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### GOP NOMINATES GEORGE CLOER

#### Robert Fulton Refused to Accept Nomination For Representative

Robert Fulton, farmer of Cullasaja, who was nominated as a candidate for representative to the general assembly on the county Republican ticket, refused to accept the nomination and Rev. George Cloer, of West's Mill was nominated to take his place.

The Rev. Mr. Cloer was a candidate for the same office two years ago against Dr. W. A. Rogers, who represented the county.

Other candidates were announced last week.

#### AT THE THEATRE

"Nearly Eighteen", Sunday, August 6—This is a story about the problems of boys and girls coming of age in a war-torn world and of one girl's attempt to reach a decision about marrying her boy friend who is about to enter the army.

"Home in Indiana", Tuesday, August 8—This is a story of a retired sulky trainer who is stirred to a comeback by a young orphan by who lives with him. Filmed in technical.

### George Walker Wins Silver Star In Action In Italy

S/Sgt. George W. Walker, son of Mrs. G. Wayne Walker who heads the local War Manpower Commission office, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry while serving in action with the infantry in Italy.

The citation reads: "When the enemy attacked his company's positions near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy, the night of February 5, 1944, Walker, as assistant gunner, fed ammunition into a light machine gun employed against the attackers. He was about to feed a third ammunition belt into the weapon when a shell burst three yards away, throwing his gun out of position and ing, he assisted in setting up a dazing him." Quickly recovering the gun in a new position. Ignoring continuous machine gun ad shell fire which burst all about him, he fed more ammunition belts into the gun. Finally a shell landed directly on the gun, destroying it and seriously wounding Walker, requiring his evacuation. His devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service."

In addition to the Silver Star, he holds the combat infantryman's medal, a campaign ribbon with one star, the army good conduct ribbon, and the Purple Heart.

### WAR NEWS SUMMARY

#### Germans Falter as United Nations Advance On All Fronts

News that the United Nations were carrying the war ahead in brilliant campaigns against the enemy this week filled the headlines of the daily newspapers as high government officials warned against over optimism.

In the French battlefields, in Russia (or Poland where the Russians had beaten the Nazi back, in the Pacific, and in Italy, United Nations armies were forging ahead.

Winston Churchill, British prime minister, told the House of Commons that the time of victory might be sooner than we had anticipated.

#### FRENCH THEATRE

During the past week, the German armies in France have seen the American brand of lightning warfare in action along the Norman-Breton front.

Latest reports show that the American troops to the south of the front have broken out of Normandy and are striking swiftly across the Breton peninsula toward Rennes, chief communications center of that area. Another column is moving toward Brest, important Atlantic post on the tip of the peninsula.

The British armies to the north of the front have driven south of Caumont in a drive aiming in an easterly direction toward the French capital—Paris. In a fast tank maneuver toward the German troops shakily standing between the Allies and Paris, the British pushed ahead in the past few days within 120 miles of Paris. Other tank units are driving ahead at this time and may be even closer tomorrow.

**EASTERN EUROPEAN THEATRE**

On the Russian front, the Red army is within eight miles of the pre-war East Prussian boundary and in some places tank columns have already reached German territory.

In Poland, Karkow, second city of Poland is being threatened by the approaching Russian troops. The battle for Warsaw still continues under a pall of smoke from fires raging within the city.

Over half of Lithuania has been taken and Moscow confirms the capture of Kovno, capital of the country.

A break-through to the Baltic sea has cut off more than 200,000 German troops in Latvia and Estonia.

Every sign points to a German failure to hold the on-rushing Soviet troops at the Vistula river, last natural barrier before the German border and it seems certain that Russian forces will have taken East Prussia and parts of northern Germany within two weeks.

**ASIATIC THEATRE**

On the Burma-India front, an Allied communique reports that British and Indian troops are driving south down the Tiddin road and have threatened to cut off the escape route of the Japanese from Northern India.

Five Japanese divisions, or more than half the Burma garrison, have been defeated and largely destroyed during the past three months.

To the east, the situation of the enemy forces was worse on Tinian and Guam Islands in the Marianas. The Nipponese have been forced into a tiny pocket on the southern tip of Tinian and have no means of escape.

Marines and elements of the 77th army division continue the conquest of Guam, first American soil to be retaken from the Japanese. Over half the island is now controlled by our forces.

**ITALIAN THEATRE**

In Italy, Allied troops have reached the outskirts of Pisa, pivotal point of the German Gothic line, last defense line of northern Italy and the Alpine passes into Austria and Southern Germany.

British, French and American troops were moving on Ancona, Florence and other central Italian cities where German resistance had stiffened.

The battle for Florence this week was developing into one of the toughest of the whole Italian campaign.

Five crack German divisions are massed in a thirty-mile circle around the ancient city.

### Tisdale Here Next Week To Aid Veterans In Obtaining Benefits

J. W. Tisdale, assistant N. C. State Service officer, Veterans' Service Division, North Carolina Department of Labor, will be in Franklin next week to assist veterans of World War I and World War II to obtain benefits to which they may be entitled under federal law.

Mr. Tisdale has established an office in the Wachovia bank building in Asheville.

The exact dates, time and place that Mr. Tisdale will be in Franklin may be obtained by contacting the local Legion.

### Boys Reached 18th Birthday In July

The following boys reached their 18th birthday during the month of July and registered for Selective Service: Coy Justice, George Robert Chavis, colored; William Berkley Speed, colored; Paul Everett Buchanan, colored; Joseph Jefferson Burston, colored; Bobbit Tom Ledbetter, colored; Billy DeWeese Meadows, Howard Richard Hopkins, Clarence Conrad McMahan, Marshall Glenn Nichols, Arthur Junior Hurst, Herbert Lewis Crawford.

### Highlands Marines Return From Pacific

Among a group of 2,744 men of the Fighting First Marine Division who have returned to the United States for their first furlough in twenty-six months or more are two Highlands Leathernecks.

John Williams Baty, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baty of Highlands. He attended Highlands high school and was employed as a truck driver before enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Pfc. Harry Hurst, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beale of Highlands, attended the Highlands high school before enlisting in the corps February 12, 1942 in Raleigh.

The First Marine Division was the first to strike an offensive blow against the Japanese when they landed on Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942. Later they landed at Cape Gloucester on New Britain to start the campaign which has taken Western New Britain from the enemy.

### Hurst Receives Air Medal

Lieut. Horace C. Hurst has been awarded the Air Medal according to an announcement received here from the Army Air Forces, Eighth Bomber Command, England. Lieut. Hurst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hurst of Franklin. Prior to entering the army, Lt. Hurst was a student at North Carolina State College. He received his navigator's wings in February, 1944, at Monroe, Ga.

The official citation reads: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in bomber missions over enemy-occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Hurst upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

### SINGING CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT OAK DALE

The northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held at the Oak Dale Baptist church on the second Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. The public is cordially invited.

### Court Will Begin Monday, August 21

The August term of court will begin Monday, August 21, with practically all criminal cases being continued from the April term. The civil calendar has not been prepared and it will be announced later.

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### Six Macon County Men Are On Casualty List

#### SGT. HAIRY S. HIGGINS



Sgt. Harry S. Higgins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Higgins of Franklin, who was reported missing in action June 6th, in France. He was with the paratroopers.

### BRADLEY SELLS IOTLA MINE

#### New York Partners Will Continue To Operate

Charlie Bradley, co-owner of the Bradley Mining Company, Inc., located at the Iotla bridge, has sold his one-third interest in the mine to James Preston and Frank Lee, of New York, who will continue the operation of the mines.

Both scrap and sheet mica are being taken from this mine which has been in operation for more than 40 years, and has been one of the greatest producers of scrap in the country. This mica has been hauled to the grinding plant at Spruce Pine.

Mr. Bradley took over the operation of this mine nine years ago and operated it himself until four years ago when he sold a two-thirds interest to parties in New York. In 1943 the production at this plant reach 3,564 tons of scrap mica and approximately \$8,000 worth of sheet mica. There has been an average of 45 employees on the payroll and at various times there were three shifts in operation.

Mr. Bradley, who has been in the mining business for the past 15 years, has an interest in mines in Catawba county and will now devote his attention ad interest to developing the scrap mica in that district.

### Free Blind Clinic And Glasses At Cost

Department again wishes to call attention to the aid of the blind clinic which will be held August 21, 1944 through the North Carolina Commission for the Blind. The clinic is free and glasses may be procured at minimum cost, and in some few cases free.

It is necessary that all people wishing this service contact the Welfare Department prior to the clinic as no one will be admitted without certification.

The Franklin Lions Club is especially anxious for all the school children to take advantage of this opportunity. It is through the cooperation of this obtained free. This is the only club that some glasses may be clinic available for the year 1944.

Mary E. Vinson, daughter of Rev. James I. Vinson of Dillard, Ga., has completed her basic military training and was recently graduated from the basic training center for army nurses. The four weeks' course Lt. Vinson completed was designed to supplement her professional civilian nurse's training with specialized army study and practice. It familiarized her with army hospital methods and taught her how to take care of herself and her patients in the field. She enlisted in the army Nurse Corp on March 15, 1943.

#### One Killed, One Missing, Four Wounded In Foreign Action

Six Macon men have been reported casualties during the past week.

One man, Homer W. Guffey was reported killed in action. Frank M. Egidon, Jr. has been listed as missing and the following have been reported wounded: Praelue N. Clouse, Lee A. Hedden, George Henning and George Dewey Elliott.

Pvt. Homer W. Guffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Guffey of route 4, was killed in action on June 23 in France, according to a War Department telegram.

Pvt. Guffey had been in the service 18 months and had been overseas several months. He was born and reared in Macon county.

He is survived by his parents; four sisters, Fannie and Emma, route 4, Nannie of Asheville, and Mrs. Nellie Parker of Waynesville; two brothers, Roy of the army and McKinley of route 4.

Lt. Frank M. Higdon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, is missing in action over Hungary since July 14.

Lt. Higdon has been overseas since April flying a P-38. He had completed 25 missions over enemy territory. His squadron holds the Presidential Unit Citation and the lieutenant has been awarded the Air Medal.

His brother-in-law, Sgt. Harry Higgins was reported last week as missing in action in France since June 6. Lt. Higdon's wife is the former Miss Ruth Higgins of Franklin.

Pfc. Praelue N. Clouse, son of Mrs. Addie Clouse of Ellijay, was wounded in action on June 24 in the Pacific. He is a member of the Marine Corps.

Pvt. Lee A. Hedden, son of Mrs. Eva Hedden of Gneiss has been reported seriously wounded in France on June 22 according to a telegram received here.

Pfc. George Henning, friend of Miss Ethel Sondheimer, Locust Hill Farm, Cullasaja, was wounded in action in the European area.

Pfc. George Dewey Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Elliott of route 4, was seriously wounded in France on July 9. He entered service in April 1942 and was stationed at various western camps before going overseas several months ago.

### Macon County Baptist Hold Convention At Gold Mine

The forty-first annual session of The Macon County Baptist Association will be held at the Gold Mine Baptist church Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11, with J. H. Stockton, moderator, presiding.

Thursday will be devoted to organizing, receiving church letters, enrolling messengers, appointment of committees and the following reports:

Orphanage, Rev. Frank Reed and I. G. Greer, orphanage superintendent; ministerial relief, Rev. J. G. Benfield; Christian Education, Rev. A. J. Smith; Periodicals, Rev. T. A. Slagle; Hospitals, Rev. N. E. Holden and Mr. Smith Hagaman of the State Hospital.

On Friday the program will include the following reports: Stewardship and enlistment, Rev. Lee Crawford; Missions, Mrs. Sam Gibson; Temperance, Rev. G. A. Cloer; W. M. U., Mrs. Gladys Kinsland; B. T. U., J. D. Franks; Sunday Schools, Alex Moore; History, Mrs. J. C. Higdon; Lord's Acre Plan, B. W. Justice; and the state of churches.

Pfc. Thomas Fagg of the Medical Corps stationed in Mississippi, is home on furlough.

Pfc. Roy G. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Setser of Franklin is home on a 21-day furlough after having served 28 months overseas in the Pacific theatre of operations.

Lt. John L. Palmer has arrived safely in the Italian area. He is a bombardier-navigator on a fighter bomber.

### NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

#### S/SGT. J. C. JACOBS



#### BROTHERS IN SERVICE

S/Sgt. J. C. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Jacobs has returned to Miami, Fla. after spending a 21-day furlough with his parents. For the past two years he has been serving in England, North Africa, Sardinia and Italy and wears the medals for "Good Conduct," "Pre Pearl Harbor," two stars for participating in two major battles.

#### PFC. HERSHELL D. KEENER



Pfc. Hershell D. Keener, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Keener of Franklin, route 2, has returned to Camp Chaffee, Ark., spending a 10-day furlough with his parents.

Pvt. John Wiley Lenor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lenor of Cartoogochay has returned to California after spending a 10-day furlough at home.

#### PFC. RADFORD E. JACOBS



Pfc. Radford E. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Jacobs has been serving the past ten months in the Southwest Pacific. He received his basic training as radio operator at Keesler Field, Miss. and is now wearing the good conduct medal.



Sergeant Lewie R. Holland, of Gneiss, has been cited by his regiment of the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.