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## 961 ENROLL AT HI SCHOOL

### Twenty-Seven Members Serve As School Faculty

Final enrollment this week of late students brought the number of students attending the Franklin high and elementary schools to 961. This total figure included 596 students in the elementary grades, one through eight, and 365 students in the four year high school classes. The faculty included twenty-six teachers and the principal, George H. Hill.

The following list is the faculty and the courses they are to teach:

Miss Annie Bailey, commercial; Mrs. Lorene Tessier, social sciences; Mrs. Katherine O'Neill, home economics; Miss Emily Harrison, French; Miss Mamie Pryor, mathematics; Mrs. Lois Fulton, mathematics; Mrs. Helen Manning, science; Mrs. Katherine Mathews, English; Miss Edith Boesser, 8th grade; Mrs. Marie Stewart, English; Mrs. Virginia Baldwin, science; E. J. Whitmire, agriculture; Mrs. Virginia Ramsey, 7th grade.

W. G. Crawford, athletic coach and 8th grade; Mrs. W. J. Huncutt, 6th grade; Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, 5th grade; Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, 5th grade; Mrs. Ruth Fouts, 4th grade; Miss Edna Jamison, 4th grade; Mrs. Pearl Hunter, 3rd grade; Miss Esther Wallace, 3rd grade; Mrs. Kate Williams, second grade; Mrs. Elsie Franks, second grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey, first grade; Mrs. Amy Henderson, first grade; Miss Mayberyl Moody, 6th grade and George H. Hill, principal.

## F. H. S. Physical Ed. Program Begun

The Franklin high school physical education program under the direction of W. G. Crawford, athletic coach, will include two periods per day for boys and girls. Although the high school is short of facilities, Mr. Crawford says that the students will make the best of the situation.

## Hunting

### Regulations For Bear, Bore Announced; One Each

Regulations for hunting big game in the N. C. and U. S. Cooperative Wildlife areas in Nantahala National Forest, Pisgah National Forest and the Mt. Mitchell and Daniel Boone area were announced this week by game officials.

Hunting in the Nantahala National Forest will be limited to the Santeetlah forest wildlife refuge where fourteen bear and bore hunts have been scheduled. Hunting will be allowed in the Big Santeetlah Drainage area, the Little Santeetlah Drainage area, and the Slick Rock, Bear and Barker's Creek areas in Graham County. Hunting will be in the two-day periods beginning on October 16 and 17.

Each hunter will be allowed one bear and one bore and no other wildlife may be molested in any manner, game officials announced.

A drawing will be held in Asheville to determine participants in the hunt. The applicant who must have access to dogs, if successful may invite not more than twenty-four persons. All persons must have a valid N. C. hunting license. No hunting will be permitted at night.

"All firearms except rifles using rim-fire cartridges, shot-guns, smaller than 16-gauge, and side arms may be used. Shot-gun ammunition will be limited to the solid-load type," game officials said.

Six bear hunts will be held in Sherwood Forest area in Pisgah forest, beginning on October 16 and 17. A drawing will be held if there should be more applicants than the game authorities permit.

Applications are to be made on forms prescribed to J. H. Lonsore, agent, North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, 28 Law Building, Asheville, N. C.

## Tin Salvage

### October 2 To 7 Set For Salvage Drive

Mrs. Charles Bradley, chairman of Woman's Salvage Division of Macon County, announces that the first week in October will be set aside for a broad drive for tin cans. N. E. Edgerton, chairman of N. C. Salvage Committee of Raleigh, in a recent announcement said, "There is no tin at all coming in except from salvage and a very small amount from Bolivia—the Japs have the rest of it and soon we'll have it from them. In the meantime, we can and will salvage tin food cans—more and more of them."

Mrs. Bradley commends homemakers for salvaging tin cans in the past. More than a ton of cans have already been taken to Asheville by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

This special drive is to get those prepared off to the salvage headquarters. Mrs. Bradley says there will be no one collecting cans. Please bring them to Baldwin & Limer Feed Store on Palmer street, October 2-7. These cans are not to be taken unless they have had the labels removed, washed, and flattened.

## Final Rites Held For Z. W. Cruse Wednesday

Zedic Wootson Cruse, 81 years old, died at a local hospital on Tuesday after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at Maiden's Chapel on Wednesday and burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Cruse was a native of Cherokee County where he was born in 1863. He lived in Clay County for a number of years. His wife was the former Miss Arie Mosteller of Clay County who has been dead for twenty years.

He was engaged in farming and timber cutting. He belonged to the Church of God in Clay County.

Survivors are one son, Fred E. Cruse of Prentiss, one daughter, Mrs. Mae Prince of Chattanooga, Tenn., one sister, Mrs. Arie (Doc) Waldrop of Franklin, route 1; fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Potts Funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## Methodist Fellowship Resumes Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Methodist Youth Fellowship-Macon County Sub-district of ship will resume its regular schedule Monday, October 2, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the Union Methodist church on the Macon circuit. Meetings for July, Aug. and Sept. were cancelled because of polio.

## Sanders Boy Succumbs To Tetanus in Gastonia

Manson L. Sanders, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Sanders, of Gastonia, formerly of Franklin, died in the Gaston hospital in Gastonia on Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock, following an illness of one week. Death was caused from tetanus, as the result of sticking a nail in his foot on Monday prior to his death.

The body was brought back home and funeral services were held at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Lester Sorrells, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Lester Williams and the Rev. Terrell Cloer. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers included Paul Ledford, Clarence Stockton, Fred McConnell, Frank Mason, Terrell Cloer and Jay Mason.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Anna Lee Radford, and Captolia Sanders, of Gastonia; five brothers, Robert P., Grady, Wiley, Charles and Victor, all of Gastonia; one brother-in-law, Kenneth Radford, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Manson A. Sanders, of Franklin, and the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Ledford, or North Skeenah.

The Bryant Funeral directors were in charge of the final arrangements.

## FHS TEAM IS ORGANIZED

### W. G. Crawford, Coach, Says Team Has Good Prospect

The Franklin high school football team will begin this year's gridiron season when it plays Brevard College at Brevard on Friday, F.H.S. Athletic Coach, W. G. Crawford, announced today. The first home game will be played against Murphy high school on Friday, October 20.

Prospects for a winning team this year are good despite the fact that there are only five lettermen returning to play ball this year, Coach Crawford said.

The football team has collected more than eighty dollars from local citizens and firms in Franklin for equipment. A list of contributors will be published next week.

The tentative schedule of games is:

Canton high school, (night game), there, Oct. 6; Brevard high school, there, Oct. 13; Murphy high school, here, Oct. 20; Cornelia (Ga.) high school, here, Oct. 27; Brevard high school, here, Nov. 3; open, November 10; Waynesville high school, (night game), there, Nov. 17; Murphy high school, there, Nov. 23.

## Rites For Reimer Infant Held At Bethel Church

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Roosevelt Reimer were held at the Bethel Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

The mother, Mrs. Reimer, was the former Miss Johnnie Nix and the father is serving in the United States Army.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### CPL. JAMES N. HUNT

Cpl. James N. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hunt of Franklin, is completing his training on a Liberator bomber at Pueblo Army Air base. He is the radio operator on his crew, and is being fitted to be a valuable member of a team that will carry the fight into enemy territory. Hunt entered the service in July 1943.

### LIEUT. JOS. L. CLARK

Second Lieut. Joseph Logan Clark, of Gainesville, Ga., spent his ten-day furlough with his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Clark at Cullasaja, and parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clark of Gainesville, Ga. Lieut. Clark is formerly of Macon county. He graduated at River Bend high school, Georgia and took two years college at Rabun Gap, Ga.

Lieut. Clark took his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and five months' college at C. T. D., Erskine College, at Due West, S. C. He took his flight training in the Southeast, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and Tennessee. He received his wings at Columbus Army Air Field, Miss. the 8th day of Sept. 1944. He will report from here to Henrich Field, Sebring, Fla. for first pilot training B-17 flying fortress.

Pfc. Ernest L. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Holland of Cullasaja is spending a 15-day furlough at home. He is stationed at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala.

1/C George N. McPherson, son of Mrs. J. M. McConnell, of spending a 21-day leave at home.

S 1/C James M. McConnell, son of Mrs. J. M. McConnell of Prentiss has returned to Camp Peary, Va. after spending a seven-day leave at home.

## Health Clinic Held Monday, October 2

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held Monday, October 2, from 1 to 3 o'clock, p. m. at the Macon County Health Department office.

Services offered include infant and maternal welfare preschool children, maternal hygiene and immunizations.

## Dr. W. E. Furr Speaks At Lions Club Meeting

Dr. W. E. Furr, chairman War Price Rationing Board of Macon County, spoke on the importance of the Office of Price Administration and its work at a meeting of the Franklin Lions Club, Monday, September 25, at the Dixie Grill.

The Lions Club has received a letter from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Catawba County Chapter for the contribution made to the Emergency Polio Hospital at Hickory.

Also a letter has been received from the Macon County Board of Charities and Welfare reporting on the eye clinic through which thirty-three people have received service. Seven children of school age have been supplied with glasses by the Lions Club.

## BAPTIST PASTORS TO MEET MONDAY IN FRANKLIN

The regular monthly meeting of the Macon County Baptist Pastors will be held at 11 o'clock, Monday, Oct. 2, at the Baptist church, Franklin. All pastors are urged to attend.

## Dr. George Bellingrath To Preach Here Sunday

Dr. George Bellingrath will preach at the Presbyterian church at the regular Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Four Men Casualties In Overseas Fighting

### LIEUT. CHARLES M. HUNTER



KILLED IN ACTION

## Burning Permits Regulations For Brush Announced

Your cooperation is requested in preventing forest fires this fall. Our trees are fighting too. We must protect them. We will also need them, after we have won the war.

According to County Forest Warden, J. Fred Bryson, of the Division of Forestry, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, there are numerous ways forest fires can be prevented. When you have brush or other debris that needs to be burned, see your Forest Warden for advice on how to burn and when to burn. You must obtain a Burning Permit if brush or other material is burned between the first day of October and the thirteenth day of November, or between the first day of February and the first day of June.

The State Forest Fire Law says, "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material, in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the First day of February and the First day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the thirteenth day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents, a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

**TO BRUSH AND SEDGE**  
1. Clear Strips—Plow a clean strip all around the field, wide enough to keep the fire from getting away.  
2. Pile Brush—Make small piles in the open away from woods and fences.  
3. Have Tools and Help—Call in your neighbors to help. Have rakes and water ready. Don't burn on a windy day.  
4. Burn Against Wind—Set fire in grass along the edge of the plowed strip to burn into the wind. Burn brush piles from the leeward and start on the uphill side of the field first. Burn one pile to test the wind; then only as many at one time as you know you can handle.  
5. Burn on Quiet, Moist Days—Burn after 4 p. m. when air moisture is increasing. Be particularly careful during the worst fire months—March, April, and November.  
6. Cut Before Leaving—Keep at least one man on the job until every spark is out.

Burning permits may be secured from the following: Register of Deeds Office; Ranger John Wasilk, Jr.; County Warden; or any fire town.

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## Nantahala Lake Closes To Fishing Saturday

The Nantahala Lake closes to fishing on Saturday September 30, J. Fred Bryson, game warden, announced this week.

The lake will be open to fishermen again on June 10 of next year although fishing will be allowed on Easter Sunday and

## Two Macon Men Killed; One Missing; One Wounded

Three Macon County men were reported casualties this week according to word received here from the War and Navy Departments. They were: killed, Lieut. Charles M. Hunter, Pfc. John G. Hauser; missing, Pfc. George T. Martin; wounded, S 1/c Clarence I. Miller.

### LIEUT. CHAS. M. HUNTER

Lieut. Charles M. Hunter, son of Mrs. Pearl Hunter and the late Nicholas J. Hunter of Franklin, has been reported killed in action according to word received by his mother from the War Department Monday. He had been previously reported missing in action on August 18.

Lieut. Hunter had been overseas for seventeen months and had been wounded during the campaign to capture Rome, the Italian capital. He entered service in September, 1941. He received training at several camps before he was commissioned at Fort Benning, Ga. in February, 1943.

Lieut. Hunter was a graduate of Franklin high school and the University of North Carolina. Before entering the service, he was budget director for B. F. Goodrich Company, Macon, Ga.

Survivors in addition to his mother include: one brother, Nicholas Hunter, stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. in the navy; one sister, Miss Ida Lee Hunter, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and others.

### PFC. JOHN G. HAUSER

Pfc. John G. Hauser was killed in action in France on September 17, according to word received here by his mother, Mrs. Betty A. Hauser of Franklin. Pfc. Hauser was 36 years old, the son of the late Luther W. Hauser.

He entered service in May, 1942 and took training at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla. In October, 1942, the infantry unit with which he served landed in England and he went to France on the first day of the invasion of the Brittany coast.

Before entering the service, Pfc. Hauser was employed by the Bryant Funeral Home and Furniture Co. for ten years.

He is survived by his mother, four brothers, Quince, James K., of Franklin, Milton, of Winston-Salem, and William; with the infantry somewhere in France.

### PFC. GEORGE T. MARTIN

Pfc. George T. Martin has been reported missing in action on August 30, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. J. L. Martin of Franklin, route 1. He is the son of the late Rev. J. L. Martin.

Pfc. Martin received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C. and Ft. Meade, Md. In June, he arrived in England with the infantry unit to which he was attached.

He is a graduate of Franklin high school and entered service soon after his graduation in 1943. He was home on furlough in May, 1944 for fourteen days.

### S 1/C CLARENCE I. MILLER

S 1/C Clarence I. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Miller has been awarded the purple heart for injuries received in invasion landings off Perry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, according to a navy press release received here. He is now on duty at the Navy yard, Washington, D. C.

S 1/C Miller has been serving with the Navy since March, 1943.

## Large Potatoes, Corn Grown by Macon Farmers

Fred W. Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hyatt have raised a yield of exceptionally large potatoes from 100 lbs. of certified Sequoyah potatoes, on a piece of land jointly farmed on the Highland Road, two miles from Franklin. One potato brought to the Press office weighed two pounds and two ounces.

Mr. Horn also reports that on another piece of land he has grown a stalk of corn fourteen feet, two inches tall, and the lowest ear of corn is eight and one-half feet from the ground.