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Macon County Will Have Nine Months School Term

The Macon County Board of Education announced today that the Board took action at a recent meeting, passing a resolution that Macon County would adopt the nine months school term as passed by the recent General Assembly. This provides that the state will pay for the additional month, leaving the adoption of the nine months term optional with the counties.

This measure will mean that Macon county students will not be at the disadvantage of competing with young people from counties already having the nine months term or of crowding nine months of work into the eight months period.

Court

Completes Both Dockets In Record Time

The April term of Superior Court, presided over by the Hon. S. J. Ervin of Morganton, completed the criminal docket on Monday. The civil docket was moved up from Monday, April 19 to Thursday, April 15, and indications were that this session would last only one day—setting a record for brevity.

No cases of major importance came up. The case against Logan Bryson charged with manslaughter in connection with an automobile accident was not pressed with leave. A number of cases of assault with deadly weapon, driving while intoxicated and violation of liquor laws were fined, given suspended sentences or continued. Several were against men now serving in the armed forces.

Ration Board Announces New Hours

The Macon County Ration Board announces that new office hours have been adopted as follows: 8:15 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., except Saturday, when the office will close at 1:45 p. m.

Kerosene users are notified not to throw away the stub of their kerosene coupon books, as the stub will have to be presented to get it renewed in the period ending September 30.

Frank Mason

Killed In Georgia While Cutting Tree

Frank Mason, 55, farmer of Dillard, Ga., formerly of Macon county, was killed instantly Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the mountains near Dillard.

Mason and his brother-in-law, a Mr. Parker, had cut a tree to make boards. They had sawed off three blocks when the tree trunk kicked back and knocked Mason against a rock, cutting off the top of his head.

A native of the Skeenah section of Macon county, he was the son of Mrs. Julia Anne Parker Mason and the late Clingman Mason.

Surviving are the widow; four sons, Elbert and Ellis of Canton and U. L. and Elmer of Dillard; his mother, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Hill Baptist church in the Skeenah section of Macon county. Officiating were the Rev. James I. Vinson, pastor, and the Rev. J. F. Marchman. Burial was in the church cemetery.

M. P. Corbin Taken By Death

Word has been received that Mack Priestly Corbin, 57, of Sedro Wooley, Wash., a native of Jackson county and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corbin, died March 31. He married Miss Lillian Norton of Macon county. They moved to Sedro Wooley about two years ago, where funeral services and burial took place.

Surviving are the widow and one daughter, June; four brothers, T. G. of Cullasaja; W. L. of Otto; D. H. of Greybull, Wyoming. Probate of Jackson county; one sister, Mrs. L. B. Higdon of Ashe-

Men In Service



ALEX. ARNOLD

Alex. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Arnold of Ellijay, has been promoted from technician fifth grade to fourth grade. He is on duty at Base hospital, Rattlesnake Mountain base, Pyote, Texas. He is a graduate of Franklin High school and Brevard college.

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HAROLD ROPER

Harold Roper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyacinth Roper, who is with the coast guard at Long Island, N. Y., recently spent a ten-day furlough with his family. Prior to entering the service last September he was employed in Raleigh. He recently married Miss Helen DeHart.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lowren McConnell of Prentiss have received word from their son, Pfc. Robert L. McConnell, that he has arrived at his port in the Pacific area.

His brother, Pvt. James B. McConnell, has been home on a seven-day furlough visiting his parents. He is stationed at Nashville, Tenn.

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Pfc. Harry Slagle, grandson of Mrs. Henry Slagle and Mrs. Lee Waldrop, with his mother, Mrs. Hal Slagle of Randall, Washington, who joined him here, arrived this week to visit relatives on his way to the Greenville, S. C. airport.

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Pfc. Dover Shuler, stationed at Fort Bragg, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shuler of route 3.

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Pvt. George W. Miller of Ohio, volunteered for service March 17 and is now stationed at Clearwater, Fla. He is the son of Mrs. Riffie A. Miller of Franklin and the late Bynum Miller.

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Pfc. George C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray of Route 2, has finished his basic training for Airplane Mechanic at Gulfport Field, Miss., and has been sent to Loredo, Texas.

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Ray Barnard of the U. S. Navy is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnard, Route 3.

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Pfc. John D. Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crisp of Cullasaja, was graduated as an airplane mechanic on April 3, from Keesler Field's B-24 (Liberator Bomber) School, a unit of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.



Macon Co. Passes \$20,000 Mark In War Loan Drive

There will be a big rally on the square in front of the courthouse on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the interest of the War Loan Drive. Mrs. John Archer, chairman of the Women's division, has announced.

Sales of bonds in the county are reported to have reached \$20,000 towards Macon's quota of \$77,300.

Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, who is co-chairman in charge of rural districts, announce that sales in rural areas will be made by mail carriers and at booths set up in stores of the 11 townships of the county. These will be open on Sunday, April 24 and May 1. Sales of stamps and bonds will also be made at the schools until they close.

Marvin Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conley, stationed at Nashville, Tenn., is visiting here this week.

Pvt. Dewey Holland has returned to Fort Benning after spending a six-day leave with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holland of Gneiss.

Pvt. Fred Sweatman, son of Joe Sweatman and the late Mrs. Sweatman of Route 1, is now stationed at Camp Hathaway, Vancouver, Washington.

Bernard Poliakoff, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps and will undergo the final phases of officers' training course at Quantico, Va.

Lieut. Poliakoff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Poliakoff of Franklin. He is a graduate of the law school of the University of South Carolina.

Cadet Lewis Patton, son of R. A. Patton, has entered the classification center in Nashville, Tenn. This is the first step in a training program that will eventually graduate Cadet Patton as a commissioned officer with wings in the Armed Air Forces.

First Lieut. John L. Crawford, instructor in aviation at Moore Field, Mission, Texas, and Mrs. Crawford, arrived this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon. This is Mrs. Crawford's first visit to her husband's home.

Fred C. Vaughan, former employee of the Nantahala Power & Light Co., has been awarded his navigator's wings at an Army Air Force school in Texas. He has been sent to San Marcos, Texas, as an instructor.

Platoon Of WAACS For W. N. C.

Ruth J. Merryless, recruiting officer for the WAACS who comes each Tuesday to Franklin with headquarters at the Frances Shop, has received many inquiries in regard to the requirements for enrollment.

It has been announced by Capt. James H. Donaldson of the recruiting office in Asheville that a Western North Carolina Platoon will be formed and it is hoped that Macon county will furnish its quota of women to serve in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Full information will be given in next week's issue.

Pvt. Paul A. Belford of Fort Bragg has spent a 3-day leave with his wife at Prentiss. He has been in the service two months.

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Lieut.-Com. T. D. Slagle, "Doctor Dick" to his many friends here, son of Mrs. Henry Slagle of Cartoogechaye of the U. S. Navy and formerly of Puerto Rico, came in unexpectedly with Mrs. Slagle and their two children on Monday for a brief visit. The family is living at Chapel Hill while Lieut. Slagle is stationed on a transport on the Atlantic.

Capt. Riley Watts, Tech/5th grade of Paratroops, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watts of Gneiss, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, was home on furlough last week.

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John W. Fox, who has been assistant editor with the Agricultural Extension Service in Raleigh for over four years, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He reported to Fort Schuyler, N. Y. in March and will be assigned to audio-visual work in the Navy. Lieut. Fox is the grandson of Mrs. John Willis of Franklin and has many friends here.

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Sgt. Kenneth Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cruse of Cartoogechaye, is home for a 10-day furlough and will return to Camp Howze, Texas, on April 21. Sgt. Cruse wears two medals—one for sharpshooting and one for expert rifle shooting. He entered the service over two years ago.

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Sgt. Harry Bateman, son of C. L. Bateman of Iota, of Camp House, Texas, is home on furlough.

Workers in a Michigan refinery fixed up a very low, false door leading to the pay office. On it is inscribed, "You will learn to duck low if you don't buy a bond."

The Franklin High Finals Next Sunday And Monday

Red Cross

Exceeds Quota With More Than \$3,800 In Hand

The Macon County Red Cross Chapter has exceeded its quota of \$3,650 for the War Drive with over \$3,800 in hand. Rev. P. H. Green, county chairman announced today.

In a letter to all who helped actively to raise the fund signed by Chm. Green and Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, War Drive Chm., the following message of appreciation was expressed.

"The fine work of committees and canvassers has made possible the success of the 1943 War Fund Drive. We thank you most cordially for your part in it. The spirit of determination and enthusiasm which has characterized you and your workers has been a joy to the entire chapter."

Rural Report

The following is a list of county workers and donations:

Clarks Chapel: Mrs. Russell Cabe and Edith Brown, \$31.45; Cartoogechaye: Mrs. Carl Slagle, Mrs. Earl Harrison, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Nannie Roane, and Miss Esther Seay and Mrs. Alice Ray, \$162.30; Holly Springs: Calie Deal and Hallie Cabe, \$50.50; Cullasaja: Mrs. C. T. Bryson, \$27.25; Ellijay: Mrs. P. N. Moses, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Mrs. Albert Rogers, \$30.05; Gheiss: Mrs. Ella Peek, \$5.50; Pine Grove: Mrs. T. T. Henderson, \$39.75; Oak Grove: Mrs. Turner Breedlove, Miss Vernon Bradley, Mrs. Dwight Parrish, \$22.50; Cowee: Mrs. Frank Gibson, \$55.00; Cowee-Harmony: Mrs. Weaver Gibson, \$15.30; Hickory Knoll: Mrs. J. S. Gray, Mrs. A. F. Kimsey, \$17.50; Watauga: Mrs. Jeter Higdon, Mrs. Parks Brendle, \$25.25; Iota: Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey, \$48.05; Mrs. Ralph West, \$13.75; Mrs. J. C. Myers, \$13.54; Tellico: Mrs. Robert Ramsey, \$48.48; Nantahala: Mrs. Fred Babington, \$20.00; Otter Creek: Mrs. Britt May, \$14.50; Otto: Mrs. W. M. Parrish, \$184.05; Gold Mine: Mrs. Myrtle F. Keened, \$24.51; Burningtown: Mrs. Robert Parrish, \$6.45; Olive Hill: Mrs. Land Roper, \$16.10; Union: Mrs. J. W. Addington, 25.50; Tesson: A. C. Patterson, Mrs. Jim Justice, \$8.75; Scal: Mrs. J. N. Fisher, \$14.00; Patton: Mrs. Leona Duncan, \$10.00; Curb Market of Home Demonstration Clubs, \$5.00; Total, \$943.03.

Chamber Of Commerce, Rotary And Lions To Have Dinner Meet

The Chamber of Commerce, the Lions and the Rotary Club will have a joint dinner meeting on Monday evening, April 26, to make plans for the coming season. The place of meeting and the speakers will be announced next week.

Clyde Hoey To Speak At 15-County Bond Rally

Health Center

To Open In Asheboro Bldg. On April 23

A health center will be opened in the Health Department office, located in the Asheboro Bldg., on April 23 at 1:30 p. m. This Health Center will be held each 4th Friday of the month.

The object of the Health Center will be to maintain and improve the health of the community:

1. By aiding in keeping well babies well by regular checkups
2. By regularly checking the condition of expectant mothers.

3. By immunizing children against communicable diseases: diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, etc.

Conditions found requiring treatment will be referred to the family physician.

Health Center clinics will be conducted by Dr. M. B. H. Michael, Assistant District Health Officer.

Memorial Service For Men Who Have Given Their Lives

Ex-Governor Clyde R. Hoey, state chairman of the second war loan drive, will speak at a 15-county rally at Waynesville, Monday evening, April 19, at the courthouse at 8 o'clock. The gathering will be in the nature of a memorial service for all men who have lost their lives in this war and their families will be given special recognition in the service.

W. Curtis Russ, of the Waynesville Mountaineer, has sent a special wire extending an invitation to the people of Macon county and especially to those whose relatives have given their lives. The names of all men will be read during the service.

The names of Pvt. John C. Henry, Pvt. Harold Dalrymple and Pvt. Grady Brendle have been sent to the committee.

Baccalaureate Exercises At Macon Theatre Sunday Night

The commencement exercises of the Franklin High School will begin on Sunday evening, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock, when the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. Philip H. Green; the Rev. J. L. Stokes II will read the Scripture lesson and the Rev. J. F. Marchman will offer a prayer. The music will be directed by Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, with the congregation joining in the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

The graduating exercises will be held in the High School Auditorium of the evening of Monday, April 19. Barbara Stockton, who led her class with a four-year scholarship average of 92.7, will deliver the valedictory, and Betty Horsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Horsley, will deliver the salutatory. Her average was 92.1.

Louise Williams, Clell Bryant, Harry Kinsland and Virginia Farmer, other honor students, will make talks. J. F. Pugh, principal, will announce the awards and G. L. Houk, superintendent, will confer the diplomas.

A complete list of this year's graduates will appear in next week's Press.

"People Wag Their Tongues Too Much" —Major Gen. Strong

The war department's chief intelligence officer told the American people today they were failing to give soldiers an even break against the enemy "because you will not keep your mouth shut."

The assertion was made by Maj. Gen. George V. Strong, assistant chief of staff, intelligence, who warned against discussing assignments of individual soldiers.

"Of course, you, individually, have not divulged any secrets or tipped off any surprises. But here is what has happened: "You told several people who division your son or brother is in and where he is located overseas. Pretty soon the whole community knows it. An enemy agent picks up the information and passes it on to his intelligence. They pounce on it because it is the last bit of information they needed to definitely locate an entire U. S. division. That division was there for a carefully planned attack but now a vital operation has been ruined because you talked."</p