

Scrap Drive Reaches Climax

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Macon Holds Scrap Round-up Franklin Stores Close Friday

Business Houses In High-lands Closed Tuesday For Scrap Collection

Franklin, for Friday of this week, was scheduled to be all-out in earnest with the closing of all business houses in a last day effort to round up all of Macon county's scrap, said Sam Mendenhall, county salvage chairman.

In Highlands, all places of business were closed Tuesday. Highlands, under the leadership of Wilton Cobb, Highlands salvage chairman, was said by county scrap workers to have done a remarkably efficient job in rounding up all of its scrap.

In Franklin, where the town scrap had been cleaned up two weeks ago by 40 volunteer workers headed by Gilmer Jones, plans for the county collection campaign were developing with enthusiasm. Thirty trucks had been volunteered by business houses with over 100 business men offering their services in the drive.

The schools were to remain open, said Guy L. Houk, superintendent of Macon county schools, and all students were required to report at school as usual. They would, however, be co-operating in the drive in every way. The suggestion was made by Mr. Mendenhall that they stay open that the workers might be able more easily to get in touch with those young people who were needed to assist in the location of scrap. Many classes were expected to be dismissed for the day.

E. G. Whitmore with 150 boys from the school, were scheduled to make the rounds of the county in trucks and to furnish the "manpower" necessary to the collection.

Sam Mendenhall was to be stationed on the grounds at the Agricultural building to direct trucks. Gilmer Jones was in charge of unloading at the big scrap pile.

Franklin Boy Scouts, under Jimmy Hauser, have worked feverishly this week collecting scrap that was kept separate from the main pile in a contest of their own. The troop divided in two sections, one under the leadership of Dick Angel and Logan Allen, the other of Frank Murray, Jr., and Harold Bradley, had brought-in scrap that had been buried years ago.

Children from schools all over the county were industriously adding to piles at their schools. Children of Otto school were reported to have 20,000 pounds of scrap on its grounds by the middle of the week. Roy Mashburn, petroleum chairman, stated Wednesday that on his trips around the county he found piles of scrap stacked in front of almost every mail box—and literally lining the roadsides.

The scrap pile at Franklin had reached such a staggering size that guesses of its weight varied wildly. One thing seemed sure: Macon county scrap had piled up far beyond expectations and what the total poundage would be at the week's end and the closing of the drive was anybody's guess.

That Macon would go over the top with its quota seemed fairly well assured.

Frank Daniels Commends Macon's Scrap Metal Drive

Frank Daniels of Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina newspaper scrap metal contest, stated last Saturday that he was proud of reports coming out of Macon county.

The Press and Maconian, a participating newspaper, made the following report at that time:

"Macon county's scrap is doubling and tripling as children join grown-ups in big round-up. The quantity cannot be estimated until the final collection day, on October 22, when all business will close and all trucks haul in the scrap to the depots throughout the county."

Mr. Daniels stated that provision will be made to extend the closing date beyond October 21 for those counties which have not been able to complete their collection and weighing.

C. Siler Slagle, left Franklin at noon Monday for Quantico, Va., where he will enter officers' training.

V-Mail

Letter Forms For Overseas At Postoffice

Letter forms for V-Mail to soldiers are now at the Franklin post office, it is announced by Postmaster Porter.

Arranged for the purpose of saving vital space, V-Mail Service is available to and from the personnel of our armed forces stationed at certain points outside the continental United States. If a message is addressed to or from a point where V-Mail equipment is not in operation, it will be transmitted in its original form by the most expeditious means of transportation. Otherwise the original will be destroyed.

Forms Are Necessary

The message is written on one side of a sheet of paper that folds into envelope shape. These forms are necessary to V-Mail Service and a separate form must be used for every sheet that is written. The forms are mailed at any post-office or mailbox as any letter would be. No enclosures, however are permitted.

What It Is
When transmitted by V-Mail Service, a miniature photographic negative of the message will be made and sent by the most expeditious form of transportation available.

Instructions for sending are given on the envelope.

Many are already using this service and forms are given free, three to a customer at one time.

MYRA SLAGLE WINS HONORS

Costume Takes 1st Place In W. N. C. Contest Of 4-H Club

Winner of more honors was Myra Slagle when she took first place in the District 4-H club dress review over contestants from entire Western North Carolina. Myra was also winner of the district 4-H club health contest held last May.

Clothing made by the girls was judged by Miss Julia McIver, assistant clothing specialist of State college.

Myra's costume was a yellow, hand-woven cotton dress with a woven border, a hand made pill-box hat and a hand-woven purse.

Myra still must compete with winners from Greenville and Lenoir to take state honors.

Macon Theatre To Bring Mrs. Miniver Here For 3 Days

Once in a very great while there is a motion picture which, once seen is never forgotten. Such a picture is "Mrs. Miniver" which will be shown at the Macon theatre in Franklin on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of October 26, 27 and 28.

The story is simple and straightforward in its presentation, but its impact is the powerful one of today's realities.

Mrs. Miniver, played by Greer Garson, is the mother of a middle class English family, a friendly, neighborly, attractive woman with a son away at school and children at home.

Her pleasant family life is the setting against which the war is developed. When her husband, played by Walter Pidgeon, is called in the dead of night to report with his small motor boat, for duty with the river patrol, war still seems far away. Its impact comes as his boat joins a growing flotilla of others, large and small, gathering to affect the rescue of troops from Dunkirk.

The war as it concerns Mrs. Miniver is the war as it concerns us. The episodes affecting her life could be duplicated in our lives.

Strangely enough, for a war story of this sort, the effect is neither morbid nor depressing. It's emphasis seems rather on the ability of people to take what comes with vision and with humor.

Scrap Pile At Franklin



Macon County's scrap pile on the lot of the Agricultural building at Franklin is shown above. The picture, taken early during the scrap collections is only an indication of the amount of scrap that by the middle of the week had been accumulated.

War Needs To Bring Funds To Farmers Through F. S. A.

The Secretary of Agriculture has requested that loan funds and other services of Farm Security Administration be made available to all farm families who are in need of such services. This is very necessary because of the great danger of a food shortage this country faces. It is very necessary for all farmers to increase their farming operations wherever possible.

The greatest service you can render to your country will be in increasing your food production. This may be done by increasing your acreage planted to food crops by increasing the number of cows, pigs, and poultry. Greater amounts of food may be grown on the farm by increasing the size of

the gardens, by using more fertilizer on acreages planted and by doing all possible to improve pastures and hay crops by the use of lime and phosphate.

Realizing that some farmers may not be able to expand without assistance, the U. S. Government has made such assistance possible through Farm Security Administration. Those in need of a loan for increase in their farming operations or livestock should call at the Farm Security Administration office in the Agricultural Building in Franklin.

ALBERT L. RAMSEY,
County RR Supervisor
CARL S. SLAGLE,
Associate Supervisor

Red Cross Workers Strive To Meet Quotas On Time

Red Cross

Still Needs Women To Knit and Roll Bandages

For making bandages:
Work room located over the Tavern. Hours, 2 to 5 o'clock each afternoon from Tuesday through Friday; Sunday after 2:30 p. m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Those who can work all day notify Mrs. James E. Perry, production chairman.

For Knitting Sailor Caps:
Headquarters for yarn and instructions is located at the shop of Mrs. Reba Tessier on the court house square.

Classifications And Re-Classifications As Announced By Board

The following classifications and reclassifications have been made by the Local Board:

In 1-A, Jacob Carl Mason, Alvin Augustus Yonce, Charlie Bingham, Oscar James Ledford, Frank Solesbee, Harold Gordon Woody, Claude B. Burrell, Elmer Ray Corpenin, Henry Haworth Hedden, Arnold Lee Passmore, Roy Lee Jones, Harley West, George Lee Hall, Jerdy Wilburn Passmore, Fred Garland Duvall, James Vernon Chavis, Edgar William Miller, Pulaska Sylvester Castle, John Wiley Lenoir, Henry Herman Wilkes, Claude Frank Dills, Robert Haywood Frazier, Lyman Frederick Emory, Melvin Alfred Cody, Cecil Poindexter, Arthur Allen Turpin, Harry Siler Higgins, J. B. Franklin Anderson, Carol Emmet Pendergrass, Eugene Norman Clampitt.

Placed in 3-A, Ralph Marion Elkins, Porter James Arnold. In 2-B, Edgar Napoleon Guffey. In 4-E, Alfred Lester Green.

The following were re-classified: From 4-F to 1-A, Elmas H. Henson, Everett G. Mason, Luther Williams. From 1-B to 1-A, Joe Gleen Meadows, Albert Nathan Pennington, John Riley Wilson, Frank Alex Gibson, James Oliver

Out-Put Of Bandages and Caps Grows As Maçon Women Give Service

If Maçon county women continue to work for the Red Cross as they have during the past two weeks, says Mrs. James E. Perry, production chairman of the Red Cross, Maçon county may yet meet its quota of bandages on time.

Twice, the work room over the Tavern has been full, but Mrs. Perry emphasizes that on all other days many more workers have been needed. She states also that while each new worker's efforts add to the total out-put of prepared dressings, it is the skill gained by repeated visits that counts for most; the beginner is necessarily slower than the practiced worker.

Knitters, too, have been busy, reports Mrs. Reba Tessier in charge of that work, but yarn for more than 300 sailor caps is still on hand. By Monday 89 caps had been finished of the 600 for which yarn was sent to Franklin.

Fifteen caps have been turned in by Mrs. W. M. Hamlin, and ten caps each have been finished by Mrs. Walter Furr and Miss Ida Leach. Eastern Star members have totaled 27 caps and visitors and residents of Kelly's Tea Room have made 15.

Through the courtesy and labor of Gordon Moore the shortage of knitting needles has been overcome. Knitters are now able to get metal needles made by Mr. Moore at 15 cents a set. The price covers only the cost of materials.

John L. Angel. From 3-A to 1-A, Robert Lee Mashburn, and James Blonnie Gibbs. From 1-C to 1-A, Robert Woodrow Wild. From 2-A to 1-A, Charles Avery Cabe, Jr. From 1-A to 2-A, George Winfield Beatty. From 1-A to 4-F, Charles J. Henderson. From 3-A to 3-B, John Lyle Waldrop, George Oliver Glance. From 1-B to 2-B, James Alexander Hings. From 1-B to 4-F, Ellis William Hodgin, and Howard David Cruise. Continued in 2-B, Charles Otto Arvey, Wiley B. Shope. Continued in 2-A, John Robert Bingham.

Men In Service

Promotion of P. F. C. Wade T. Dietz, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dietz, of West's Mill, to the rank of Corporal has been announced here by his commanding officer, Col. G. A. Schliecker of the 17th Infantry Regiment.

Wilfred Brooks, of the U. S. Army, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Roxie McCall of Gneiss.

Carl Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Crisp is stationed somewhere in the Pacific area.

Albert M. Cabe who has been stationed at Newport News, Va., has been transferred to the Landing Craft Training Detachment, San Diego, Calif.

Corporal Earl York has been transferred from Fort Benning, Ga. to overseas duty. He is with the Medical division.

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Navy Day Proclaimed

Governor J. Melville Broughton has issued a proclamation announcing the State's official observance of Navy Day on October 27.

Broughton, who leads a list of 40 other dignitaries who have asked designation of a new Navy cruiser as the USS Charlotte, reminded all North Carolinians that "Navy Day this year carries far more significance than ever before in its 21-year history. Our future liberty hinges upon our fleet—and it is only fitting and proper that we pause momentarily to honor our first line of offense."

ONE DEAD IN BICYCLE WRECK

Albert and Clarence Crane Of Highlands, Plunge Off Highway

Albert Crane, 18, of Highlands, died Tuesday at Angel Clinic in Franklin as the result of a bicycle accident Saturday on the Highlands highway in which Clarence Crane, 16, was also seriously injured. The latter is reported by Dr. Furman Angel to be recovering.

The Crane boys were riding the bicycle down the mountain when they plunged over a high precipice and landed in the river below. They were not located until Monday about 2 p. m. when the father of Albert, who had been searching for his son, made a trip down the bed of the Cullasaja river. Clarence was found partly submerged in the water and Albert was lying on the rocks.

Albert Crane suffered a fractured skull and brain injuries; Clarence Crane's neck was broken.

Funeral services for Albert Linton Crane, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Crane of Highlands, were held at the Highlands Baptist church by the Rev. Oscar Nicks Wednesday afternoon, Oc-

COUNTY TO REFUND DEBT

Action Of Commissioners Is Taken To Reduce Interest Rate

The Board of County Commissioners at a meeting held on Monday, October 19, passed a resolution for the refunding of the entire bonded indebtedness of Maçon county. The purpose of this action is to reduce the interest rate now being paid on outstanding Maçon county bonds. Elsewhere in this issue of the Press will be found the formal order.

In 1937 the outstanding indebtedness of Maçon county amounted to \$815,000.00, all of which was in default. After numerous conferences with the bondholders and under the direction of the Local Government Commission the indebtedness was refunded at an annual interest rate of 4.75 percent.

Since this plan went into operation the county has met each interest installment and has also been able to pay off and reduce the outstanding debt of Maçon county to its present total of \$724,000.00, a gross reduction of \$91,000.00.

Market At High Level

With the market for bonds at its present high level and in view of the excellent financial condition of the county, it is felt the present rate of interest can be reduced to not less than 3½ percent, thereby producing a net saving of not less than \$8,000.00 per year in interest alone. Over the entire period of the outstanding bonds this will amount to at least \$200,000.

All of the outstanding bonds of the county may be called on any interest paying period. It is proposed to sell a new issue of refunding bonds at the best rate obtainable, to use the proceeds from the sale to pay off all outstanding bonds now carrying the higher rate of interest and thereby to net a material saving in annual interest requirements.

Commission Approves

The proposal has received the hearty approval of the State Local Government Commission, who sell the bonds and supervise the entire transaction. G. L. ... county attorney, spent some time last week in Raleigh in conference with the commission regarding the details of the proposed refunding plan, which will go into effect on January 1, 1943. Following his return the county commissioners introduced the necessary resolution at their Monday meeting, which had been adjourned from their regular meeting on October 5.

While the sale of the new bonds is made by the Local Government Commission the Board of County Commissioners have the right to accept or reject any bids received by the Commission.

tober 21, with burial in the church cemetery.

He was a member of the Baptist church and was born and raised in Highlands.

Surviving are his parents, five sisters, Lena, Ethel, Mary, Marie, and Katherine; and three brothers, Lawrence, Richard and Earl, all at home.

Achievement Day Program Friday, Sept 24

Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, assistant to the State Home Agent and State Chairman of the Woman's Salvage Division, will be in Franklin Saturday, September 24, to take part in Home Demonstration Achievement Day to be held at the Methodist church.

The program will begin at 10:30 a. m. and will continue until 1 o'clock. Mrs. Smith's subject will be "Putting our Homes on a War Basis."

All who are interested are invited and may come and leave as they wish.

Mrs. J. S. Gray is council president in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Carl Slagle is in charge of program.

Featured on the program will be the West's Mill 4-H toy band whose leader is Joann Potts. Ada Ruth West will play for the entire program, and Mrs. Anne Sloan will lead the devotionals.