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Brewer Makes Statement Of T. F. Ry. Condition

Citizens Asked To Attend Court In Gainesville Next Thursday

H. L. Brewer of Cornelia, Ga., receiver and general manager of the Tallulah Falls Railway was in Franklin on Wednesday. He stated that he hoped a good delegation of citizens of this territory, served by the railroad, would come to the court hearing in Gainesville next Thursday and suggest some way the passenger train may be financed so that passenger, mail and express service may not have to be abandoned.

The continuance of service of this branch of the Southern Railway has been largely due to the efforts of Mr. Brewer to keep trains moving in the face of insuperable difficulties and mounting debt, is evident when facts are faced.

"The action of the court in this proceeding will not be final," said Mr. Brewer, adding that the case will have to go before the Georgia Public Service commission and N. C. Corporation commission before final action.

"That the little railroad has been running at a loss for years is indicated by the fact that it now owes \$89,336.43 in back taxes, due to inability to pay," said Mr. Brewer, which is an important factor in the present situation.

The loss of running the passenger train over the period from 1938 through 1943 has been \$7,862.47, Mr. Brewer stated. "There is no money coming from anywhere to keep the train running," said Mr. Brewer. Added to past insufficient funds, present and future difficulties are increased by expenses going up—wages, cross-ties, bridge lumber and replacements of rolling stock, it was stated.

Mr. Brewer went to work for the railroad when the road was running to Dillard in 1905. He has held offices from local agent to receiver and general manager, carrying on work that would normally require three men. He has given the best years of his life to keeping this service going for this section, and now he hopes that "somebody can suggest something to keep it going."

Samuel Hopkins Passes At Otto

Samuel D. Hopkins, 85, died at his home near Otto, on the Georgia highway, Sunday at 3 a. m., following an illness of three months.

A native of South Carolina, he was born on Oct. 3, 1858, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Hopkins. He was married to the former Miss Ellen Queen in 1885. A farmer, he had lived in Macon county most of his life.

Funeral services were held at the Asbury Methodist church, Otto, Monday at 3 p. m., with the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; five sons, Alex, Cullowhee, Joe, Franklin, Rt. 1, R. D. Barton and Charlie Hopkins, all of Gastonia; three daughters, Mrs. Cora Garland, Franklin, Rt. 2, Mrs. Allie Lewis, Franklin, Rt. 3, and Mrs. Dora McCall, Florida; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Roscoe Robinson Weaver Dies At Delmar, Del.

A message has been received here stating that Roscoe Robinson Weaver died in Delmar, Delaware, on Tuesday, Feb. 15. Burial was in Salisbury, Md., Thursday, the 17. Mr. Weaver is survived by his widow, the former Miss Ethel Lancaster, and two daughters, and several brothers and sisters. He was born in the Cartoogechaye section of Macon county and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James C. Weaver.

Navy Recruiter Here February 23

C. J. Rhinehardt, C.S.M., U. S. Navy, will be at the Franklin postoffice on Wednesday, February 23, to recruit young men for service in the U. S. Army.

Colonial Mica

Representative Gives Facts And Opinion On Production

F. R. Schaeffer, representative of the Colonial Mica corporation in this section, made the following statement in regard to the recent article by Drew Pearson of Washington, which stated that a British-American combine controls the production of mica, which is indispensable in the production of radio and other war instruments.

"The Indian source of supply has always controlled the mica market on account of cheaper production, and the tariff has been inadequate to protect the American miners," said Mr. Schaeffer. "For this reason the mining of mica from 1923 to 1936 was practically nil except where produced as a by-product of feldspar. The truth of the matter is that the present mica situation is due to the failure of Congress to enact a bill to purchase strategic minerals at such a time that they could be purchased at a minimum price," he added.

Mr. Schaeffer explained that the present need on account of war conditions, the fact that the location of mica veins is not fully understood, uncertainty in the cost of production, shortage of manpower and increased expense are all factors which enter into the present high price being paid to produce mica in the United States to supply both war and peacetime needs, he stated.

Workstock Clinic

Announced By Agent For February 22

Due to the rationing of fuel and farm equipment, horses and mules that are in good working condition are all the more essential on the farm. Therefore, let's put these animals in shape to do the job by treating for internal parasites, and giving them better care. If you have noticed any loss of weight, unthriftiness or digestive troubles in your work stock lately, don't delay having them treated. These troubles are no doubt caused by internal parasites which so often do serious damage to both horses and colts. Have you ever noticed that it costs more to feed a wormy animal and he will do less work than one in good health?

On Tuesday, February 22, we are conducting a horse and mule clinic at J. H. Brookshire's farm on Cartoogechaye at 10 o'clock; at the Munday Barn in Franklin at 1 o'clock; and at Clyde West's Store at 3:30 o'clock.

Free examination of work stock will be made to determine if animals are in good condition. A licensed veterinarian will be on the grounds and any farmer desiring to have his horses and mules treated after examination may work out plans for such treatment with the veterinarian.

Get your neighbors to come and bring their work stock to the clinic. Feed should be withheld for at least 10 to 18 hours before bringing the horses and mules to the clinic.

SAM MENDENHALL, Agt.

A. R. Higdon Ill In Florida

A. R. Higdon, clerk of court of Macon county and owner of Franklin Hardware company, who is in Florida on account of illness, will remain until the end of March, according to a letter received this week from Mrs. Higdon, who accompanied him. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Higdon will probably be admitted at an early date to a Veteran's hospital for rest and treatment.

His many friends here wish for him a speedy recovery.

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NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pfc. Roy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry of Hazel Park, Mich., has been in the service since February, 1942. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois. Glen has seen action in several major battles. In his letters home, he is well and things are going fine.

Cpl. Thomas H. Fagg, stationed at Van Dorn, Miss., is spending a 12-day furlough with Mrs. Fagg and daughter. They visited his parents in Anderson, S. C., last week.

Mrs. J. E. Perry has received word that her son, Lt. Winston Perry, has been given the Air Medal, which means that he has completed a certain number of Missions over combat area. Lt. Perry is in England and pilots a Thunderbolt.

A/C Homer Green, formerly an employee of The Franklin Press, is spending a 10-day furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Green. He is stationed at the Hatbox Field, Muskogee, Okla. He is in training for a pilot.

Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board:

In 1-A: James Gordon McCollum, Robert Hansell Bennett, Edward Charles Day, Wm. Kermit Shields, Carol Emmet Pendergrass, Claud Atwood Henry.

In 1-A-L: Woodrow Wilson Dowdle.

In 2-A: Dexter Wilson McConnell, Pink Andy Gibson, Andrew Carl Tysinger, Jr., Champ Clark Holloway, John Doyle Smith.

In 1-A-H: Julius Homer Maney.

In 1-C: Wm. Sheridan Gibby, Frank William Matthews, Frank Henderson Dean, Fred William Early, William Howard Cable, Boyd Henry Collier, Jep Milton Phillips, Goodlow Bowman, Alfred Joseph Klyne, Eugene Quinton Scott, Frank Wilson Hembree, John Will Ledford, Marshall Edward Hastings, James Edward Gibson, John Leo Stanfield, Marcelle Wood.

In 4-F: Tommy Deltz, Eldon Montgomery Coggins, Clay Doyle Compton, Clyde Houston, Don Franklin Watson, Wendle Wm. Moore, Andrew Carl Bryson, Fred William Derebery, James Carey Angel, Charlie Melvin Collier, Claude Monroe Ledford, Joe Edgar Gregory, Ralph Welch, Wallace Gene Pannell, Larry Wm. Dills, Thomas Andrew Henson, Fred Watsel Mills, Dexter Cleveland Roberts, Samuel Frank Holbrooks, Harley Jones, Cleveland Lafayette Cartledge, Percy Randolph Norton, Arthur Lafayette Kell, Lawrence Gilmer Sanders, Geo. Nelson Shope, Jesse Mason, Clyde Allison Hopper, John Calvin Fox, Jack Ellwood Jacobs, Odean Sylvester Roper, Jack Coleman Taylor, Turner Cleveland Anderson, Wiley B. Collier, Glenn Welch, Burte David Dou-thitt, Clyde Sanders.



Pfc. Roy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pendergrass, is now stationed at Randolph Field, Texas. Prior to entering the service he was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., in Franklin. He has returned to his camp after spending a short leave with his wife, the former Miss Frances Ashe, and parents.

Cpl. Franklin D. Dowdle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dowdle, of Franklin, Rt. 2, is now serving in the Panama Canal zone. Cpl. Dowdle has been serving in the U. S. army since September 28, 1942.

TMV 2/C Eldon Rogers, son of Doc Rogers, of Highlands, Rt. 1, who has been serving in the U. S. Navy since August, 1942, is now stationed in a torpedo shop in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. W. D. Reece Claimed By Death

Mrs. W. D. Reece of Franklin, Rt. 1, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bradley on Franklin, Rt. 3, Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece had planned to celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary in March. The body was taken to her residence on Tuesday, where funeral services were held at the Mt. Zion Methodist church, of which she was a member, at 3 p. m., on Wednesday. The Rev. J. L. Stokes, II, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Fred Wal-droop of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Homer Green and Mrs. Fred Arnold of Franklin, and Mrs. Bradley; five sons, Wade A. Reece of Andrews, Pfc. Sam Reece of the army at Fort George G. Meade, Md., Frank W. and George W. Reece of Franklin, and Grady T. Reece of Franklin, Rt. 1; 30 grandchildren; and one brother, W. H. Potts.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Last Rites For John R. Carver

John Robinson Carver, 69, died at his home in the Coweta section at noon Saturday, following an illness of six weeks.

Mr. Carver was born in Rabun county, Ga., on July 22, 1874, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carver. He was married to the former Miss Elizabeth Burrell. A farmer, Mr. Carver had lived in Macon county for the past three years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p. m., at the Rabun Gap Baptist church, with the Rev. Frank Reed officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Bearers were William Carpenter, Luther Hardy, Bob Wiggins, Harry Brabson, Charlie Wiggins and Arthur Dowdle.

Surviving are two sons: Albert, Satulah, Ga., and Edgar Carver, Dillard, Ga., four daughters, Miss Oliver Carter, Franklin, Rt. 2, Mrs. Dan McDowell, Prentiss, Mrs. Grady Ledford and Mrs. Lyman Talley, both of Dillard, Ga., Rt. 1; 13 grandchildren.

Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Red Cross

Make Plans For WarFund Drive, Starting Mar. 1

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Macon County Red Cross, final plans for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive which starts on March 1 were completed. Macon County's quota is \$6,500, the largest single quota of gifts ever asked in any drive before held.

John M. Archer, Jr., county chairman of the drive, has divided the county into 21 districts, and appointed leaders as follows: Mrs. Will Parrish, Otto; Mrs. Ned Teague, Prentiss-Union; E. J. Carpenter, West's Mill; Miss Nora Moody, Iotia; Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, Cullasaja; Woodrow Gibson, Leatherman; B. L. McGlamery, Franklin; Frank Fleming, Skeenah; Sam Ramsey, Tellico; Mrs. Grady Duvall, Burningtown; Mrs. Myrtle Keener, Gold Mine; Miss Amy Henderson, Gneiss; Thad Patton, Patton Settlement; Adrian Howell and Harve Cabe, Rabbit and Cat Creek; Mrs. Joe Setser and Mrs. Carl Slagle, Cartoogechaye; Mrs. Fieta Mason, Otter Creek; Mrs. O. C. Hall Kyle; and Andrew Ray, the colored citizens.

Each leader will select enough workers so that every part of his or her district will be completely canvassed.

Stacy C. Russell, Wilton H. Cobb and Frank B. Cook will have charge of planning and putting on the Drive in Highlands and the surrounding community.

Other workers who will have important work to do in the Drive will be Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, publicity director; J. S. Conley, H. W. Cabe and R. S. Jones, initial gifts committee; Dr. J. L. Stokes and J. Ward Long, special gifts committee; The Franklin Garden Club will take charge of the window displays; Clyde Galley, motion pictures, and C. H. Bolton will act as treasurer.

The Initial Gifts Committee will be at work the week before the Drive starts contacting industries and various firms who will make large donations.

The Special Gifts Committee is set up to contact individuals who are able to make large donations. National Headquarters have figures to show that the American Red Cross spends an average of \$25.00 per year on each member of the Armed Forces, and this Committee hopes that they will find many individuals who will join the club, "Take Care of a Boy for a Year." A contribution of \$25.00 or more entitles one to a membership in this club and each week the Franklin Press will carry an honor roll of this membership.

Night meetings for the leaders of the districts and their co-workers will be held starting February 21 and continuing to March at which time literature, campaign material and information and facts about the Red Cross will be distributed and given to assist the solicitors in making this Drive a fast and thorough one.

Every man, woman and child will be needed and the Committee hopes to attain the goal in the first week.

A Call To United Prayer At Noon Hour Next Sunday

Following a suggestion by Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman of the 4th War Loan Drive, an appeal has been sent to all the ministers in the county by the Rev. Carl W. Judy of the committee, to unite at noon, Sunday, February 20, in one minute of silent prayer.

Mr. Judy calls attention to the co-chairman's suggestion made in his editorial in the War Loan edition of the Press, that after the goal of the drive is reached, one minute of time be designated "as the minute during which our county is bearing the entire weight of the war, during which every man, woman and child close their eyes in silent prayer..."

"This a great opportunity for the churches of Macon county to be of one mind in Christ,"

MACON EXCEEDS BOND QUOTA

Reports Are Encouraging For Reaching \$175,000.00

The county quota of \$160,000 in the 4th War Loan Drive has already been exceeded, according to Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman, although it is impossible to announce the total since reports from the county are not all in, Mr. Jones stated.

Mrs. J. E. Perry, chairman of Franklin women's organization, states that around \$12,000 in bonds have been sold at the Bank and postoffice booths. Full reports have yet to come from women who have canvassed the town and county.

Highlands has already over-sold its quota of \$20,000 by 50 per cent, having reported on Wednesday an amount of over \$30,000, by C. J. Anderson, chairman. \$10,500 of this amount was sold by the school.

The schools of the county have already sold over \$50,000 of Macon's quota with all reports not yet in.

The colored people have gone over the top with their quota of \$500. Andrew Ray, chairman, reports total sales to date of \$570.25.

While the 4th War Loan Drive period ended February 15, all sales during the month will be credited to the quota, the chairman stated. All are looking forward confidentially to the amount of \$175,000 for the purchase of a bomber being oversubscribed.

Burns Fatal To Donald Child

Funeral services for little Walter, Donaldson, 4 1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Donaldson of Bryson City, who died on Saturday, February 13, from burns received the Thursday morning previous, at their home, were held on Sunday afternoon, February 14, at Union Methodist church. The pastor, the Rev. V. N. Allen, officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

The little fellow accidentally fell in the fire while his mother was outside on an errand. She found his clothing on fire when she ran back on hearing his screams. First aid was given by a Bryson City physician and his parents rushed him to Angel hospital where all possible was done for him. He succumbed about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, from burns which covered the lower part of his body.

The child was born in Canton on Sept. 9, 1939, the son of William Claude and Blanche Owenby Donaldson, both from Macon county, where they have wide family connections.

Survivors besides the parents, are three brothers, Howard, who is stationed at Miami, Fla., in the Navy air corps, Perry and Charles of Bryson City, and one sister, Helen, of Bryson City, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Owenby of Bryson City and Mrs. Lizzie Donaldson of Prentiss.