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## Registration For Canning Sugar To Be On May 1 and 2

### Every Family Must Make Application At This Time

A general registration for home canning sugar will be conducted by Macon County school teachers on May 1 and 2, between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m. Only one adult member of a family, capable of determining or estimating canning needs for each consumer on whose behalf the application is made, need apply. War Ration Book 4 of each member of his or her family MUST be presented or no sugar coupons will be issued. Expiration date for these coupons will be February 28, 1945.

Registrations will be conducted in the following schools:

Franklin, Iotla, Burningtown, Oak Dale, Cowee, Union, Maple Springs, Otto, Clark's Chapel, Holly Springs, Slagle, Allison Watts, Higdonville, Pine Grove, Buck Creek, Walnut Creek, Salem, Mashburn Branch, Kyle, Otter Creek, Camp Branch, Gold Mine, Watauga, Oak Ridge, Highlands, Sealy, Mountain Grove and Chapel.

The War Price and Rationing Board urges every family unit, who need sugar for home canning, to register at the school in his community. This is the only registration which will be conducted this year for home canning sugar. No provision has been made for late registrants, according to the local OPA office.

The public will please note that the registration at the Franklin high school will start at 2 p. m., instead of 1 p. m.

### Commissioners

#### Ask Board Of Assessment For Advice On Tax Law

The County Commissioners at their meeting, on Monday took up the matter of the petition to raise the tax valuation of the Nantahala Power and Light Company's properties, which was presented on April 7 to the Board of Equalization and Review. After discussion it was decided that, in view of the committee's uncertainty as to its authority to change the valuation, that a letter be written to the State Board of Assessment, asking for a clarification of the County Board's authority.

In accordance with this action, the Commissioners have addressed a communication to the State Board of Assessment asking their advice as to what action can legally be taken on the petition.

#### O. V. Hill Victim Of Auto Accident

Funeral services for O. V. Hill, 63, of Canton, who was struck by an automobile two weeks previous, and who died of injuries received, were held at the Canton Presbyterian church last Thursday afternoon, with burial at the Bon-A-Venture cemetery. Mr. Hill was a native of Macon county and was well known here. He had been an employee of the Champion Paper and Fibre company since 1932.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Nobia Collins, of Macon county; four daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hill Smathers, Mrs. Marie Hill Smathers, and Miss Mary Louise Hill of Canton, and Mrs. Pauline Hill Clark, of Asheville; one son, Vernon Hill of Waynesville; a brother, Carl Hill, Canton merchant; two half-brothers, C. L. and J. B. Pendergrass, both of Franklin; and one half-sister, Mrs. J. C. Patrick, of Waynesville.

#### Former Macon Woman Murdered In Washington

News has been received here from Mount Vernon, Washington, of the murder of Mrs. Justus R. Powers, the former Miss Malvia Boston of the Patton section of Macon county, on April 9. Search for her husband, 28-year old shipyard worker, who has been charged with the murder of his 19-year-old bride, is being made by officers

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### For U. S. Senator



## CLYDE R. HOEY VISITOR HERE

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, was a visitor in Franklin on Tuesday in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate. He stated that his great interest was centered in this nation's part to be played in establishment of a permanent world peace.

Gov. Hoey is not only a gifted orator but a statesman of unusual ability, as shown when he was governor of North Carolina. His nomination and election will assure North Carolina of worthy representation in the U. S. Senate and that body a distinguished member.

### Fred Cabe

#### Appointed County Mgr. McDonald Campaign

The following wire was received Thursday morning from McDonald-For-Governor headquarters in Raleigh:

Ed Broadhurst, state manager for Ralph McDonald, announces appointment of Fred D. Cabe of Franklin as Macon county manager for McDonald.

#### Still Seized And Convict Recaptured

Sheriff Bradley and Federal Officer John Norton seized a 20-gallon copper still in the Prentiss community on April 12. The still had been taken from the furnace and concealed in a thicket, the officers reported.

Sheriff Bradley and Deputy Dean, with Sheriff Wilson and his deputy from Clayton, Ga., recaptured Robert Beasley who escaped from the Georgia penitentiary about a month ago. He was serving a seven-year sentence for house-breaking and robbery. The officers state that they caught him asleep under a rock cliff on Commissioner creek.

#### Last Rites For Mrs. Mack Higdon

Mrs. Della Higdon, 51, of the Iotla section, died suddenly Saturday at 10:30 a. m. at a filling station here. Mrs. Higdon was on her way to Clayton, Ga. to a doctor, it was reported. She had been in ill health for several months.

Born in Macon county, Mrs. Higdon lived here all her life, except a few years spent in Jackson county. She moved back to Macon three years ago.

She was a member of the Iotla Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a. m. at Zion Hill Baptist church, Jackson county, with the Rev. Lester Sorrells, Macon county Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Potts, Robert Bennett, W. R. Mason, Robert Rogers, N. A. West and W. J. Strong.

Surviving are the husband, Mack Higdon; three sons, Howard, Franklin, Rt. 3, Lee and Robt. Higdon, both in the armed forces overseas; one daughter, Miss Julia Higdon, Franklin, Rt. 3; one sister, Mrs. Jane Webb, Tucapau, S. C., and one grandchild.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pfc. Leslie A. Reese, son of Mrs. Clyde Norton of Highlands, spent a short furlough with his mother in Jacksonville, Fla. He is at the present stationed at Camp Philips, Kan.



RHM 1/C Donald A. Zickgraf, of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Zickgraf, spent a short furlough at home before leaving for overseas duty. He has been in service for 10 years.



Pfc. Emerson G. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crawford, spent a seven-day furlough at home. He was accompanied by his wife and son of Belmont. Pfc. Crawford was a teacher of public schools before going into service.

Pvt. Walter W. Hannah is spending a two-weeks furlough at home before going to Camp Meade, Md.

Pvt. Carl Jones is spending a few days with his friend, Pvt. Walter Hannah, before going to his home in Virginia.

Captain Frank Killian has landed safely in England, according to word received by Mrs. Killian.

S 1/C John C. Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Reeves, has been serving in the U. S. Navy for one year.

Mrs. Woodrow Reeves has heard from her husband, stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., that he met Andy Patton, who had recently arrived there.

Pfc. Ray Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, is spending a 30-day furlough at home. He has spent 17-months of active service and after the Bougainville campaign he was assigned to a hospital for three months from injuries received.

Pvt. Gernell L. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woods of Franklin, has just been presented with the Army's newest award for infantrymen, the Combat Infantrymen Badge. He has been stationed overseas on the Fiji Islands, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and is a veteran of the New Guinea campaign.

Pfc. Vernon D. Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Stiles of Prentiss, is spending a 10-day furlough at home. He has been in service seven months and is now stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

#### Truman Committee Report On Mica Is Challenged

The following article appearing in the Mining Journal of Phoenix, Arizona, has been sent to us by M. V. Dunavant, Manpower representative of the Colonial Mica Corporation, with headquarters in Asheville.

Mr. Dunavant explains that the Colonial Mica Corporation is a government-owned corporation acting as Agent for Metal Reserves Company, its function being to promote the production of strategic mica for the war effort. This is done by examining properties, leasing equipment, giving technical advice and buying the mica produced. We are glad to publish this clipping:

"The Truman Committee still is making quite a fuss about Colonial Mica's conduct of the domestic mica industry. Undoubtedly there was laxity, and

perhaps some abuse, at the start of this enterprise, but a pretty good job has been done in expanding production and in bringing prices to a level where operators can make a living.

What the Truman Committee fails to point out is that the real trouble with mica production is a severe shortage of labor, especially in the New England area where the deposits are close to industrial plants. As soon as men imported for mining check over the advantages of working in a factory, they change jobs. A little less talking and a few hundred workers would make all the difference in the world."

#### LEGION TO MEET ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The Macon Post of the American Legion will meet in the legion hall on Saturday evening at 8 p. m., according to an announcement by John Wasilik, commandant.

## 1ST. LT. PERRY WINS HONORS

### The Distinguished Flying Cross Recently Bestowed

The many friends of 1st Lt. Alfred Winton Perry, will rejoice to hear that his mother, Mrs. J. E. Perry, has just received word of his having received the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the highest military honors bestowed only for extraordinary achievement and performance. No further detail has yet arrived concerning this latest honor, but a short time before, the following letter was received dated March 15, from the Headquarters of her son's Fighter Command in England:

Dear Mrs. Perry:  
I have just had the honor of presenting the Second Bronze Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to your son. . . . He received this decoration for meritorious achievement while participating in missions over enemy territory. In these missions he displayed courage and skill which reflected high credit upon himself and the armed forces of his country and of his mother.

I take pleasure in notifying you personally of his success and to congratulate you, his mother, upon having such a fine son, who is doing so much for his country.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) E. R. Quesada,  
Brigadier General U. S.  
Army Commanding.

At the bottom of this letter, the General had added in his own handwriting, "May I share your pride?" Many friends here will also share the pride of Winton's mother and Commanding General.

#### No More Potatoes To Be Shipped

No more Irish potatoes will be shipped from Macon county after this announcement, according to Sam Mendenhall, farm agent. He states that full notice has been given during the last two weeks to all the farmers in the county, and that the crop is pretty well cleaned up.

Inspector Barnes, who has represented the Surplus Commodity Corporation has left to inspect the potatoes being shipped from neighboring counties. Mr. Mendenhall states that approximately 180,000 pounds of potatoes have been sold to the S. C. C. here at Franklin since April 11, and farmers are well pleased with results. Many have expressed their appreciation for the service rendered by S. C. C. and the good job done by Wylie Brown in grading, bagging and storing the potatoes.

## Post-War Plans Featured At C Of C Annual Dinner

### Board Of Directors Are Chosen For Coming Year

Good speeches were features of the Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Legion Hall last Friday evening. B. L. McGlamery, chairman, presided and Gilmer Jones, chairman of the program committee introduced the speakers.

Neville Sloan, now resident in Atlanta as an engineer with the Regional Forest Service, who has three sons in the U. S. Army, spoke on the subject of "our greatest natural resources," referring to our young men and women in the armed forces. He urged that the Chamber of Commerce keep a complete list of all with information available, and that a personal message be sent to every Macon county man and woman. Then, when they begin to come home, the Chamber of Commerce could become a job-finding bureau.

John Archer spoke of the plans for providing for future employment for service men already being made by the local branch of national organization of the Committee For Economic Development, outlining the wide scope of its post-

### Democrats

#### To Hold Precinct Meeting On Saturday

All precinct meetings of the Democratic party will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 a. m. at the regular voting places in the townships as announced by E. W. Long, chairman of the executive committee. All Democrats are urged to attend these meetings at which five Democrats are to be elected as the precinct executive committees. One of these should be a woman, and the five elected will choose a chairman and a vice-chairman.

On Saturday, April 29, the county convention will meet at the Court house at 2 p. m. to elect delegates to the State Convention. A date will be set at this time to nominate Democratic candidates for county offices.

#### Court Disposes Of Criminal Cases

Criminal cases disposed of in Superior Court this week included fines and costs paid by Arthur Moore, John McMahan and Nick Potts for operating motor vehicles while intoxicated and by T. H. Croft for selling wine and beer without a license.

Costs were paid in cases against Bill Carpenter and Jack Johnson for having whiskey in their possession and by Mrs. Ralph Burrell for larceny.

Nelson Hayes, colored, was sent to the roads for four months for driving without a license and Lloyd Burgess, George and Robert McDonald, colored, were sent up for six months for larceny of chickens. Several cases were continued and nol-prossed.

Civil court was still in progress Thursday, Judge Felix E. Alley is presiding.

### Double Quota

#### Surgical Dressings To Be Made By Local Red Cross

Mrs. Allan Brooks, chairman of Surgical Dressings of the Red Cross here, has announced that a double quota of surgical dressings has been received by the chapter, which will tax the capacity of the workers now serving. Mrs. Brooks said more women were needed to enlist in this vital work for the wounded on the battle fields and hospitals. More and more bandages must be supplied in preparation for the invasion casualties.

In view of the increased need, Mrs. Brooks announces that the Red Cross room will be open for work on Tuesday evening as well as Friday evening in addition to the afternoons. New workers are urged to enlist.

war planning by increasing production and raising the standard of education and other social benefits.

J. W. Alexander, engineer head of the Asheville division of the Colonial Mica Corporation, stated that the 37 mica mines being worked in Macon county were producing \$60,000 worth a month, the next highest producing county in the South.

Arthur Schilling, supervisor of the Nantahala Forest, outlined the broad plans of the U. S. Forest Service for post-war employment in concrete terms of man-hours. Sam Mendenhall gave an example of progress in farming with the cooperation of TVA. Lee Guffey gave the annual report of activities and finances.

There was a large attendance of members and visitors. All were glad to welcome back Major and Mrs. Frank Carmack, who have spent the winter in Florida and will open the Franklin Lodge and Golf course for the season.

At the close of the meeting the following Board of Directors was elected: B. L. McGlamery, Gilmer Jones, E. J. Whitmire, Grant Ziegler, L. H. Page, Erwin A. Schilling and W. C. Burrell.