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## SUPERIOR TERM OF COURT TO BE HELD APRIL 16

Judge J. W. Pless Will Preside; Jurors Drawn For Spring Term

Jurors for the April term of Macon county Superior court were drawn at a session of the county commissioners. Judge J. W. Pless, of Marion, is the presiding Judge, and court is scheduled to open on Monday morning, April 16.

The commissioners made a motion to re-appoint Cecil L. Pendergrass to the Board of Welfare for a period of two years. Also to make a contribution of \$200 to the Macon County Chapter of American Red Cross.

Jurors drawn for the first week include:

Silas Jenkins, Gneiss; W. R. Watkins, Cullasaja; J. T. Moss, Gneiss; Frank Potts, Highlands; W. F. McDowell, Cullasaja; J. C. Gibson, Rt. 1; J. E. Allen, West's Mill; C. C. Stamey, Rt. 2; Jack Cansler, Franklin; J. W. Watts, Prentiss; Lawrence Moffitt, Prentiss; Jural Smith, Rt. 3; W. C. Arvey, Franklin; I. D. Leatherman, Leatherman; George R. Henson, Rt. 2; Claude Arnold, Cullasaja; Lawton Keener, Highlands; Harlie J. Bradley, Rt. 1, Dillard, Ga.; W. A. Hayes, Highlands; W. D. Welch, West's Mill; J. F. De-weese, Kyle; Roy Stiwinter, Cullasaja; Mell Cabe, Rt. 2; R. D. Brendle, Rt. 4; John Williamson, Rt. 1; Mack Moffitt, Franklin; Charles R. Phillips, Rt. 1; Joel M. Dalton, West's Mill; T. H. Barnes, Highlands; Frank C. Brown, Rt. 2; Pink M. Gregory, Rt. 2; Floyd Hall, Rt. 3; Carl Bolick, Gneiss; W. T. Fouts, Rt. 3; T. S. Speed, Highlands; C. A. Breedlove, Stiles.

**Second Week**  
M. B. Pendergrass, Kyle; A. O. Hicks, Kyle; Miller Richie, Kyle; R. H. Calloway, Highlands; W. E. Allen, West's Mill; R. F. Bryant, Rt. 3; Fred S. Moore, Rt. 1; W. Judd Roland, Rt. 3; Carl P. Cabe, Franklin; Dillard Frazier, Rt. 2; Frank Carpenter, Prentiss.

## Mail Schedule Changed On Sunday T. F.

Since March 1, all Sunday train mails over the Tallulah Falls Railway from Cornelia, Ga., to Franklin, have been delivered by bus, arriving at the Franklin post office at 11 a. m., and leaving the office at 11:30 a. m. This is the last dispatch on Sunday for mails connecting with mails in Cornelia, Ga. The daily mail will continue to arrive by train at 2 o'clock and leave the Franklin post office at 2:05 and leave the Franklin depot at 2:30 o'clock.

## Parent-Teachers To Meet Monday Night

The Franklin Parent-Teachers association will hold their regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium on Monday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A representative from the Health Department is expected to be present and will discuss "Health Needs of the Children of Macon County." All members are urged to attend.

## Sol Sanders Joins American Field Service

Sol Sanders, who recently joined up with the American Field Service, left New York on March 4, for overseas service. He was accompanied to New York by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, who stayed with him until he left. They also bought new merchandise for their store while away.

## FORD MANN PROMOTED TO SEAMAN SECOND CLASS

Ford Mann has been promoted from Seaman second to seaman first class in the United States Navy, according to a letter received by his wife. Seaman Mann recently spent a 17-day leave with his wife and two daughters, who were then living at Newton. They are now living on Franklin route 2. Seaman Mann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Mann, of Franklin route 2.

## Classifications

Announced By Local Service Board

The following classifications were reported by Local Board on March 9:

II-A—Went Horn Williams, Carl Juan McCall, James Sanders, Henry Monroe Ledford. By Appeal Board:

I-A—Carl Bernard Curtiss. The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board March 10, 1945:

I-A—Calvin Coolidge Douthit, Don Grady West, Lewis Eugene Gibson, Albert Lee Poindexter, Major L. Woods, Howard Cunningham, Dexter Wilson McConnell, Roy Lee Ramey, Gordon Hez Dills, George Burl Southards, Herman William Teem, Grover Wilson Sorrells, Robert V. Clampitt, Claude N. Holland, Sherman Claude McClure, John Thomas Roane, Floyd Thomas Long, H. B. Scott, John Webb, James Verlin Roper, Loyd Williamson, Edward Monroe Rogers, Wilford Howard Bradley, Edward Jordan Whitmire, R. L. Tallent, Verden Hughie Reeves, John Edward Alexander, Howard Crunkleton, Warren Woodrow Wilson, Jay Bryan Houston, Ralph Wayne Welch, Carl Henry Medlin, Glenn Wm. Watts, Ray McConnell, George Louie Webb, Edd Green, Joseph Prince Shepherd, Lenard Clark Brown.

II-A—William Gerdine Crawford, Clyde Julius Ledford, Sanford Earnest Mann, Lyman Wilson, Arthur Stanley Proctor, Carl Edward Webb, Henry Edgar McCall, Joseph Lucius Conley, James Theodore Rogers, George Clifford Arrant.

II-B—James Ardell Parrish. IV-F—Carl Junior Seagle, James Americus Mathis.

I-C—Willie Columbus Beeco, John Boyd Long, Frank Jones, James Paul Vinson, Garfield Houston, John Buford Gibson, Paul Gray Ward, Edgar James Gregory, William David Frady, Lonzo Woodard, Calvin Eugene Owenby, Charles Odell Roper, Eugene Albert Southard, D. C. Rogers, James Frederick Corpening, William Clyde Roane, Markos Newton Snyder, Joe L. Fouts.

## Awarded Purple Heart Posthumously

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sutton have received from the War Department the Purple Heart award posthumously for their son, Pfc. Joseph D. Sutton, for military merit and wounds received in action which resulted in his death on September 4, 1944, while serving in the European area. Also a certificate in memory and appreciation signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## Memorial Board

To Be Presented To High School at Franklin

The Physical Education girls of the Franklin high school will present a memorial board, with the names of the Macon county youths who attended the school and who gave their lives for their country, in a service to be held in the Franklin high school auditorium on Tuesday morning, March 20, beginning at 10:40 o'clock.

This board is a solid walnut cabinet with a glass door and the names of the boys stamped in gold on small wooden plaques which will be placed inside the cabinet.

Invitations are being mailed to the parents of all the boys, asking them to attend this dedication program, but in case anyone fails to get their invitation, they are asked to please consider this an invitation and attend this service.

Girls of the physical Education group, who are responsible for having this board made, could think of no more fitting memorial for their classmates and comrades than to place this memorial board in the auditorium where they gathered on so many previous occasions. This board will remain in the building and as time goes on, should more of our boys lose their lives, their names too, will be added to the list.

Buy more War Bonds now

## Men In Service

PASCHAL NORTON



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norton of the Otto section of Macon county, have three sons serving in the Navy.

Coxswain Paschal Norton, who entered the services in January 1942, is serving in the South Pacific. He is in the Seabees, and prior to entering the armed forces, he was manager of the Dixie Home Store here. He has been overseas for the past 22 months.

ERVIN NORTON



Merchant Mechanic 3/C Ervin Norton is now stationed in Port Humene, Calif. He entered the services in August 1943. He was a driver on the Smoky Mountain Trailway bus prior to going into the armed forces. He was recently home on a visit with his parents and wife, the former Miss Icelece Cochran, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Wounded In France

Pfc. Thomas Burgen Moses was seriously wounded in action in France on January 22, and is now in a hospital in England, according to a letter received from his mother, Mrs. Lena Mosteller, of Greer, S. C. She reports that Pfc. Moses is improving.

## PFC. WILLIAM M. ADAMS AWARDED BRONZE STAR

The Bronze Star has been awarded to Pfc. William M. Adams for action on Leyte. The citation accompanying the award read, in part: "For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from December 9 to December 31, 1944."

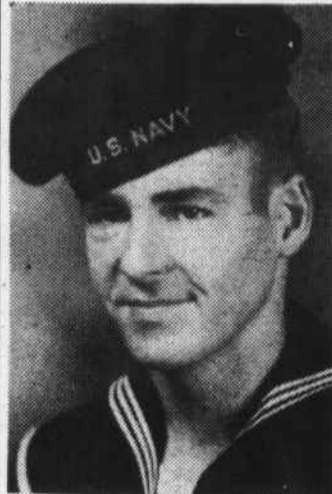
"Private Adams was a member of a howitzer section. During the operation he performed duties as acting chief of section for two days and at other times acted as gunner and number one man of the howitzer section. On December 15 and 16, in the city of Ormoc, Private Adams' duties made it necessary to expose himself to heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire. At all times he displayed aggressiveness and determination and his cheerful cooperation served as an inspiration to his battery."

Private Adams is a veteran of Guam as well, and before going into the army, made his home with his mother, Mrs. Lyda Katherine Adams, Ellijay.

## MERCUS D. MCCOY MADE CORPORAL

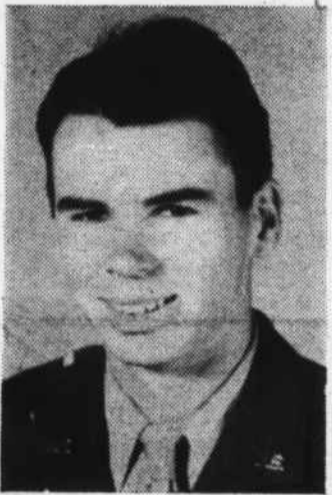
Mercus D. McCoy, who is stationed at Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., has added another chevron to his sleeve, raising him to the rank of corporal at this Marine Corps base. Corporal McCoy is the son of Mrs. Alaphair H. McCoy of Gneiss.

NEVILLE NORTON



Seaman 2/C Neville Norton is now stationed in Miami, Fla. He entered the services on November 18, 1944, and recently spent a 10-day furlough at home following the completion of his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. He was employed at "Wilmington, Del., by the Bond Bread truck prior to entering the services.

FLIGHT OFFICER GREEN



Flight Officer Homer L. Green, who is serving as a pilot for the past sixth consecutive months with the B-25 Mitchell bomber force, has topped all others in the Mediterranean Theatre of operations in bombing accuracy, according to a release from the 12th Army Air Force.

Flight Officer Green's group averaged above 90 per cent bombing accuracy in 96 straight attacks upon bridges, supply dumps and troop concentrations in enemy occupied Italy to set what is believed to be the world's record for precision bombing.

Flight Officer Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Green of Franklin route 1. He joined the Army Air Corps October 7, 1942, was called to active duty on February 7, 1943, received his pilot's wings and was appointed Flight Officer August 4, 1944. He went overseas the later part of December, 1944 after receiving his overseas training at the Greenville Army Air Base, Greenville, S. C. He made his first mission on January 1, 1945.

## E. G. CRAWFORD IN PHILIPPINES

Pfc. Emerson G. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crawford, of Franklin route 4, who entered the services in September, 1943, is now serving with a division in the Philippines. He has been there since November and said he would like to see some ice and snow.

Pfc. Crawford, a former teacher in the Macon county public schools, took his basic training at Camp Barkley, El Paso, Texas, William Beaumont General Hospital and at Camp Beal, Calif. Also at New Caledonia.

## MACON COUNTY BOY PROMOTED TO MAJOR

The many friends of Lawrence B. Curtis will be pleased to hear that in December last, he was promoted to Major.

Since last September he has been stationed in New Delhi, India and writes interesting letters of his duties, experiences and glimpses of various foreign lands.

Major Curtis spent his boyhood in Macon county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Curtis, now residing in Demorest, Ga.

## Red Cross War Fund Drive Exceeds Quota By \$809.68

Good War News From All Fronts

The latest war news, sent in by American reporters in Europe, says our Allied Armies are shoving the Germans around on their own front yard.

If all good reports are true of which we read, the war is drawing nearer the end with the Germans, unless Hitler and his gang have another surprise for our armies in Germany. This time, we believe, our officers are on the alert for any tricks Hitler may try to pull on us, let us hope so at least and may we take no chances on any unforeseen barrier to the complete overthrowing of Hitler and his Nazi supporters.

Also from the far Pacific comes encouraging news of progress on land and sea and in the air against the Japs with our armies ever pushing further and further toward Tokyo. Hasten the day when we have complete mastery of the sea lanes and islands now dominated by the sneaking Japs. The die is cast in our opinion and not too long, may we hope, that American and Chinese forces there may bring these merciless rascals to their knees.

Our bombing of Tokyo and other Jap cities as well as the blasting raids we are making upon their industries is having its effect on Japs morale and is breaking down their resistance on their home front.

May every true American work harder and pray more for the early defeat of the armies our soldiers are now facing on all war fronts, which would speed the return of our fighting forces to their homes and loved ones who are waiting for them everywhere.

## S/Sgt. Warren G. Owenby Wounded In Battle

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Owenby, of the Nantahala section of Macon county, have had a letter from their son, S/Sgt. Warren G. Owenby, who was wounded on February 8, stated that he had lost his right leg at the knee. His condition otherwise was reported to be satisfactory, and expects to be able to return to the states soon. He was previously wounded in July and later in August. He was serving in the infantry unit.

## Pvt. Clay Allman Loses Life On Leyte

Mrs. Edith Allman has received a letter from the War Department stating that her husband, Pvt. William Clay Allman, was killed on Leyte Island in action on February 10.

Pvt. Allman, who entered the armed forces on February 10, 1941, took his basic training at Fort Bragg, and later at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was given special training at a camp in San Francisco, Calif., before he was sent to overseas duties in November, 1944.

Pvt. Allman, a member of the forward observer team carried a heavy pack-board of radio equipment over difficult terrain and was under constant enemy fire. He was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic work.

Pvt. Allman is the son of Robert L. Allman and the late Mrs. Allman of Franklin. He was married to Miss Edith Waldrop, of Franklin route 1, who with his father and three sisters, Mrs. Bill Alexander, of Cleveland, Ga., Miss Ruth Allman, of Canton, Ohio, and Miss Eva Allman, of Baltimore, Md., survive. Also his step-mother, Mrs. Minnie Allman.

## Johnny Wooten Breaks Arm In Tricycle Wreck

Johnny Wooten, eight year son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wooten, of East Franklin broke his left arm on March 3, by riding a tricycle off the porch. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

## War And Rationing Board To Close 21, 22

The Local War Price and Rationing Board will be closed to the public next Wednesday and Thursday, March 21st and 22nd. W. E. Furr, Chairman

Total Of \$7,509.68 Raised; Highlands Reports Sum Of \$2,400

Latest reports of the present Red Cross War Fund Drive indicate that \$7,509.68 has already been raised by the Macon County citizens. Of this amount the substantial sum of \$2,400 is reported by the Highlands Branch, according to Claude Bolton, Macon county treasurer.

"This figure exceeds the quota of \$6,700 by a margin of \$809.68. Leaders in the Drive have expressed their hopes of reaching the \$10,000 mark," said Mr. Bolton.

"While this splendid report is to the credit of our citizens, the campaign should not come to a close until every adult in the county has been given the opportunity of making a maximum gift to this cause."

"This year a speed-up Campaign was emphasized and it is believed that the bulk of the work was done during the first week. While we are endeavoring to complete our efforts as soon as possible, the Campaign will officially remain open through March 31," said Mr. Bolton.

The Initial Gifts Committee, of which R. S. Jones is chairman, reports \$1,215. J. Ward Long, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee reports \$741. Andrew Ray, chairman of the colored people, has turned in an incomplete report of \$16.12. Certain items reported by the Initial Gifts and Special Gifts Committee are also reported elsewhere.

Reports by community chairmen are as follows:

Otto, Mrs. Will Parrish, \$322.85; Prentiss, Mrs. Jack Gribble, \$87.50; Skeenah, Mrs. Edwin Stiles, \$30.00; Patton, Harley Stewart, \$73.10; Rabbit and Cat Creek, John C. Ferguson, \$108.75; Iotla, Miss Nora Moody, \$88.00; Upper Cartoogehaye, Mrs. Joe Setser and Mrs. Carl Slagle, \$200.55; Lower Cartoogehaye, Mrs. J. R. Ray and Mrs. Jess Shope, \$118.75; Cowee, Liberty and Oak Grove, Edd Carpenter, Tom Rickman and Clyde West, \$467.09; Tellico, Bobby Ramsey, \$50.00; Cullasaja, Mrs. Tom Bryson, \$107.51; Pine Grove, Mrs. Merle Dryman and J. B. Brendle, \$58.76; Clark's Chapel, Charlie C. Sutton, \$137.94; Franklin, Ben McGlamery, \$2,570.26.

The report of the Town of Franklin by streets is as follows:

East Main, A. B. O'mahandro and Vic Perry, \$1,396.10; Bidwell, Mrs. Frank Higdon and Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, \$91.40; Harrison avenue, Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe and Mrs. Allen Brooks, \$200.00; West Main, Miss Elizabeth Slagle and Mrs. Ruth Ross, \$200.00; Georgia Road, Mrs. H. H. Gnuse and Mrs. W. V. Swan, \$20.50; Forest avenue and school, Mrs. John Archer and Mrs. Mac R. Whitaker, \$162.76; Palmer, Mrs. W. A. Rogers and Mrs. Jesse Conley, \$59.00; Iotla, Mrs. Hilda Shepherd, \$119.00; East Franklin (community), Mrs. M. A. Perce and Mrs. H. A. Wilhide, \$154.00; Depot street and Rogers Hill, Mrs. L. H. Page and Mrs. Grant Zickgraf, \$87.00; Riverview and White Oak, Miss Gladys Sellars, \$80.50.

## LOCAL SOLDIER AWARDED GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Pfc. Thomas J. Childers, Rt. 3, Franklin, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for fidelity, efficiency and exemplary behavior in the Italian campaign.

He is a member of the 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division, now fighting with the Fifth Army in the Apennine Mountains of Northern Italy.

## Three Franklin Boys Tried For Robbery

Nelson Jones, Zeb Jones and Carlton Martin, three Franklin boys, who were alleged to have stolen milk from residences on Iotla street, were tried before C. A. Setser, Justice of the Peace on Monday, and given a 30 days jail sentence.

This sentence was suspended for a period of two years, on the condition that they pay the cost of the court, be of good behavior and secure employment.