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SHERIFF GETS FOUR THIEVES

Quantity Of Stolen Goods Found, And Four Said To Have Confessed

Sheriff J. P. Bradley has reported the arrest of four of the thieves who have been carrying on a systematic series of robberies of homes and stores in the Highlands and Tesenta sections of Macon county and in Rabun county, Georgia. According to the Sheriff's statement, the men arrested have confessed their guilt in several instances. Sheriff Bradley was assisted in rounding up and arresting Percy Webb, Robert Beasley, and two other Beasleys by Sheriff Williams of Rabun county, Ga., and his deputy, on May 2 and 3. Webb, acknowledged entering Buchanan's store on Tesenta and taking \$75.00 on Saturday night, May 1, according to Sheriff Bradley while Robert Beasley claimed that he stood on the outside and watched. With the help of Deputies Walter Dean and Vinson, \$46.01 was recovered of the above amount; \$13.00 being in nickles and dimes and 111 pennies.

Following a tip, the Sheriff said he had found about \$200 worth of merchandise and household goods, including quilts, blankets, a typewriter, dishes and silverware in an old tunnel in the Betty's creek gap at the head of Commissioner's creek, and about 300 yards from the Beasley home. Robert Beasley was arrested by Ed Rogers, Highlands policeman, and John Burnette of Flats who apprehended him in his store. He was put in jail in Highlands, and the Sheriff went last Saturday and brought him to Franklin. All four men are now in jail in Clayton, Ga., to be first tried in the Rabun county Superior court for alleged robberies committed in Georgia.

Sheriff Bradley left Deal and Vinson guarding the tunnel while taking the Beasleys to jail when Webb approached and made a gesture as if reaching for his gun. Vinson fired twice and Webb shot at Vinson, but his gun snapped. He left his gun and hat and took refuge in the home of a brother-in-law, where he was arrested, according to accounts. Webb is said to be about 25 years of age and an old offender, having been on the roads for theft of a yearling which he sold. The Beasleys are said to be young boys about 20 and younger.

The Sheriff stated that he had been following clues for two weeks or more, following reports from Highlands and Otto of repeated thefts. Eight or ten unoccupied homes of summer residents have been discovered entered and robbed. Blankets, lamps and wearing apparel were discovered in an old vacant house in Lloyd's cove, it was stated. Three houses on Tesenta were broken into on Thursday, April 29. About 100 keys were taken from Webb and Robert Beasley, it was stated.

After trial in Georgia, the men face trial before the Superior court of Macon county.

Sugar For Home Canning

An announcement will appear in next week's issue of The Franklin Press stating the time and places where a county-wide registration will be held for sugar for home canning purposes. However, anyone having an URGENT need for sugar for this purpose may apply at the office of the Board in Franklin on Tuesday, May 18th between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., ONLY. Do not apply at the office unless your need is urgent and you have FRUIT to can before May 25th, 1943.

Ration stamp envelopes may now be obtained by retailers at the local War Price & Rationing Board.

OPA has announced that, beginning June 1, the ration of coffee will be for a period of one month instead of five weeks.

Rationing Stamp Expirations

SUGAR—stamp No. 12 good for 5 pounds, expires May 31.
GASOLINE—A coupons, 3 gallons each, good until July 22.
COFFEE—Stamp No. 23, good until May 30, for 1 pound.
RED FOOD STAMPS—E & G, good until May 31.
BLUE FOOD STAMPS—G, H, & J, good until May 31.
SHOES—Stamp 17, good until June 15.

Giant Tanks in Action



THIS 40-TON TANK is moving forward with the rest of its squadron following the success of famed British Coldstream and Grenadier Guards during recent battles in Tunisia. It is one of the formidable new "Churchill" tanks, mounting a powerful gun, which are being turned out in quantity by Britain's war factories. The men clinging to the tank belong to a Field Company of British engineers and their dangerous job is to lift enemy mines and make the newly won territory safe for further Allied advances.

Women In Service

WAVE



Alma E. Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Cabe of Route 4, has the distinction of being, so far, Franklin's only WAVE. Miss Cabe was rated Yeoman Second Class, which is equivalent to Staff Sergeant in the Army; she is working now a supervisor of General Files in the District Personnel Office of the Navy and is stationed at New Orleans, La.

MARGARET L. RAY JOINS WAACS

Aux. Margaret L. Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ray, has arrived at the Second WAAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, Fla., to begin her basic military training.

Aux. Ray was transferred from the cantonment area where she attended classes and close order drill to acquaint her with army methods and procedures which she will need to show before she replaces a man in a military job.

Aux. Beatrice H. Watson, WAAC stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., has been promoted to auxiliary first class.

Dr. A. P. Anderson Passes In Miami

News has just been received in Highlands of the death of Dr. Alexander Pierce Anderson, on Friday, May 7, at his winter home in Miami, Fla.

The body will be taken for interment to Redwing, Minn., on Wednesday, May 12, where Dr. Anderson had been a resident for thirty-five years. Dr. Anderson formerly made his home in Highlands. He was in his 80th year. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Ralph M. Sargent, Mrs. Ray Hedjn, Mrs. Frank Chesley; and one son, John Anderson.

3RD SUNDAY SINGING AT COWETA BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular Third Sunday afternoon Community Singing will be held May 16 at 1:30 p. m., at the Coweta Baptist Church near Otto, N. C. The Wilburn Girls Quartet and other special singers from Georgia are expected to attend. J. M. Holt is chairman.

Men In Service



Naval Aviation Cadet, Brice Randall Alsop, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Alsop, has completed Navy Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill. He has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Air Station at Glenview, Ill.



Pfc. H. G. Ray is stationed now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. News last received from him told that he is safe and well.

The cut of another soldier was run last week over the cut lines of Pfc. Ray, by error in make-up.



Seaman First Class, James Bruce Blaine, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Blaine, is stationed now at Norfolk, Virginia. He recently married Miss Lillian Sabanick of Ohio.

Lt. and Mrs. John Willis Fox, who came here from Washington, D. C., have been visiting Lt. Fox's grandmother, Mrs. John B. Willis, and aunt, Miss Mary Willis, of Route 1. Lt. Fox was stationed last month in Washington; before that he was located in Ft. Schuyler, Bronx, N. Y. He is leaving this week for duty in the Alaska sector.

Pvt. Richard K. Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan of Franklin, has been sent to an Engineer Training Battalion at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Joe H. Pattillo, son of Mrs. R. E. Pattillo, Route 4, is here on leave. Pattillo is a Petty Officer, Yeoman First Class; he is stationed at Miami, Fla.

J. C. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Jacobs of Route 3, now in North Africa with the Air Corps, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Before going into service, he was employed by the National Bank & Trust Co., in Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have another son in the Air Corps, Radford Eugene, at Keesler Field, Miss.

Sgt. Rollin A. Deal has arrived safely in North Africa, according to news received by his mother, Mrs. J. B. Deal, Route 4. Before going overseas, Sgt. Deal was stationed in Texas, a member of the coast artillery.

Sgt. William R. Deal, another son of Mrs. J. B. Deal, has been transferred from Camp Gordon, Ga., to Fort Dix, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Holland of Gneiss have heard from their son, Pfc. Lewis R. Holland. He is stationed somewhere in North Africa.

Mrs. Thomas L. Johnson has heard from the War Department and also from her son, Cpl. Hugh Johnson, that he has recovered from a slight gunshot wound and is back in service.

Cpl. Herschel McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto McClure, has been serving with the military police in North Africa since January. His wife, Mrs. Wilma Crawford McClure, is with her sister at Clyde.

Cpl. R. Hoyt Ledford left Saturday for Lexington, Ky., after spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Eedford.

Wyley A. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole S. Brooks of Franklin, was recently promoted from Pfc. to Corporal, at Westover Field, Mass., where he is stationed.

Pfc. Audell Gribble of Route 2, has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade. He is stationed now at Camp Barkley, Texas.

William Keener, 20, of Gneiss, was promoted to Fireman Second Class upon his graduation from the service school for machinist's mates at Great Lakes, Ill. Keener is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milliam Lee Keener.

Clean Up Week Proclaimed By Mayor For May 17-24

68 SENT TO CAMP CROFT

Macon Men Leaving For Army Service Last Friday

The following is a list of the men sent to Camp Croft, South Carolina on May 7th for physical examination and induction: They comprise eight volunteers, 57 selectees and 3 transfers. Volunteers, Glenn Miller Bierly, Adam Butler Jenkins, Lex Cunningham, Robert Eugene Welch, Charles Wood, Jr., Glenn Carter Wilson, Erwin Patton Dowdle, James Welton Roberts.

Selectees: Glenn Ross Cole, Fred Clinton Moore, Nelson Green, Lonnie Woodrow Evans, James Clyde Vaughn, Albert Hopkins, Richard Webb, John Wiley Lenoir, Edgar William Miller, Woodrow Bryson Passmore, William Earl Lewis, John Gibson Murray, Eugene Adams Cope, James Clifton Wilkes, Grady Lee Hopkins, John Wiley Hurst, James Wade Buchanan, Arthur Warren Cabe, James Robert Mson, John Thad Ashe, Don Marshall Cabe, Fred Crisp, Calvin Coolidge Henson, Ned Porter Howard, Charles Conley Vinson, Jack Dempsey Cabe, Harvey James Poin-dexter, James Calvin Younce, Gorman Alexander Pennington, Earnest Jessie Keener, Beveridge Sanders, John Kenneth Reese, Claude Bradley, Johnny Thomas Carpenter, John Rogers Guffey, Joyce Clarence Dayton, Billie Bruston Webb, Ernest Sylvester Hedden, Truman Crisp, James Harvey Ledford, Helen Wilford Roane, Louis Jasper Wilson, Denver Eugene Long, Ralph Jones, Lewis Webb, Andrew William Cope, J. T. Moses, James Paul Jenkins, George Lewis Talley, Marshall Doyle Dills, Frank Harley Mason, Claude Atward Henry, James Ernest Potts, Fred Lyle McConnell, Charles Herbert Carpenter, William Lester Parrish, Lester Webb.

Transferred to this board for induction: Lee Cunningham, Thomas Junior Childers, Glenn Hunter Waldroop.

Lions Met Monday Night At Cagle's Cafe

The Lion's Club held its regular dinner meeting at Cagle's Cafe last Monday evening with the president, Benny McGlamery, presiding. Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, addressed the club on the war work of the Macon Red Cross chapter. Thad Bryson was in charge of the program.

The two membership campaign committee will report at an early date and the winning team will be entertained by the losing team at a Ladies' Night buffet supper at Panorama Court on Monday evening, May 24. Tommy Angel and Thad Bryson are leaders of the contending teams.

Six-Killer Grocery Opening At Oakdale

A new grocery store, named for the old Six-Killer Indian Reservation upon which it is located, is opening this week in the Oakdale community, ten miles from Franklin, by A. B. O'Mohundro, owner of the Western Auto Associate Store in Franklin.

The new store, which will open on Saturday in the former C. S. Ray store, is built on land of the original grant from the State to H. H. Ray, grandfather of Mrs. O'Mohundro, and father of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Barnard. The Oakdale school and church are nearby, in the upper Burningtown section.

Rev. H. T. Bridgman of Highlands will preach at the 11 o'clock service at the Presbyterian church, Sunday, May 16. All members are urged to come and all visitors are cordially invited.

REV. H. T. BRIDGMAN AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mayor John O. Harrison has requested the announcement be made that next week, May 17 to 22, be proclaimed "Clean Up Week for Franklin. It is suggested that Wednesday afternoon be devoted to an intensive home cleaning program.

"It is hard to hire extra help for cleaning up the town this year" said the Mayor, "but we will do the best we can and we know that all good citizens will cooperate". Cooperation this year will include, first of all, a thorough cleaning of one's own premises, and also of vacant property and lots; salvaging and repairing implements and tools that can be used, discarding useless articles and getting rid of all trash. This will be removed by the town garbage truck as promptly as possible.

The Franklin Fire Department has stressed during the past year the necessity of getting rid of all fire hazards, and this phase of spring cleaning should be borne in mind. Let no one "Aid The Axis" by starting a fire in too great zeal to burn trash.

Attention is called to two town ordinances which every citizen should obey without compulsion. One is that a permit is required to burn brush. The other is that garbage is required to be kept in a closed garbage can or container.

Mayor Harrison calls attention to the need for cleaning the cemeteries and hopes that those interested will get together with an organized effort for this purpose.

Court Of Honor

Awards Eagle Badges To Bradley And Murray

The Smoky Mountain Court of Honor for Boy Scouts, held in the Baptist church, was opened by A. W. Allen, Scout Executive from Asheville, who turned the meeting over to B. L. McGlamery, acting chairman. The color guard advanced with the colors, and the pledge of allegiance was given. The group sang "America, the Beautiful", and Rev. J. F. Marchant gave the invocation.

Mr. Allen presented tenderfoot badges to Charles Baldwin, Manual Holland, Gene Norris, Bruce Rickman, Stanley Sutton, and Jack Tillery, from Franklin Troop, 1.

Second class awards, presented by B. L. McGlamery, were given to Tom Carr and Morris Franks. Francis Buchanan and Joe Guy McClure of Sylva, Troop 1, and Berry Robison of Bryson City, Troop 1, received First Class scout awards.

Merit badges were presented to Hall Callahan, Bryson City; Dick Angel and Gus Leach, Franklin; and Hafry Lee Lawrence of Sylva.

The Star award was awarded Gus Leach of Franklin.

Harold Bradley and Frank Murray, Jr., became Eagle Scouts.

In a short speech to the new Eagle Scouts of the Franklin troop, Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, charged them to keep scouting and its fine principles alive in future years and to keep themselves "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight", according to their Scout Oath.

Ban On Fishing In Forest Lifted

Word has just been received by the U. S. Forest Service that the closure of the Nantahala National Forest has been lifted following the general rain which occurred during the first part of the week. Fishing dates on the cooperative game areas will open on the original schedules. Wayah, and Standing Indian Game Areas will be open Saturday and Sunday, and every week-end thereafter and July 5 up to and including August 29, and Cliffs Lake will be open Saturday and Sunday and on all other dates as originally scheduled.

N. C. SINGING CONVENTION IN HENDERSONVILLE FRIDAY

The public is invited to attend the annual session of the Western Carolina Singing Convention to be held at Hendersonville, Sunday, May 16, at the high school auditorium. The Carolina Quartet will give a concert program at the Court House in Hendersonville, Friday night, May 14, for the benefit of the convention.