected to fill the unexpired terms on the board of directors made vacant by the moving of James Averall to Atlanta last summer and Ben Woodruff to Charlotte at the end of this month.

A rising vote of appreciation and well wishes with much hand clapping was accorded President Woodruff, on this the last occasion of his service as an officer before leaving Franklin to accept a position with the Bell Telephone System in Charlotte. Mr. Woodruff expressed his regret at leaving a place that offered so many advantages for happy, worthwhile living, and assured the gathering that Franklin and the mountain section would have in him an enthusiastic booster when he moves to the Piedmont.

## Farewell Dinner To Joel Tompkins

A farewell dinner was given by J. E. S. Thorpe to Joel Tompkins last Tuesday evening at the Kelly Tea Room. The employees of the Nantala Power and Light Company offices of Franklin, Andrews and Bryson City were guests, and the occasion honored Mr. Tompkins, electrical engineer who has been on the company's staff for more than five years, and who is being transferred to Massena, N. Y.

Those present at the dinner were Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Tompkins; W. C. Penn, H. E. Church, John Archer, Claude Bolton, J. Ward Long, John Farrar, Fred Vaughan, Hugh Leach, H. H. Gnuse, C. E. Thompson, W. V. Swan, Allan A. Brooks, L. W. Manning, John McCollum, H. H. Plemons, Austin Thompson, B. L. McGlamery, Mrs. Elmer Crawford, Mrs. R. E. Welch, Mrs. Hylda Shepherd, Mrs. Carl Cabe, and Mrs. R. D. Carson, all of the Franklin office staff. John B. Ray and J. A. Sutton attended from Bryson City and John Christy from Andrews.

Mr. Tompkins left Sunday for his new position, and H. H. Gnuse will take his place on the staff.