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Wartime Forest Fire Prevention Drive Opens

State And Federal Forest Agencies Unite All Over Southland

The prime importance of lumber and other forest products for the war is the keynote of the 1943-44 Wartime Forest Fire Prevention Campaign which opens October 15 in 11 Southern States.

"With lumber high on the list of critical war materials, forest fire prevention assumes a greater importance this year than at any time in the Nation's history," points out North Carolina State Forester J. S. Holmes.

The campaign was timed to coincide with the Southland's greatest forest fire danger period, extending from October into the late spring.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture points out that last year such fires in the South alone cost \$28,000,000 in damage—to say nothing of millions of man-hours of labor diverted from war production to put out fires. Besides the valuable wood and the man-hours lost forever to the war effort, smoke falls from such fires near air fields cost several thousand hours of training of fledgling pilots. Fires in coastal areas aid enemy submarine attacks.

E. A. Schilling, Supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, and Carl G. Kreuger, Supervisor of the Pisgah and Croatan National Forests, the district rangers, and other forest personnel are contributing their efforts to help make the public aware of the dangers of carelessness with fire in the woods. Extension Forester R. W. Graeber and his staff are working with State Forester Holmes in the campaign.

Forest industries, civic groups, newspapers and radio are assisting, and individual business is contributing through sponsored advertisements.

Joseph C. Kircher, Southern Regional Forester, with headquarters in Atlanta, said, "public agencies, private groups and industries realize the importance of wartime forest fire prevention. It is also up to each individual American to do his part to help lick the Axis by preventing forest fires."

Captain Gray Promoted To Major

Capt. Judson F. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray, Franklin, Route 2, has been promoted to the rank of Major, it was announced recently at the Rapid City Army Air Base where he is stationed. Major Gray is the commanding officer of a heavy bombardment squadron which is training here for combat duty overseas.

Women Report \$168,142.75 Bonds Sold In Third Drive

Total Macon Sales Now
\$230,000; \$103,000
In Little Bonds

Macon county's bond sales have mounted to the sum of \$230,000 as reported on October 7 by the regional office in Richmond, according to Henry W. Cabe, county chairman. Of these approximately \$103,000 were bonds of small denomination bought by individuals. This week's sale of "E", "F" and "G" bonds will be added to this total.

Following is the report of sales made by the women's committee, Mrs. John Archer, chairman:

Bond Sales By Women

Baptist—YWA Girls—Edith Polindexter, chm., Marie Dean, Mrs. Frank Dean.....\$19,648.62
Baptist—TEL Class and Missionary Circles—Mrs. Herbert McGlamery, chm., Mrs. J. D. Franks.....\$ 2,368.13
Easter Star—Mrs. A. R. Higdon, chm., Mrs. H. E. Church, F. I. Murray, W. H. Sellers, W. A. Rogers, Mrs. Rimmer, Lassie Kelly.....\$ 5,701.75

MRS. PENLAND PASSES AT HOME

Last Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon At Franklin Methodist Church

Mrs. Sallie Mozeley Penland, 74, beloved mother and neighbor, died on Monday afternoon, October 11, at her home on Palmer street, where she lived with her sons. Last January she suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which she never recovered, and she had another stroke a few days before her death.

Mrs. Penland was from Rabun county, Georgia, the daughter of H. T. and Callie Dillard Mozeley, and later lived in Smithbridge township of this county. The family moved to Franklin about 33 years ago. She was married in 1886 to D. Weimar Penland, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Penland endeared herself to a large circle of friends and relatives. She had a large connection in this county and Rabun county, Georgia. Her duties at her home which was a pleasant boarding place for many, kept her occupied during her last years.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church, of which she was a member, Tuesday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock, the Rev. J. L. Stokes, the Rev. J. F. Marchman and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan officiating. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe Ashear, A. B. Slagle, Henry W. Cabe, J. S. Conley, T. W. Angel, Jr., Glimmer L. Crawford, A. R. Higdon, and James L. Hauser. Members of the Order of Eastern Star were flowerbearers.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Grace Penland of Franklin, and Mrs. George B. Patton of Raleigh; three sons, Ray, Ras and Ralph Penland, all of Franklin; one brother, G. Paul Mozeley of Charlotte; 4 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her step-mother, Mrs. H. T. Mozeley of Franklin; and two sisters-in-law.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mozeley, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Kanipe of Charlotte R. E. Mozeley of Hickory, her granddaughters, Miss Freddie Hall and Mrs. Helen Kimsey and small daughter from Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. George Currier, Cornelia, Ga., Mrs. Fannie Dillard, Mrs. U. L. Hudson, Mrs. Vinnie Lee Popham of Demorest, Ga., and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Ritchie of Rabun Gap, Ga.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Seaman 2/c Frank Baldwin, has returned to Whiting Field Air Base, Milton, Florida, after spending a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Baldwin.



Mary Elizabeth Vinson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Vinson, Franklin, is now serving in the Army Nurses Corps at Fort Moultrie, Georgia.



Lt. James R. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hurst of the Cartoogechaye section, is with the Army Air Forces now stationed at the Army Air Base, Romulus, Michigan. He is serving in the Ferrying Command Another son, Aviation Cadet Carter Hurst, is serving in a Navigation school, stationed at Selmon Field, Monroe, La.

J. D. Sutton, who is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., recently spent a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton of Franklin.

Call For WACS Is Indorsed By Mayor John Harrison

To the people of Franklin: It is with great pleasure that I, J. O. Harrison, heartily indorse this city's participation in the nation wide all-states campaign for the Women's Army Corps' recruiting drive.

You doubtless know that there is a tremendous need for WACS. General Marshall stated recently: "Commanders to whom WACS have been assigned have spoken in the highest terms of their efficiency and value in 155 kinds of Army jobs." This statement is indicative of the excellent job the Women's Army Corps is doing.

However, the present objective is to release more thou-



Doyle W. DeHart, radioman second class, the son of Mrs. E. B. DeHart of Franklin, has returned to his naval duties following a short leave spent with his mother. He participated in the Sicilian and North African campaigns and has made 11 trips to foreign countries. Mrs. DeHart has another son, Aviation Cadet Turner DeHart, who has just completed the intensive 11-week course at the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill. He has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Peru, Ind.

ands of soldiers for combat training. In order to accomplish this, each state will participate in the campaign. Likewise each city and county. Our office of Civilian Defense has been designated by Governor Broughton as the recruiting agency in North Carolina.

Our town's participation in this nation wide drive can aid in the success of this program. Our county has been selected to enlist three recruits by October 15. I feel sure that the people of Franklin will want Macon county to meet and more than meet the quota requested.

J. O. HARRISON,
Mayor.

Macon Co. United War Fund Campaign To Begin Monday

United War Fund Solicitors Will Meet On Friday Night

The Macon county United War Fund committee has completed plans and appointed solicitors to begin work next Monday, according to an announcement by John M. Archer, Jr.

There will be a meeting at the court house on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock of all solicitors to receive instructions and to be assigned their territories.

The suggestion is made that a day's pay be the minimum of one's gift. The employees of the Nantahala Power and Light company, who have been reached, (98.3 per cent) have already pledged this amount, and it is hoped that those not yet seen will make this 100 per cent.

The list of solicitors follows: For Franklin: Clyde Galley, R. S. O'Mohundro, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. R. G. Beashears, Joe Dowdle, Harry Thomas, Mrs. Frank Higdon, Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, Mrs. Lester Conley, Mrs. J. S. Conley, Margaret Cabe, Mrs. Lee Guffey, Mrs. J. M. Archer, Mrs. W. M. Whitaker, J. W. Long.

Mrs. W. V. Swan, Mrs. J. D. Franks, Mrs. Dan Bryson, Mrs. Cassie Baird, Mrs. L. H. Page, Mrs. Grant Zickgraf, Mrs. Hunter Calloway, Mrs. W. G. Hall, Mrs. Guder Fortner, Miss Dorothy Jones, Mrs. H. A. Wilhide, Mrs. M. A. Perce and C. G. Moore.

For County: Mrs. Henry Slagle, Miss Nora Moody, Clyde West, Rev. C. C. Welch, Woodrow Gibson, Wiley Clark, Adrian Howell, Mrs. Parrish, Lake V. Shope and Mrs. Ned Teague.

Mayor W. H. Cobb and Frank E. Cook head the Highlands committee which will appoint other solicitors this week. J. R. Phillips and Eugene Wood will solicit the Shortoff district and J. D. Burnette is appointed for Sealy. S. C. Russell is county publicity chairman.

FIRE DESTROYS HIGDON MILL

Loss Estimated At \$5,000 Cause Not Known

On Tuesday night, shortly after midnight, the lumber mill of A. R. Higdon, located near the river bridge, was completely destroyed by fire. The cause has not been determined.

The blaze was first seen by an employee of the Zickgraf Hardwood company and the alarm turned in. When the fire department reached the scene, the blaze had reached such proportions that it was impossible to stop it. However, a quantity of lumber was saved.

Mr. Higdon states that the contents and machinery were entirely destroyed, although it may be possible to salvage some of the damaged machinery. There was no insurance, the loss amounting to \$4,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Higdon has the sympathy of his many friends in this misfortune. A fire of this kind is not only a loss to the owner, but to the entire community which it served, as machinery is hard to replace during the war.

Employment Service To Aid Mica Operators

A copy of the Manpower Program to increase production of strategic mica in North Carolina has been sent to all operators in Macon county, it is announced by S. P. Davis, head of the U.S. Employment Service district office at Bryson City.

Mr. Davis states that Mrs. Mary L. Walker will be in charge of a temporary office at the Agricultural building where she can be seen on Mondays and Tuesdays. Other days she is visiting the mines.

Pvt. Judson C. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Cunningham of Franklin, has recently been promoted to the grade of Corporal in the United States Army Air Forces.

One Generous Donation For World Needs Asked Of Every Citizen

The Macon County United War Fund Campaign is scheduled to start next Monday, October 18, according to John M. Archer, Jr., chairman. Solicitors have been appointed for every community in the county and it is planned to contact every resident during the eight or ten days of the active campaign. According to Mr. Archer, it will be a national campaign when more than a million and a half Americans will voluntarily step to their posts in a united appeal—the first since November 1918—to be made by the untens who will participate in more than 6,000 individual campaigns for a nation-wide community war chest.

President Roosevelt officially opened the fall campaign for these united campaigns in cooperation with the National War Fund with a short talk to the nation on Tuesday evening, October 5, over the country's combined networks.

World Helpfulness

The workers will campaign for \$125,000,000 for the work of the National War Fund agencies, extending the sympathy and practical helpfulness of Americans around the world to fighters, merchant seamen, prisoners of war and the victims of aggression in 14 allied countries through the USO, United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian Relief National War Fund. These voluntary, British War Relief Society, French Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, Greek War Relief Society, Norwegian Relief, Polish Relief, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, United Czechoslovak Relief, United Yugoslav Relief Fund, Refugee Relief Trustees, and the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

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Bradley Takes Over Tax Collections; Dean Delinquent Taxes

At the October meeting of the County board of commissioners, Sheriff J. Perry Bradley was authorized to take up the duties of tax collector, succeeding A. B. Slagle, former sheriff, who had completed the collections of his term of office. Walter Dean was appointed by the commissioners to succeed Miss Elizabeth Slagle, as delinquent tax collector, who has resigned.

The board passed on the bond of Sheriff Bradley in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Dean made bond in the amount of \$5,000 required of the delinquent tax collector. The sheriff of Macon county also holds the offices of treasurer and of tax collector. When taxes become delinquent, they are turned over to the delinquent tax collector, whose duty is to advertise property for sale and to receive payment from those whose taxes are delinquent.

Ration Book 4

To Be Issued Oct. 25-27 By School Teachers

War Ration Book Four will be issued to every person in Macon county, Monday, October 25th, through Wednesday, October 27, from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m.

The teachers will again give their services in this distribution. One adult member of each family may apply for every member of the family by presenting Ration Book Three for each member. Application should be made at the school in the community where the elementary children attend.

The local Rationing Board advises that all obtain their books at this time, as they will be needed November 1.

New office hours of the board are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays the office closes at 1:45 p.m.

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