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President's Birthday Fund Will Be Raised This Week

Bunco Party And Other Activities Planned By Lake Shope

The celebration of the President's Birthday by annual gifts to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation by citizens of Macon county is being carried out under the leadership of Lake V. Shope, Franklin chairman and Mrs. Joe Massey, chairman in Highlands.

A bunco party will be held on the President's birthday, Saturday evening, January 30, at the Agricultural building, beginning at eight p. m. This promises to be one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season, and all are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Carl P. Cabe heads the committee of arrangements, composed of Mrs. Lester Conley and Mrs. R. D. Carson.

Firms and individuals of Franklin have made donations through the usual cooperative page in The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian, and the chairman has asked the schools to participate.

Many activities have also been planned in Highlands, also, which have been reported on the Highlands page. Owing to the ban on pleasure driving, no balls will be given in the county this year.

HENRY W. CABE HEADS BANKERS

Local Bank Reports Good Year; Officers Are Elected

Henry W. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, received the honor of being elected Chairman of Group 10 of the North Carolina Bankers association at a dinner meeting held Thursday, January 21, in Asheville at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

Mr. Cabe succeeds the former chairman, J. E. Reister, vice-president of the Haywood County Bank of Canton.

Since 1923, Mr. Cabe has held the position of cashier of the Franklin bank. He started working for the bank as a bookkeeper in 1915. In 1920 he became assistant-cashier. Continuing to progress, Mr. Cabe then succeeded Mr. Lee Crawford as cashier; at that time, Mr. Crawford became the next president of the bank, following the death of Mr. Jesse S. Sloan.

The Bank of Franklin has grown steadily since its reorganization after the depression closing.

This year, Mr. Cabe reports, has been a very successful year for the bank. At the stockholders meeting held here January 13, an increase in total assets to the amount of \$90,000 was reported. Substantial dividends were paid the stockholders at this meeting.

Directors elected at the meeting for 1943 include C. Frank Moody, chairman; Mark L. Dowdle, Henry W. Cabe, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, Sr., and Richard S. Jones.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors held here January 20, the following officers were elected: Dr. W. A. Rogers, president; Mark L. Dowdle, vice-president; Henry W. Cabe, cashier; George Dean, assistant cashier; and Grover Jamison, Jr., second assistant cashier.

Mr. Cabe, who is also chairman of the County War Bond Committee, further reports that bonds purchased in December exceeded the month's quota of \$19,000. The January quota, although increased to \$26,589.75, has already accumulated the sum of \$20,000.

Last Rites For James W. Holbrook

James W. Holbrook, 61, died at the home of his brother, John, in the Burningtown community on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy several months ago.

Mr. Holbrook was a farmer in the Burningtown section. He was the son of the late John and Yydia Smith Holbrook, and resided in that part of the county all his life. He was unmarried. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Burningtown Baptist church with the pastor, the Rev. George A. Cloer, officiating.

Surviving are one brother, John, and one sister, Mrs. Fred Gormley, of Robbinsville.

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WEIMAR JONES

Weimar Jones

Heads State Office Of War Information

Weimar Jones, of Weaverville, formerly of Franklin, son of Mrs. George Jones, has been appointed manager of the North Carolina branch of the Office of War Information, beginning his duties in Raleigh last Monday.

Mr. Jones has been connected with the news department of The Asheville Citizen and The Asheville Times for the past 15 years, and has been one of the most popular members of the staff. At one time he was publisher of the Tri-County News in Andrews and serving as reporter on Charlotte and Greensboro papers.

He has also written for magazines, and stands high as a news paper man and as a writer of ability. He is a graduate of the Franklin High school and studied at the University of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family were honored with a luncheon given by his associates in the Citizen-Times offices last Saturday at the Biltmore Plaza and Mr. James was presented with traveling bag as a farewell gift.

Mr. Jones succeeds Harold Hayes who resigned recently to accept a commission in the Navy. His friends in Franklin will welcome this advancement in his profession of a native son.

Classifications

The Local Board has announced the following classifications of its registrants: In I-A, Hillard Leslie McCall, Walter Frank Thomas, Warren Grover Eller, Johnnie Carpenter, colored, Frank Carr Dryman, Sam Herbert Gibson, Jr., Lee Arnold Jacobs, Claude Siler Waldrop, Ray John Chastain, George Bobby Waldrop, Lewis William Seay, Robert Earl Dunne, James Carl Cross, William Edward Berry, Cecil Kenneth Duval, Herman Newell Owenby, James Wade Buchanan, Edward Stephen Boshier, Harold Tillman Ramsey, Arthur Warren Cabe, Edgar Earl Welch, James Robert Mason, James Boston, Lloyd Shepard, Wayne Manuel Mashburn, Bulen Lyle McConnell; in I-C; enlisted in Navy, George Lyle Hunnicutt; in 3-A, Delbert Wall Angel; in 4-F, George Parker Moore, James Wilbert Waldrop.

Registrants re-classified: From 3-A to 4-H, Heron Cyrus Fouts, Charles Tomson Brooks, Ben McCollum, Roy Frank Speed, Noa Sheridan Mason, Quince Jefferson Hauser, Jesse David Thomas, Roy Ferrell Cunningham, Paul B. Carpenter, Armour Grady Cagle, William Washington Lenoir, colored, Samuel E. Bittner, Jr., Parks Wiley Brendle, Lyman Clayton Higdon, Jr., William Homer Mashburn, Roy Kingsland, James Allen Mathis; from II-B to 4-F, Dalton Ordway Bumette; from I-A to II-B, Bob Witt, from I-A to II-A, J. D. Tallent; from 4-F to I-A, Homer Coggins, Henry Percy Webb Wallace Conrad Henry; from I-A to 3-A, Elcaney Jenkins, Howard Stiwinter; from 3-A to I-A, Silas Jenkins, Thomas Wilard Crisp; from 3-A to 3-B, Hubert Powell Smith, Gilmer Lee Crawford, Mac Ray Whitaker, Robert Theodore Elliott, Howard Marshall Cunningham, George Taylor; from 3-A to 3-C, Edward Jordan Whitmore; from 3-A to I-A, John Harvey Roper, Jacob Calvin Sowers, Jr.

N. C. Weekly Roundup

VICTORY GARDEN FOOD—North Carolinians who plan gardens this year will be able to obtain Victory garden fertilizer, the WPB announced this week. This special fertilizer will be used only for the production of food and not for lawns, flower beds, or shrubs about the home. OPA has set price ceilings on the new Victory plant food and it is labeled "Victory Garden Fertilizer—For Food Production Only."

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS—Before you surrender your gasoline ration book to any officer—be sure that he is authorized to enforce the pleasure driving ban, Norman Shepard, state OPA attorney, warned this week. Shepard said that all OPA investigators carry sufficient identification. All persons questioned by persons claiming to be OPA investigators have the right to demand this identification and should report persons who are without it, Shepard said.

IDLE VEHICLES—All owners of idle commercial vehicles such as buses, trucks and other vehicles except taxi cabs, rental cars, ambulances, and hearses, must report the vehicles to the nearest Office of Defense Transportation office. Offices are located in Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville, Winston-Salem, and Wilmington.

SCRAP DRIVE—North Carolina's Boy Scouts will make the month of February a scrap collection month. All Boy Scout councils in the state will cooperate in the national scrap drive for Scouts, J. B. Volger, secretary of the North Carolina State Salvage Committee, said. After the scrap drive ends the Boy Scouts will set up a systematic method of collecting waste greases and fats from housewives' kitchens. The grease drive will begin about March 1.

NO CREDIT—Effective February 1, 1943, filling stations and others dealing in gasoline and other petroleum products cannot extend credit in any way to civilian users. Only exceptions are federal or state governments, commercial use of motor boats and motor vehicles displaying "M" ration stickers. Credit is OUT for the duration for the North Carolina passenger auto owner.

POINT RATIONING—Point rationing will soon begin and North Carolina housewives will have to juggle their rationing points as well as their budgets. Point rationing is primarily a woman's concern. Unless it is thoroughly understood—the reason for it, how it works—doing the family buying can easily become a complex, confused job. The thing to do—get acquainted with point rationing NOW, before it's too late!

Lions Club

Collects Victory Books Launches Membership Drive

The Franklin Lions Club is cooperating actively in the Victory Book campaign this week. T. W. Angel has been appointed chairman of a club committee to collect suitable books and magazines to be placed at the disposal of the men in the armed forces.

The club announces that it will be glad to receive books, magazines or contributions that are suitable, which may be left at Angel's Drug Store.

At the meeting last Monday evening the Lions Club voted to unite with other clubs in the United States to raise funds to send a shipload of food supplies to be sent to some needy and destitute country after the war.

This measure was proposed by the board of directors, and met enthusiastic support from the membership.

The new membership and attendance drive recently launched by the club is meeting with gratifying response, thus making the club more useful to the community.

REV. J. C. SWAIM TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Swaim, of the Macon Methodist circuit, will preach at the Baptist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Men In Service



Harris L. Sanders

Harris L. Sanders, son of J. L. Sanders of Prentiss, has graduated from electrical and radio school with the rating of Electrician's Mate third class. He is a graduate of Franklin High School and attended Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. He is now on duty on board a ship.



Pfc. Edwin W. Shope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shope of Prentiss, has been promoted to corporal. He has been in service four months and at present he is stationed at Robins Field, Ga.

Pfc. James E. Perry, Jr., of the Air Corps, now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., is home on furlough. He has been approved for officers training.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shuler of Cowee have four sons in service. Pfc. Paul Shuler and Pvt. Clyde Shuler now stationed somewhere overseas.

Pfc. Dover Shuler, now stationed at Fort Bragg.

Pvt. James Shuler of Camp Corabelle, Fla., who has been home on a ten day furlough.

Corporal Gus Baldwin is spending a two weeks furlough at home.

Bob Tallent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tallent, who are now working in a defense plant in York, S. C., sailed for foreign duty on December 2.

Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Barnard are visiting the former's parents in Franklin this week. Sgt. Barnard is on furlough from California where he is serving in a barrage balloon battalion.

Pvt. Mitchell Ashear's name was misprinted in last week's issue as Richard Ashear. He has been home on furlough from Robins Field, Georgia, visiting his brother, Joe Ashear and Mrs. Ashear.

Cpl. John S. Potts of Highlands, has been promoted to Sergeant. He is stationed at Camp Polk, La.

Pvt. Joseph B. Morgan, who is stationed at Camp Sibert, Alabama, has been home on furlough.

Edwin B. Parker, stationed with the Army Proving Ground Detachment at Hope, Arkansas, has recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant. He entered the service in July 1941 and is now mess sergeant for his detachment. He is the son of W. V. Parker of Franklin, Route 3.

Pvt. Joseph W. Fouts has been transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C. to Miami Beach, Fla., for his B. T. training in M. P. Pvt. Fouts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3.

Pvt. Leslie A. Reese has returned to camp after spending his furlough with friends and relatives in Highlands, also his mother, Mrs. Clyde Norton, in Jacksonville, Florida. He is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Cpl. William S. Johnson of the Army Air Corps arrived Tuesday night from California to spend his furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson.

Roosevelt And Churchill Meet For Parley In Africa

Warden Bryson Warns Against Fire Risk

Macon County cannot afford to be careless about fires this coming season. We have too much at stake to risk the added burden of fighting forest fires. We must go out all in the war effort.

One simple way to defeat Hitler is to keep fire out of our forests and we need them to stay green. They are doing much to supply the army and navy.

Keep the fires down by being careful with matches and burning brush.

Remember to cooperate by getting your brush-burning permit and following safe burning methods.

The brush-burning permit law is:

"It is unlawful to start any fire in any Forest protected area from February to June and October to November 30 without obtaining a permit from the State Forester or his agents; no charge shall be made for granting of these permits."

Permits may be secured from the following: John Edwards in Highlands, J. D. Burnette, Sealy; Andrew Gregory, Gneiss; W. W. Cochran, Flats; Robert Ramsey, Tellico; Carr Bryson, West's Mill; Register of Deeds, Franklin; or County Warden, J. Fred Bryson.

Red Cross

Announces War Drive; Other Chapter News

Plans are being made to begin the Red Cross War Drive early in March, is an announcement made by the Rev. Philip Green, chapter chairman of Macon County Red Cross.

The Rev. Rufus A. Morgan is in charge of the War Drive which takes the place this year of the customary Roll Call. Organizational set-up will be announced later.

First Aid Certificates
Red Cross First Aid Certificates have been awarded the following young people for completing the standard course in First Aid taught by Mrs. Katherine O'Neill at the Franklin High School.

Thelma Baldwin, Beatrice Beck, Annie Byrd Bradley, Mary Elizabeth Dobson, Virginia Farmer, Jena V. Frazier, Lorene Gibson, Catherine Gray, C. L. Green, Kate Jacobs, Edna Jennings, Mildred Roper, Mildred V. Roper, Leona Southard, Dorothy Stewart, Catherine Young, Mattie Pearl Bryson, Dorothy Duval, Nadine Huggins, Gertrude Hughes, Margaret Parrish, Virginia Parrish, Helen Ramsey, Ruth Rowland, Anna Jean Rowland, Edna Burrell, Dorothy Martin.

Red Cross and Books
Don't forget to turn in books—those YOU like for our service men to read. The boys aren't in for much fun, and the little pleasure they get from reading is a help.

Victory Book Campaign Receives Good Response

M. L. Dowdle Struck By Lightning—Has Narrow Escape

A bolt of lightning during a freak electrical storm occurring about 6:30 Monday evening, tore out four windows in the M. L. Dowdle home and struck Mr. Dowdle, who was sitting near a window.

Mr. Dowdle was knocked unconscious, his shoulder was badly burned and he was temporarily paralyzed. His clothing was torn off and burned. He was taken to the Angel hospital for treatment, where he remained overnight.

He seems to have completely recovered from the shock.

The house was burned and scorched outside and in—the living room in which Mr. Dowdle was sitting was badly demolished, the bolt traveling around the room, tearing up the radio, table, floor lamp and baseboard.

Other homes in the neighborhood felt the force of the stroke, but the Dowdle home was the only place damaged.

Pvt. Issac E. Pitts, who has been stationed with the medical corps at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., has been transferred to New Orleans, La.

Announce War Plans Of United Nations For 1943

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, in "the most unprecedented and momentous meeting of the century" at Casablanca, French Morocco in North Africa, reached an agreement on war plans for 1943 after a 10-day meeting, designed to bring about "the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan."

The president flew 5,000 miles of the Atlantic ocean without the people of the United States knowing he had left the country—the most amazing journey ever taken by the head of any government.

News Came By Radio
The news came over radio Tuesday night at 10 o'clock, after an announcement had been made that tremendous news would be broadcast at that time. The world was unaware of this secret meeting which portended much for all the peoples of the world.

War staffs of both nations participated in the discussions, and it was stated that Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek, who were unable to attend, were in complete accord for Russia and China.

Generals Giraud and De Gaulle are said to have met and agreed upon a united military effort to enter the field against the axis. The President and Prime Minister stated that the Allied Nations were determined to maintain the initiative on every battle front.

W A A C

Headquarters Established In Roy Cunningham's Store

Young women of Macon County who are interested in enlisting in the WAACs are invited to fill out application blanks immediately at the booth set up at Roy Cunningham's feed store on Main Street.

Mr. Cunningham also has information folders on hand for those who are interested in learning WAAC qualifications. There are even folders available for the purpose of mailing to friends who may be interested in joining the WAACs.

A useful bit of information is the fact that the government is supplying certain forms for use in procuring a birth certificate if the applicant does not yet have one.

Mr. Cunningham has undertaken the project of directing WAAC enrollment here; this is one of eight booths recently set up for WAAC registration in Western Carolina.

Rev. C. C. Welch of Burningtown, who underwent an operation at Angel hospital this week is reported to be doing well.

Lions Club And Theatre Assist In Collecting Volumes

The Victory Book campaign announced last week has received a good response in Franklin. Already many books have been brought to the office of the Nantahala Power and Light Company at the request of the chairman, J. E. S. Thorpe. Miss Lottie Kelly, assistant chairman, announced yesterday that Clyde Gailey has offered free tickets to all young people under 15 who bring a good book, published after 1935, for admission on next Sunday afternoon.

Lions Club Active
The Lions Club membership is engaged actively in soliciting and collecting books. Their contributions are being brought to the club's chairman, T. W. Angel, at Angel's Drug Store.

Books Wanted
It has been stressed that old books are not wanted, and that only books of current interest and modern style will be acceptable. These may be fiction, travel, scientific or other volumes on interesting topics by good authors. This campaign ends February 1, so all those who have books or wish to contribute money to buy a book are urged to act this week.