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\$2.00 PER YEAR

## Macon Bond Sales Pass \$120,000

### 4th War Loan Drive In County Nears Goal

#### Schools Make A Record With Ten Times Their Quota

Macon county sales of 4th War Loan Bonds have been soaring since last week's report. Now it appears that the cash value of bonds sold to date may be stated as three-fourths of the quota of \$160,000. With another week to go, with the same active efforts on the part of selling groups, it appears that the goal of \$175,000 set by Macon for the purchase of a bomber will be reached.

Chairman Gilmer A. Jones states that the report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond through February 7 showed sales in the amount of \$118,462 to the credit of this county. Sales of the past three days will bring this well over \$120,000.

Greatest credit is due the schools, which have sold over ten times their quota of \$4,500. Chairman Jones says, "What the young people have done by selling over \$45,000 of bonds has given momentum to the drives all over the county which surpasses expectations. One result of their enthusiasm has been the sale of more E bonds to date than were sold during the entire 3rd war loan drive."

However, it will not do for any group to relax efforts, Mr. Jones says. The women's committees are working actively, and the Red Cross will sell bonds at the booths on Saturday. Mrs. Perry, chairman of women's sales, states that her report will be made next week. The figures above include sales in Highlands and throughout the county.

### Dr. Stokes

#### Transferred To Charge In Elkin

Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, received a phone message from Dr. W. L. Hutchins of Waynesville, district superintendent on Tuesday night, informing him of the action Bishop Clare Purcell and his cabinet in transferring him to Elkin from the Franklin Methodist church.

Dr. Stokes states that the change has come about as a result of the transfer of the Elkin pastor to Ashboro, to fill the vacancy left by the death by automobile accident last week of the Rev. M. T. Smathers. This left the Elkin church vacant, and Dr. Stokes has been appointed to the vacancy. He said that his successor has not been announced. He also announced the Dr. Hutchins will preach at the evening service at the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday evening.

### Macon County Building And Loan Elect Officers

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Macon county Building and Loan Association, held last week, the following directors were re-elected:

Henry W. Cabe, Jess S. Conley, W. Emory Hunnicutt, Robert Fulton, George A. Mashburn, Harold T. Sloan, Harge L. Bryant, Mark L. Dowde, Lester C. Henderson and A. B. Slagle.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting, the directors of the association held a meeting and re-elected the following officers: Henry W. Cabe, president; Harge L. Bryant, vice president; Richard S. Jones, secretary and treasurer, and Gilmer A. Jones, attorney.

### Draft Board Wants Address of W. S. Miller

The Draft Board is unable to locate Walter Sylvester Miller, formerly of Highlands. Anyone knowing his present address, please notify the Local Board at once in order that he may not be considered a delinquent.

### NOTICE TO WORKERS

The War Manpower Commission's Stabilization Program restricts changing jobs locally and traveling to other areas for new jobs. Workers in essential activities should not apply for jobs advertised here. Check with the U. S. Employment Service office in your area before changing jobs.

### Men Accepted

#### For Service In The Army, Navy And Marine Corps

The following men listed on the call which left from this board on January 26, were accepted for service in the Army:

Jep Milton Phillips, volunteer, Alfred Joseph Klyne, volunteer, Frank William Matthews, Boyd Henry Collier, Goodlow Bowman, Frank Wilson Hembree, Marshall Edward Hastings, James Edward Gibson, John Leo Stanfield, Frank Henderson Dean, Fred William Earley, William Howard Cable, Beulon Calvin Houston, Carter Edward Talley.

The following were accepted by the Navy: Thaddeus Stockton, Eugene Quinton Scott, John

### 15 Young Men Register For Draft

Fifteen young men in Macon county who reached their 18th birthday during the month of January registered with the local selective service board. They include:

Homer McKinley Hedden, Napoleon Odell Anderson, Harvey Bell, Jake David Welch, Harold Thomas Jennings, John Furman McConnell, Joe Arthur Lee, James Taylor Houston, Sylvester Crawford, Roy Lee Dills, Max Lee Roper, Clarence Edwin Brogdon, Clarence O'Neal Wilson, James D. Dills and Joseph Waller.

### Elmer Crawford Receives Promotion

Elmer Crawford, who for six years has been connected with the Macon county Welfare department, has accepted the position of a district supervisor with the state department of vocational rehabilitation. He has already assumed his new duties, with his headquarters in Greensboro. His appointment to this position is a deserved promotion in his profession.

Mr. Crawford is the son of Mrs. Myra Crawford of Franklin. He received his education in the Macon county schools, and his college work at Piedmont College, Ga. He studied social work in graduate courses at the University of North Carolina, and prior to his work with the welfare department, taught history and civics in the Franklin high school.

Mrs. Crawford, the former Miss Lucy Sue Gray, who has been a stenographer with the Nantahala Power and Light Company for the past six years, left last Friday to join her husband in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are both young people who were born and brought up in Macon county, and the interest of many friends will go with them to their new home.



### NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

#### Killed In Action



Cpl. Willard Jesse Woody

#### Awarded Order Of The Purple Heart

Mrs. Inez Smart Woody, widow of Cpl. Willard J. Woody, who was killed in action on Oct. 6, 1943, in Italy, has received from the War Department the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart, which was conferred posthumously upon her husband.



Pfc. Russell T. Ramey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ramey, spent a 10-day furlough at home, recently.



S 2/C Harold T. Ramey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ramey, spent a short furlough at home recently. He has been in service eight months.

The parents of Sgt. Harry Higgins, Jr., paratrooper, have received word that he has arrived safely overseas.

2nd Lieut. Carter Hurt received his wings as navigator on February 5, at Salem Field, Monroe, La.

Pfc. Bruce D. Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Bryant, of the Army Air Corps, stationed at Las Vegas, Nev., is home on furlough.



Pfc. Garland J. Woody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Woody of Franklin, and brother of Willard Jess Woody.



Sgt. R. L. Tallent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jule Tallent of Franklin, has been serving overseas for one year.



Beveridge Sanders, is receiving anti-Aircraft training at Camp Hulen, Texas.

Paul McCloud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McCloud, is home on furlough from the Pacific area.

S 2/C Colonel P. Howard has been transferred from Little Creek, Va., to Fort Picher, Fla. He is attending gunners school.

Pvt. John W. Angel from Camp Blount, Fla., has been home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Angel, on his way to Fort Mead, Maryland.

Cpl. Robert Hoyt Ledford of the U. S. Signal Corps, has returned to Nashville, Tenn., after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. R. M. Ledford.

Cpl. Judson C. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cunningham, is home on furlough from his camp in Alabama.

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### T. F. Ry. Operation Is Threatened By Receiver

#### Decorated For Bravery



Ensign Milton L. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, awarded the George Medal by The King of England.

### HIGH HONOR TO ENSIGN SANDERS

#### Franklin Man Receives George Medal For Gallantry

The story can now be told of how Ensign Milton L. Sanders, USNR, was awarded the George Medal of Great Britain for "extraordinary heroism performed not in the heat of battle but outside the field of combat." The decoration was awarded last Fall by order of the King of England, but the news was not released by the Navy for publication until this week.

In an article in the Saturday Evening Post of February 12, a picture of Ensign Sanders appears with the story by a Washington reporter entitled "How To Win A Medal." The story is told how Ensign Sanders had been assigned by the Navy as an ordnance expert to the Royal Air Force Coastal Command in Northern Ireland. On the day the accident happened and death to a whole countryside was averted by his quick action, new and highly sensitive bombs were being tested. Loaded in one of two RAF bombers, with orders to accompany one plane or the other, this young expert loaded the first plane and watched its ascent, waiting to take his place in the second plane. When 300 feet up the first plane crashed with its crew of nine, "trapped in a roaring mass of flame."

The bombs had not exploded but might at any moment. Working so close to the flaming gasoline that he had to extinguish his burning clothing with his hands, he worked with wrench and wire to defuse one of the bombs. He defused the second bomb, both taking 40 minutes; knowing that every one of those minutes might be the last. The report stated that no one had ever defused bombs of that sort before.

A farm house nearby and a traffic jam complicated the situation, but in that desperate 40 minutes the traffic was cleared and the bomb explosion averted. The act was one of routine for Ensign Sanders, who went on with his work and soon after left England.

The Post article describes his surprise when he returned to London to be congratulated and to be presented with the rare George Medal in a formal ceremony. The parents of the hero, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, have in their possession a photostatic copy of the citation as follows:

#### Medal Awarded

"The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award for great gallantry—

#### Notice Given Of Request To Discontinue Passenger Train

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a legal advertisement giving notice of a hearing before the United States District Court of an application by H. L. Brewer, receiver, for authority to discontinue mail, express and passenger service on the Tallulah Falls Railway.

This hearing will take place in Gainesville, Ga., on February 25, at 10 a.m., EWT. An order has been entered providing that citizens, municipal and county officials, and businesses in the territory in and through which the railroad operates, may appear at the hearing and "present any matters helpful to the Court in determining the propriety of the grant or refusal of the application."

Franklin is the terminal of this railroad, and connects with the main line of the Southern Railway at Cornelia, Ga. It has been managed by a receiver for a number of years, and there has been at least one other such hearing for the road's discontinuance. There is no mention in this notice to discontinue the freight service.

Citizens interviewed in regard to the effect of the granting of this order on Franklin and adjoining territory served by no other railroad, were unanimous that the order should not be granted.

The legal notice published in this issue is the first news that has come to Franklin concerning the proposed discontinuance.

It is indicated that strong representation will be sent to the court hearing to present Franklin's case.

### Clyde Gailey

#### Joins Navy; Mrs. Howard To Manage Theatre

Clyde Gailey, popular manager of Macon Theatre for four years, has joined the Navy, and he announced this week that Mrs. Agnes Howard, cashier for the past three years, will take his place when he leaves.

Mr. Gailey, in announcing his successor, stated that he knew Mrs. Howard could "fill the bill," and asks for her the same cooperation that he has enjoyed from the Franklin public, while he has been in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gailey came to Franklin six years ago from their home in Georgia. He continued as manager after the theatre was bought by W. H. Collins. Mrs. Gailey and their seven-year-old daughter, Lella Jo, will remain in Franklin, Mrs. Gailey continuing in her work as one of the Western Carolina Telephone Company's switchboard operators.

Perhaps no one leaving the theatre will be missed more by the people than Clyde Gailey. He meets the public with a smile at all times and has given of his time and interest to every good cause. He has always been generous in extending the use of the theatre freely for community interests, and his unflinching kindness and happy disposition have endeared him to all. Franklin will look forward to his return when the war is over.

### FRANKLIN SCHOOL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire of an undetermined origin damaged rooms in the elementary school building last Monday morning. The alarm sounded about seven o'clock when the janitor, Andy Gribble arrived. The fire, smoke and water damage to the building is estimated at \$500, J. F. Pugh, principal, stated.

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