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## W. N. C. Ministers Receive Appointments For Year

### Transfer Of Rev. Medlin, Highlands Pastor, Was Only Change Made

Methodist ministers of Western North Carolina received their appointments for the coming year last Friday at the close of the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference held October 9-12 in Greensboro.

The only change of ministers in Macon county was the transfer of Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., of the Highlands charge, to the Methodist church in Robbinsville. His successor at Highlands has not been announced.

The Conference ordered a division of the Macon circuit, which Rev. V. N. Allen has served as minister for the past two years. Mt. Zion, Maiden's Chapel and Gillespie were taken from the Macon circuit to form a new circuit to be called the Mt. Zion charge. The pastor of the new charge has not been announced.

Returning to their respective charges were Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt to the Franklin Methodist church, Rev. D. P. Grant to the Franklin circuit, and Rev. V. N. Allen to the Macon circuit.

Bishop Clare Purcell, residing bishop of the Charlotte Area, presided over the Conference. Major emphases of the Conference were the church school and evangelistic advances scheduled for this year. These are two of the main objectives of the Crusade for Christ.

## Lions Club

### Box Supper Held Friday Night Nets \$340

The box supper, sponsored by the Lions Club at the high school last Friday night netted \$340, according to Secretary-Treasurer Hill. This fund, along with donations, is being used to finance the recent lighting of the athletic field, as well as the construction of bathhouse and showers.

Total costs of these improvements are estimated at \$1500. Hill states that \$1000 has been raised to date, with some \$400 in pledges outstanding.

There was excellent attendance at the Box Supper, which was planned and managed by Roy Mashburn. Ben McGlamery ably served as auctioneer. Highlights of the evening included the election of Byrda Nell Southard as prettiest girl and Bob Sloan as ugliest man.

### Cornelia, Ga. Minister To Preach At Baptist Church

The Rev. Joe Brown, Baptist minister of Cornelia, Ga., will preach at the Franklin Baptist church here on Sunday, at both the morning and evening services. The morning service will be at 11 o'clock and the evening service will be at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

### Opens Fruit Stand In Reid Building

Lawson Shook, who formerly occupied the Shook Fruit stand on Town Hill, is now located in the Reid Building at the intersection of the Franklin-Highlands highway, and is now carrying a full line of fresh fruits and vegetables.

## Sossamon Furniture Stores To Operate Business Here

### G. J. Wilson Of Bryson City Store To Manage New Outlet

Sossamon Furniture Stores, with home offices in Statesville, have leased the new store building recently completed by J. W. Stockton, just behind the courthouse on Iola street, and will open for business on Saturday, October 20, it has been announced.

G. J. Wilson, from the Bryson City store, will come to Franklin as manager of the new outlet. Mr. Wilson plans to move his family to Franklin as soon as possible.

In addition to Franklin, Sossamon Stores are in Sylva,

### Final Rites Held For Mrs. Day Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Isabella MacMaster Day, 81, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Page on Rogers Hill on Monday evening at 6:45 o'clock following a lingering illness of several months.

Born in Huntington, Quebec, Canada on September 14, 1864, Mrs. Day came to the United States 58 years ago and has lived in California, Boston, Florida and in Franklin since that time.

Funeral services were held in the Bryant Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church officiating. The body was then taken to Boston, Mass.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Page, of Franklin, and Mrs. John Davenport, of Boston, Mass., three granddaughters, Miss Mary Frances Page, of Columbia, Mo., Misses Frances and Beatrice Davenport, of Boston, Mass., two sisters, Miss Ann MacMaster, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Jane Fraser, of California, and two brothers, Jack MacMaster, of Boston and William A. MacMaster, of Duke, Mont.

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

### Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Addie Sellers West

Final rites for Mrs. Addie Sellers West, 84, were held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the 404th Methodist church, with the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. West, who was born on December 21, 1860 in the Watauga section of Macon county, a daughter of the late George Sellers and Tilthea Bradley Sellers. She had lived all her life in Macon county except for a few years in Georgia and at Murphy. She was a member of the Ridge Crest Methodist church. She was married to Clingman West who preceded her in death a few years ago, and to this union were born eight children, two of whom survive.

Mrs. West died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Grindstaff in Murphy on Monday night at 9:30 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy suffered a month ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Grindstaff, of Murphy, and one son, Jess West, of Huntington, Ore., one sister, Mrs. Alex Berry, of Franklin, and two brothers, W. H. Sellers, of Franklin, and John Sellers, of Gastonia. Also three granddaughters, Miss Lois West, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Thomas Blair, of Murphy; and Mrs. Carroll Allen, of Clayton, Ga., and two grandsons, Tommy West, in the Merchant Marines and Oswald Ray, Tullalah Falls, Ga.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### Ch'm. United War Fund

Dr. R. M. Rimmer, pharmacist in the Angel Drug Store, is again chairman of the Macon County United War Fund campaign of the Pharmaceutical Association, it has been announced this week.

Statesville, and Bryson City. They operate a direct van service from factory to store, and will carry in stock locally a complete line of household furnishings and appliances just as rapidly as postwar production permits.

Mr. Leroy Sossamon, head of the Sossamon Stores, has been in town this week getting everything ready for the opening Saturday. Concerning the store here Mr. Sossamon said, "We like Franklin. You have a wide trading area, a progressive, forward-looking people, and many other advantages that have made this town our number one choice for the new store."

## Men In Service

VERLON E. SWAFFORD



### VERLON E. SWAFFORD ON DESTROYER ESCORT

Verlon E. Swafford, 28 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swafford of Route 3, Franklin, has been serving aboard one of the Navy's destroyer escorts for the past 24 months. During that time he has earned the rating of Storekeeper First Class, and the right to wear the American and European theater service ribbons. SK1/c Swafford now works in the Supply Office and is in charge of the Ship's Store, where he sells candy, chewing gum, cigarettes, etc.

After his graduation from Franklin high school, and Cecil's Business College in Asheville, in 1937, SK1/c Swafford was first employed as a bookkeeper for the Dixie-Home Stores and later as owner and manager of his own grocery store in Franklin.

Swafford first entered the service on 23 August, 1943, at Spartanburg, S. C., and after completing his "boot" training was stationed in Norfolk, Va. He is married to the former Dorothy Bennett, and they have one son, Benny Joe, who is now 12 months old.

### TWO HIGHLANDERS RE-ENLIST IN ARMY

S/Sgt. Gerald W. Holt and Pfc. Lewton L. Chastain, both of Highlands, were listed among 175 men re-enlisting in the Regular Army at Fort Bragg this week, according to Major John H. Newsome, Commanding Officer of the Recruiting Station.

### CLYDE T. GAILEY SERVED ON MONSSEN

Clyde T. Gailey, machinist's mate, third class of Franklin, took part in the occupation of Northern Honshu and Hokkaido when the destroyer Monssen steamed into Ominato Harbor, Honshu, with other units of the North Pacific Fleet.

This ship was one of the first to enter this once-powerful Japanese naval base. Large groups of Japanese civilians observed the vessel as she patrolled just off shore opposite the city of Amori. The Monssen crew inspected the Naval base and Jap fishing craft in Musti Bay.

The Monssen in the closing weeks of the war hit this area as part of Admiral William F. Halsey's famed task force. These operations included a daylight raid at the steel city of Muroran followed by a bombardment of the Hitachi Armament works 70 miles North of Tokyo.

The destroyer also saw action at Saipan, the Palaus, Tinian, Leyte, Luzon, Eastern Philippines, Surigao Straits, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Kyushu, the Kuriles, and strikes at the Jap homeland.

### LT. GEORGE TESSIER CONGRATULATED

Lieut. j.g. George G. Tessier, son of Mrs. Reby Tessier, of Franklin, has received congratulations from Capt. G. E. Short, skipper on the Carrier USS Intrepid, after winning the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as a pilot of a navy carrier against the Japs at Okinawa and the Jap Homeland. Hewon the Air Medal and three Gold Stars in lieu of additional Air Medal.

Prior to going into the Navy he attended Louisiana State University.

### T/4 RALEIGH T. SHOOK

T/4 Raleigh L. Shook, who has been serving 26 months in overseas service with the 236 signal service battalion outfit and signal corps in India, holds the good conduct award, the Asiatic campaign ribbon and the Presidential Unit citation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shook, of the Bethel community.

## LIONS SPONSOR SALE OF SEALS

### Visually Handicapped And Blind Of Macon To Get Benefits

W. V. Swan, chairman of the Blind Aid and Sight Conservation committee for the Franklin Lions Club, has announced that on Tuesday morning of this week each teacher in the schools of Macon county were sent 200 seals to be sold by the school children at one cent each. The Franklin Lions Club have taken the blind and visually handicapped under-privileged people of Macon county, as one of their various projects, and are now going forward with their county-wide survey, which they expect to have completed within the next 30 days.

The Club, in order to carry on with this tremendous project, hope to raise a substantial sum of money from the sale of these seals, and of which every cent will be used on the blind and under-privileged people of Macon county, and none will be spent outside of the county.

Mr. Swan said that often appeals like this fail "because folks do not stop to realize how much their contribution will do in the way of human kindness." Help as generously as possible when you have an opportunity.

The principals of the schools are asked to leave their money from the sales at the County Superintendents office by Saturday, October 27, and should any school need more seals, please do not hesitate to ask the chairman.

Mr. Swan, as chairman of this committee, stated, "We want you to know that we appreciate your assistance and cooperation in helping us do what we can for those who need help so badly and we are endeavoring to see that every pair of eyes that can be saved, receive the proper attention before it is too late."

### Treasure Hunt Sponsored By Panorama Court

On Saturday night, November 3, between 6 and 7 o'clock, prior to the dance given at Panorama Court by the football team of the Franklin high school, a treasure hunt will be given and will be sponsored by the manager of Panorama Court, Mrs. Ruth Davis.

Mrs. Davis stated that anyone purchasing \$5.00 worth of tickets will be eligible to participate in the hunt. Lovely prizes will be in store for the winners and a good time for everyone.

### Burke Mitchell Relief Manager Of A&P

Burke Mitchell, who has been working in the A&P Store in Sylva, has been made relief manager of the Franklin store for an indefinite period of time, while the present manager, Mrs. Ruth Whitaker takes a vacation with her husband, Carpentersmate 2/C Ed Whitaker, who is expected to arrive in Franklin soon.

Carpentersmate Whitaker has spent the past 29 months in the Pacific. He was former manager of the A&P store here prior to going into the service. The new manager and his wife are stopping at the Kelly Tea Room at present.

### Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Radio Show

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor Lee Baswell and the Range Riders, radio performers, of WNRG, Greenville, S. C., at the Macon county courthouse on Saturday, October 22, in two performances.

The first performance will be at 3:30 o'clock and the other at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

### Eastern Star To Sponsor Bunco Party

A bunco party, sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star, will be given on Saturday night, October 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the Kelly Tea Room. Lovely prizes will be awarded to the winners. Small admission, so come and have a good time.

Give NOW To UNITED WAR FUND Of Macon County

## Macon County's Final War Fund Drive Goes Forward

### Entry Of Macon Boy Wins Second Place In WNC Fat Stock Show

Hayes Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Gregory, of Franklin, a member of the Macon County Future Farmers of America club, won second place as reserve champion with his entry in the 11th annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock show in Asheville this week.

Macon county also won third place in Class II winners, as the best county group of five animals.

There were 12 counties represented and was said to be one of the largest and best stock shows ever to be held in Asheville.

## FINAL RITES FOR REV. SORRELLS

### Macon Minister Passes In Local Hospital After Illness Of Five Days

Funeral services for the Rev. Lester James Sorrells, 45, were held on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. George A. Cloer, Baptist minister, and the Rev. Frank Holland, of Macon county. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Sorrells, widely known in the rural area of Macon county, where he had held various charges and conducted revival meetings in many of the Baptist churches, died in the Angel Clinic here on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock following an illness of five days. He was operated on Saturday afternoon.

Born in Macon County on July 17, 1900, Mr. Sorrells had lived in the county all his life. He was the son of Mrs. Carrie Pressley Sorrells and the late Andy Sorrells. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Long View and Cartoogechaye Baptist churches, having gone into the ministerial work in 1934. On December 24, 1920 he was married to Miss Annie Guffey who survives.

The pallbearers were the Rev. Bill Sorrells, the Rev. Fred Sorrells, Jack and Grover Sorrells, brothers, and Dave Angel and Norman Guffey, brothers-in-law.

Surviving are the widow and 12 children, six sons, Herman Sorrells, recently returned from Germany, Pfc. T. J. Sorrells, with the army air corps, stationed in Nebraska, Lloyd, Ralph, Marshall and Jackson Sorrells, at home, and six daughters, Nicholetta, Margaret, Dorris Ann, Hazel, Catherine and Ethel Sorrells, all at home, and two grandchildren. Also the mother Mrs. Andy Sorrells, of Cullasaja, four brothers, Rev. Fred Sorrells, the Rev. Bill Sorrells and Grover Sorrells, of Franklin, and Jack Sorrells, of Canton, and four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Sorrells, of Cullasaja, Mrs. Belle Angel, of Franklin, Mrs. Bertha Barrett, Jefferson, Ga., and Mrs. Myrtle Wooten, of Cullasaja, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bryant Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### Regular Army Wants "Guardians Of Victory"

The Fourth Service Command today called for 70,000 "Guardians for Victory" to enlist for three years in the Regular Army.

Any young man, 18 to 34 years of age, whether now in service, a veteran or a civilian, is eligible.

Their job: To preserve the peace won by force of arms at a cost of more than 1,000,000 casualties.

Germany and Japan must be watched and controlled for at least a generation, lest they take advantage of us to build for another world war.

It will be the task of the postwar army to keep with this watch—to guarantee peace to the world.

Recruiting stations have been established throughout the seven states of the Fourth Service Command. One is within easy

### Splendid Response Being Met By Most Active Solicitors

Both good and bad reports are coming in from solicitors in the Macon County War Fund Drive, according to John M. Archer, county chairman.

A tentative check of returns over the last weekend indicates that those who are really active are meeting with splendid success, while others have made very little progress in their districts.

Mr. Archer further stated that the interest so far manifested by both the solicitors and the citizens of Macon county, was not what he expected in this, the final drive, and of which only a small sum of \$4,000 is asked to help our boys who suffered most in the long and bitter war.

While the campaign is scheduled to continue through November 8, the solicitors are asked to contact the people in their district as early as possible, and get our quota raised ahead of time. This is the final war drive for funds and the national goal is designed to cover a period of 15 months. Give as generously as possible when the solicitors come to see you.

Definite figures showing the progress of the drive should be available for next weeks Press.

### Week Of Prayer To Be Observed

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church will observe the annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial at the Franklin church here on Sunday evening, October 28, at 7:30 o'clock, with members of the Wesleyan Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service conducting the meeting.

The offering received at this service will be divided equally between the Home of Foreign Departments of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Members of both organizations and any other interested person, are urged to attend.

### U. D. C. Name Officers At Meeting Held Monday

Mrs. Carl S. Slagle was hostess to the Macon County Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy at her home on Cartoogechaye on Monday evening when the members met for their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. J. Ward Long, first vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. M. Parrish, who is under treatment at the Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Lester Conley acted as chaplain in the absence of the chaplain, Mrs. Herbert E. Church.

The nominating committee reported the following officers who were unanimously re-elected: Mrs. W. M. Parrish, president; Mrs. J. Ward Long, first vice-president; Mrs. George M. Slagle, second vice-president; Miss Arietta Bolick, secretary; Miss Lillie Rankin, assistant secretary; Mrs. Lester Conley, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert E. Church, chaplain, and Mrs. Lon Campbell, historian.

Mrs. Slagle made a motion which was seconded, that the Chapter hold quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings unless attendance was improved, and if necessary, called meetings could be held to take care of any business that should arise between regular meetings.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Meat allocations for the fourth quarter call for an average annual rate of 148 pounds for civilians per capita. This is 22 pounds more than for pre-war years.

### Presbyterian Services For October 21, 1945

Franklin: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m.  
Morrison: Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

travel distance of your home. Detailed information on Army opportunities may be obtained upon request.

See your nearest recruiting station.