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Give Again To The Red Cross Fund

Pvt. Henry "Missing In Action" In North Africa

This Macon Co. Boy Gives Life After 4 Years Service

This is only a brief outline of a mountain boy's career as a soldier before he gave his life in a foreign battle field a few weeks ago.

We first met Private John C. Henry's father, Robert Henry of Ellijay, last fall when he told us that he had received a message that his son would speak over BBC from London. He told us then how John had first served two years when he enlisted at the age of 17 in 1938. He re-enlisted in 1940, later joining the Canadian army so he could get into the war. Soon after he was sent to the British Isles, where he had several narrow escapes from bombing.

We read a letter he wrote about the nice Welch girl—Rita Tanner—to whom he was engaged. Then later came the news that while seated beside her just before they were to have been married, the building was struck by a German bomb. She was killed and he was unhurt. Another narrow escape during a German Luftwaffe was described when his train loaded with troops on the way to Scotland escaped bombs which fell on two troop trains just following with many casualties resulting.

While stationed in Ireland John got a transfer to join the American forces there and only recently requested to be sent to North Africa where his younger brother, Tech. Sgt. Walter Lee Henry, had been sent a few days before the sad news came to his parents, Robert Henry said to a friend, "I am proud of my sons."

"Missing in action" was the message received by Mr. and Mrs. Henry from the War Department. Besides his parents, eight brothers and sisters are at home.

Mr. Henry is employed in the mechanical department of the Duncan Motor company. The deep sympathy of fellow citizens is with this family who have been called upon to give so much, and we would like for these parents to know that we, too, are "proud of their sons."



MISSING — Pvt. John C. Henry, 23, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, of the Ellijay section of Macon county, is reported missing in action in North Africa, according to the war department. He has been missing since February 18, the message to the parents said. He enlisted at the age of 17.

Men In Service

Sgt. Mack S. Setser has been transferred to a new base in the Pacific, for advance training.

Pvt. George H. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser is at Miami Beach, Florida, for basic training.



Three Jones brothers, sons of Mrs. Demorest Jones, in the armed forces. Pvt. John M. with an engineering Battalion at Fort Benning; Pvt. Dave M. at Fort Bragg and Pvt. T. M., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pvt. Raymond Culver is at Buckley Field, Colorado.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter has received news from her son, Lieut. Chas. M. Hunter, that he is being transferred to overseas service.

Pvt. George V. Brendle, son of Mrs. Eva Brendle, is now stationed at Langley Field, Va.

Pvt. William C. Beeco, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beeco, who is serving with the U.S. Army in an infantry division is now stationed at Los Angeles, Calif.

Among the aviation cadets graduated from Strother Army Air Field, Kansas, on Saturday, March 20, was Kenneth R. Cabe, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe. The class represented 28 states, these young cadets going from their basic flying school to advanced training, a commission in the U.S. Army Air Corps and "the shining diploma of the Airman—silver pilot's wings."

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Waldrop have recently heard from their son, Crop. Grover Quentin Waldrop, who is somewhere overseas, saying he is doing well.

William E. Nichols of Fort Benning, Ga., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols, recently.

Belton Waldrop of the U. S. Army, stationed in California, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Burch and other relatives and friends.

Sgt. L. G. Waldrop, stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., spent a few days with his parents, recently. Homer Maney, Donald Holland, William Temple Tallent, Lake Hudson Stiles, Earle James Woods.

This Sailor Gave More Than Double DID YOU?

Staff Room 207
NORFOLK NAVAL HOSPITAL
Portsmouth, Va.

March 20, 1943.

American Red Cross Chapter,
Franklin, N. C.

Enclosed is \$3.00 for the Red Cross Chapter, and I hope this will aid in your quota. The Red Cross is doing a wonderful job, and we appreciate everything you are doing.

Yours truly,

THOMAS TURPIN, phm3/c—U.S.N.

Clean-Up Drive To Reach Goal Of Red Cross Quota

Many Activities Planned For Next Week Announced

A meeting on Tuesday night of Red Cross leaders and business men planned to raise the remaining amount to complete Macon county's quota of the War Fund. The county-wide drive has brought in about \$2,000 to date from the towns of Franklin and Highlands and communities in county, which is short of the goal of \$3,650.

Benny McGlamery heads this "clean-up" committee with the following assistants: A. B. and R. S. O'Mohundro, Tommy Angel, Jess Conley, Grover Jamison, Jr., Roy Cunningham, Carl Tysinger, Gilmer Jones, W. C. Zickgraf, J. C. Crisp, John Archer, Woodrow Reeves, Joe Dowdle, Joe Setser and Clyde Gailey.

The War Fund chairman, Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Rev. Philip Green and Dr. J. L. Stokes II are aiding the committee in carrying out their plans.

Mrs. Virginia Wilson Gribble is now helping as a part time worker with the chapter's correspondence. The work of the home service chairman Dr. Stokes has become so heavy that a clerical assistant is necessary.

Two thermometers showing the progress of the fund are being set up in the bank and post-office, where the gauge will rise each day showing amount as it grows toward the goal.

Movie Sponsored
There is no doubt that the people will respond to the appeal that those who have given, give again

Rationing Of Meats And Other Items Start March 29

A new phase in the rationing of food begins March 29 at 12:01 a. m., when the program is expanded to take in meats, canned fish, cheeses, butter, shortening and cooking oils.

OPA announced last Sunday that retail sales of butter, margarine, lard and other edible fats and oils would be frozen for a week until they go under point rationing on Monday, March 29. The order was made at 3 p. m. without previous warning. Restaurants are not affected by the order and may continue to get these articles from wholesalers.

Starting March 29 each person will have 16 points a week in red stamps of rationing book No. 2 to spend for meats, cheese and canned fish and fats.

The schedule is: "A," March 29, "B," April 4, "C," April 11, "D," April 18, and "E," April 25. All of these stamps except "E" expire April 30. The expiration date for "E" will be announced later.

Consumers will not be required to make a declaration of their stocks on hand. The sale of canned meat and fish already has been "frozen" until the rationing program begins.

and will support the various activities planned to raise the remaining sum. Bill Collins, owner, and Clyde Gailey, manager of the Macon Theatre are giving the proceeds of Tuesday and Wednesday's show "I Live On Danger," and the High School seniors are selling 1500 tickets for this picture which will insure crowded houses and three cheers for the management. Mr. Gailey announces that a Paramount film entitled "Since Pearl Harbor," which is a short with ten minutes showing time, will be run between shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This picture is officially endorsed by the National Red Cross, and was secured especially for showing during the drive.

Attention is called to the lifting of the ban on pleasure driving which will enable many to come in and enjoy the show who have not been able to do so during the weeks that the ban was on. Owing to the shortage of gas, it is suggested that the neighborhood parties fill all cars attending the show.

The Fire department is planning a big square dance next Thursday night, April 1, to which old and young are invited, the entire proceeds going to the Red Cross.

Community box suppers will be another feature of the wind-up drive.

Jess Conley heads a committee which will report by special letter to individuals the status of the drive, giving another opportunity to those who have already subscribed, to be followed up by solicitors in their neighborhoods.

WAAC Recruiting Officer Here March 30

Ruth J. Merryless, 3rd Officer, WAAC, of Asheville, will be at the Frances Shop on Tuesday, March 30, from 3 to 5 p. m., to answer questions and to recruit young women for service. There is great need for 150,000 volunteers for the WAAC Corps to replace men for active combat duty.

REV. C. R. HINTON TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Rev. C. R. Hinton of Albemarle will be at the Franklin Baptist church Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p. m., to conduct a special county-wide Sunday School Convention meeting. All officers and Sunday School workers are urged to attend.

The full list of foods to be rationed beginning March 29 is given as follows:

All frozen, cured and canned beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton, including all varieties of meats such as liver, heart, kidney, brain and similar items and all sausage. All canned fish, cheeses, (excluding perishable cheeses such as cottage, cream, limberger, bleu and others) butter, lard, margarine, shortening, and salad and cooking oils.

Food Conservation Theme Of Two-Day Meeting Here

Asphalt Burns

At Prison Camp; Public Halts Fire Fighters

Fourteen barrels of asphalt burned at the State prison camp Wednesday afternoon and an unestimated number of gallons of rationed gas was needlessly consumed by civilians bent on enjoying the excitement of seeing black smoke roll skyward.

The Franklin Fire Department answered the siren alarm in record time, but, according to Chief Tysinger, their quick response was rendered almost futile because cars and trucks completely blocked the highway.

"When I had to take the small truck back to the station for more hose, the road was so completely blocked on both sides and the middle from the camp road to Horner Stockton's house that I waited from five to ten minutes to pass," said J. C. Crisp.

"There was nothing we could do about the asphalt but let it burn, but the fire was dangerously near a large pile of lumber. It was to protect this that we extended the hose line. But when we lengthened these hose with some new sections the department has recently purchased, one citizen drove across it in full view, so he could better see the smoke roll," reported Chief Tysinger. "That section will probably burst when we are trying to put out a future fire. Then when we tried to hitch the hose to the water main, one lady was securely parked against it, which caused considerable delay. At least three car owners got tickets to appear before the town board at its next meeting," he added.

"These citizens did not help us any," said the Chief of the town's volunteer fire fighters, whose job it is to protect property without remuneration.

Harry L. Cunningham of Mount Airy, Ga., was in Franklin last week for the purpose of closing the sale of his house on Bonny Crest. The property was bought by Bill Cunningham, a brother.

Home Economics Leaders To Conduct Workshop March 26 and 27

The Civilian Defense Council will sponsor a Food Conservation Workshop at the Agricultural Building in Franklin, March 26 and 27, each meeting to begin at 10 a. m. Other county workers cooperating with the Nutrition Chairman, Miss Gladys Maxwell, in organizing the Workshop are the home demonstration agent, Florence S. Sherrill, the Home Economics teacher, Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, and other home economics trained persons, Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, and other home economics trained persons.

Miss Sara Burton Jenkins, Assistant Supervisor of Home Economics Education in North Carolina, will have charge of the program and give all demonstrations.

The meetings to be held Friday will be for all home economics, county health nurse, and superintendent of Welfare.

Block Leaders To Be Trained
The Saturday meeting will be devoted to the training of all block leaders, food preservation and nutrition leaders of the home demonstration clubs, and all women neighborhood leaders.

Such Workshops are being held in every county in North Carolina with the hope of reaching both city and rural people. North Carolina is the first state to present such a coordinated plan.

Square Dance

Red Cross Benefit To Be Given By Fire Dept

The Fire Department will sponsor a square dance for the benefit of the Red Cross War Fund next Wednesday night, April 1, in the Leach Building, on Main street. The Franklin band will furnish the music and Carl Tysinger, chief, will see that everybody has a good time. Tickets will be sold on Main Street on the day of the dance. Both spectators and dancers are urged to attend.

Forest Fires Destroy Wood And Soil Needed For War

By John Wasilik, Jr., District Forest Ranger

Our people in this mountain section of North Carolina are "Tillers of the Soil", whose entire life depends upon Mother Earth. Plant and animal life that live on the lands in large part have their origin in or draw their support from the earth whose upper layers are the soil. The soil is the basis of life; it is not mere dirt, a substance to be despised, a synonym of filth, but a great storehouse of energy, a great home, a bountiful Mother. Countless of billions of micro-organisms, the bacterial flora, through its dark passageways, while the roots of countless higher ramify through it in eager quest of food and water. Only less numerous are the earth worms, insects and burrowing animals that delve into it for food as well as for shelter.

The Forest depends upon the soil. If the soil is thin, rocky and unproductive the trees and shrubs are likewise and the resultant timber crop is of poor quality and of low yield. On the other hand the Forest attains its best development in the rich mountain coves on north slopes where the soil is deep with plenty of moisture and where ground fires have not destroyed the rich humus.

In the past wasteful agricultural methods have caused considerable land waste by losing precious soil. Such areas are now in abandoned fields where erosion has formed large, deep gullies or washes. Such gullied areas are of no value to the farmer or any one else.

Plant Trees In Gullies
It is better to plant trees on such areas so that the soil will stay in place. Some of these wash-

es and gullies are being planted to pine which is one of the best ways to save them from total destruction. Grasses and herbs and shrubs will seed in on such areas after the soil is held in place by the tree crop and tend to reduce the force of falling rain. By so doing floods will be reduced to a minimum.

Forest A Crop

Overgrazing of pastures on the steeper slopes and burning the forest floor will also result in the formation of gullies and washes, and eventually floods. Yes, even Macon County had a bad flood 2 years ago. In Macon there is a total area of 337,800 acres. Out of this total 134,000 acres are in the Nantahala National Forest, or about 40 percent of the total area. Many thousands of dollars have been spent building up farm lands during the past few years, but how much has been spent building up forest land and on fire prevention on private land? Very little. Is not the forest also a crop even though it produces a crop every thirty or even fifty years?

Aiding War Effort

This year the Wayah District of the Nantahala National Forest is selling about 32,000 cords of chestnut acidwood and about 1 million board feet of green sawtimber, all valued at about \$30,000. The chestnut acidwood goes to Canton and Sylva where it is converted into tannic acid which is used in the tanning of leather. The sawtimber is converted into lumber and goes to the U. S. Navy for the building of ships and aeroplanes,—in the war against Hitler and the Japs. The Nantahala National Forest is directly aiding the war effort and is certainly worth protecting from Forest Fires. Erosion in this grave hour of national peril

Classifications

The following new classifications are announced by the Local Board:

In I-A: Keith Edward Gregory, Samuel Ebenezer Ramsey, Hershell Dillard Keener, Denver Eugene Long, Marvin Dewitt Bryant, James Albert Cabe, Ezell Bryant, James Ernest Potts, Calvin Coolidge Morgan, Frank Harley Mason, Cleatus Moss, Harry Edwin Conley, Andrew William Cope, Jess Andrew Martin, James Howell Bingham, Charlie William McDowell, George Lewis Talley, Fred Siler Littleton, Jr., Fred Lyle McConnell, James Billy McDonald, (col.), James Paul Jenkins, Varnol Wardell McCall, Paul Vergil Huscusson, Lewis Lee Fouts, James Welton Roberts, Eugene Burton Boston, John Marvin Vanhook, J. B. Duvall, J. T. Moses, Claude Atward Henry, Charles Wood, Jr., Marshall Doyle Dills. In II-A: John Huber Wasilik, Paul Davis Denn, James Dean Higdon. In IV-F: Clyde Calvin Drake, Fred Garland Bradley.

The following are changed classifications:

From IV-F to I-A, Ellis William Hodgkin, from II-A to I-A, Molton Buchanan, from III-A to I-A, Robert Louis Patillo, Clyde Allison Hopper, Colonel Perry Howard, Glen Miller Byerly, James Buel Douthit, Fred Clinton Moore. From I-A to II-C: Newell Owenby, Paul Guy, Frank Lewis Hughes, John Emerson Smith, from III-A to II-C, James Robert Stewart, from III-A to III-C, Harvey D. Crisp, Lyman Roper, Frank Maiden Elliott.

From I-A to II-A, Robert Andrew Wilson, from I-A to II-B, Terry Hall Bolick, Robert Wilson Angel, from III-A to II-A, William Kermit Shields, Herbert Bunyan Angel, Ralph Vernon Angel, from I-A to III-A, Dwight Levan Holtman, from III-A to III-B, Manley Cleophas Watkins, Julius