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## Honored



Dr. Frank T. Smith

Who with Mrs. Smith will spend the winter in Richmond, Va. Before leaving, Dr. Smith was honored by the Masons for his 58 years of membership.

## Dr. and Mrs. Smith

### To Spend Winter With Daughter In Richmond

Franklin will miss Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Smith, who left Saturday to spend the winter with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fleet H. Scroggs, of Richmond, Va. During their absence this winter their attractive home on Bidwell street will be closed.

Dr. Smith has served the public of Franklin as pharmacist since receiving his license in 1897. When owner of his own drug store, the story goes that he gave away as many prescriptions as he sold. None was deprived of needed drugs because they were unable to pay. And in those days there were many without any cash income if any kind. His later years have been spent in a more care-free occupation as prescription pharmacist at Perry's Drug store where his presence was one of the attractions of this popular store. Their friends will look forward to the Smiths' return next Spring.

A delightful going-away party was given to Dr. and Mrs. Smith on the lawn of the Masonic lodge Sunday evening, August 30, when a gift of 58 silver dollars was made by Junaluska Lodge No. 145, of Masons, to Dr. Smith, of which he has been a member for fifty-eight years. Dr. Smith's 85 years have mellowed rather than aged him, for he bears them lightly. He came into The Press office before leaving and asked that we express for him and Mrs. Smith their appreciation to all the good friends of Junaluska lodge and others, which we gladly do. This brings to our mind that Dr. Smith's father, a Methodist minister, was one-time editor of The Franklin Press, and only today we loaned to a Florida gentleman our last copy of his little book, "The History of Macon County," which has passed through several editions. This paper unites with all other friends in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Smith a delightful season in one of the South's most interesting cities.

## Macon Theatre Announces Change In Ownership

### Same Management Will Continue; Improvements To Be Made

W. J. ("Bill") Collins of Toccoa, Ga. and associates have purchased the Macon Theatre from Mr. and Mrs. Garland Tomlin of Clayton, Ga. and will continue to operate under the same local management, according to an announcement made this week. Mr. Collins was in Franklin Monday looking over the plant, and expressed himself as "well pleased" with the excellent facilities and with the prospects for giving even better service to the people in movie entertainment. Mr. Collins stated that he expects to make some changes in the color scheme of the lobby and other improvements, and that the theatre will have all of the advantageous bookings that come from connection with his chain of theatres and from careful selection of films. He promises that the cream of the pictures will be booked.

## Men In Service

Sgt. Edwin B. Parker, stationed at Eglin Field, Fla., spent a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Parker, last week.

Arvel P. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Parker, has been promoted from third class fireman to second class fireman. He has been in the Navy since October, 1941.

Pfc Kenneth Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cruse, was recently promoted to sergeant and also was transferred from Camp Gordon to Camp Maxey, Tex.

Pvt. Perry Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cruse, was recently promoted to private first class at Camp Hulen, Tex, where he is now stationed.

Evan Hogsd, who has completed his training as apprentice seaman in Norfolk, Va., recently, spent a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hogsd, of Franklin, route 2.

Corporal Burco Brown, stationed at Eglin Field, Fla., spent a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, last week.

Pfc Thomas Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brown, of Clark's Chapel, spent a brief furlough with his parents last week. He is stationed at Eglin Field, Fla.

Corporal Robert Byrd of Eglin Field, Fla., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Byrd, last week.

Corporal Clyde Willis spent a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Willis, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bryson received a letter from their son, Sgt. Harry Bryson, of the Infantry, stationed near Melbourne, Australia, saying that he is well and likes the people of Australia.

Guy Holt of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, recently spent his furlough with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Holt.

Harris L. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sanders, of Prentiss, having passed final tests, was admitted to the electrical school conducted by the U. S. Navy at Newport, R. I. Mr. Sanders, who has had previous training with the Maritime service, says he likes Navy life fine.

G. A. Gibson cm 2-c of Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., is spending a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gibson, of Cullasaja.

## Macon Met Bond Quota Last Month;

Macon county has met its quota of War Bonds and Stamps for August in the amount of \$21,700, according to an announcement by Henry Cabe, bond chairman. The amount sold in Franklin and Highlands will make a total in excess of that amount when all reports are in, he stated.

The quota for September has been set by the Treasury department at the same figure as last month.

## President Promises Inflation Control



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in his fireside talk and his message to Congress this week warned the Nation that great sacrifices will be needed to win the war. He has asked Congress to enact the necessary tax legislation and promises that steps will be taken against inflation, with strict price control legislation. The President asserted: "Overall stabilization of prices, salaries, wages and profits is necessary to the continued increasing production of planes and tanks and ships and guns."

## New Booklet Tells How All Can Help Win War

### Civilian Defense Office Gets Supply For Distribution

"How can I help win the war?" Answering that often-asked question, the Macon County Council of Civilian Defense has just received from the state office at Raleigh a supply for the new booklet, "What Can I Do" for free distribution in this county.

Guy Houk, chairman of civilian defense for Macon county, is distributing a number of these booklets through the schools, and is desirous that every home in the county be supplied with a copy. His office in the courthouse, or The Franklin Press office will supply copies.

Attractively bound in a red, white and blue cover, the booklet contains 48 pages of concrete suggestions for universal participation in the war effort. It is directed especially to people with the will to fight on the home front, but who do not have the time necessary for service on committees and to take the training courses necessary for participation in many phases of civilian defense.

Pointing out that nearly half the population of the nation—53,000,000—lives in target areas, the book gives suggestions not only for protection, but also for conservation, salvage, and other phases of the broad-scale Home Front program vital to victory.

Explanation of the V - Home awards to be made for compliance with civilian defense requirements, is also contained in this booklet, as well as description of various phases of the Citizens' Defense Corps, and of special duties for everyone—from accountants to wholesalers.

## These Stores To Be Closed Jewish New Year

On Saturday, September 12, Jews all over the world will celebrate Rosh Hashamah, the Jewish New Year. This is observed on the first day of the Hebrew calendar month of Tishri, and this year is the 5703rd year, dating from the flight of the Children of Israel from Egypt. There will be religious services in every Jewish house of worship. Prayers this year will be for an early victory for the United States and a lasting peace on earth in which everyone in our nation will join. The following stores will be closed in accordance with the holiday: Polly's, Blumenthal, Sanders,

## SCRAP DRIVE CONTINUES

### Waste Fats And Metals Being Collected; Needed Now!

Following appeal with information as to the urgent need for scrap metal, with the latest information to the effect that the steel mills only have two weeks supply ahead: "How many machine guns are rusting away around your home? Every person living in the town of Franklin and Macon county can help bring victory closer by turning in your scrap metal at once!

"Why is scrap important to winning the war? It takes more steel than you can imagine to build 60,000 planes, 45,000 tanks, 20,000 anti-aircraft guns and 8,000,000 tons of ships America is scheduled to turn out this year. Half of the raw material for making steel comes from scrap metal. The material that is rusting away in your back yard. That is why it is so important that all scrap metal be gathered up and put to immediate war use. Put all your scrap collection in full swing in Macon county and in Franklin, according to Sam Mendenhall, county chairman. Every effort will be made to clean up every particle of all kinds of scrap for which there is urgent need in producing war materials.

Posters announcing the beginning of the campaign for the collection of fats have been placed in conspicuous places in Franklin and Highlands by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill. Town and county committees will be announced and full instructions given to the groups of women's organizations in charge of this drive. Fats are essential in the manufacture of explosives, and all housewives and institutions are urged to sell their waste fats to their grocer. Plans are under way to have this collected.

### Chairman's Appeal

The chairman has issued the metal scrap together. Search your attic, your cellar, your barns and sheds for every piece of metal junk.

"The Nantahala Power and Light company has volunteered their trucking facilities to gather up the scrap metal in the town of Franklin. The Power company trucks will also bring in scrap that has been assembled out in the county, while in their regular

## All-Stars Cop Title - Play At Asheville Sunday

### Classifications And Re-classifications Of Registered Men

The following classifications and re-classifications have been made by Local Board No. 1, Macon county, of men registered for military service:

In 1-B (limited service) — George Robert McConnell.

In 3-A (married men with dependents) — Robert Derald Ashe, Laddie Harrington Crawford, Charles Junior Anderson, Dillard Parker, Arthur Golden Standfield, Hugh Lee Leach, Aaron Hedden, William Carol Carpenter, Herman Carl Robison, Harold Waldroop, William Russell Cabe, Raymond D. Yonce, Wiley Oscar Clark, Carl Pearson Henson, William Elzy Hodgins, William Slye Owenby, James William Beasley, William Luther Dills.

In 4-F — William Donald Shields, Troy James Bowmans, Burgin Daniel Passmore, Edgar Jennings Howard.

The following men were accepted by the Army and have been placed in 1-C:

Wylie Astor Brooks, B. C. Byrd, Harris Lafayette Sanders, Leonel Elmore Meadows, Edwin Woodrow Shope, Hubert Robert Lee, Harley Chaven Sanders, Herschel Oscar McClure, John Thomas Vinson, Dewey Neal, David Harrison Ammons, Oscar Franklin Cross, Homer Lee Green, Mack Reno McKinney, James Patton Conley, Jr., Algine Paul Miller, Frank Clifton Fox, Ausborn Cecil Parker, Jim Passmore, Vivien Hughes Brown, Fred J. Dills, James Ernest Crane, Ernest Loroy Holland, Frank Burkett Woody, Joe Cabe Bradley, Carl Rozell Wood, Roger William Sutton, Noah Newell Pendergrass, John Edward Jennings, Lyell McKinley Wislon, Everett Odell Smith, Roy Joseph Holland, John Herman Carpenter, James Henry Houston, James Dorsey Elmore, Fred Samuel Norton, Charles Vester Pendergrass, Robert Loyal Mashburn, George Palmer Shepard, Roosevelt John Henry, James Furman Shuler, Andrew Davis Martin, Charles Kenneth Cloer, William Andrew Rankin, Robert E. Lee Phillips, Henry Clarence Norton, William Hoyt Vinson, William Perry Holland, George Virco Brendle, Monroe Webb, Harry Edwards, Raymond Joseph Holland, Robert Lyle Jacobs, Ringer Louis Hoglen, R. L. Ray, Roy Lyle Shepard.

## Mrs. Henry Holden Passes At Home

Mrs. Fannie Anderson Holden, 64, died at her home in Smith Bridge township Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. Death following an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Holden, a native of the Cartoochee section, was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Watts Anderson. She was a member of the Gillespie Methodist church.

Funeral services were held on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Coweta Baptist church with the Rev. George A. Cloer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Henry Holden; eight children, Mrs. Cora Jordan, of Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Wiley Riggins, of Griffin, Ga.; Mrs. John Conley, of Otto; Mrs. James Powell, of Toccoa, Ga.; Mrs. Robert Carpenter of Mountain City, Ga.; Billy and Greenlee Holden of Otto; and Rufus Holden of the Army, stationed at Camp Barkley, Tex.; two brothers, C. T. Anderson of Franklin, route 1, and General Anderson, of Easley, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Hattie Shope, of Anderson, S. C., and 14 grandchildren.

line of duty. Due to the shortage of tires and gas the Power company trucks cannot make special trips out into the county to bring in this material. However, scrap metal that has been collected and is not too far off from their regular travel will be brought in to the assembly point on the vacant lot by the Agricultural building.

"GET IN THE SCRAP TO GET OUT THE GUNS!" S. W. Mendenhall, County Agent.

## Home Team Wins Smoky Mountain League Championship

The Franklin All-Stars swept both ends of a twin bill with Bryson City here Sunday to capture the Smoky Mountain league championship, two games to one.

In the opener, Buie kept 8 hits well scattered to triumph 4-1, while his teammates were collecting 15 bingles off two Bryson pitchers. "Phantom Phil" McCollum struck 6-hit ball in the nightcap to wind up the championship with a 5-3 victory.

Archer had a perfect day at bat in the first game, getting 4 out of 4, while Tatham and De-Goldy were getting 3-for-4. In the nightcap, Archer and Tatham both got two for three.

The Smoky Mountain League All-Stars, a team composed of the best players from Franklin, Bryson City and Kyle, will battle the Victory League All-Stars in a game to be played for the benefit of the U.S.O. Sunday afternoon at McCormick's field in Asheville. The contest is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. All proceeds above actual expenses will be turned over to the U.S.O. fund.

Box Score

Bryson City	000 000-1	8	2
Franklin	100 101 10-4	15	2

Also, Littlejohn and McDonald; Buie and Newton.  
Bryson City 200 001 0-3 6 1  
Franklin ... 100 130 -5 6 2  
Littlejohn and McDonald; McCollum and Archer.

## Mrs. Ledford Passes At Home In Iotla

Mrs. Duffel A. Ledford, 52, died Sunday morning, September 7, at 8:15 o'clock at her home on upper Iotla, after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Ledford was busy about her household duties when she was stricken with apoplexy at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted at the home and interment was in Burningtown cemetery. The Rev. Norman E. Holden officiated and preached the sermon. Tributes were also given by the Rev. Robert Williams and the Rev. Robert Poindexter. Mrs. Ledford was a member of the Iotla Methodist church.

Pallbearers were Loyal Mason, Carl Baldwin, Eugene Clampt, Raby Roper, Austin Raby and Glenn Reeves.

Mrs. Ledford was the former Miss Ada Ashe, daughter of the late Robert Ashe and Mary Jane Poindexter Ashe of Swain county. She was born August 26, 1890. She was a devoted wife and mother and beloved by a wide circle of friends.

Surviving are the husband; five sons, Morris, Burt, Oscar and Herman, of Iotla, and Vaster Ledford of Fort Jackson, S. C.; two brothers, Lonnie Ashe of Franklin, route 3, and Robert Ashe of Union, S. C.; and one sister, Mrs. W. G. Bryant, of Franklin.

## Rev. J. G. Benfield

### Is New Pastor Of Iotla, Cowee and Mt. Hope Churches

The Rev. J. G. Benfield, who has served the Highlands Baptist church for more than four years, has taken up his new work in the county which is composed of the Iotla, Cowee and Mount Hope Baptist churches. The former pastor was the Rev. George W. Davis, who also was pastor of the Sugar Fork church, now under the care of the Rev. Robert Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Benfield are occupying the apartment of Mrs. Virginia Ramsey on Iotla street until October 1, when they will move to the Wade Moody place on Iotla. During Mr. Benfield's pastorate in Highlands a beautiful new stone church was built and the work prospered and grew under his leadership. He was ably aided in his work by Mrs. Benfield. It is gratifying to their many friends that they will continue to serve in Macon county.

## SWAFFORD FAMILY REUNION SEPT. 13

The Swafford family reunion will be held at the home of J. M. Swafford on Burningtown Sunday, September 13.