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### Local Rationing Board Asks Your Cooperation

#### New O.P.A. Ruling Calls For Applications Made To Board

After September 1st, 1944, all applications for OPA rations of all kinds must be filed at the office of the War Price and Rationing Boards.

This requirement is made for three reasons:

1. The rules and regulations of O.P.A. require it.
2. The number of applications being presented to individual members of the Board when they are about their private businesses has become burdensome.
3. Shortages in quotas of gasoline and tires allotted to this board will not permit the granting of all applications as requested and consideration must be given to all applications as requested and consideration must be given to all applications on file at each meeting, and those whose need appear to the board in session from the information on file in each particular case to be most urgent will be given first consideration.

Don't approach members of the board during their working hours to discuss your problems. Let your applications show what you wish to tell them. Write a statement of the facts and pin to the application, if you wish.

Members of the board do not receive any compensation for their time or services. They have their families to support and debts to pay by their individual time and efforts.

All too frequently applicants insist on board members and clerks filling out their blanks and listening to their problems, valuable time is consumed and little or nothing gained.

Be considerate, please!  
In cases of extreme emergencies see the chief clerk.  
The Board meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M.

#### Leon Billington Dies After Lengthy Illness

Leon Billington, a former employee of The Franklin Press, died at Angel's hospital Monday afternoon.

Mr. Billington, 56 years old, had been an employee of The Franklin Press for about one year. Several weeks ago he retired for a rest, but was overtaken by illness.

Mrs. Gertrude Cole, sister of Mr. Billington, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jolley, an aunt, were here during the last days of Mr. Billington's illness and death.

He was born in Canajoharie, New York and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Billington. He had been employed in the printer's trade since he was 17 years old in various parts of the country. During World War I, he served in the army air corps and was wounded in a crash.

He had been employed for 18 months at the Franklin Press before he was forced to retire a month ago because of his health.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Bryant Funeral Home with Rev. Rufus Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were: G. D. Wilson, Joel Adams, A. W. Reid, R. E. Smith, G. D. Woodward and J. F. Babington.

The survivors are one brother, Dan Billington of Johnstown, N. Y., two sisters, Mrs. Oia Dillenbeck, and Mrs. Gertrude Cole, both of Gloversville, N. Y.; and two aunts, Mrs. Elizabeth Jolley, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Pearl Bothwick, of Seattle, Wash.

#### U. D. C. WILL MEET MONDAY EVENING

The United Daughters of the Confederacy of Macon County Chapter will meet at 8:30 Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Lester Conley with Mrs. W. M. Parrish as associate hostess. The meeting was postponed from last Monday. All members are invited to attend.

### SERVICES HELD FOR PUBLISHER

#### Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson, Editor Press, Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson, publisher and editor of The Franklin Press, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. Agnes Episcopal church, and graveside rites were performed at burial at Rock Hill, S. C., on Wednesday. Services were conducted by the Rev. Rufus Morgan, rector of the Franklin church.

Mrs. Johnson had been ill for several months.

Those of the immediate family attending services in Franklin were: Mrs. B. W. Johnson of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cantey Johnson of Madison; John A. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.; Cpl. William S. Johnson, home from overseas on emergency leave.

Pallbearers were: Jess Conley, Allan Brooks, Sam W. Mendenhall, Richard S. Jones, John Archer, Emory Hunnicutt.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the graveside rites.

#### BORN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Johnson was born in Rock Hill, S. C., on November 11, 1876. She was the daughter of Mrs. William Blackburn Wilson of Washington, D. C., and the late Mr. Wilson. She was a graduate of Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C.

In June, 1897, she was married to the late Rev. J. W. Cantey Johnson, Episcopal clergyman of South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson made their home in various cities in the South where Mr. Johnson served as rector.

In 1939 she assumed the editing and publishing of the Franklin Press with her son, William S. Johnson. She had previously served as publisher with her son, B. W. Johnson.

#### PROMINENT MEMBERSHIPS

She was a prominent member of the St. Agnes Episcopal church and of the Women's Auxiliary. She was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Macon County chapter, and was a prominent member of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

She had served a term as president of the Alumni Association of Converse College, and was a trustee for St. Mary's School and Junior College, Raleigh.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Macon County Chapter of the Red Cross and had served as secretary of the chapter. Previous to her coming to Franklin, she had done work for the national Red Cross organization.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by: her mother; six sons, John A. of Atlanta, Ga., Lt. Blackburn W. of the Allied Military Government, U. S. Army overseas, W. Cantey of Madison, Francis B. of Fort Worth, Tex., Cpl. William S. of the U. S. Army, Lt. (jg) Richard R. of the Merchant Marine Reserve, U. S. N. R.; four brothers, W. B. Wilson of Rock Hill, S. C., William M. Wilson and York L. Wilson, both of Washington, D. C., Dr. Oscar B. Wilson of Spartanburg; five sisters, Mrs. C. J. Walker of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Lynton Estes of Gastonia, Miss Louie M. Wilson and Miss Fannie B. Wilson, both of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Paul Sanders of Ritter; and six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Thompson of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. William Tyndall, and Mrs. Lula Gloyne, both of Cherokee, N. C., were out-of-town guests attending the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson.

#### STILES REUNION POST- PONED TILL LATER DATE

The Stiles reunion will be postponed until further notice because of the infantile paralysis situation and shortage of tires and gasoline. Tom W. Stiles announced to The Press.

#### Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson

No eulogy is sufficient on the death of our publisher and editor, Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson.

Her countless friends will remember her for her nobleness of spirit during their lifetime, and the good she has brought into our community will live always.

She was gifted with a brilliant mind and an open heart, which coupled with her boundless energy made her a public-spirited leader.

Her many-sided activities made her a good mother, a kind friend, and a Christian leader.

We, who have worked with her, can say emphatically that she lived the words of Shakespeare:

"This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

THE STAFF

#### Dr. Furman Angel Buys Herman Dean Property

Dr. Furman Angel of the Angel Clinic has purchased the Herman Dean property on E. Main street, it was announced this week.

The price was \$7,500 and no announcement was made as to what use the property will be put.

#### BAPTIST S. S. CONVENTION TO BE AT HOLLY SPRINGS

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Holly Springs church.

The theme of the program will be "Bible Evangelism in Sunday Schools." Rev. G. E. Scruggs will lead the devotional. Rev. W. C. Pipes will give the message on Bible evangelism.

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.—Douglas Jerrold.

#### Men In Service

##### PVT. WYMER J. GIBSON



Pvt. Wymer J. Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Gibson of Cullasaja has landed safely overseas according to a message received. He entered the service in November, 1943 at Fort Jackson, S. C. and received his basic training there. Prior to entering service he was manager of Champion Shoe Shop in Franklin.

Lt. George H. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, is home on furlough. He is stationed at Pueblo, Colo. where he is training with a B-24 combat crew. Lt. Setser entered the service in Jan. 1943 and received his wings at Craige Field, Ala., in April.

S 2/C Joe Dowdle, husband of Mrs. Margaret Dowdle, who is ill in a navy hospital in Newfoundland, is reported to be recovering nicely and that his injuries are not as bad as expected.

#### Nantahala National Forest Leads In Timber Production

Figures recently released by Regional Forester, Joseph C. Kircher, Atlanta, Georgia, indicate that the Nantahala National forest, with headquarters at Franklin, N. C., led all national forests of Region 8 in timber production during fiscal year 1944. Region 8 embraces the eleven southeastern states.

The Nantahala, comprising only 375,000 acres, is the smallest forest in the region. From these lands 52,980,000 board feet of timber were cut during the year. Second to the Nantahala was the Quachita forest with a cut just short of 50,000,000 board feet. The Quachita, with headquarters at Hot Springs, Ark., is the largest forest in the region. Its area approximates 1,400,000 acres.

The timber from the Nantahala was all cut by private purchasers. Included in the total was sawtimber, chestnut extractwood, pulpwood, shuttle stock, veneer blocks, and various minor products, all of immediate use to the war effort.

##### S/Sgt. TROY L. CRISP



S\*Sgt. Troy L. Crisp has landed safely overseas according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Crisp. S/Sgt. Crisp entered service in 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

John Marvin Vanhook, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vanhook of Franklin, has arrived at Camp Croft, S. C. for his basic training. Pvt. Vanhook entered the army July 20, 1944. He attended high school for three years and was a pipe-fitter at Norfolk navy yard, Portsmouth, Va.

Pvt. John H. Wasilik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., has written his parents, that he is now in France. Pvt. Wasilik has been in the service since Dec. 9, 1943 and took his training at Camp Fannin, Texas with the U. S. Intelligence and Reconnaissance department.

### Superior Court Adjourned On Tuesday Morning

#### MACON MEN CASUALTIES

##### Chastain Prisoner of War, Higgins Killed In Action

Pvt. Thomas D. Chastain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Chastain of Flat Mountain, Highlands township, who was reported missing in action by the War Department in France on July 27th, is now reported by the International Red Cross to be a prisoner of war of the German government.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Higgins, Sr. have received word from the War Department that their son, Harry S. Higgins, of the U. S. paratroopers, has been killed in action. He was previously reported missing in action on June 6th, in France.

##### CAPT. A. WINTON PERRY



Returned from Europe where he pilots a P-47.

##### CAPTAIN PERRY RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN AREA

Capt. A. Winton Perry, son of Mrs. J. E. Perry, is home after nine months of overseas duty with the Ninth Air Force flying a P-47 Thunderbolt. Capt. Perry graduated from Franklin high school in 1934 and received a B.S. degree at the University of N. C. in 1940 where he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity.

Capt. Perry entered the service in January 1942. He received his basic training at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. and he received his wings at Crepe Field, Selma, Ala. Prior to his entry into the service he was employed as a clerical accountant with the Nantahala Power and Light Co.

Capt. Perry went overseas in Oct. 1943 and has been stationed in England until the last few weeks before he came home he was stationed at an air base in France. He has had approximately eighty missions over enemy territory and is the holder of the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and twelve Oak Leaf Clusters. Capt. Perry's ship was called the "Nil."

##### WILLIAM CANSLER GRADUAT NAVY SCHOOL WITH HONORS

The Stinger, station journal of United States Naval Air Gunners' School at Jacksonville, Fla., had the following to say about the record of William Vance (Bill) Cansler who graduated from the school there August 4, being honor man of his class:

"Class 38 won the honors for the two classes graduating the past week. As its high man, William V. Cansler scored impressively with an average of all the classes graduating recently."

Cpl. Harold T. Sloan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Sloan, Sr., has been home on a short furlough. Cpl. Sloan has been stationed with the radio branch of the air corps at Reno, Nev. and has now been sent to Nashville, Tenn.

Cpl. J. C. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cunningham, is home on a furlough. Cpl. Cunningham is stationed at Courtland, Ala. with the U. S. air corps.

#### Session Is Shortest Held In Several Years In This County

The August term of Superior court of Macon county ended Tuesday as one of the shortest court sessions in recent years.

The grand jury heard thirty-four cases and returned twelve true bills.

Three indictments were continued by the grand jury.

The longest sentence, twelve months, was given for larceny to Roy Lewis. A two-year suspended sentence and a five-year good behavior clause was also given the defendant.

There were four civil actions of a minor character.

There were no divorces. Hon. Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville adjourned Tuesday morning.

#### Macon Schools To Open September 18

Macon County schools will open on Monday, September 18, in compliance with the State Board of Education request. G. L. Houk, county superintendent of schools announced this week.

The teachers' list has not been completed as yet, but will be announced next week, he said.

#### Joe Syms To Speak On Interracial Cooperation

Joe Syms, formerly of Brazil, South America, will speak on "Interracial Relationships and Cooperation" at a meeting in the court house at 9 o'clock on Thursday night, August 24.

Mr. Syms has spoken to white groups here before, as well as to the Negro community. The meeting is under the sponsorship of O. W. Connor, minister of the Green Street Zion Methodist church.

#### Classifications

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

1-A: Dexter Wilson McConnell, Pink Andy Gibson, Matthew John Cole, Lonnie Asbury Bryant, Truman Rogers, Verden Hughie Reeves, William Taft Henry, Wade Huffman Higdon, Homer Edison Stiwinter.

2-A: James Paul Vinson, Joseph Hughes, Rufus Butler Justice, Robert Hughes, Burford Andrew Cabe, Elbert Herman Hedden, Robert William Corpening, Charles Donald Raby, Otis Clark, James Gardner Grant, Leonard Green, Joseph Samuel Bryson, John Wilburn McCall, James Edward Brookshire, Jr., Donald Holland, Agrie Owenby, Truay McCall, Leander Brown, Bill Dooley Morgan, Hunter Young, William Jesse Munger, Thomas Theodore Wilson, Truman Alexander Owenby, Rube Will Guffey, James Carroll Gibson, Erastus Herbert Mason, Lloyd Wilson Lackey, Isaac Taliaferro Crunkleton, Tommie Woodrow Cowart, Jess James Henson, William Thomas Passmore.

2-B: Ralph Ware Welch.

5-F: William Howard Keener.

#### Hold Last Rites For Harley R. Cabe At Asbury Methodist Church

Funeral services were held for Yeoman Second Class Harley R. Cabe at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Asbury Methodist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Yeoman Cabe was 29 years old.

Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. Jackson Hunnycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Rev. J. C. Swain, of Reidsville, former pastor, also assisted.

Yeoman Cabe had been killed in an automobile accident on Thursday morning.