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Macon County Again Over-Subscribes In Polio Drive

Reach Total Of \$1,740.23; \$600.00 Turned In By Highlands

Macon county has again rallied to a worthy call and cause and over-subscribed their quota of \$1,215 in the Infantile Paralysis campaign, it has been announced by Richard S. Jones, chairman of the Drive.

Mr. Jones reported that a total of \$1,740.23 had been turned into the local treasurer, and that the county would keep one-half of the amount to help fight in polio epidemics. This was more than double the amount raised in the county last year.

The report given by Mr. Jones include contribution from the following communities:

Franklin and vicinity donations which include contributions from the Carpenter-Anderson String Band, \$20.00; Franklin Lions Club and President's Ball \$114.85; Wayah Depot \$10.00; coin boxes, \$36.10; Macon Theatre \$178.32, and individual contributions by Franklin residents \$421.95, making a total of \$781.22.

The contribution from Highlands residents totaled \$600.00; Iotla school, \$18.00; Nantahala Station \$9.00; Slagle School \$9.47; Slagle community \$24.50; Soaly community \$10.25; Cowee school benefit \$156.63; Holly Springs Baptist church \$8.60; Otto school \$49.56; and Otto dance \$73.00.

Mr. Jones was highly pleased with the way the people throughout the county responded to the cause, and that we were able to meet our quota so promptly.

Income Tax

Returns Must Be Filed By March 15

A notice has been received from the Collector of Internal Revenue, stating that he will be at the Macon County courthouse on March 2-3 from 9 o'clock until 5 o'clock each day to give any advice or assistance needed with no charge for his service.

Your income tax return for the calendar year 1944 must be filed not later than March 15, 1945. While most taxpayers have already made substantial payments on their 1944 Federal tax through withholding from their wages or direct payments to the Collector, but, nevertheless all taxpayers must file annual returns on or before March 15, 1945, as provided by law.

Those who must file a return before March 15 will be the persons whose total income in 1944 was \$500 or more, and the form to be used will be either your withholding receipt or Form 1040.

Transportation

Committee To Review All War Necessity Certificates

The Office of Defense Transportation has made a very careful survey regarding the critical shortage of trucks and gasoline Robert Fulton, Chairman Chairman Macon County AAA Committee, announced here today.

This survey revealed that "unless all unnecessary travel by farm trucks is eliminated there will not be sufficient gasoline to take care of the critical needs," he declared.

Mr. Fulton pointed out that, "in many instances, gasoline has been issued for farm trucks, based on the fact that the applicants received consideration for such allocations of gasoline by indicating that they were taking care of the essential hauling in the community, or of the transportation of certain farmers. Investigations revealed that at least a half on truck owners had been issued gasoline for the same purpose and in many instances, farmers were taking care of their own transportation."

The AAA leader cited cases where gasoline had been issued to applicants for pick-up trucks to carry on farming operations and it was later found that

Sgt. James Howard Vinson Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vinson, of the Smith Bridge township, have received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Sgt. James Howard Vinson was reported to be missing in action in Belgium on December 21.

Sgt. Vinson who was serving in armored infantry, went overseas on April 10, 1944. He entered the services on March 10, 1942 at Fort Bragg and took his basic training at Camp Polk, La., later was transferred to California for a nine months' period before being returned to Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. James Higdon Wounded In Belgium

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Higdon, of Franklin route 4, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. James D. Higdon, who is serving with the First Army since his arrival in England, in February, 1944, was wounded in Belgium on January 15. He was in France during the invasion.

Pvt. Higdon took his basic training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and at Camp Reynolds, Pa.

He wrote his parents that he had a compound fracture of his right leg below the knee, his left hip knocked out of place and serious injuries to his face and head. Prior to entering the services, he was employed at the LaTourneau Machine Shop at Toccoa, Ga., for the past year. He is a graduate of the Franklin high school.

Pfc. William Hauser Missing In Action

Pfc. William R. Hauser, who is serving in the Infantry, was reported by the War Department to be missing in action in the European theatre on January 21.

Pfc. Hauser, son of Mrs. Betty Hauser and the late L. W. Hauser, of Franklin, was sent from the Morganton draft board in the latter part of 1943. He had been employed as manager of the North Wilkesboro Dixie Home Store at the time he went into service, and prior to leaving Franklin about 1935 he was employed in the City Market.

Pfc. Hauser's wife, the former Miss Musette Harbison, and small daughter, are now residing in Morganton.

A brother, Pfc. John G. Hauser, who was also serving in the infantry, was killed in action in France on September 7, 1944.

Rev. W. J. Huneycutt To Preach At Union Sunday

Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, minister at the Franklin Methodist church, is to preach at the Union Methodist Church, Macon Circuit, next Sunday night, February 11, at 7:30. The topic upon which he will speak is "Crusading For Christ." In making the announcement, Rev. V. N. Allen, the pastor, is inviting all citizens in the community to attend.

M/Sgt. Pangle Purchase Marchetti Farm

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Zeb T. Pangle, of Charlotte, have purchased the Louis Marchetti farm near Otto in the Smith Bridge township and are moving to their new home this week to spend a short while at present. M/Sgt. Pangle, who has been in the 9th Air Force in France for the past three years, has only recently been returned to the states.

the trucks were used, 90 per cent of their operations, for pleasure driving.

"Something must be done about the gasoline that has been allotted for essential use and used for non-essential purposes," he said. "In an effort to eliminate such waste and to be assured that our most essential transportation can be carried on, the Macon County Farm Transportation Committee has been asked to review all Certificates of War Necessity in Macon County," he concluded.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

CPL. KENNETH EVANS



Cpl. Kenneth Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Evans of Iotla is now stationed somewhere in France. He has been stationed overseas for the past 15 months. Prior to entering service he was employed in Raleigh and Virginia.

EM 3/C H. B. ANGEL



EM 3/C H. B. Angel, son of Mrs. A. A. Angel of Franklin and husband of Mrs. Mary Anne Bryson Angel, of Waynesville, is now stationed in Hawaii. He entered the service as a volunteer on April 9, 1944, and received his boot training at Camp Perry, Va. He spent a leave with his wife, prior to being transferred to the Hawaiian Islands.

Before entering service he was manager of the Haywood Monument Company in Waynesville, and Canton.

Cpl. Lewis Vanhook Prisoner Of Germany

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vanhook, of the Prentiss section of Macon county, have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Lewis F. Vanhook, stating that he had been a prisoner of the German War since he had been reported to be missing in action in France on October 11, 1944.

Cpl. Vanhook volunteered into the armed forces in 1940, and took his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was later sent to Atergery, Ind., for his advanced training before he was sent to overseas duty in January, 1944.

Cpl. Vanhook, who was in the battle of Normandy, went in on July 14 and was wounded on July 16. He was a patient in a hospital until the 1st of September when he rejoined his company in Holland about the 2nd day of October and was then reported to be missing on October 11th.

He wrote his parents that he was getting along nicely and that the boys received Red Cross packages every week and that it was through their help that caused him to get his Christmas packages. He also said he was looking forward to getting out of prison.

He is with Vick Queen, who is anxiously looking forward to a message from his people.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanhook have two other sons in the Armed forces. They are Sgt. Clarence Vanhook, stationed in Italy,

BM 1/C EARL GRAY



BM 1/C Earl Gray recently returned to San Francisco, Calif., after a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Ila Mae Shields and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray of Franklin route 2. MB 1/c Gray entered service in January 1942.

He has one brother serving overseas, Pvt. Clyde Gray, who was wounded in Germany December 24. He is now in a hospital.

Five Macon Students In Cullowhee Play

Five Western Carolina Teachers College's students from Macon county are playing in "Skin of our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder, which is being produced by the Western Carolina Players in the college auditorium at Cullowhee, Wednesday evening February 21.

Ida Mae Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dowdy; Maxie Wright, daughter of Mrs. Helen Wilson; Frank Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray, Sr.; Clayton Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ramsey, and Mary Raby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Raby are all taking part in the production.

Ramsey is a junior in the college and has been active in dramatics for two years. Miss Raby is a junior, and the other three students are freshmen.

"Skin of our Teeth" which was on the New York stage for two years has been one of Mr. Wilder's most successful plays.

It won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1943, his third Pulitzer prize and his second drama prize. His first drama prize was on "Our Town" in 1938, which was presented by the Western Carolina Players in the fall of 1940.

Franklin Churches To Unite In World Day Of Prayer

In co-operation with churches throughout the world, the Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist churches of Franklin are uniting in the observance of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 16.

Rev. A. Rufus Morgan is to lead the service which is to be held in the Methodist church at 7:30 in the evening.

Everyone is urged to attend.

City Aldermen To Meet In Call Session Feb. 12

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of Aldermen on Monday evening, Homer Cochran, chief of police for the town of Franklin for the past two years, tendered his resignation to take effect on February 28.

The Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday night, February 12 at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering applications which might be submitted for the place, it has been announced by E. W. Long, clerk for the town of Franklin.

and Cpl. Charley Z. Vanhook, who recently returned from the Panama Canal Zone where he spent 30 months.

Need For Red Cross Aid Greater Than Ever Before

Important Notice!

Many subscriptions to The Press for servicemen overseas have expired. Much as we would like to continue seeing that the boys in the front lines get the news from Macon county, postal regulations require that we DROP SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE IN ARREARS.

If you have a son, daughter, or husband overseas with the Army, Navy or Marines for whom you subscribed for The Press, please call at once and check to see if your subscription is paid up-to-date, bring with you his or her latest address, including the Army post office number.

This is important! Do it today or as soon as possible! Without the correct address and paid-up subscription, your loved ones overseas will not be getting local news and only in The Press.

Classifications

Announced By Local Service Board

The Local Selective Service Board announced the following classifications February 3.

I-A: James McClure, Martin Luther Angel, Sanford Earnest Mann, Lewis Webb, William David Frady, Robert Carl Donaldson, Paul Edwin Oliver.

II-A: Clyde William Clark, Frank Dover Hurst, Berlin Ellis Duvall, Canton Henry, Thomas Lenard Henry, Terry Hall Bolick, Donald Holland, James Andrew Reeves, James Fred Carpenter, Andrew Carl Bryson, Joseph Clinton Brookshire, Ed Green, Oscar Lafayette Wilburn, Ray John Bryson, William Maurice Cleaveland, Clingman Woodrow Mason, William Henry Peek, Jr., R. L. Long, George Rogers Hurst, Joseph Prince Shepherd, Lon Stanley Mack, Richard Webb, Grover Webb, David Lee Fox, Earl Parker, James Robert Mason, Lawson John Brown, Joe Arthur Lee.

II-B: James Sanders, Roy T. Mason, Ralph Jones, Richard Darewood Carson, John David Hopkins, Cecil Tallent, George Dewey McClure, Jesse Lyle West, Jr., James Clifton Wilkes, Claude Bradley, James David Tallent, William Pherson Stamey, Arthur Junior Hurst.

4-F: Harold Eugene Speed, Clyde Raymond Dills.

4-A: Nathan Brendle, Fred Jay Holland.

On February 8, 1945, the Local Selective Service Board announced the following classifications:

I-A: Ira Lawton Keener, Truman Rogers, Graham David Love, col., Lon Stanley Mack, William Daly Burtchael.

II-A: Fred Gene Guffey, George McPherson Slagle, Mack Edwin Norris, William Howard Denny, Robert Columbus Bowers, James Albert Mason, William Bulgin McGuire, Erastus Herbert Mason, Tim McMahan, Carl Bascom Carpenter, Buren Van Owenby, George Glenn Dowdle, Harley Vernon Houston, Lenard Clark Brown, Harold Gordon Woody, Harvey Lee Brown, Willie Richard Guffey, Lewis Lee Fouts, Remon Tanner Fouts.

II-B: Rufus Clinton Byrd, Bob Witt, Ennis Denver Chambers, Hardin Ammons Gribble.

I-C: Thomas Ira Miller.

IV-F: Hayes Edward Buchanan.

JAMES N. HUNT PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

A report from the Eighth Air Force Liberation station in England states that James N. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hunt, of Franklin route 2, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sgt. Hunt is a radio operator gunner on a B-24 Liberator. He entered the armed forces on July 6, 1943 and was sent to overseas duty on October 22, 1944. Prior to entering the armed forces he was a student at the University of North Carolina.

Drive Begins March 1st To Raise Macon's Quota of \$6,700

On March 1 the American Red Cross will open its appeal for \$6,700 in Macon county to continue its world-wide operation with battle front troops, in hospitals and on the home front.

This quota of \$6,700 for the Macon County Chapter represents an increase of \$200 above that assigned to us last year. It is our share of the national goal of \$180,000,000 required to carry the various Red Cross services throughout the year," stated Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, chairman of the Macon County 1945 War Fund.

"American men have been fighting throughout the world for a long time," he stated. "This year they will need all the moral support we can give them. The American Red Cross is bringing home to those men wherever they may be stationed.

"The task in the next twelve months will be greater for the Red Cross than ever before, for not only must we serve the men in the war zones, but we will be required to give increasing assistance to the boys coming back to the United States."

Outlines Achievements

Outlining achievements of the Red Cross during the past year, Mr. Huneycutt declared the Red Cross is serving in every theater of war and with every command. Red Cross workers also are on duty at scores of out-posts over the world, are giving aid to wounded men in hospitals in major battle areas and in the United States, he said. The total number of workers has more than doubled since the last War Fund campaign.

In every invasion during the past year, he pointed out, the Red Cross has either gone with the troops, or has followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Home Front Service Expands

Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever-increasing demand upon it, Mr. Huneycutt said. Over ten million pints of blood have been obtained since the war started, and during the past year the Red Cross has met the requests of both the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to battle areas in Europe and in the Far East.

Millions of surgical dressings have been prepared for front line and hospital use. Trained nurse's aides have been used in increasing numbers in domestic military and naval hospitals to relieve in the shortage of professional nurses.

Red Cross workers at package centers have maintained a steady stream of Prisoner of War Food Parcels for shipment to Germany and to the Far East.

Aid For Disasters

Neither has the Red Cross relaxed in its traditional service to humanity in time of disaster, Mr. Huneycutt said. More than 200 domestic disasters have found Red Cross workers on the job to relieve stricken families and to aid in the rebuilding of communities. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been poured out to rebuild homes destroyed by floods, high winds and fires.

Meanwhile Red Cross production workers in hundreds of communities have continued the never ceasing program of making warm garments for destitute civilians in war torn countries overseas, and in those countries the Red Cross has assisted the Army in caring for refugees and homeless people.

PFC. PIERSON TRANSFERRED TO NEW MEXICO

Pfc. William P. Pierson, son of Mrs. Lillie M. Pierson, of Highlands, is now stationed at Fort Sumner Army Air Field, Fort Sumner, N. M., according to a release from Fort Sumner.

Pfc. Pierson was a real estate and insurance salesman in Highlands prior to entering the armed forces in January, 1943.