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Town and Farm In Wartime

Round-up

Casualties of the U. S. armed forces as announced by OWI, March 22, were 38,846 dead, 58,964 wounded, 35,521 missing and 31,730 prisoners—of whom 1,894 have died in prison camps, mostly Japanese. . . . To make room for 1944 food production, WFA has ordered reduction in last year's cold storage stocks of certain food. . . . Baked potatoes lose twice as much ascorbic acid and three times as much thiamine as potatoes boiled in their skins, the USDA says.

OPA announces that; Special gasoline rations may be granted for 200-mile delivery on their own wheels of the few remaining new passenger automobiles in dealers' hands to users who most need them. . . . An increase of 40 cents per hundred pounds at peccor level for yellow and white dry corn milling products, expected to result in a retail increase of about one-half cent a pound for corn meal, corn grits and related food items. . . . Florida ration boards are carrying out the spirit and letter of rationing in denying special gasoline rations to stranded vacationists. . . . The 1943 maximum prices for binding twine will continue in effect during 1944.

WPB says that: Manufacturers of galvanized pails, wash tubs, wash boilers, funnels, fire shovels and storage cans for petroleum products have been granted supplementary quotas of iron and steel for the second quarter, this year. . . . To enable Victory gardeners to buy atomizing hand sprayers, hand dusters, wheel-type hand cultivators and hand plows easily, it has lifted preference rating requirements. . . . Projects for production of 11,100,000 gallons of ethyl alcohol annually from wood wastes and sweet potatoes have been approved, one in Springfield, Ore., the other in Clewiston, Fla.

Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Board:

1-A: Edgar James Gregory, James Alexander Hines, Mac Ray Whitaker, Dover Dee Welch, William Algie Bolick, Benjamin Green, Ralph Wayne Welch, Charles Rhobe Carpenter, Joseph Higdon, Weimar Edison Young, Earl Wilson Mason, John Duke Clark, Marcus Nathaniel Chastian, Fred Alexander Passmore, Herman Russell Ledford, Claude Eugene McKay (Classified by Board of Appeal).

1-A-O: Homer Harley Ledbetter.

2-A: Allison Phidelle Burrell, James Marvin Pickens, William Patrick Patterson, Martin Angel, Howard Randolph Higdon, Boyd Denton Burrell, Sherman Claude McClure, Henry August.

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Macon Purebred Guernseys Produce Milk And Dollars

A. B. Slagle Has Built A Big Industry In County

The development of Nantahala Creamery, over a period of 17 years, is an index of the steady growth of the dairy and cattle business in Macon county. Blessed with an unusual abundance of rich grazing land, the farmers of this section have taken advantage of opportunities of improving their stock, with the help of government agencies and progressive individuals, until the present excellence of milk and cattle production has been attained.

A. B. Slagle, owner and operator of the Nantahala Creamery, has been a pioneer in stock improvement and was one of the first to meet the state's requirements for Grade-A milk. With a modest beginning on his farm on the Wayah road, six miles from town, the expansion of his pure Guernsey breeding enterprise, combined with the dairy business, necessitated the expansion which has taken place through the purchase of the Waldrop-Kelly farm on the Murphy road, two miles from Franklin. Here are extensive bottom grazing lands for milk producing Guernseys, while the young cattle are cared for on the Wayah farm. There are now over 200 purebreds on the farms. The dairy building and milk barns are among the most modern in the state.

Newsman Predict Victory For Roosevelt

According to an Associated Press despatch in the daily papers dated March 29, a majority of fifty Washington correspondents polled by the Newsweek magazine expressed the belief that "present indications" point to a Roosevelt-Wallace ticket winning next November over a Dewey-Warren combination.

"War and popular unwillingness to change horses in mid-stream." was the principal reason advanced for the prediction.

The newsmen picked President Roosevelt and Governor Thomas E. Dewey to win the Democratic and Republican presidential nominations handily. But the margin forecasting a Democratic victory at the polls was slim—26 to 22 with 2 uncertain.

Election Board

For County Confirmed
By State Board

J. J. Mann has been elected chairman of the Macon county Board of Elections to succeed R. S. Jones, resigned. The three members of the board have been confirmed by the state Board of Elections. Besides Mr. Mann, they are George Dean of Franklin and S. P. Pierson of Highlands.

Mr. Mann announced yesterday that the county board will appoint the judges and registrars of the 12 precincts in the county at an early date.

Warden Bryson Gives Fishing Dates

Trout season opens April 15. Bass and Bream season closes April 14.

There will not be any fishing allowed in Nantahala Lake on Easter Sunday and Monday.

Easter fishing will be allowed for Bass and Bream where the waters have not been closed for all fishing.

Fishing licenses are now on sale at the usual places in the county.

J. FRED BRYSON,
County Game Protector.

Money Raised For Girl Scouts

At the last meeting of the PTA, the needs of the Girl Scout troop were presented by the chairman of the committee, Rev. A. R. Morgan. He reported that national dues and repairs for the Scout House would require the sum of \$30.

The Rev. Jackson Huneycutt, who was attending for the first time, rose to the occasion with enthusiasm. After commending the Girl Scouts for the splendid organization that it is, he started contributions with \$5.00, "passing the hat" for collection then and there. The result was a total of more than \$38. in donations from members present for the Girl Scout troop of which the PTA is sponsor.

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NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Brothers In The Navy



Norman A. Talley, chief radioman, and his brother, Jack Talley, Boatswain's Mate, both of the U. S. Navy, sons of M. J. Talley of Cullasaja, recently met at home on furlough—they had not seen each other for four years. Norman has been serving in the Pacific area and Jack with the Atlantic fleet.



Sgt. Edwin Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stiles of Prentiss, is stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Mrs. Stiles and small son have returned after visiting him for several days.

Pfc. Walter F. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tone J. Thomas is stationed at Denver, Colo. Prior to entering service he was employed by the Snow Lumber Co., at High Point. He returned to his camp after spending a 10-day furlough with his parents and wife, the former Miss Faye Foster of Winston-Salem.

Pvt. Sam L. Holland has landed safely overseas according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade C. Arvey have received a cablegram from their son, Cpl. Charles Otto Arvey, that he has arrived safely in England.

Pvt. Ellis C. Rickman of West's Mill has been transferred from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Sam Clifford Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford, Franklin, N. C., recently graduated from the Aviation Electrician's Mate School here and was rated as Aviation Electrician's Mate Third Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the service on April 10, 1943, he received his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., before arriving at the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Harry Corbin A. S. of the U. S. N., stationed at Miami, Fla., is training for a pilot in the U. S. Navy.

Crawford is now a qualified electrician's mate and will probably see service with a Naval Air unit.

S-Sgt. Joseph J. Gibbs and Sgt. James B. Gibbs, sons of Mrs. Florence Gibbs of Iotla spent a furlough at home recently.

Sgt. Ray Moffitt of Franklin is one of three marines recently returned from action in the South Pacific. Sergeant Moffitt saw action at Pearl Harbor, Midway Island and the Solomons. His outfit set up AA gun positions on Tulagi shortly after the landing and withstood more than 200 Jap air raids.

Pfc. Earnest L. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Holland of Gneiss is spending a 17-day furlough at home. He is stationed at Nathan Field, Dothan, Ala.

Pvt. Jacob Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Waters spent a furlough at home. A farewell party was given for him on Saturday night, March 18. He returned to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia on March 20.

Bidd Earnest Burton of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., has completed the course of training in the Aviation Ordnanceman school.

Clyde Gailey of the U. S. Navy stationed at Bainbridge, Md., is spending a few days with his family.

Frank Baldwin of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., has completed the course of training in the Aviation Machinist's Mate School.

Rhm 2-c Norman W. West of the U. S. Navy is serving with a Marine Unit in the Pacific Area. He was recently with one of the invasion forces of a Jap-held island.

Fred Messer, wounded in the Atlantic Area, has arrived in New York. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Messer were notified that he was being sent to Moore hospital.

Red Cross Drive Exceeds Goal With Nearly \$8,000

Armed Forces Of N. C. To Vote

The following important announcement is made by J. J. Mann, newly appointed chairman of the Board of Elections of Macon county in regard to the registration of men and women in the service, to enable them to vote in the national election. Relatives of members in the armed forces are urged to make application for registration and ballots, so that their men and women may not be deprived of voting because they are serving their country.

Anyone having a member of their immediate family in the armed services of the United States may make application to the chairman of the county Board of Elections for a national ticket to be sent to the voter, man or woman, who may be either in any branch of military or auxiliary military service.

A member of the family of any man or woman in service who is not registered, and who would otherwise be entitled to vote in the November election, may register said service man or woman during their absence in the armed forces of their country. No absentee registration or voting will be permitted except to those in the armed forces of the United States.

Application should be made at the Register of Deeds office in the Franklin courthouse any weekday after 4 o'clock and on Saturday mornings.

J. J. MANN, Chm.,
Board of Elections of
Macon County.

Good Friday Services At St. Agnes Church

Next week is Holy Week and the following Sunday is Easter Day.

On Good Friday, the usual three hour service will be held at St. Agnes Episcopal church, from noon until three o'clock. The rector, Rev. A. R. Morgan, will conduct the meditations on the seven words from the cross. All are invited to attend for the full service or any part. They may feel free to come and go during the service.

The Easter service of Holy Communion and sermon will be held at sunrise, beginning at 6:45 o'clock.

Cub Scouts To Hold Pack Meet

The Cub Scouts will hold the first pack meeting Friday night at eight o'clock in the Methodist church basement. All Dens are urged to attend and parents having boys in the age group of 9-11 wishing to join, we invite to attend this meeting.

Much interest has been shown in this new organization, and it is hoped that many new boys will be added to the roll on Friday night.

Heavy Rains Flood River Bottoms

Torrential rains in this section from Monday to Wednesday brought the Little Tennessee river out of bounds. Many acres of bottom land over a wide area in the county have been flooded by swollen streams.

Perry Receives Oak Leaf Cluster

Mrs. J. E. Perry has received word that her son, 1st Lieut. Winton Perry, has been awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters in addition to the air medal, which means that he has made nearly fifty missions over enemy territory. Lieut. Perry flies a Thunderbolt and is stationed in England.

Notice To Farmers

The wheat bins will be open Saturday morning, April 1st. Any person desiring to secure any of this wheat should come at this time. Don't forget to bring your sacks.

All Reports Not Complete Chm. Archer Thanks All For Fine Response

This week brings to a close the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive in Macon county. When the quota of \$6,500 was announced, there was some doubt of its being raised, but the citizens of Macon county accepted the quota, and once more have exceeded the amount asked for.

John M. Archer, Jr., chairman of the drive, announced Wednesday that collections to date amount \$7,749.61, and from all indications, there will probably be another \$1,000 to be reported. Full reports are in from Highlands and no figures are available from Fontana yet. Cards have been sent out asking all workers to report their final they will be listed next week.

Jones, and R. S. O'Mohundro have joined the "Take Care of collections in each district.

"a Boy a Year Club," which brings the membership of that Club to 55. Highlands has not reported any memberships, but Mrs. J. C. Crisp, Jones and

The Franklin Garden Club and store owners are to be congratulated on the many attractive window displays which they arranged in the show windows of business houses.

At Macon theatre, special features have been shown throughout the month and on various occasions collections were taken, all of which helped put this drive over the top.

"Every committee member, every leader and every worker may be proud of the way the citizens of Macon county have responded to this call of the Red Cross," said chairman Archer yesterday.

"Each person who in any way contributed may feel a satisfaction in having had a part in this great cause."

Increased Postal Rates Are Now In Effect

Increased postal rates went into effect this week, also fees for money orders, registered, insured and C.O.D. mail.

The local post office explained that local letters delivered in post office boxes or general delivery remain at the one cent rate. Letters to rural routes, which have been two cents are increased to three cents.

Postcards, and U. S. postal cards remain at the one cent rate.

Airmail in the United States is increased from six cents to eight cents for one ounce or fraction thereof. However, air mail sent to or by the armed forces of the United States overseas remains at six cents for half an ounce or fraction thereof.

Fourth Class mail, parcel post, is increased three per cent.

Tank Destroyer Soldiers Visit Red Cross Room

A group of soldiers who were en route from maneuvers in Tennessee to Camp Jackson, passed through Franklin last Friday afternoon, stopping for a good steak dinner at the Tavern, and for friendly chats with a number of citizens.

They rolled into town in what appeared to be a jeep, a tank and a truck. Both men and vehicles showed signs of having withstood some tough experiences on maneuvers, which must have been close to the real thing. They were part of a tank destroyer battalion, and expected to be sent across very soon.

Some of them asked to visit the Red Cross Surgical Dressings room. They met and greeted the women working there, but expressed surprise that there were so few. They realized more than our local women, the need for increased production. Already Mr. Roberts of the Atlanta Red Cross district headquarters, has made two trips to Franklin recently, to bring the urgent request from national headquarters for more and more bandages.

Ben McCollum, who has been seriously ill at the Angel clinic, has returned to his home much improved.