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**A Modest Hero**

THE announcement last week of the American Legion sponsored campaign for old phonograph records, of which T. M. Moss is chairman, brings to the fore a little known World War I hero of Macon county. He belonged to the famous "Wild Cat" Division, Company I, 324th Infantry.

In appearance, Mr. Moss bears a combined resemblance to Abraham Lincoln and Sergeant York. And while his feat of heroism which won him five decorations, from four nations, may not have been as spectacular as York's, it displayed the same quality of courage and canny intuition which is characteristic of the mountainer who is used to danger.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Moss only recently. He lives quietly on his farm on Cullasaja and is extremely modest as well as reticent in speaking of his record in France. He told of the occasion when General Pershing pinned the Distinguished Service cross upon his breast and General Foch bestowed the badge of the highest French military honor upon him. He had the honor of shaking hands with the King and Queen of Belgium whom he greatly admired. Of the Italian cross he said, "But I don't like the thing now, not a bit in the world."

His neighbor and our Press correspondent, Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, recently wrote the following concerning Tom Moss: "...His father was a loyal Civil War veteran. When the call came for volunteers, Tom and his brother Jim both enlisted and did active service "over there." Tom's commanding officer was lying out in "No Man's Land." Volunteers were called. Going was under deadly fire. Did he need a college degree in that crucial moment? ... The many hours spent out in the open air among the granite rocks or along the murmuring streams, deep in the heart of Mother Nature had given him strong muscles, a big heart and calm nerves. What more did he need? He rescued the officer—receiving medals from four nations for his bravery.

"In 1920, I assisted the teacher of a night school at Buck Creek. Tom Moss took advantage of this opportunity, learning primary work. Joshua of old only needed 300 men and the help of God to win the victory. Why not give our unlearned of today, in this crisis, opportunity to do their bit for their country and their God?"

Mr. Moss' recalling incidents of his experience, told of a nurse in the hospital where he was taken when gassed on November 9, 1918. "She was takin' on awful about a major who had got killed. I asked her why; that a major getting killed was no worse than a doughboy. I saw 250 go into the jaws of hell and eight came out alive." There was keen regret in his tones when he said, "We went to conquer, but I never got the man I was after. We just half done it. They told us to quit too soon."

**MR. HULL'S NEW WORLD**

Cordell Hull has drawn the design for the shape of things to come. The clear, noble language of his epochal address Thursday night is the blue print for democratic action. His speech has struck resplendent chords throughout the nation and has reverberated on distant shores. If this in truth is the American century then Mr. Hull is its philosopher even more so than a Henry Wallace or a Sumner Welles.

Solid statesmanship builds upon the firm foundations of worthy precedent. Inherently and functionally, Mr. Hull is a statesman. His state paper of Thursday night is a progression of ideas: first, that what we are fighting for—"our homes, our freedom, our very existence"—must be secured for all "time." A period of "surveillance over aggressor nations" must follow. The great concert of peace-loving powers, augmented bit by bit by those peoples who can demonstrate their right to freedom in the community of nations, then will undertake to construct a world order dedicated to lasting peace and freedom of economic opportunity.

Mr. Hull believes that the world must seek repose in a system of international statehood supervised by a common court of justice. Petty nationalism must vanish, for it is a restraint upon the liberty of others. But who is deserving of

liberty? The Secretary of State Returns to an ancient concept of Anglo-Saxon democracy: "We have always believed—and we believe today—that all peoples, without distinction of race, color or religion, who are prepared and willing to accept responsibilities of liberty, are entitled to its enjoyment."

Mr. Hull has given the philosophy of liberty a new and meaningful glow. He has furnished its phrases which descend to us from Magna Charta with the steelwool of a ruggedly honest language. His Wilson. Because free men "have cedents established by Woodrow post-war world builds up the pre-dropped their guard, relaxed their vigilance" and indeed, wasted the substance that was a legacy to human thought by one of America's greatest thinkers, the world has turned from a high but practical idealism and sunk itself into war.

To have heard Cordell Hull's great message is to be inspired by its majestic projection of the future. To read it over and again is to grip the deep, full rich philosophy of democratic action for world order and unity. It must cause the "neutrals to blush; it must outrage and confound our enemies who can reply only with cheap cynicism and fraudulent imprecation; it must thrill every nurtures in his breast the wan but unextinguishable spark of freedom.

—Asheville Citizen.

**Recent Bride**



Mrs. Theodora Froneberger who was before her marriage in York, S. C., July 16, Miss Kathleen Shook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shook, of Gastonia, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shook and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mincey, of Macon County. Mr. Froneberger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Froneberger, of Gastonia. The couple were accompanied to York by Miss Vivian Rippe and Russell Froneberger. They will make their home in Gastonia.

**This and That**

By FRANKIE MACON

An average chair contains enough hardwood to make the stock of a Garand rifle.

One thing that makes it seem certain that Japan will attack Siberia is her solemn promise not to do so.

Despite the rubber shortage there will probably be plenty of rubber stamps in Congress.

And the scarcity of sugar doesn't seem to have affected the Washington practice of sugar-coating the war news.

A magazine article says that the rats in Norway drown themselves in the ocean every year. So far, however, the Nazi invaders have failed to run true to form.

What you are going to be you are now becoming.

The largest single plant in the War Production Drive is the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., employing 27,000 men; the smallest is the Armstrong Manufacturing Co. plant at Portland, Oregon, which employs 19.

If you find electric fans are scarce this summer, consider that the copper from a dozen such fans is enough to provide all the copper needed in fabricating a 20mm aircraft cannon to make it hot for the Japs and Nazis.

**Standing Indian Streams Closed**

Nantahala National Forest  
Franklin, North Carolina  
July 23, 1942.

Due to the large number of fish caught in Ball and Shope Creeks of the Standing Indian Cooperative Game Area it has been found necessary to close these two streams to all trout fishing for the remainder of the season. This closure goes into effect immediately. It is the policy of the State Game and Fish Commission, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, to regulate fishing on streams within the cooperative game management areas in such manner as to insure perpetual good fishing and to prevent total exhaustion of fish in any streams. All other streams within the game areas on the Nantahala National Forest continue to be open on prescribed dates as advertised at the beginning of the season.

**Holly Springs**

By STELLA SUE PARKER

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Franklin of Waynesville, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Franklin and family.

A Bible School started at the Holly Springs Baptist church last Monday. It will continue for ten days. Miss June Robinson and Miss Bonnie Breachers of Asheville are the teachers.

J. R. McCracken has returned

to Newport News, Virginia, where he is employed in the shipyard, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCracken.

Miss Pauline and Dewell Elliott, are employed at the Bryson Hotel in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotson, of Mountain City, Ga., spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Parker.

Miss Ila Mae Crisp is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Edith Tallent.

Miss Dorothy Corbin spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Young, of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Parker and family spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Parker of Mountain Rest, S. C. Burton Parker returned with them for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Joe Watts, of Prentiss.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our friends for their many deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear Father, John E. Rickman, and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

—The Children.

**Resolutions of Respect**



In memory of Brother John E. Rickman, who died July 17th., 1942. "Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind's cold blast; but thou, oh Death! hath all seasons for thine own."

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of Eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem, and hath received, as his reward, the white stone with the new name written thereon.

And Whereas, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected brother, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order, therefore be it Resolved, That Junaluskee Lodge, No. 145, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Franklin, North Carolina, in testimony of its loss, tenders the family of our deceased Member sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

(SEAL)

J. O. Harrison,  
Jim Dryman,  
St. Claire Anderson,  
Committee.

**10% OF INCOME IS OUR QUOTA IN WAR BONDS**

**Announcement Of Grades Of Dairies For Franklin**

In accordance with the U. S. Public Health Service Milk Ordinance and Code the District Health Department at Franklin in (Macon County) announces the grades of all dairies that supply the town of Franklin.

All consumers are urged to purchase milk on the basis of grade as the grades of milk appear on each bottle cap and are posted in every restaurant, soda fountain, market, etc.

The list of distributors and their grades are:

- Addington's Dairy.....Grade "A"
- Nantahala Creamery Grade "A"
- Perry's Dairy .....Grade "D"
- Mrs. Virginia Thomas .....Grade "D"
- Raw to plant producers:
- Slagle's Dairy .....Grade "A"
- Coleman's Dairy .....Grade "A"

Submitte by:  
A. W. Wilson, Sanitarian,  
Macon County Health Department.

**AUTO ACCIDENT ON BUCK CREEK**

Mr. George Holland, Mrs. George Holland and baby, and Mrs. Lawrence Stewart and baby, Patricia Stewart, were brought to the Angel Clinic, Sunday morning, following an automobile wreck in which their car plunged several feet off the Buck Creek road and seriously injured Mr. Molland

and less seriously injured the remaining occupants of the car. The babies dropped about 300 feet in the automobile and both were able to return home the same day.

**BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE TO MEET**

The Business Women's Circle of the Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday night, August 4, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Pearl Stewart.



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