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War Being Declared On Rats In Macon County

Eradication Campaign To Begin April 25 Thru 28; Prizes Awarded

The rat population in Macon County is at least one rat for every person and head of livestock. This would mean that there is at least 30,000 rats in the county, according to Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent.

The average loss per rat is at least \$2.00 per year. This would mean that the loss of food and feed caused by rats in Macon county would amount to \$60,000.

Mr. Mendenhall states that it is planned to conduct a rat killing campaign on the 25, 26, 27, and 28 of April. This campaign will be conducted under the supervision of L. C. Whitehead, in charge of rodent control for the state working with the vocational department and county agents office of this county.

Sufficient bait for the majority of the farms of Macon county may be secured for around \$1 per farm. This bait is not poison to anything other than rats.

Prizes will be given to school children who turn in the most orders for the poison bait, and all school children are eligible to enter the contest.

In outlying communities the bait will be delivered to a central point where farmers may secure it without much difficulty. Every farmer is urged to take part in this campaign in an effort to rid his farm and the county of rats. Orders should be placed immediately so that it can be determined how much material it will be necessary to purchase to mix the bait. Orders will be taken by school children or they may be turned into the county agents' office or to the vocational department of the Franklin high school. In order that material may be purchased to mix the bait all orders must be accompanied by \$1.00 for each package desired. Each package contains about 2 3/4 pounds of poison bait.

Contest for School Children

Any boy or girl attending school in Macon county is eligible to enter the contest selling rat poison. All orders must be accompanied with \$1.00 for each package ordered. Blanks for recording purchases, name, address and amount of poison desired may be secured at the county agents office or from the vocational department at the Franklin high school.

The prizes to be awarded are:

- First prize, \$50.00 War Bond, Bank of Franklin.
- Second prize, \$25.00 War Bond, Franklin Rotary Club.
- Third prize, \$25.00 War Bond, Future Farmers of America.
- Fourth prize, \$25.00 War Bond, Demonstration Farm Association.
- Fifth prize, \$10.00, Wiley Brown and Lawrence Liner.
- Sixth prize, \$8.00, Reeves Hardware Co.
- Seventh prize, \$6.00, Macon County Supply Co.
- Eighth prize, \$5.00, Franklin Hardware Co.
- Ninth prize, \$4.00, Western Auto Associate Store.
- Tenth prize, \$3.00, Roy F. Cunningham.

The contest is open now and will be closed on April 7th. No orders will be taken after that time.

For full details see S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, or E. J. Whitmire, agricultural teacher.

Box And Pie Supper At Clark's Chapel

A box and pie supper will be held on Friday night at the Clark's Chapel schoolhouse and the proceeds will be given to the Macon county Red Cross Funds. It has been announced by Mrs. Hazel Sutton. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Steele returned Monday evening from Knoxville, Tenn., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Steele's sister, Mrs. Ben McNutt, of Knoxville, who leaves besides her husband, Ben McNutt, five sons, one daughter; her mother, Mrs. Ruth Brewer, and several brothers and sisters who reside in Knoxville, and Sevierville, Tenn.

Lewis P. Holland Seriously Wounded



A telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holland, of the Gneiss community, stating that their son, Sgt. Lewis R. Holland, had been seriously wounded in action on February 2.

The parents received a letter this week from their son saying that he was improving. He has been in overseas service for the past two years.

Sgt. Holland has a brother, Pfc. Sam L. Holland, who has been in service for the past 15 months. He is still stationed in the states.

Grandson Of Mrs. R. C. Sutton Seriously Wounded

Mrs. R. C. Sutton, of Franklin route 4, has had a message that her grandson, Sgt. Robert Tilson, of Canon City, Colo., had been seriously wounded in action in Luxembourg, Germany, on February 12.

Sgt. Tilson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tilson, of Canon City, Colo., formerly of Franklin. Mr. Tilson is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jake C. Tilson, of Gneiss and Mrs. Tilson is the daughter of Mrs. R. C. Sutton.

Sgt. Tilson was serving as a combat engineer with the Third Army.

Awarded Medals



First Lt. Frank M. Higdon, Jr. of Franklin, who has been listed as missing in action over Hungary since last July, has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, which were accepted by his wife, the former Miss Ruth Higgins, of Franklin, also present for the ceremony were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, of Franklin.

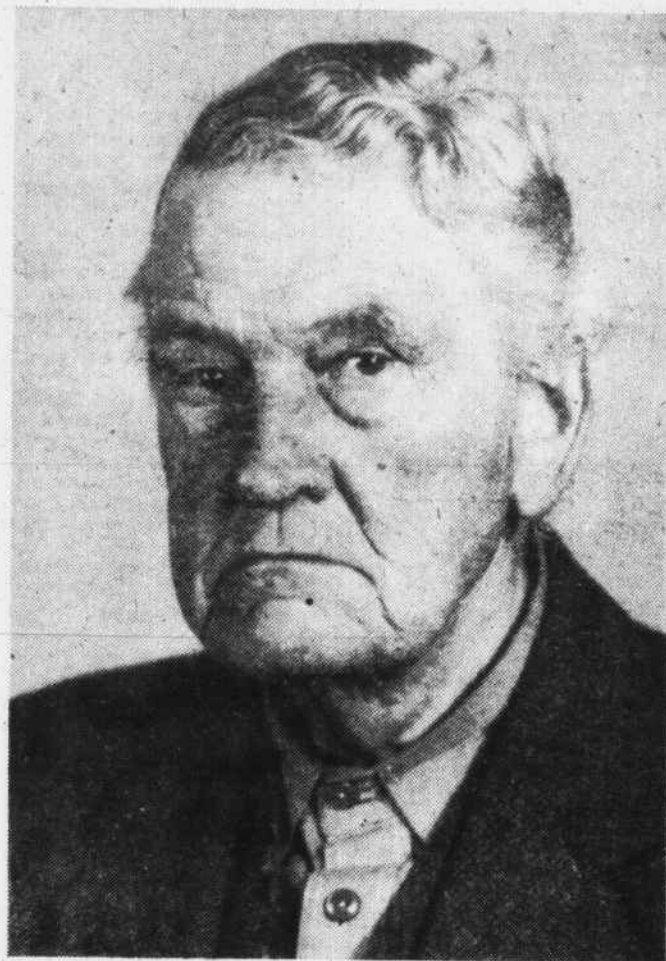
Lt. Higdon had been overseas since April, flying a P-38. He had completed 25 missions over enemy territory. His squadron holds the Presidential Unit citation.

Rummage Sale Saturday, March 10

There will be a rummage sale on Saturday morning near the C. T. Blaine Seed Store on West Main street, sponsored by the pupils of the fifth grade in the Franklin school. The proceeds derived from the sale will be used to buy furnishings for their room. Various articles of clothing will be on display.

Colonel Howard, who has been serving in the South Pacific for several months, is spending his furlough here with his wife and relatives at near Otto.

Mayor John Odell Harrison



OLDEST CITIZEN IN MACON DIES

John O. Harrison, Mayor Of Franklin, Passes Monday

John Odell Harrison, 85, one of Franklin's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home on Harrison avenue on Monday morning at 10:45 o'clock following a serious illness of four months.

Born on June 20, 1859, a son of the late Page Harrison and Mary Gillespie Harrison, he had lived in Macon county his entire life. On October 31, 1883 he was married to Miss Althea Olivia Nolen, of this county who preceded him in death on April 6, 1930.

Mr. Harrison was a traveling salesman for the Carhart Coffee House, in New York for 30 years and following his retirement he was elected as chairman of the County Board of Commissioners in 1928 for a two-year term and was re-elected to the same office in 1930. He was also elected on the Board of Aldermen for the town of Franklin in May 1939 for a two-year term and served in this capacity until September 1940 when he was appointed as Mayor to fill the unexpired term of J. Frank Ray, who resigned. This office he was holding at the time of his passing.

Mr. Harrison was one of the oldest members in the Franklin Methodist church, having joined in 1882. He was presented a certificate of honor by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor, in 1939 in recognition of his being the oldest member in the church. He also took an active interest in the civic affairs of his town and county and especially was he interested in the young men in service from our county. He was a member of the Masonic Order, Junaluske Lodge No. 145 and was one of their oldest members. He had served in various capacities of the lodge.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church with the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor, officiating. Members of the Masonic Order served as pallbearers and were in charge of the final rites at the graveside. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters, Horace Harrison, of Boston, Mass., Clifford and John O. Harrison, Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ben Harrison, of Franklin, Mrs. Harry F. Jordon, of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Amy Harrison, of Franklin. Also 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One brother, J. M. Harrison, Franklin route 1, and

Red Cross Fund Director Stresses Need To Meet Quota

With the responsibilities of the Red Cross Chapter increasing as more of our Macon county boys are being wounded and made prisoners of war, an appeal is being made to our citizens to contribute more generously to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund campaign than ever before.

On the basis of our limited preliminary reports, the drive is making splendid progress and the total turned into the treasury \$2,139.36, with more than \$1,300 of this collected by Vic Perry and A. B. O'mohundro on the main streets of Franklin. It has been reported by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, chairman of the Macon county drive. However, we are far short of the county's quota of \$6,700.

"We must do our very best for our men and women in the armed forces," Mr. Huneycutt said, "then we can face them with a clear conscience when they return home. To fail them in this Red Cross effort would be to gamble lightly with their souls. I have confidence that all our citizens will do their best," he stated.

NOLEN N. BUCHANAN WINS PROMOTION

Nolen M. Buchanan, who is serving with the United States Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion stationed in the Pacific area, has been promoted to technician fifth grade.

He also wears the good conduct ribbon and a bronze battle star on his Asiatic Pacific ribbon for his participation in the Marshalls campaign last year.

Pfc. E. Carr Rickman Wounded In Germany

Mrs. Nell P. Rickman has received word that her husband, Pfc. Ellis C. Rickman, was seriously wounded February 7, while serving with an Engineer Unit in Germany. He is the son of R. R. Rickman and the late Mrs. Rickman of West's Mill, Macon county, and was employed by Canton Forge and Axle Co., of Canton, Ohio, before entering service September, 1943. He received his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Belvoir, Va., before going overseas in July.

Pfc. Rickman's wife and small son are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Parrish, of Bryson City.

A letter from Pfc. Rickman since the message was received states that he is getting along very nicely.

two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Ray, of Franklin and Mrs. Betty Baty, of Greenville, S. C.

Potts Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Injuries Fatal To Joseph Conley, 13, Of Franklin

Sgt. Woody Wounded Four Times In Service



Sgt. Harry Woody arrived in Franklin Monday for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Woody at their home on Franklin route 3.

Sgt. Woody, who has spent the past 18 months in overseas service, has been wounded four times. He received his first wound on July 29 in France and on August 23, he was again wounded in France. The third wound was received on October 2, in Germany and the fourth wound was on December 23 in Belgium. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, and Three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following his furlough, Sgt. Woody will report to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for re-location. He has a brother, Frank B. Woody, who is with the Military Police stationed in England, that visited him on three different occasions while he was over seas.

Sgt. Woody is the nephew of Mrs. Ferdie Higdon of Franklin.

Lieut. J. B. Bryson Killed On Luzon Jan. 31

Second Lieut. J. B. Bryson, son of the late Mrs. J. B. Bryson and Mr. Bryson of the Cullasaja section of Macon county, was reported by the War Department to be killed in action on Luzon on January 31, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Hazel May Bryson, who with her young son, reside in Hendersonville with Lt. Bryson's sister, Mrs. F. A. Henson, and Mr. Henson.

Lt. Bryson, who attended the Franklin high school, entered the armed forces in June, 1935, while living in Asheville, and was sent to overseas service in March, 1944.

Besides the widow and small son, the father, and several brothers and sisters survive.

S/Sgt. Bumgarner Dies From Wounds Feb. 20

Mrs. O. C. Bryant has had a message that her brother, S/Sgt. J. Berlin Bumgarner, who was wounded in action in France on February 19, died in a hospital in England on the following day.

S/Sgt. Bumgarner was home on a short emergency furlough in July to attend the funeral of his father, R. C. Bumgarner, at Wilmot.

CAPTURES STILL ON BUCK CREEK

High Sheriff Bradley And Deputy Walter Dean Make Raid

Last week Sheriff J. P. Bradley and Deputy Walter Dean visited the Buck Creek section of Macon county where they found a copper still and equipment necessary to produce good "corn juice", including 600 gallons of beer about ready to run off, which was destroyed by the raiders. The still which was of good size, was brought back by the Sheriff and his Deputy for safe keeping and to prevent its operation illegally.

No arrests were made as the operators were not present at the time of the raid by the officers, and no whiskey was found on the premises.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Car Victim

Joseph Conley, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram Conley of near Franklin, died in the Angel hospital here on Monday morning at 5:50 o'clock of injuries sustained on Sunday morning about 9:30 o'clock when he walked into an automobile reported by officers to have been driven by Mrs. Harold Waldroop.

At an inquest held by George Wallace, coronor, witnesses testified that the youth walked from behind a car going west into the side of the car being driven by Mrs. Waldroop, who was traveling east, after he had alighted from his bicycle which he and James Greene had been riding. He received fractured skull, fractured spine, fractured collar bone and a crushed chest.

The Jurors, composed of Thad Dowde, Harley Roper, Oliver Hall, W. R. Stockton, S. H. Crunkleton and John Bingham, returned a verdict of an unavoidable accident.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Dryman's Chapel Methodist church near Otto, with the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Jack Reece, Ed Waldroop, Howard Reece, Alvin Stiles, James Green and Charles Wallace.

Surviving are the parents, one brother, Bill Conley, serving in France, and two sisters, Mrs. Alec Holbrooks, of Franklin route 2, and Betty Ann Conley at home.

The arrangements were under the direction of the Bryant Funeral Home.

Classifications Announced By Local Service Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board, March 2:

I-A: Went Horn Williams, Henry Monroe Ledford, Walter Davis Pressley, Fred Charles Jones, Dennis Davis Yonce, Mack Franks; William Earnest Dryman, Clyde Julius Ledford, Herbert Odellton Pendergraft, William Milo Cabe, Corbin A. Talley, Bill Dooley Morgan, William Jesse Munger, Dennis Blane Ghormley, George Taylor, John Paul Solesbee, Claude Bradley.

II-A: Earl Emory, Edgar James Tippet, William Carlos Newton, Leslie Jacobs Young, Charles Donald Raby, Trueman Alexander Owenby, Marshall Lawton Lowry, Vinson Mermon Southards, Roy, W. Moffitt, Garfield Jenkins, Paul Wesley Bryson, col., Alex Lawton Keener, Samuel Eugene Bryson, col., Ernest Jessie Keener, Jeff Carson Lambert, Harry O'Neal Burrell, Neville Oscar Buchanan.

II-B: Erwin Charles Rickman, Leroy Sylvester Smith.

IV-F: John David Hopkins, Bobby Fouts Sutton.

I-C: Clyde Edgar Jenkins. Classified by Appeal Board:

I-A: William Thomas Lloyd. The following men were forwarded to Fort Bragg on February 27, 1945 for induction into the Armed Forces: Paul Gray Ward, John Kennedy Moore, Joe L. Fouts, Austin Jenkins, James Paul Vinson, John Buford Gibson, William David Frady, Calvin Eugene Owenby, Charles Odell Roper, Eugene Albert Southard, D. C. Rogers, James Frederick Corpening, William Clyde Roane, Markos Newton Snyder, John Boyd Long, Frank Jones, Garfield Houston, Edgar James Gregory, Lonzo Woodard.

Ralph William Enloe, Frank Jackson Hannah and Homer Edison Stiwinter, who were listed on this call, were transferred to other boards for induction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Darnell and son, Frank, of Missoula, Mont., were visiting Mr. Darnell's sister, Mrs. Hunter Calloway and Mr. Calloway at their home on Bonny Crest Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Calloway is spending several days in Elberton, Ga., with her niece, Mrs. John Wall and Mr. Wall.