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24 INDUCTED INTO SERVICE

Macon Men Accepted By Army, Navy and Coast Guard

Of the men sent to the induction station at Camp Croft, S. C., on November 18, the following were accepted for service in some branch.

Those accepted by the Army are: Abner Luther Young, Harley Carpenter, Jr., J. L. Holland, Weyman Quinton Ayers, Harold Newton Nix, John Washington McDowell, John Huber Wasilik, Edwin Howard Penland, Leonard Charles Moffitt, Jake Coleman Quilliams, Elwood Johnson, Freeman Alexander Watts, Pritchard Thomas Chastain, Emils Green Houston, Jr., and George Truett Martin.

Those accepted by the Navy are: Marvin Edd Beaty, George Winfield Beaty, Frank Maiden Elliott, Herman O'Shields, Archie Lyman Picklesimer, Robert Alvin Turpin, Charles Monroe Stiles, Virgil Calvin Caldwell. Edward Webb was accepted by the Coast Guard.

Absenteeism

In School Is Matter Of Deep Concern

J. H. Pugh, principal of the Franklin High school, has issued a statement this week in regard to the alarming absenteeism among both boys and girls at the school.

"It is a matter of deep concern for parents as well as the school, to see young people stay away from their classes or drop out altogether to take some temporary job," said Mr. Pugh, who has personally appealed to many of the young people and their parents. Mr. Pugh said he realized that the scarcity of labor offers temporary attractive opportunity for earning but that the valuable school training lost now would be a permanent handicap.

He stated that 59 boys and girls have dropped out of school already this term as compared to 54 last year; also that there are more absentees and excuses. He begs the parents to cooperate with the school in not giving excuses to children to go to town in school hours and for other trivial reasons.

"We must have the children there if the school is to do good work," said Mr. Pugh. "We have music, a literary club and a school paper, as well as vocational training, which offer additional attractions outside of the regular curriculum which should give added benefits to our young people."

Superior Court

Will Open Mon., Dec. 6; Judge Clements to Preside

The December term of Superior Court for Macon county will open next Monday morning, with the Honorable J. H. Clements, judge, presiding.

The list of jurors were published after the drawing by the county commissioners at the regular meeting on the first Monday of November.

The criminal docket is light, with no major cases on the calendar. Cases continued from previous terms number 27, and there are thirteen new cases.

Civil court is scheduled to convene on Wednesday morning, December 8. This calendar is unusually light, with five cases listed, besides six divorce cases. All appeals from Justice of the Peace, as per statute, will stand in their natural order for trial on the calendar. G. A. Jones and G. L. Houk constitute the calendar committee.

PTA Meeting Changed To Dec. 14

Mrs. Carl Slagle, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, asks parents to take note of the change of time of the meeting to Tuesday, December 14, the week of the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. An interesting program will be given.

PERCY WEBB IS CAPTURED

Leader Of Gang Escaped From Georgia Penitentiary

Percy Webb, serving a term in the Georgia penitentiary for housebreaking, has been captured by Sheriff J. P. Bradley and Sheriff Wilson of Rabun county, Georgia.

He was the leader of the gang that did so much housebreaking in the Tesenta and Highlands sections of Macon county and the Betty's Creek section of Georgia during the early part of this year. He was sentenced to five to six years in June, but escaped in July.

FINE REPORT OF JR. RED CROSS

Over 3,000 Payroll For Service In Macon School

The boys and girls of Macon county have enrolled for service by joining the American Junior Red Cross. According to the splendid report that has been made by Mrs. Gladys P. Kinsland, chairman, all teachers and principals have cooperated and more than 3,000 children have contributed more members than ever before.

"Our contribution last year was \$142, and this year a total of \$211.83 has been turned in Mrs. Kinsland reports.

"We are proud of our active organization. Plans have been made for the production of articles for our service men. The war needs of our nation and other nations are great. We are happy to have a small share in the work that the Junior-Red Cross is doing in all parts of the world," is the expression of the chairman in the name of the membership of Macon county.

Amounts as given by schools are as follows:

Franklin High school, \$40.37; Elementary, \$23.29; Otto, \$36.00; Highlands, \$15.59; Otter Creek, \$18.29; Cowee, \$13.44; Slagle, \$10.25; Clark's Chapel, \$3.00; Higdonville, \$5.69; Iotia, \$5.00; Union school, \$4.05; Maple Springs, \$4.01; Kyle, \$3.23; Allison Watts, \$3.10; Chapel \$3.09; Chapel High, \$1.11; Gold Mine, \$3.00; Pine Grove, \$2.80; Burningtown, \$2.00; Holly Springs, \$2.00; Oak Dale, \$1.50; Oak Ridge, \$1.36; Mountain Grove, \$1.30; Mashburn Branch, \$1.00; Salem school, \$3.00; Buck Creek Ranch, 75c; Camp Branch, 60c; Walnut Creek, 50c; Watauga, 51c. Scaly, \$1.00.

Fred L. Hall, 55, Of Macon County Passes Suddenly

Fred L. Hall, 55, died of a heart attack while working at his home in the Ellijay section of Macon county Wednesday afternoon.

A native of Haywood county, Mr. Hall was a son of LaFate Hall and Josephine Bialock Hall. He was employed by the Farmers' Federation at Canton until about seven years ago when he moved to Macon county. He had been engaged in farming since that time. He was a conference member of the Seventh Day Adventist church at Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Bethel Methodist church, Rev. L. T. Ketch, Rev. J. L. Stokes and Rev. C. W. Judy officiating. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ralph Penland, Harry Bradley, Alfred Holland, John Bingham, and Oran Holland.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Nettie Frady; one brother, W. G. Hall of Franklin; a step-brother, Ora Smathers of Canton; one nephew and three nieces.

Tech. Cpl. Lee Doyle Long, son of Mrs. George Ledford of Prentiss, has recently landed somewhere in the Aleutian Islands. He writes that he is getting along nicely. He has been in the service since May, 1941.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pvt. Jesse J. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers of Otto, is now in North Africa, according to news recently received by his wife, the former Miss Grace Mashburn.



Sgt. George Ledford, son of Frank Ledford of Franklin, is serving in the 55th Aviation Squadron and is now at Stockton Field, Calif. He has been in the service twelve months.



Pvt. James Marshall Fouts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fouts, Route 3, Franklin, is now stationed at Walnut Ridge, Ark. He is serving in the 688th Basic Flying Squadron.



S/Sgt. Hershel McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto McClure of Route 2, Franklin.

Pfc. Darrell Tallent, son of Mrs. Florence Tallent, is spending Thanksgiving with his mother and sister. He has been stationed at Chanute Field, Ill.

Aviation Cadet H. D. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Corbin of Franklin, Route 4, recently completed his course with the 51st College Training Detachment in Rochester, N. Y., and is now receiving a month of flight training before transfer to another area.

Pvt. John E. Woodall, who is with a medical detachment somewhere in the Pacific area, writes that his sport over there is watching Jap planes fall and burst into flame. He was once close to 8 Japs, but says that they will not be of further use to the empire.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tice of Franklin, Route 3, have had a letter from their son, John H. Tice, saying he was well and happy somewhere in the Pacific area. He has been promoted to rank of Chief Petty Officer and in January will celebrate the sixth anniversary of his enlistment. All his years of service have been spent overseas.



Robert J. Lewis, Jr., A. M. M. 3/C, enlisted December 1, 1942, and graduated at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station in June. He was then transferred to Norfolk, N. A. S. for eight weeks advanced training. Bob is now somewhere in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lewis of Highlands, N. C., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Bank Wants Dimes, Nickles And Pennies

Henry W. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, requests that all children, and adults too, who have pennies, nickles and dimes in banks, will release them to Uncle Sam, who is badly in need of small coins for circulation.

This request has gone out all over the country, and there is no doubt that the home front will accommodate their government in a prompt response by breaking all the penny banks that are hoarding the coins that are needed in wartime.

Mr. Cabe says bring them to the bank to exchange for larger coins or bills.

BUY IT—FIND IT—SELL IT—THROUGH THESE COLUMNS

Gus Nelson Found Dead On Nantahala

Gus Nelson, 66, a resident of the Little Choga Creek section of Nantahala township, was found dead on Monday morning, November 29. His body was in a pathway some distance from the nearest residence.

Sheriff J. P. Bradley and Coroner Gus Wallace went to the scene as soon as notified, and summoned a jury to hold an inquest. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased died of natural causes, for there was no evidence of foul play.

George W. Evans recently spent his furlough with his wife, the former Miss Lucy Campbell of Franklin, Route 3, and his father, Charles Evans of Aquone. He has been in the U. S. Navy about sixteen years.

Big Three Meet In Cairo And Plan To Smash Japs

Baptist Minister



Rev. L. L. Carpenter, D. D.

Dr. Carpenter

To Be Guest Speaker At Macon Churches

Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of The Biblical Recorder, Baptist weekly magazine published at Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at the Franklin Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Dr. Carpenter will speak at the Iotia church on Sunday evening and at the joint session of the associational ministers conference and W. M. U. organizations at the Cowee church the following morning.

Xmas Seals

To Fight Tuberculosis Selling Fast

W. C. Newton, county chairman of Christmas seals, announces that another 10,000 seals have been ordered for sale in Macon county. The first 10,000 have already been sold out by the children of the county, and this supply was not enough to answer the demand. This added sum will mean that more needy tubercular patients in Macon county will receive help and treatment.

"This is a battle on the home front; it is just as important to fight for the health of our children as it is to fight for destroy our human enemies," said Mr. Newton.

"Let us back up our men by protecting the home front from disease and sickness."

James J. York Taken By Death At Georgia Home

Funeral services for James J. York, 71, a former resident of Macon county, who died at his home at Clayton, Ga., Friday, following an illness of three months, was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Mountain City, Ga., Baptist church, the Rev. D. F. Helm, the Rev. Claude Landreth and the pastor officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. York was a native of Rabun county, Ga.

Surviving are his widow and 10 children by a former marriage, Edward of LaFrance, S. C., Fred of Franklin and Black Mountain, Cleve of Franklin and Florida, Ralph of Lake Worth, Fla., and Earl of the army; Mrs. Viola Hall, Mrs. R. H. Rogers, Mrs. Nellie Clark, all of Charlotte, Mrs. Pearl Brickley and Mrs. Ida Bell Shope of Wilmington; and 11 grandchildren.

Bryant funeral home is in charge.

Last Rites For Stanfield Infant

Sharon Stanfield, 9-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stanfield, died at the home of her parents in the Cullasaja community Monday afternoon, following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Salem Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Fred Sorrells and the Rev. Frank Holland officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her parents and one brother.



Roosevelt, Churchill And Chiang Hold Historic Conference

According to an Associated Press dispatch and radio announcements, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Chiang Kai-shek have held an historic five-day conference from November 22 to 26, have bound their nations in an agreement to beat Japan into unconditional surrender and to strip her of all her imperialistic gains of the last half century.

It has not been officially announced but various European sources state that the "big four" have already gone to Teheran, capital of Iran (Persia) where Churchill and Roosevelt will hold a conference with Stalin. Since Russia is not at war with Japan, Chiang Kai-shek is not expected to sit in on this meeting. But he and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, who has acted as interpreter in the meeting in Cairo, are reported to be in Teheran also.

Achievement Day

At Agricultural Building Next Saturday

A joint Achievement Day of the home demonstration clubs, farmers and the neighborhood leader organizations will be held in the Agricultural building, Saturday, December 4 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Robert Fulton, president of the Home Demonstration Club council and Mr. B. W. Justice, chairman of the Neighborhood Leader organization, will preside.

The Rev. Carl W. Judy will conduct the devotional. Mrs. J. H. L. Miller of Marion, N. C., president of the N. C. Federation of H-D Clubs will be the guest speaker on "Activities of Rural Women of North Carolina."

C. W. Henderson and Mrs. Robert Parrish, will report on the activities of farm families in the county for the past year.

Victory Projects carried by 4-H club boys and girls will be reported on by Johnny Smith of Pine Grove club and vice-president of the 4-H county council; Betty Peek of Pine Grove Club, and James Patterson of Otto Club.

Mrs. Earl Harrison and Mr. Claude Patterson, will present Macon county's goals of the Fight for Freedom for 1944.

W. M. Landess, of Tennessee Valley Authority, will show slides and movies of farm families' projects. All will bring picnic lunches.

Red Cross

Annual Meeting Hears Address and Reports Elects Officers

Reports of officers and chairmen, election of officers and an address by O. E. Roberts, field representative, were the features of the program of the annual meeting of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross, at the Tavern last Friday night.

Nearly 100 persons attended the dinner meeting which was presided over by Dr. J. L. Stokes, chairman, who made the report of the chapter's progress during the year as well as the report of aid being given to service men and their families. He recommended that a full-time home service secretary be employed for this ever-growing department of the chapter's activities for the war's duration.

John Archer reported that the camp and hospital council of Western North Carolina had asked for Christmas presents to be given for the soldiers at Moore General hospital and the soldier's rest center at Lake Lure. He announced that the vocational department of the high school under E. J. Whitmire was making some of these presents.

Mr. Roberts announced that a branch office of the Red

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