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## Fourth War Loan Bonds Are Now On Sale

### Macon Citizens Urge All To Invest In War Bonds

A number of citizens have responded to the request of the chairman, Gilmer A. Jones, to write their reasons for buying War Bonds. We are pleased to publish their letters in the interest of the 4th War Loan Drive.

Let's all purchase U. S. War Bonds, and through prayer press on to Victory.

H. W. McGLAMERY.

What I think about the necessity of buying War Bonds, and of their soundness as an investment, is best expressed by the fact that I have invested practically one-third of everything I have in them, and expect to keep on buying them to the full limit of my ability until victory is won and our boys come back home.

Yours for Victory,

O. C. BRYANT.

Never before in the history of this country has there been a public undertaking which so vitally concerns every man, woman and child in America as our prosecution of this War.

Not until the aggressor nations have been beaten into unconditional surrender and their leaders have been dealt true justice can we know any security for our homes, our churches, our schools, or any of the life we take for granted as being American.

There can be no victory unless our armed forces receive an uninterrupted and abundant flow of supplies and equipment.

The money for these supplies must be loaned America by you and me—by average working Americans.

We are asked to lend our money to a cause for which our sons, fathers, and brothers are giving their lives.

Buying War Bonds is investment in Peace, Freedom, and Justice—an investment in America. Our return on this investment is just as certain as is Victory.

Unless there is certain Victory the very dollars we are asked to invest will have no value.

Unless there is speedy Victory, thousands of American young men will never return to enjoy the Freedom they offer their lives to protect.

May every man, woman and child buy War Bonds not only during this drive but regularly until Victory is ours.

Dollars in Bonds today mean dollars of value tomorrow.

W. C. ZICKGRAF.

#### BUY A BOMBER!

Why we should buy War Bonds:

1.—To win the war quick and save the lives of our boys in the service.

2.—War Bonds are safe, sound, good investments even when we are not in war. Money we put in War Bonds today will come in handy ten years from now as sure as we help to bring

this war to an end. Let's everybody get behind the 4th War Bond Drive and buy a bond to help buy a bomber and help to get our boys back home so they can enjoy the things they once enjoyed and the things we at home are enjoying today. If it were not for the radio, newspapers and a few minor restrictions, we at home would hardly know that there is a war on.

NOW, LET'S SHOW the boys in the service that we are backing them up by the haste with which we get this bomber!

W. C. BURRELL.

I'd like to express myself in regard to our Fourth War Loan drive. It is easy to talk much and do little, but with over 1,300 of our young men and women in the armed forces we must talk less and do more. As Mr. Thorpe said in a recent address, "We cannot sit by and say 'let George do it.' Each individual has a part. 'George' can't do it all. Our quota must be met. That is the least we can do to live up to the promises set forth in the very commendable 'Service Men's Edition' of the Franklin Press. Are we going to make those promises real?"

C. W. HENDERSON.

I think it's the patriotic duty of every man, woman and child to take part in the Fourth War Loan drive.

There are many reasons why we all should buy Bonds and Stamps. But it seems to me, the main reason is that in doing so, we are backing up our BOYS on the FAR-FLUNG BATTLE FRONTS OF THE WORLD.

At the same time we are putting our money in the safest, and strongest investment possible.

Yours very truly,

GLENN RAY.

Buying bonds, beside being the safest investment we can make, is the surest and safest way to save money for the things that we are planning for the future. The new homes that we are planning for, the repairs and equipment for the farms, the many household necessities and luxuries that we are planning for the future can be provided for with the purchase of war bonds.

Buying bonds is the only means by which we can guard the lives and health of our boys, who are sacrificing so much to protect our lives and liberties, and to secure our way of life.

Yours very truly,

GUS LEACH.

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#### LEX PENLANDS HAVE 5 SONS IN SERVICE

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lex Penland and family, who moved to Macon, Georgia two years ago, will be interested to know that their five boys are serving in the armed forces.

Cpl. Morris Penland is a bugler, at Fort Sill, Okla., where his brother, Sgt. Charles Penland, also is stationed. Pfc. George Penland is in training at a camp in New Mexico and W. A. Penland has been returned to the states after 11 months with a Navy unit in Alaska.

D. T. Penland, who is in the Navy Air Force, has been spending a few days with his parents. He requested a relative in Franklin to subscribe to the Press, so that he could "keep in touch with old school friends."

Lt. Charles M. Hunter of an Infantry Division is with the 5th Army in Italy. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, heard from him recently.

### Message Of Gilmer A. Jones, Chm. 4th War Loan Drive

To many people in Macon county, putting their money into War Bonds, simply means a safe way to invest their savings at a reasonable rate of interest. But, to the majority, it means a great deal more, for there are numerous instances where our citizens deny themselves, not only of the things that they would like to have, but many things they actually need in order to buy bonds, with the sole idea in mind of helping to bring the war to as early a conclusion as possible.

While the Third War Loan is still a matter of only yesterday, we are called upon to answer the call of the Fourth. And our quota this time is considerably heavier than in either of the previous War Loan drives. In view of the splendid record that Macon county has made in all its previous war efforts, some of us wonder if the present quota of \$160,000 is not just a little heavy, and of course there are many who may ask the question if so much money is actually needed to run the war. It is hard for us to realize, in the first place, how expensive a thing war is, and in the second place, how much the cost of war is increased by the use of mechanical warfare.

The Civil War cost the Federal Government three billion dollars. The First World War cost thirty-five billion dollars. By the end of 1944, it is a safe estimate to say that World War II will have cost 260 billion dollars, or \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States, or \$10,000 per family. If this were to be paid on a per capita basis rather than on a property and income basis, our county's pro rata part of the cost of the war would be the staggering sum of Thirty million dollars, or more than four times the total present valuation of all Macon county's property as assessed for taxation.

What goes with this money is best explained by figures given to us by the Treasury Department. We have, or soon will have, 1,500 men from our county in the armed forces. Using the Treasury Department's figure that it costs \$164 to equip each of these, it has cost \$248,000, or approximately the amount we raised in the Third War Loan, just to equip our own boys. Still using the Treasury Department's figures, it costs \$12.50 per day per man to maintain them, or a cost of \$18,750 per day for our own boys—and this only includes food, clothes, allotments to dependents, transportation, etc., and does not allow one cent for arms. The Treasury Department does not give us the figure that it costs to keep them supplied with arms and armaments. Multiply this figure by 365 and we see that it costs \$6,843,750 per year to keep our Macon county men supplied with everything they need except armaments. This figure just about equals the total taxable wealth of Macon county.

These figures are staggering, but check them and satisfy yourself as to whether or not they are correct. Pursuing the Treasury Department's figures further, the cost of the war is running about two hundred and fifty million dollars per day, or about one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars per minute. When Macon county exceeds its Fourth War Loan quota of \$160,000 by \$15,000 it will have borne the total expense of World War II for a period of sixty seconds!

We can't stand this always, we say. But we must bear in mind that it is by our superior armaments that we have been able to gain over the axis powers and hold our casualty list to so low a figure as compared to our ally, Russia. And our casualty list is heart-breaking, even with our superior armaments. It is our superior armaments that is running our expenditures into these enormous figures, but the heavier the armaments the sooner this thing will be over with.

Of course we will reach our quota as usual—and according to our past record, the \$15,000 additional. Then we, the people of Macon county, will have borne the total expense of the war for one minute. We will have purchased one medium bomber at a cost of \$175,000 to which the War department, in honor of us, will assign any name we may select. And may I suggest that after this figure has been reached that we, by mutual agree-

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### Macon's Goal Is \$175,000 To Buy A Medium Bomber

EVERY STORY SHOULD HAVE HAPPY ENDING



Fight Infantile Paralysis! Send your dollars and dimes to the President at the White House.

### POLIO FUND IS GROWING

Chm. McGlamery Reports Good Progress And Interest

Chairman Benny McGlamery reports that he is much encouraged by the wholehearted support that is being given to the infantile paralysis drive in progress in the county. Letters have been mailed to a number of citizens who always make contributions, and, as has been the custom, tickets are on sale for the President's Birthday ball, which is the final event of the drive. A. G. Cagle, J. Ward Long, R. S. O'Mohundro and Carl Ty-singer are the committee in charge.

The ball will be held at Panorama Court on Saturday evening, January 29, and plans are being made to make it an outstanding event. A good orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

Tag Day and the March of Dimes will also be featured on January 29, with a number of young people assisting. Contributions have already been received from the Masons, \$10; and from the Lions, \$25.

Half of the funds raised will remain in the county for the through the health department for polio sufferers.

### Walter Fox Severely Wounded

Walter Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Fox of Mountain Grove, was severely wounded while fighting in Italy on Christmas Day. He had been overseas nearly a year, having sailed prior to the death of his wife in March, 1943.

### Battle Of Russia Released By Army For Showing

Acclaimed one of the most powerful and dramatic films ever to be shown, "The Battle of Russia" is scheduled to open Thursday January 27.

Commenting on the war in Russia, General Douglas MacArthur, said: "Never have I observed such effective resistance to the heaviest blows of a hitherto undefeated enemy, followed by a smashing counterattack which is driving the enemy back to his own land. The scale and grandeur of the effort marks it as the greatest military achievement in all history."

But while generals may win campaigns, it is the people who win wars. So, "The Battle of Russia" is the story of the peo-

### Chairmen And Committees Opened Drive On Tuesday

The sale of Fourth War Loan bonds began in Macon county on the opening day of the national drive—Tuesday, January 18—and is now well under way by the various working committees in charge, according to Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman with Henry W. Cabe, permanent county chairman of the War Finance committees.

It has been unanimously agreed by the county committee that Macon will voluntarily increase the quota of \$160,000 named by the state committee to \$175,000, a sum sufficient to purchase a medium bomber. All have agreed that it is going to be hard work, but enthusiasm is high to overreach this amount.

Sam Mendenhall and Mrs. Florence Sherrill are co-chairmen for the rural section and C. J. Anderson is serving as chairman in the Highlands area. E. J. Whitmire is organizing the schools.

At a called meeting last Friday afternoon, Mrs. James E. Perry accepted the chairmanship of the Women's committee, succeeding Mrs. John M. Archer, and plans were mapped for a thorough house-to-house canvass besides the sale in booths which has proven highly successful in the former drives.

Mrs. Perry announced that there will be booths open in the Bank of Franklin the upstairs Lobby of the Ashcraft building, and the post office each Saturday while the drive is on, and requested the same committee from all women's organizations which served in the last drive to serve. These committees represent the Red Cross, the Legion Auxiliary, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Order of the Eastern Star, and women's societies of the four Franklin churches.

The co-chairmen have appointed the following committee of colored citizens who have undertaken to raise a quota of \$500: Andrew Ray, chairman; Rev. W. O. Connor, secretary; Jeter Love, Henry Hayes, Will Lenoir, and Mrs. Joe Stewart.

### Largest Issue of Franklin Press

There will be 3,500 copies of this Fourth War Loan issue of The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian, the largest issue in its history. Besides the regular circulation, the free distribution of 1,500 extra copies in the county has been made possible by M. L. Dowdle, Dr. Edgar Angel and Grover Jamison, to more widely advertise and give information about the Fourth War Loan. This method of publicity was used in the last drive, and the committee considered it an effective way to bring home to all the people of the county the facts about the Fourth War Loan drive. As before, the rural mail carriers have undertaken the arduous task of distributing these papers to non-subscribers.