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★ A Merry Christmas To All ★

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Hurry, If You Wish To See Santa Claus Before Xmas.

It is understood that practically all of the business firms in Franklin will remain closed on Saturday—Christmas Day.

Those of you who mean to purchase anything for Santa, had better "step on it," before it is too late.

It has been stated that stocks of our merchants this year have not been so large, but regardless of the shortage on many items usually carried in stock at this season, a splendid "Christmas business" has been reported by the merchants and dealers of this section, which also points toward good business for next year—1944.

MRS. DANIELS DIES AT HOME IN RALEIGH

Mrs. Josephus Daniels died at her home in Raleigh last Sunday night, and funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church of that city, of which she was a lifelong member.

Mrs. Daniels was born in Raleigh, May 1, 1869, the former Adelaide Worth Bagley, daughter of Major William Henry Bagley of the Confederate Army and Adelaide Ann Worth, daughter of Governor Jonathan Worth. Of a distinguished family of patriots, Mrs. Daniels was an able helpmeet to her distinguished husband. She fulfilled many responsibilities of leadership in public affairs with ability; in Raleigh, in Washington, when her husband was Secretary of the Navy during World War I and in Mexico during Mr. Daniel's services as Ambassador.

In 1940, when the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina conferred on her an honorary LL.D. degree, Dr. Frank Graham, president of the Greater University, in his citation, said:

"Adelaide Worth Bagley Daniels, alumna of Peace College and first woman on the board of trustees; the first woman member and chairman of the board of trustees of Rex Hospital and principal factor in the building of the new modern hospital in the State Capital; during the World War, chairman of the Naval Auxiliary of the American Red Cross; member of the Committee of One Hundred of the National YMCA and prime mover in the establishment of hostess houses at the training bases of the Army and Navy; author of Social Life of the Wilson Administration; author of the resolution of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the establishment of the Stone Mountain Memorial; by appointment of President Wilson, the sole official representative of the United States at the Eighth International Suffrage Alliance."

Surviving are her husband; four sons, Capt. Josephus Daniels, Jr., of the U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, Lieut. Col. Worth Bagley Daniels, U. S. Army Medical Corps, Fort Bragg, Jonathan Worth Daniels, Washington, and Frank A. Daniels, Raleigh; a brother, Ann. David Worth Bagley of the U. S. Navy, and nine grandchildren.

Catholic Services December 25 - 26

At 10:00 o'clock, a. m., on December 25, Christ-Mass will be celebrated at the American Legion Hall. On December 26, Mass will be held at 8:00 a. m., at the home of John Wasilik, Orlando Apartments.

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew



Speakers Stand To Be Erected On Rankin Square

The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian extend sincere and best wishes to every one of their loyal friends—subscribers, advertisers and patrons, also to the sick and afflicted—all over the world—and especially to those in Macon and adjoining counties — A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

May God bless you and strengthen you for the coming year, giving us all health, happiness and plenty to assist our country in bringing to a close world hostility, and send to us again that labor here in the right, and to our fighting forces everywhere... "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Lions Club Will Hold Drawing Prior To Dedication

The Lions Club, which has been sponsoring the sale of chances on a registered white face bull calf, announces that the drawing will take place at the speakers stand at 10:30 a. m., on New Year's Day. If the winner is not present the number will be posted on the board and the calf held until called for.

Following this the dedication of the Service Board, honoring our men and women in the service will begin at 11 o'clock. Ed Whitaker of Bryson City, state senator from this district will be the principal speaker. The American Legion, Rotary Club, Lions Club and other organizations are cooperating in making plans for this ceremony. It is hoped that every community in Macon county will send many of its citizens to honor those who are serving their country.

H. E. CHURCH PASSES HERE

H. E. Church, 51, chief clerk of the Nantahala Power and Light company, died at Angel hospital Wednesday night after seven an illness of seven weeks.

He had been an employee of the power company 21 years and was a World War I, veteran and was a member of the Franklin Methodist church, the Franklin Rotary club, and the American Legion.

Funeral services will be held at the Franklin Methodist church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Dr. J. L. Stokes, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, the Rev. J. F. Marchman and Dr. J. L. Gillespie officiating.

Active pallbearers will be J. E. S. Thorpe, W. C. Penn, J. B. Ray, John M. Archer, Allen Brooks, J. W. Long, Claude Bolton and B. L. McGlamery.

Honorary pallbearers will be employes of the power company, the American Legion and the Rotary club. Members of Oconee Masonic lodge of Bryson City, of which he was a member, will have charge of the rites at the graveside, and members of the F. S. Johnson Bible Class will be in charge of flowers.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Eunice Hill; one son, H. E. Church, Jr., of Newark, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Layne and Mrs. Clara Alexander of Franklin, Tenn., and a half-brother, W. W. Bass of Columbia, Tenn.

E. L. DeHart, 71, Taken By Death

Elijah L. DeHart, 71, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Farmer of the Prentiss section, following an illness of 2 years.

He was a native of Tennessee, but came to Macon county 43 years ago and had made his home in the Prentiss section since that time. He was engaged in farming and was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Pleasant Hill church, the Rev. James I. Vinson and the Rev. George A. Cloer officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Farmer, he is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Harley McConnell of the Prentiss section; two sons, Worley and Loren Prentiss; and a half-sister, Mrs. Sara Allison of Tennessee; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

60 GALLON STILL SEIZED

Equipment On Exhibit At Sheriff's Office In Franklin

Sheriff Bradley and Federal officers were rewarded after a long search, by the discovery of an illicit distillery on Coweeta Creek, near the home of Fred Shope.

Approximately 500 gallons of beer was destroyed along with several gallons of whiskey. The fine copper still was brought to the court house. No arrests were made at the time, as the operators had retired from the scene.

Christmas At St. Agnes Episcopal Church

Christmas will be observed at St. Agnes Episcopal church by a celebration of the Holy Communion, with special Christmas music on Christmas Eve night, beginning at 11:30. All are cordially invited to this service and all other services of the church.

The service at St. Agnes on Sunday night, December 26th, at eight o'clock will be Evening Prayer when the Christmas carols and hymns will be sung.

Christmas Message To Be Delivered At Baptist Church

Christmas message will be given by Rev. J. F. Marchman at 11:00 a. m., at the Franklin Baptist church, December 26. On Sunday evening, a program "Christmas Lights" will be presented by child and adult members of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend both services.

Jesse Willard Johnson Killed In Action

Mrs. E. Buchanan of Franklin, Route 3, has been notified that her brother, Pvt. Jesse Willard Johnson, was killed in action on November 25, while fighting in Italy.

Pvt. Johnson, son of the late Mrs. Lily Johnson Cope of Sylva, was born July 6, 1918. He entered the Army in January, 1943. The two years prior to this he lived at the home of his sister, who survives him. His wife, from whom he was separated, lives at Kyle with their small son, John A. Johnson.

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Lieut. Jesse Tessier of the 26th Army Air Force is stationed in the Pacific area. He enlisted in May, 1941 and received his commission at Miami Beach Officers' Candidate school in December, 1942.



A/C George Tessier, the third of Mrs. Reby Tessier's sons to enlist, was a freshman at L.S.U. when he joined the Navy. He is now receiving basic instruction at the Naval Training Center, Pensacola, Fla.



A/C Jack Tessier of the Army Air Corps is taking basic training to become a pilot, at Perrin Field, Texas. He was a senior at Louisiana State University when he enlisted in the student reserve and was called to active duty in February, 1943.

1st. Sgt. Edwin J. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bradley of the Oak Grove community, volunteered for service in the U. S. Army in 1939 and is now stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.



Ensign Richard R. Johnson, third officer in the U. S. Maritime service, son of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, has sailed recently from an Atlantic port.

Pfc. John Henry Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burch, is a military policeman with the Air Corps, and is now stationed somewhere in England.

Ray M. Holland of the U. S. Navy spent a five-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Holland of Franklin, Star Route.

T/Sgt. Jack Brown, son of Mrs. W. B. Brown, volunteered for service in May, 1942. He is now serving overseas.

Rogers M. Dalton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dalton of Franklin, Route 3, enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942. He now has the rating of a second class petty officer, and is an assistant Navy mail clerk at the Naval Air Station, Banana River, Fla.

James W. Buchanan, son of J. E. Buchanan, of Route 3, entered the Navy in May, 1943. He received his basic training in Bainbridge, Md., and graduated from Naval School in Washington, D. C. A recent letter to his father says that he is now stationed in Tampa, Fla.

Frank Baldwin, son of Mrs. B. A. Baldwin, of Flats, is now stationed at Pensacola, Fla., at the Aviation Naval Station.

M 1/C Ray Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett of the Iotla community, volunteered for service in 1941, and is now on the U. S. S. Dixie. He has been overseas for two years.

C. A. Wilson of Highlands and Bill Cansler of Franklin have completed their "boot" training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and are at home on a short furlough.

Virgil Caldwell of Kyle has been assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Pvt. Grady Ray has returned to Camp Forrest, Tenn., after a weekend at his home in Kyle.

Algie McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCall of Gneiss, is serving in the South Pacific area.

Henry Corbin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corbin of Route 4, Franklin, has been enrolled at the Army Air Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Henry F. Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Duvall of Kyle, is serving in the South Pacific area. He writes that he is well and "likes it fine." He wishes everybody back home "a big Christmas."

S 2/C Curt Roane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Roane of Jones Creek, who was employed at the

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