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Fifth War Loan Opens As Invasion Begins

Macon County Campaign Asked To Raise \$188,000

Civics Clubs Will Head
Workers, Beginning
June 12

On next Monday, June 12, the Fifth War Loan Drive will be launched. The quota for this county is higher than it has ever been, the figure set us to raise being \$188,000.00.

This drive as in former drives is under the management of H. W. Cabe, chairman of the War Finance Committee, and his co-chairman, Gilmer A. Jones. They state that while the quota this time is larger, that they are confident that it will be met by the citizens of the county.

In the first three War Loan Drives the sales force was made up, for the most part, by the different women's organizations throughout the county. On the Fourth Drive the quota was over-subscribed, a large part of the work having been done by the school children of the county under the leadership of E. J. Whitmire.

In the present drive, the co-chairmen have requested the members of the Rotary Club to organize themselves into a sales force to sell Macon County's quota of bonds. The co-chairmen state that this does not mean that the sales force will be restricted by any means to members of the Rotary Club, but that the burden of seeing that the bonds are sold will be placed on their shoulders. These men will, of course, be assisted by other organizations. The Lions Club will be asked also to organize themselves into a sales force to sell the bonds on the Sixth War Loan Drive.

Sam Mendenhall and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, head of all rural organizations, Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt is head of the Franklin Women's organizations and church groups to assist in the canvassing.

Interest in this War Loan is expected to exceed all others in view of the fact that the allied invasion is in progress as the nation opens the drive to raise \$16,000,000,000.

Macon County Boy Wounded In Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Angel, of Franklin route 1, received a message from the Adjutant General on Wednesday night stating that their son, Pvt. John W. Angel was seriously wounded in action in Italy, on May 24.

Mrs. Moody To Be Hostess To U. D. C.'s

Mrs. C. Frank Moody will be hostess to the Macon County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Moody Farm on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Major J. Fred Gray Is Missing In Action

Mrs. J. Fred Gray, of Franklin, received a telegram from the Secretary of War Wednesday morning, stating that on May 24, her husband, Major Judson Fred Gray, had been reported missing in action over Germany.

The message from the adjutant general expressed his deep regret and stated that if further details or information was received she would be notified immediately.

Major Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Javan J. Gray, of Franklin route 2, only recently arrived in England. He entered the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet in September, 1940. He graduated from Kelly Field, Texas, in April, 1941, when he received a commission as 2nd Lt. He was then sent to Randolph Field, Texas, as a flight instructor and remained there until June 1942.

Major Gray was then trans-

UNION PRAYER INVASION DAY

Church Bells Ring And
Business Ceased As
400 Attend

More than 400 men, women and young people answered the call of Franklin church bells on Invasion Day, and filled the Baptist church for the union prayer service at 3 p. m.

Early in the morning the Franklin pastors sent out printed handbills announcing the service. All business closed and workers came, some in overalls, some from desks and stores, women from home and office, to offer prayers for dear ones, friends and all in danger in our armed forces as the greatest liberation in history began.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung as the opening hymn, led by Rev. J. A. Cochran, with Miss Virginia Slagle at the piano.

The Rev. Jackson Huneycutt of the Methodist church spoke briefly, saying that the purpose of its meeting was two-fold: First to lift hearts in prayer in behalf of the Allied Invasion forces and others in service throughout the world, and, secondly, to bring to ourselves an inner grace and strength.

The Rev. R. H. Hull read the 46th Psalm, followed by prayer led by Dr. J. T. Gillespie of the Presbyterian church, who also read the 8th chapter of Romans.

The Rev. J. F. Marchman read the 91st Psalm and offered the closing prayer.

Sentence prayers and Bible verses were offered from the congregation, which sang in closing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Rimmer Heads Pharmacy Unit In Loan Drive

Dr. R. M. Rimmer, pharmacist, has been named Macon county chairman for pharmacists, drug stores, and drug affiliate companies to support the Fifth War Loan drive, it was announced yesterday by W. A. Gilliam, of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association.

A feature of the pharmacists campaign will be a Hospital Plane Day on June 29 during which druggists will seek to sell E bonds equal to the purchase price of five giant hospital planes to be named "North Carolina Pharmacists," "N.C.P.A. Women's Auxiliary," "N.C.P.A. Traveling Men's Auxiliary," and "North Carolina Wholesale Druggists."

ferred to Hendricks Field, at Sebring, Fla., for special training as a B-17 pilot, and was commissioned as First Lt. in September 1942. In February 1943 he received his promotion to Captain.

In March 1943, Major Gray was assigned to the 398th bombardment group at Blythe, Cal., as commanding officer of a squadron of B-17 Flying Fortresses. He moved with this group to Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., and later was sent to an Army Air base at Rapid City, S. D., where he spent 10 months prior to his sailing.

Before Major Gray enlisted into the Army Air Corps he resigned a position with the South Carolina dairy extension. He is a graduate of Clemson college, S. C.

Mrs. Gray was the former Miss Louise Blaine, of Franklin, before her marriage in March, 1943.

Editorial

By Gilmer A. Jones, Co-Chairman
Fifth War Loan Drive

Dear Dad:

I have just received your letter in which you tell me that Macon County's quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive is \$188,000.00. In this letter you ask me to give my candid opinion as to whether or not all the money that is being raised by bond sales and the money that is being raised by bond sales and spent by our armed forces is actually needed.

Dad, for the first time in my life I am almost tempted to say that I am a little ashamed of you. I know that you did not stop to think or you would be tempted to say that I am a little ashamed of you. I know that you did not stop to think or you would not have asked this question. I will try to answer your letter, not only for myself, but for all the boys from Macon County.

Of course, under war conditions, there must necessarily be a certain amount of waste of everything, both in men and material. But under campaign and battle conditions waste has an entirely different meaning. Here values are no longer measured by dollars and cents. When you drive a car or a tractor you think about how much money it cost you. But when we plow through the mine fields in a tank with destruction all around us; when we are flying over Germany in a bomber which is being ripped apart by flack and machine gun fire; when we crouch in a submarine not knowing what moment a depth bomb will annihilate us, when we crawl through mud, snow, barbed wire and machine gun fire; when we wade through the steaming jungles, infested with malaria, reptiles and Jap snipers, we are not thinking about what our equipment costs. Our job is to destroy the enemy as quickly as possible, and the cost is counted in terms of human lives and human suffering.

I can understand why you ask me this question, but if you had been along with us since Pearl Harbor, the question would have never entered your mind. Most of you people back home can't know what it means to campaign in the malaria-infested jungles and swamps of the Southwest Pacific or Burma, sleeping (if you sleep) in your wet clothing, half fed, with an unseen foe bent upon destroying you at every moment. You can't know what it means to wade through blood, stepping over dead men's bodies, some of them the bodies of your closest friends, with every man around you, both friend and enemy, bent upon adding to the list of the dead. If you had lived these things as we have, you would never have asked this question.

A part of the \$188,000.00 which you will raise during the month of June will be used to equip still other young men from Macon County that you will send to the army while you are raising it. It will pay for transportation of men and munitions to Italy, England, the South Pacific, and ultimately to Berlin and Tokyo. A part of it will be used in purchasing explosives, guns and other munitions of war, medical supplies, and providing hospital facilities for the wounded and dying.

We can't finance this war and fight it too, but if there is any doubt in your mind about your being able to raise Macon County's quota in this bond if there is any doubt in your mind about your being able to raise Macon County's quota in this bond drive we will make you this proposition: There are over 1500 of us in the service. Let 1500 of you older fellows take our places wherever we may be, whether in a bomber over Germany, in a tank in Italy or France or in the jungles of Burma, and let us come home and take your places till the bond drive is over; let us enjoy the high prices you are getting for your labor and products you sell; let us fuss about gas rationing and price control, and we will raise Macon County's quota of \$188,000.00 ourselves, without calling on any of you civilians for one cent. What do you say?

I hope you publish this feeble effort on my part to explain just how we fellows in the service feel about the bond drive, and for that reason I will sign my name simply,

—G. I. JOE.

Air And Sea Armada Fight Fiercely On French Soil

Highlights On Rome Speech

On Monday night, only a few hours before the Invasion began, President Roosevelt addressed the nation on the fall of Rome.

Here are a few highlights of his address:
Our victory comes at an excellent time, while our allied forces are poised for another strike at Western Europe—and while armies of other Nazi soldiers nervously await our assault.

It would be unwise to inflate in our own minds the military importance of the capture of Rome. . . . The victory still lies some distance ahead.

The united nations are determined that in the future no one city and no one race will be able to control the whole of the world.

No thanks are due to them (Hitler and his generals) if Rome was spared the devastation which the Germans wreaked on Naples and other Italian cities.

We want and expect the help of the future Italy toward lasting peace. All the other nations opposed to fascism and nazism should help give Italy a chance.

Dr. J. T. Gillespie To Fill Morrison Pulpit

Rev. J. T. Gillespie, supply pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church will hold preaching services at the Morrison Presbyterian church, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. During the remainder of the summer he will hold services at the Morrison church on every second and fourth Sunday afternoons. The public is invited.

Revival Services At Snow Hill

A series of Revival services at the Snow Hill Methodist church began Sunday night, June 4, and will continue each evening through Wednesday, June 14. The Rev. Charles E. Shannon, pastor of the St. John's Methodist church in Charlotte, is bringing the messages each evening. In conjunction with the Revival meeting a Daily Vacation Bible school is being conducted during the mornings of June 5-9.

"Order of The Day" By General Eisenhower

Text of the order of the day issued by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to each individual of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

You are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving peoples everywhere march with you. You will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped, and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944. Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41.

The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeat in open battle, man to man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground.

Our home fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned.

The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory.

Good luck.

And let us all beseech the blessing of the Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

4000 Ships, 11000 Planes Lead Allies Across Channel

In the early hours of the morning of Tuesday, June 6, the greatest armada in history started across the English Channel for the coast of France.

The long-awaited D-Day, and the invasion for the liberation of European countries enslaved by the Nazi, had come.

The week before Prime Minister Churchill had spoken to the British people and the world on the fourth anniversary of the retreat from Dunkerque, which marked the beginning of preparations for the Allies' return to the Continent.

Only a few hours before, President Roosevelt had broadcast a message on the fall of Rome, reiterating the Allies' pledge to bring the Nazis to their knees.

Now, on the third day of the invasion, Allied troops, constantly reinforced by air and sea, have captured the Nazi-fortified city of Gyeuf, five miles inshore from the Normandy invasion coast. Troops have penetrated to Caen, 18 miles Southeast. German counter-attacks have been repulsed, and results are reported "better than expected." Casualties are "lighter than expected."

Landings extended along a 200-mile front from Cherbourg to Abbeville.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, was serene and confident as the great assault was launched from 4000 warships 11,000 war planes.

An air armada of gliders and planes 50 miles in length was reported over the channel on Tuesday, carrying airborne troops and supplies.

Heavy fighting is reported.

Flaming Azalea In Bloom On Wayah Bald

John Wasilik, Jr., district Forest Ranger of the Nantahala National Forest, has announced that flaming Azalea will be in full bloom on Wayah Bald the latter part of this week, and that the white, fragrant Azalea, is just now beginning to bloom. It is expected to be at its most beautiful stage by June 12.

Children's Day To Be Observed Sunday

Children's Day will be observed at the Sloan's Chapel Union Sunday school on June 11, 1944. Services begin at 10 a. m. Dinner on the ground.

The public is invited.