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Greatest Task Ahead For Red Cross

War Loan Drive Exceeds Quotas And Expectations

County Report \$191,988 Half That Sum Sold By Schools

The Fourth War Loan Drive in Macon county has already gone a long way beyond its quota with \$191,988 reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond as of February 21, and announced today by Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman of the drive.

"The final report will not be made until next week," said Mr. Jones on Thursday, "as all February sales will be credited to the Fourth War Loan Quota."

Amazing Report By Schools

A full report will be made by the committee in next week's Press, Mr. Jones said. This will give in detail the reports of various committees and groups throughout the county and the proportion of "E" bonds sold. This will include an itemized report of sales by county schools under the chairmanship of E. J. Whitmire, which shows a total of bonds and stamps sold by the children of the county in the amazing amount of \$98,322.94—more than half of the total reported above.

Bomber Assured

The state quota set for Macon county was \$160,000, which was voluntarily raised to \$175,000—the amount necessary to purchase a medium bomber, which the county will have the privilege of naming. Macon's bomber is more than assured by the above amount.

Mrs. Southerland

Accepts Position With Macon Welfare Dept

Mrs. I. B. Southerland of Winston-Salem, has accepted the position of case worker with the Macon county department of Public Welfare to succeed Elmer Crawford, and began her duties February 21.

In undertaking this work, Mrs. Southerland is coming home where her return in welcomed by her county. The former Miss Mary Slagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slagle of Cartoogechaye, she has been a social worker for Forsythe county for the past six years, where she did case work and child welfare. In 1938 she was married to Mr. Southerland, who is now overseas, serving in the Army in the Pacific area. She arrived last week with their young son and will make her home with her parents.

Mrs. Southerland's work in Macon county will include general case work in all branches as an assistant in the welfare department to Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county superintendent. She brings to her work both thorough training and experience. She is a graduate of Berea college and took her graduate training in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina.

Rev. A. R. Morgan Succeeds Dr. Stokes As Head Of Red Cross

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross, held last Thursday, the Rev. A. R. Morgan, 1st vice-chairman, was appointed chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Dr. J. L. Stokes II, to another field. Dr. Jessie V. Moreland, of Highlands, 2nd vice-president, was appointed 1st vice-president. The office of 2nd vice-president. The several other committee vacancies will be filled at a later meeting. Dr. Stokes' resignation was accepted with regret and with the grateful appreciation of the committee for his invaluable services to the chapter.

Deputy Collector Here Next Week To Assist Taxpayers

A Deputy Collector of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the Franklin courthouse next Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, and at the Highlands Drug Store in Highlands on Wednesday, March 1, to assist anyone needing help in filling out their income tax returns.

This announcement was made in the February 3 issue of this paper and all taxpayers are again reminded of this free service offered.

Full instructions for Pay-As-You-Go taxpayers were given in the February 10 issue of The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian.



DR. J. L. STOKES II

STOKES LEAVE FEBRUARY 24

Franklin Pastor Goes To Elkin; Successor Arrives Soon

Dr. J. L. Stokes II preached his farewell sermon to his congregation at the Franklin Methodist church last Sunday morning. The Baptist congregation also attended in a body. The Stokes family is planning to leave for their home in Elkin on Thursday, Feb. 24. Dr. Stokes is being transferred to the charge of the First Methodist church at that place.

It has been announced that Dr. Stokes' successor will be the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, who is leaving the charge of the Methodist church at Yadkinville, where he is serving his third year. He and Mrs. Huneycutt and year-old son, are expected to arrive at an early date.

The previous appointment of the Rev. F. O. Dryman of Weaverville was recalled at the request of his congregation that he remain in his present charge.

Dr. and Mrs. Stokes were entertained by the Wesleyan Guild on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Soper, and on Tuesday evening by the F. S. Johnston Bible class, meeting with Mrs. H. E. Church.

Air Force Test At High School

The U. S. Army Air Force Mental Screening test will be administered by representatives of the Army and the Civil Air Patrol at Franklin high school, March 6. This testing program is for all boys and men, who are interested from 16 to 26 years of age inclusive.

There are no obligations imposed on those taking the examination. The sole purpose is to help a young man determine in his own mind his capabilities for the future positions.

Examinations for all Macon county will be conducted at the Franklin high school on the date specified at 10 o'clock a.m.



This year, with service flags in windows of nearly every home, Red Cross will mean so much more to Americans. As depicted in this reproduction of a 1944 Red Cross War Fund poster, many windows also will display the symbol of participation in the cause of Mercy and Humanity—the Red Cross.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Killed In Action



LESTER H. CARPENTER

Entered the army as a volunteer in September, 1942. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jesse Carpenter of the Coweeta section, was killed in action in the African area on March 29, 1943. His father died soon after. The War Department has sent to his mother, Mrs. Melie Carpenter, the Order of the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to her son, also his medal awarded for exceptional ability as a sharp shooter.



Pvt. Mericus D. McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCoy of Gneiss, is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C.



Sgt. John T. Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Vinson of Dillard, Ga. He has been in the service for the past year, and is now stationed in Iran. He has had a 12-day leave which wasesting country.



Pvt. Pritchard Chastain, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chastain, is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. He has been in service for two months.

Ph M 3/C Fred S. Dowdle of the U. S. Navy, has returned to his duties at New River. He was called home to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Richard Bingham.

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Macon War Fund Drive Quota Is Set At \$6,500

TOKENS NOTICE GIVEN BY OPA

Between February 27 and March 20, inclusive, blue tokens, as well as green one point stamps, may be used in making change for valid green and blue stamps which are surrendered upon a purchase of processed foods. Also between the same dates, red tokens, as well as brown one point stamps, may be used in making change for valid brown and red stamps which are surrendered upon a purchase of Ration Order 16 foods. After March 20, red tokens and blue tokens only may be given as change against red or blue stamps.

"Take Care Of A Boy A Year" Club Announced By Chmn. Archer

All committees are already hard at work to start the 1944 Red Cross War Drive on March 1, according to John Archer, chairman of the drive. "The greatest task in its history is ahead for the American Red Cross, with its national quota of 200 million, and Macon's quota of \$6,500 is the greatest ever undertaken by this county. But both will be oversubscribed, it is safe to say," commented Mr. Archer.

As evidence of an encouraging beginning is the formation this week of the "Take Care Of A Boy A Year" Club, with initial gifts which already amount to more than \$375. Members of this club will be printed each week in an honor roll during the drive. The national Red Cross has stated that an estimated \$25 a year is an average sum to care for the needs of a man in the service for a year. Every chapter has been asked to form a club of those who wish to make a contribution to take care of one or more men at the front. Other memberships are earnestly solicited.

Honor Roll:

Dr. J. L. Stokes, J. E. S. Thorpe, Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, M. Blumenthal, E. J. Whitmire, Harold T. Sloan, (two memberships); Mrs. J. E. Perry, Dr. Edgar Angel, W. C. Penn, J. S. Conley, O. C. Bryant, J. F. Marchman, A. B. Slagle, \$35; Jack Sanders.

The Macon county chapter will receive credit for all gifts from Macon citizens who are at work at Fontana Dam. Mr. Archer and Dr. Stokes made a trip thererecently and arranged with F. C. Schlemmer of T.V.A., for the return of donations collected there marked for Macon county.

That all are asked to give many times more than they have ever given before goes without saying. Minimum gifts of double will be needed to meet the quota requested. Workers will strive to reach every individual personally. All are asked to respond promptly so that this may be a whirlwind as well as an oversubscribed drive.

Notify Chairman Board of Commissioners and Mayor: Please notify all concerned, that hearing before the U. S. District court for the northern district of Georgia, Gainesville division on 25th day of February, 1944, at 10 a. m., eastern war time, at Gainesville, Ga., to consider application of the Receiver to discontinue mail, express and passenger service, has been continued and will not take place at this time. Notice will be given of further hearing on the matter. Signed H. L. Brewer.

This notice was received last Monday while the Board of Commissioners was in session at the court house. The matter of a representation for the county had been presented at an earlier hour before the Board by Henry W. Cabe, John Archer and Jess Conley.

It is understood that plans were being made to present facts to show why this service should not be discontinued in this territory.

Notice was given by the receiver in the issues of February 10 and 17 of this newspaper of the court hearing to consider the receiver's application that passenger, express and mail service on the Tallulah Falls Railway be discontinued.

CONFERENCE IN SYLVA OF FBI

Macon Law Enforcement Officers Expect To Attend

Edward Scheidt, in charge of the Charlotte office of the FBI, has announced a special conference for law enforcement officers to be held in Sylva on Wednesday, March 1, at 2 p.m., in the Ritz Theatre. He stated that a large percentage of all law enforcement officers west of Asheville are expected to attend. It was learned today that J. B. Bradley, sheriff, Chief of Police Rogers and perhaps others from Macon county will attend. Speakers besides Mr. Scheidt, will be James E. Wallace of the Charlotte office and Judge Felix E. Alley.

Post Office Of Franklin Has Largest Business In Its History

The Franklin postoffice receipts for the year 1943 have exceeded any year in its history, according to figures released by T. W. Porter, postmaster, recently. The gross receipts for the year were \$20,780.19. The December quarter, which included the Christmas mailing, was the heaviest business ever carried by this postoffice, totaling receipts of \$6,139.19 — more than \$2,000 a month.

Compared with 1942 business, the gain can be seen by the figures for that year of \$16,543.00, the December quarter receipts being \$2,216.81.

Mr. Porter showed that the business of this postoffice has more than doubled during the past ten years—a reliable index of the business growth of the community. The gross receipts in 1933 were \$8,667.69.

The postoffice was moved from rented quarters in the Billings building to the new Government building on Main street on January 16, 1936. T. W. Porter was appointed postmaster in 1934. L. H. Calloway has carried the important work of chief clerk over a period of 22 years. W. G. Mallonee came into the postoffice service in November, 1934, and Philip McCollum in February, 1935. These constitute the present staff.