



### DINNER GIVEN BY FRANKLIN C. OF C.

#### Plans Formulated For Membership Drive For Ensuing Year

On Friday night, April 27, the directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce entertained the Soliciting Committee with a dinner at Cagle's Cafe for the purpose of organizing membership drive for the ensuing year. Those in attendance besides the directors were, Mrs. Allan Brooks, Mrs. Fred Grant, Mrs. Frank Killian, Miss Nora Moody, A. B. O'Mohundro, Vernon Fricks and A. G. Cagle. Norman Hawley and M. Perce will also serve on the soliciting committee but were unable to attend the dinner.

It was the general consensus of opinion that the Chamber of Commerce activities be enlarged so as to embrace the rural elements of the county. This year the Chamber of Commerce is fortunate in having as directors two outstanding agricultural men, Sam Mendenhall and Carl Slagle. Through the influence and knowledge of these two men the agricultural activities of the Chamber of Commerce will be greatly expanded and undoubtedly result in a better understanding between the business people of the town and the farmers of Macon county.

It is the plans to hold several general public meetings during the next year. These will be similar to the one held early in April. It is felt that meetings of this nature will aid the directors toward fulfilling their objectives and bringing about a finer spirit of cooperation among the citizenship of the county.

It is expected that this year's membership drive will result in the greatest number of members ever attained.

### Selective Service

#### Macon County Men Leave For Induction

The following men were forwarded to Fort Bragg on April 28 for induction in the Armed Forces:

Don Grady West, Howard Cunningham, Claude Bradley, Lewis Webb, Joe Arthur Lee, Calvin Coolidge Waters, Arnold Richmond Keener, Robert Carr Conley, Willis Leon Potts, Lawton Edward Houston, Furman Lee Peek, Eugene Brown, Robert Hughes, William Caswell Higdon, William Bert Neal, Richard Milton Fouts, who was transferred here from another board for induction, went with this group.

The following registrants with this board who were listed on this call were transferred to other boards for induction by them:

Bob Witt Frank Jackson, Hannah, John Alken Sprinkle, Wayne Cleveland Sanders.

George B. Patton spent Friday in Raleigh on business.

### To the People of this Community

Even if the war ended this very moment you still would be doing the best thing for yourself and your family by investing the biggest amount in War Bonds today you have ever saved for future spending.

From a strictly self-interest viewpoint you cannot afford to fritter away war wages in a market of scarce goods. New autos, new homes, new appliances, new radios, will not be coming off production lines instantly the last shot is fired by one of your tired relatives or friends. War Bonds will make wonderful peace-time investments when they mature \$4 for every \$3 you store away now.

P. S. Just to bring you out of that postwar dream, take another look at the headlines. There's still a war on. You and your money are needed to beat the Japs. The bonds you buy today are WAR BONDS. There'll be time 10 years hence for you to think of them as PEACE BONDS.

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### HITLER DEAD SAY GERMANS

#### His Death Is Broadcast Over German Radio In Berlin

A German radio has broadcast the death of Adolph Hitler, who they say was killed in the battle for Berlin; the Russians claim Hitler committed suicide, and the Americans believe he died of cerebral hemorrhage.

At any rate it is generally believed that Hitler is dead.

According to latest reports coming from Europe and published in our city daily papers, the war in Germany may soon be won by our fast traveling, hard hitting Allied armies now covering a great part of German territory. Berlin was reported to have fallen to the hands of the Russians on Wednesday, May 2.

Nazis by the thousands are laying down their arms to become captives of the Allied armies now fighting on German soil.

Let the home front in America keep working to maintain the greatest production in our war plants and private industries, buying war bonds, raising victory gardens, and in general producing more farm products than ever before which will help in forcing the surrender of our enemies everywhere on our terms, and at the same time our extra efforts will assure those doing the fighting that we Americans are doing our full part on the home front.

### Law Enforcement Officers Invited To Conference

The city of Brevard will play host on May 21 to law enforcement officers in this area who will attend a conference to be held by the FBI with the cooperation of officials of the city.

Mr. Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte FBI office, has announced that the conference will be highlighted by a colorful exhibition of trick shooting put on by Special Agent Daniel A. Hruska, firearms expert and instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has made arrangements for Agent Hruska to demonstrate the use of various weapons and put on a fancy shooting show, which should be reminiscent of the days of Annie Oakley.

Included on the program also will be a demonstration by Special Agent T. D. Easterling of the Charlotte FBI office concerning the method of making casts of tire tracks, heel prints, and similar evidence found at the scene of the crime, as well as a showing of movie slides concerning wanted men, and other features. This is one of a series of meetings which will be held by the FBI during the month of May throughout North and South Carolina.

The conference will convene at 10:30 a. m. at the Co-Ed Theatre, where the indoor portion of the program will be held. Mayor Vern P. Clemmons of Brevard and Judge J. W. Pless of Marion will address the officers present. At 1 p. m. a special tour of the Ecusta Paper Corporation has been arranged for the officers by Henry H. Strans, President of this company. Mr. Strans has designated John D. Eversman, director of recreation, and Buck McCall, chief of police, to handle the tour. At 2 p. m. a luncheon will be provided for the officers through the courtesy of the Ecusta Paper Corporation. At 3 p. m., the group will proceed to Camp Carolina where the firearms exhibition will be held.

All law enforcement officers in this area are invited to attend.

Mayor Clemmons and Sheriff Bert H. Freeman are making arrangements for the conference and are being assisted by Chief of Police G. Gill Thomas and H. M. Morrow, N. C. Highway Patrol, all of Brevard.

Sgt. John D. Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crisp of Cullasaja, is spending a 25-day furlough with his parents. Sgt. Crisp is stationed at the Army Air Base at Alexandria, La.

### NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

#### KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Walter W. Hannah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Hannah, of Franklin route 1, and Washington, D. C., who was killed in action in France in October 1944. Pfc. Hannah, who was serving in the infantry unit, entered the service in November 1943 and took his basic training at Fort George Meade, Md. He attended the Franklin high school and was employed in Baltimore, Md., before he entered the armed forces. He had been in overseas service for several months prior to his death.

#### William Hauser

#### Who Was Reported Missing In Action, Back With Company

A message was received by Mrs. William R. Hauser, of Morganton, on Thursday morning that her husband, Pfc. William R. Hauser, who was reported to be missing in action in France on January 21, was back with his company again.

Mrs. Hauser immediately called Pfc. Hauser's mother, Mrs. Betty Hauser in Franklin to notify her of the message. Pfc. Hauser, who was with General Patton's army prior to his capture, was sent from the Morganton draft board in the latter part of 1943. He had been employed as manager of the North Wilkesboro Dixie Store at the time he entered the armed forces. Prior to leaving Franklin in 1935 he was employed in the City Market here.

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

#### KENNETH D. LEDFORD PROMOTED TO S/SGT.

Kenneth D. Ledford, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledford, of Prentiss, has been promoted from the grade of staff sergeant to technical sergeant, according to a recent announcement from the headquarters of this Eighth Air Force bomber base.

The B-17 Flying Fortress engineer and aerial gunner is a member of the 493rd Bomb Group, commanded by Colonel Robert B. Landry, of New Orleans, La. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Sgt. Ledford was graduated from Franklin high school, of Franklin, in 1941, and entered the service in September of 1943. After completing courses in Army Air Force schools in Tmarillo, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nev., the engineer received his wings in August of 1944.

#### First Sunday Singing At Newmans Chapel

The regular first Sunday singing will be held at the Newman Chapel Baptist church, near the Georgia line, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p. m. All singers are urged to attend, and everyone is invited.

#### PFC. PATRICK L. ROGERS



Combat-veteran soldiers from North Carolina are convalescing at Finney General Hospital after their recent return from overseas duty. They are: Pfc. Patrick L. Rogers of Highlands, and Pfc. Julius E. Murray of Bostic.

Pfc. Rogers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Rogers was wounded in France in January of this year. Entering the service in October of 1942 at Ft. Bragg, Pfc. Rogers went overseas in April of 1944 and served with an infantry division in France, Belgium and Germany. A graduate of Highlands high school he was a truck driver before induction. His wife, the former Miss Velma Holland, is of Cullasaja.

#### Trout Fishing Schedule For 1945, Open Dates, Checking Stations

Fishing is permitted according to State law, a fishing license and a permit costing \$1 per day, which can be purchased at the designated checking stations on the streams, must be obtained. The catch of each fisherman must be recorded at the checking stations before leaving the stream. The hour for fishing will be permitted between 6 a. m. (local time) and sunset. The limit is 12 legal fish. All trout under seven (7) inches in length must be returned to the water immediately. Treble or "gang" hooks are prohibited.

The Santeetlah Area may be reached from Robbinsville or Tapoco; the Fires Creek Area from Hayesville, Murphy or Andrews; the Standing Indian Area, and Wayah Bald Area from Franklin; and Cliffside Lake from Franklin or Highlands.

#### Checking Stations

Standing Indian Area:  
1. Nantahala River Drainage—at Warden Station on stream at White Oak Bottoms.

Wayah Bald Area:  
1. Wayah Creek Drainage—at Arrowwood Glade.

Big Santeetlah Area:  
1. Santeetlah Creek Drainage—at Warden Station on stream.  
2. Slick Rock, Deep Creek and Cheoah River—at Warden Station at mouth of Barkers Creek on U. S. Highway No. 129.

Cliffside Lake Area:  
1. Cliffside Lake—at the Lake.  
Fires Creek Area:  
1. Fires Creek Drainage—at Warden Station lower management boundary and at Bristol Cabin on stream near Carvers Gap.

#### Open Dates

Standing Indian Area:  
1. May 12-13; 19-20; 26-27—June 2-3; 9-10; 16-17; 23-24; 30. July 1; 4; 7-8; 14-15; 21-22; 28-29—August 4-5; 11-12; 18-19; 25-26.

Wayah Bald Area:  
1. May 12-13; 19-20; 26-27—June 2-3; 9-10; 16-17; 23-24; 30. July 1; 4; 7-8; 14-15; 21-22; 28-29—August 4-5; 11-12; 18-19; 25-26.

Big Santeetlah Area:  
1. May 12-13; 26-27—June 9-10; 23-24—July 4; 7-8; 21-22—August 4-5; 18-19; 31.  
2. Slick Rock, Deep Creek and

### CITY ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 8

#### Heavier Registration Of Voters Reflects Increase In Town's Population

Election of Town Officers of Franklin begins at 6:30 a. m. and ends at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the Courthouse. Mayor and six aldermen are to be elected. The official city ballot carries the name of T. W. Angel, Jr., for Mayor and the following for Aldermen: Elbert E. Angel, John M. Archer, Jr., Fred Cabe, J. S. Conley, M. L. Dowdle, Frank B. Duncan, C. L. Pendergrass, L. B. Phillips and H. A. Willhide.

Geo. B. Patton had filed as candidate for Mayor but withdrew his name on April 17 in a letter to E. W. Long, Clerk of the Town of Franklin, which letter was published in the April 26 issue of the Franklin Press. Six Aldermen are to be selected from the nine listed on the ballot.

C. A. Setser, Registrar, advises that as of April 30 there were 735 voters on the books as qualified to vote in Franklin town election. Saturday, May 5, is last challenge day when names may be removed from the list for reasons prescribed by law. Election Judges are George Daltymple and George Mashburn.

### TO BROADCAST BAPTIST HOUR

#### One Hundred Years Of Life And History Of Southern Baptists

The special Centennial broadcast on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, May 6, 7:30 CWT, will reflect a hundred years of the life and history of Southern Baptists, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Ga. This is the closest regular broadcast to May 8, the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Convention.

It is to be a colorful broadcast, according to Mr. Lowe, with the program opening from the First Baptist church of Augusta, Ga., the exact spot on which the Convention was organized, and brief special features of practically all the agencies and institutions of the Convention will be picked up from the eight cities in which they are located, respectively, which are, Atlanta, Richmond, Louisville, Memphis, Nashville, Fort Worth, New Orleans, Dallas and Birmingham.

Scores of descendants of the members of the First Baptist church of Augusta at the time the Convention was organized will be present in the church for the broadcast, along with a packed house of members and friends, and the special Centennial program will be continued following the broadcast.

This broadcast can be heard in North Carolina over Radio Stations WBIG, Greensboro at 10 a. m., Sunday; WPTF, Raleigh at 9:30 a. m., Sunday, and WSJS, Winston-Salem at 9:30 a. m., Sunday.

### Home Demonstration Club Schedule

Monday, May 7.—Shortoff club meets with Mrs. Simon Speed at 2 o'clock Tuesday, May 8, Kyle club meets with Mrs. O. C. Hall at 2 o'clock. Wednesday, May 9, Iotia club meets at the school lunchroom at 2 o'clock. Thursday, May 10, Holly Spring club meets with Mrs. Harve Cabe at 2 o'clock. Friday, May 11, Otter Creek club meets at school lunch room at 2 o'clock. Friday, May 11, Nantahala club meets at the Guest House with Mrs. Fred Babington as hostess at 8 p. m. Saturday, May 12, Oak Grove meets with Mrs. Frank Burnette at 2 o'clock.

Cheoah River: May 19-20—June 2-3; 16-17; 30—July 1; 14-15; 28-29—August 11-12; 25-26.

Cliffside Lake:  
1. May 12-13; 26-27—June 9-10; 23-24—July 4; 7-8; 21-22—August 4-5; 18-19.

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### 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE BEGINS

#### Macon County Quota Set At \$218,000, \$114,000 Over Sixth Drive

Henry W. Cabe, chairman, and Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman of the Seventh War Loan Drive, have announced that the quota given to Macon county in this campaign had been set at \$218,000, of which \$168,000 was to be in the "E" series.

The quota in this drive is \$114,000 over that of the Sixth War Loan Drive in November of last year, which was \$104,000. However, the chairmen have confidence in the people in Macon county and feel that they will rally to the cause as in all previous drives, and that the quota will be met without too much difficulty.

Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe has been appointed chairman of the Woman's division taking the place of Miss Nora Moody, previous chairman.

A meeting was held in the Agriculture building on Tuesday evening at which time the chairman, Mr. Cabe, spoke to the group and stressed the importance of this quota being met, and that this was the most critical stage of the war despite the fact the European war was practically over, and urged the people to work harder than in all previous drives.

Mrs. Thorpe is completing her list of workers who will make a house-to-house canvass, and also operate booths in the Bank of Franklin each Saturday during the drive, which is to begin on Monday, May 14, and continue through June 30. The list of workers will be published in next week's Press.

### Macon Baptist Ministers To Meet Monday

The Macon County Ministerial Association will be held at the Franklin Baptist church on Monday morning at 11 o'clock it has been announced by the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, secretary.

The subject to be used for discussion will be "Laboring Together". All Baptist ministers in the county are urged to attend.

### Mussolini Shot By Firing Squad

#### With Seventeen Other Officials And Former Cooperators

The former Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, along with seventeen of his Fascist henchmen and cooperators and his sweetheart, Clara Petacci, was executed by a firing squad of Italian Patriots after a "military trial," on April 28 near the village of Dongo, Italy.

Mussolini cried "No, No," to the firing squad that only a moment later split his head with a bullet from a high powered rifle in the hands of one of the squad.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Carson, who are working in Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the weekend at their home on Bidwell street.

### To the People of this Community

"My Thinking — My Money — My Time will stay in this war to the finish."

Ted R. Gamble, National director of the War Finance Division and leader of the millions of volunteers who are selling you the extra War Bonds needed to beat the Japs and complete the war job in Europe, put the wartime credo of Americans in these 14 words. It's good advice to follow not only during war loans but every day. You can't help too much to win a war.

Today's community and national war loan totals should reflect your personal determination to see the war through. Regardless of what the War Bond score is today, it is not high enough unless you have gone to bat and bought bonds to the actual limit of your buying power.

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