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## Baccalaureate Sermon Of Franklin School June 3rd

### Commencement Exercises In School Auditorium Wednesday, June 6

The baccalaureate sermon for the Franklin high school will be held in the auditorium of the Macon theatre on Sunday night, June 3, beginning at 8 o'clock. It has been announced by George H. Hill, principal of the school.

Dr. George C. Bellingrath, president of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school, will deliver the sermon. The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church; the scripture lesson will be read by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Methodist church, and the prayer will be led by the Rev. C. B. McCubbins, pastor of the Episcopal church.

The "Lord's Prayer" will be sung by the Coral club, after which the seniors will stand and sing their class song. The benediction will be given by the Rev. J. F. Marchman.

The recessional "March from Tonnhauser" by Wagner will be played by Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, who has been directing the school music.

The audience will remain seated while the seniors leave the auditorium.

**Commencement Exercises**  
The Commencement Exercises will be held in the auditorium of Franklin high school, Wednesday, June 6, at 8 o'clock.

The Salutatory Address and the Valedictory Address will be given by Cecil Tallent and Frances Furr, respectively.

Short talks will be made by four members of the Senior class. Carolyn Long will speak on "Federal Aid for Education." "Soil Conservation" will be presented by Lee Roy Roper. Violet Barnard will present "Home Economics Education" and Anne Flanagan will speak on "Education for Peace."

The Awards to be given are as follows:

Commercial—Annie Lou Huscussion; French, Howell Smith; science, Dorothy Rogers; athletics, Bill Cochran; English, Margaret Moore; history, Mary Lou Limer; home economics, Helen Johnson; citizenship, Ruth Edwards; agriculture, Lee Roy Roper; mathematics, Janice Reynolds; attendance, Dorothy Leatherman.

Names of graduating class may be seen under photograph on page two.

## IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN DRIVE

### Total E Bond Sales Now Amount To Fourth Of Macon's Quota

The Chairman of the War Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Seventh War Loan Drive state that our county's sales show a considerable improvement since last week, the total E Bond sales now amounting to \$41,000 or about one-fourth of our quota. The over all sales is running along in the same proportion. Splendid work is being done by the women's organizations which have undertaken to make a house to house canvass in and near the Town of Franklin, and the county wide organizations under the direction of Mrs. Florence Sherrill are also well organized and doing splendid work.

The drive was given considerable impetus locally on Monday night by the appearance and short talks made by Lieutenants Best and Wilson from Moore General hospital. These two young men appeared at the Macon Theatre on Monday night and in the short addresses which they made, let their listeners understand that they need not expect peace in the Pacific for many months, perhaps years, to come.

### Services To Be Held At Morrison Sunday

The Rev. C. R. McCubbins, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, has announced that he will preach at the Morrison Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

### PVT. CLAUDE ASHE NOW IN FRANCE

Mrs. L. W. Ashe, of Franklin Route 3, recently had a letter from her son, Pvt. Claude Ashe who is now stationed in France, stating that he was getting along very nicely.

Pvt. Ashe, who was in the tank division, was recently reclassified and placed in the army air corps. He likes his new assignment so much better and is happier in this department of the service than he has been since he entered the armed forces in January 1942. Pvt. Ashe has been overseas since August 1942, however, he is a long ways from the front line and told his mother not to worry about him.

### PVT. BILLY B. RABY



Pvt. Billy Bryson Raby, who arrived overseas in March and was assigned to the infantry in the Third Army until the end of the European war, has now been assigned to the military police in Germany, according to a report given by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Raby, of the West's Mill community.

Pvt. Raby entered the armed forces on October 18, 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He was stationed at Fort George Meade, Md., before going overseas. He is a graduate of the Franklin high school in the class of 1944. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raby and Mrs. J. L. Bryson, of West's Mill.

## Classifications

### Announced By Local Service Board

The Local Draft Board announced the following classifications in I-A at the last meeting of the Board on May 25.

Clifford—Ernest Teague, Robert Lee Clark, Rozell Moody McCoy, Russell Cayton Cabe, Kelly Junior Moses, Doyle Rogers Sanders, Gordon Quincy Barnes, R. L. Denny, Buel Martin, Herschel Lee Cunningham, Charles Worley DeHart, David Lee Fox, George Wylie Estes, Fred James Hopper, Earnest Sylvester Hedden, Archie Clingmon Stockton, Bert Henry Baldwin.

### Representative Of Social Security To Be Here

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the Postoffice, Franklin, at 2 p. m., Thursday, June 21.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives of deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

In addition, persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the Act, are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

Pfc. James B. Porter, has returned to camp at Long Island, N. Y., after a visit here with his wife, the former Miss Catherine Bowden, at her home on Harrison avenue.



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### S/SGT. NORTON JUSTICE



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Justice, of the Otto section of Macon county, have two sons in the armed forces. S/SGT. Norton Justice entered service August 5, 1941. He took his basic training at Elington Field, Texas, and Roosevelt Field, N. Y. He is an airplane mechanic and has been in England for the last sixteen months. He was employed by the Farmers Federation in Asheville prior to going in service. He is a graduate of Franklin high school.

Pfc. J. D. Justice entered the armed forces April 16, 1943. He took his basic training at Greensboro and in Tampa, Fla. Is now serving in the infantry somewhere in Germany. Has been overseas since January of this year. Before going into service he was employed by the Marita Bread Company.

### PFC. J. D. JUSTICE



### Cpl. Potts Dies In Germany

Cpl. C. L. Potts, 29, son of Charlie W. Potts of East Franklin, who was seriously injured in Germany, on April 28 was reported by the War Department to have died from injuries received on that date, according to a message received on Saturday morning.

Cpl. Potts, who was an aerial observer with the 10th armored division, entered the armed forces on November 22, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Gordon and Fort Benning, Ga. He was sent to overseas service in September of the past year.

Cpl. Potts, who was born on July 7, 1916, was the only son of Mr. Potts, and the late Mrs. Potts, the former Miss Maggie Higdon, who died on December 30, 1942. He was a member of the Franklin Baptist church and a graduate of the Franklin high school. Before he went into the armed forces he was employed by the A & P store here and later worked as a painter at Wayah garage for the Nantahala National Forest Service.

On August 22, 1942 he was married to Miss Gladys Owens, Satoluh, Ga., who died on August 23, 1944, before he was sent to overseas in September.

Surviving are the father, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potts, of East Franklin, and a number of other relatives.

On the plane in which Cpl. Potts was serving as an aerial observer crashed while taking off from a landing strip in Memmingen, Germany. He died of injuries on April 28 at a hospital in Southern Germany. He was laid to rest in an American cemetery in Southern Germany where religious services were performed by a Protestant Chaplain.

### Final Rites For Leveraon Hedden Tuesday

Funeral services for Leveraon Hedden, three-week-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hedden, who died at a Franklin hospital, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home in the Gneiss section of Macon county. Burial was in Strain cemetery.

In addition to the parents, the child is survived by three sisters, Aileen, Evelyn, and Dorothy; one brother, Harold; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hedden.

Miss Dorothy Sloan and Miss Mildred Roper spent the weekend in Athens, Ga., with Miss Sloan's grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Kinnebrew.

## Win The Jap War Buy E War Bonds

### Franklin Soldier Wounded In France

Wounded in the left leg by shrapnel from a German mortar shell Pfc. Marvin Bryant, 19, of Franklin, is now convalescing at a United States Army general hospital in England.

"Our unit was advancing in the Moselle-Saar triangle," said Pvt. Bryant, who was awarded the Purple Heart. "The Germans threw a mortar barrage at us, and I was wounded by shrapnel."

After receiving medical treatment at an aid station, he was taken to a field hospital and four days later he was flown to England.

"Pvt. Bryant's progress has been very satisfactory," said his ward surgeon, Major Harry Z. Johnson, of Memphis, Tenn. "In a short while he will be ready to return to duty."

Pvt. Bryant entered the Army in June, 1943, receiving his basic training in Camp McKain, Miss.

He is the son of Mr. Mark Bryant of Franklin and he was a farmer in civil life.

### PFC. EDWARD CARPENTER COMMENDED

Mrs. Edward Carpenter, of the Mulberry section of Macon county, received the following letter of commendation recently given her husband, Pfc. Edward Carpenter following his return to the States from the Philippine Islands.

The commendation was for an exceptionally long and trying trip on the S. S. Alcoa Patriot in this year and for faithfully performing his duties as baker. Because of his good work and fine spirit, I extend this man a commendation, signed, Henry Von Kolnitz, Major C.A.C., Troop commander.

### A Beautiful Bird Makes Last Flight

A species of the parrot family, thought to be a parrakeet or love bird, clothed in a beautiful shade of greenish blue, yellow and green and a multiple supply of yellow and green striped feathers, was found in the Iotla section of the county on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Kitty Shields.

The bird, which seemed practically starved and very weak, died the same night. It is thought to have been brought to this country from some tropical zone by a service man and was probably turned loose or escaped. On one leg was a band bearing the number 47.

The bird was brought to the Franklin Press office Wednesday.

## Now — Buy Bonds

## Are You Doing Your Share Towards Winning The War

### S I/C COLONEL HOWARD TRAINS FOR DESTROYER

Colonel Perry Howard, 24, seaman, first class, USNR, of Franklin, arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., recently for training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

He wears ribbons for the American Area Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign, with one star, and Philippine Liberation with one star.

Son of Marvin Howard, Dillard, Ga., route 1, Howard is married to the former Agnes Ledford of Franklin. Before enlisting, he was employed by the Franklin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. He attended the Franklin high school.

### AWARDED PURPLE HEART



T/5 William Shope, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shope, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, who entered the armed forces on September 6, 1943, and was wounded in the fall of 1944 in France, is now back with his company again, according to a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Nell Ledford, of Franklin, Rt. 1.

Pfc. Shope took his training at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and Camp Reynolds, Greenville, Pa., and was sent to overseas duties in March 1944. He was placed in the medical detachment.

Mrs. Shope has received the purple heart award for wounds received by her husband.

### PFC. E. G. CRTWFORD WOUNDED IN OKINAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crawford, of Franklin route 4, have had a letter from their son, Pfc. Emerson G. Crawford, stating that he had been wounded on Okinawa about the middle of May.

Pfc. Crawford was serving with the 96th Division in the Medical Corps. He also served with this Division in the Leyte campaign. He has been overseas for the past year. He taught in the public schools in Macon county prior to entering the armed forces.

## Memorial Day

### Service Honoring Soldiers Of World War I And II

An impressive Memorial Day service was conducted Wednesday morning at 11:30 in Rankin Square. Every service person from Macon County, who lost his life in World War I and II, was individually honored by a small white wooden cross bearing his name. The crosses, which had been previously erected on the grass plot, were adorned with flowers.

Traffic was blocked off from the Square, and the parents, wives and friends of the service people being honored stood on the sidewalk and street.

Mrs. J. C. Barrington, of the American Legion Auxillary, was in charge of the service. Rev. Rufus Morgan led the invocation, and Rev. C. R. McCubbins read appropriate Scripture lessons. Then Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt delivered the address. The service closed with a benediction by Mr. McCubbins.

W. M. Officer, who is working in Macon, Ga., is spending two weeks with his family at their home on Iotla street.

Verlon Swafford, who is in the navy, spent the past weekend with his family at their home on Harrison avenue.

### Everyone's Responsibility To Keep Our Fighting Till Victory Is Won

One had landed in Normandy with an airborne division on D-Day. He with 16 men under his command was among the few of his outfit that survived. After disrupting German communications and destroying installations for a number of hours, they were finally overpowered by more than 1000 enemy troops and were forced to surrender. While a prisoner a German guard ran his bayonet through one knee. Finally, half starved and after suffering the most brutal treatment, he escaped and, notwithstanding his wound, rejoined his command and kept on fighting. He is now at Moore General hospital recuperating from numerous wounds that he received.

The other was with a tank outfit in the Pacific. He wears the stars of many engagements and is now suffering as a result of severe wounds received in both arms which still fester and refuse to heal. He also is in Moore General hospital recuperating from these wounds and from tropical fever brought back from the jungles of New Guinea.

The former is Lieutenant Wilson. He knows first hand what the Germans did to our men who were prisoners of war. At one time he went without food for five days and at the end of that time he and his buddies were given two ladles of soup made from the flesh of a horse that had either died or the Germans had no further use for and shot.

The other is Lieutenant Best. While not at any time a prisoner of war, he knows first hand of the treatment given American prisoners of war by the Japanese, such as driving splinters under the finger nails and other similar treatment, in addition to starvation and beating. He knows how the Jap ground troop can fight.

It would seem that these two young men have done their share toward winning the war, but they don't think so. Each of them is eager to rejoin his command and get back into the fighting. They are of the type who simply say that no one has done his share so long as there is a bit of fighting or a bit of work left to be done, and so long as there is life left within them with which to do it. They can do no fighting now. So, if they could help to sell bonds while their wounds were healing, why not? They came to Franklin to help us and although neither of them had addressed a civilian group before, they appeared at our local theater Monday night modestly recited some of their experiences for the purpose of impressing upon us the necessity of our buying bonds until the war is finally finished.

Of course, many young men of Macon county, more than most of us know about, have records comparable or surpassing that of these two young officers. They are also from Macon county hundreds of young men who, like them, feel that they have not done their share so long as there is any fighting to be done or work to be done, if there is life left within them with which to do it.

The war is no more their responsibility than it is ours. While Macon county's record in past war loan and other drives is an enviable one, can every man, woman and child of us say that we are doing our share? In the present drive, although more than half the time has lapsed, still we have bought only 25 per cent of our quota. If we fail in this one, how shall we explain it to the boys when they come back?

Second Lieut. Robert T. Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higdon, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Franklin, recently arrived in the war theatre of operations and received a brief orientation course at the United States Strategic Air Forces in England, designed to help him adjust himself in life in a combat zone.

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