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Cherry and Hoey Win In Primary Contest

Memorial Services For T. Sgt. George C. Gray

Promising Macon Youth Gives Life In England

A memorial service for T/Sgt. George C. Gray, who was killed in action in England on April 22, will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, June 3, at 3:30, with the Rev. J. T. Gillespie, pastor, presiding.

Guy L. Houk, former teacher of Sgt. Gray, will speak briefly of the deceased as he knew him. Dr. George Bellingrath, of the Rabun Gap Na-Coochee Industrial school, will participate in the services, and the Rev. J. F. Marchman will also have part on the program.

Special music, appropriate for the occasion, will be furnished by Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, pianist.

Sgt. Gray volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on October 25, 1942, and received his basic training at Gulf Port, Miss. He also took special advanced training at Loreda, Texas, where he received his Silver Gunner Wings on May 14, 1943. He was then transferred to Tucson, Arizona, for a three-week training course and his final training for combat duty overseas was completed in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

T/Sgt. Gray had served as aerial engineer on a B-24 bomber overseas since October 24, 1943. In March of this year he wrote his parents he had been on his 19th mission.

Sgt. Gray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim S. Gray, of Franklin, route 2, and was one of Macon county's promising young men.

Besides the parents, he leaves two sisters, Catherine and Betty Sue Gray, and one brother, Eugene Gray, all of Franklin, route 2.

Fontana Dam Project Ahead Of Schedule

The 2,000,000th cubic yard of concrete was placed recently in TVA's Fontana Dam in Western North Carolina, as construction speeded ahead under wartime schedules, TVA announced.

Fontana Dam is being built to supply vitally needed power for war industries.

The second million cubic yards have been placed since October 5, 1943. Approximately 800,000 yards more will be needed to complete the dam.

During April 211,000 yards were placed; the schedule for May calls for 240,000 yards to be placed.

Fontana Dam is being built by a force of 2600 TVA construction workers under direction of Fred Schlemmer, project manager, G. E. Murphey, construction superintendent, and Oren Reed, construction engineer. A. L. Pauls is chief construction engineer for TVA.

J. W. Addington Retires After Thirty Years' Service

J. W. Addington, mail carrier of Franklin route 2 for the past 30 years, has retired from service and his mail route is being taken over by Paul B. Carpenter, substitute, until a new carrier is appointed.

Mr. Addington succeeded Charles T. Blaine. The first 10 years as carrier, he made the trip by horse and buggy, and often on horseback when the roads were too muddy for a buggy. Then, too, he recalls a few occasions when the trip was made on foot. This was when the unpaved roads were impassable or the high water made bridges unsafe to cross.

Now, Mr. Addington says the roads are all paved or graveled and for the past 20 years he has been traveling in an automobile. During this period of 30 years, he has traveled approximately 375,000 miles, and only on about six different occasions

Brevard College To Hold Graduating Exercises

Barbara Hurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hurst, of Franklin route 1, is a member of the graduating class of Brevard college, and Joann Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Palmer, of Franklin route 4, is a member of the graduating class in the pre-college group. They will receive their diplomas on Tuesday, June 6.

Miss Hurst has been active during her two years at Brevard. She has been a member of the International Relations club, the Christian Workers club, and the Euterpean literature society.

Miss Palmer, before entering the pre-college division at Brevard, attended Franklin high school.

Starting Saturday and continuing for four days, Brevard college will celebrate its tenth anniversary. An elaborate four-day program has been arranged, featuring special commencement exercises and a large number of prominent speakers.

Sunday morning, June 3, at 11 o'clock, Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, head of the Methodist church in North Carolina and part of South Carolina, will deliver the commencement sermon to the graduating classes at the Brevard Methodist church. That evening at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist church, Dr. W. A. Smart, professor of theology, author and lecturer, Emory University, will speak at a union service on the subject of "Christian Education."

Hundreds of people from various sections of North Carolina and adjoining states are expected to attend this big four-day celebration. Formal invitations are being sent to over 500 persons and all former students and the public generally are invited to attend.

Franklin Postmaster Heads 12th District For Postmaster

T. W. Porter, Sr., postmaster of the Franklin office, was elected chairman of the National Association of postmasters of the 12th Congressional district at a meeting held on Saturday evening.

Charles R. Price, postmaster of the Sylva office, was host to the post-master's of this district in a session held at the Jarrett Springs hotel at Dillsboro.

Mr. Porter succeeds Wythe Peyton, postmaster at Asheville.

Wesleyan Guild To Present Play June 10

On June 10, the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist church will present a minstrel with an all-girl cast. Don't fail to come and bring the family. At the Courthouse in the evening at 8:30. Fun for the whole family.

was he unable to deliver the mail at all on account of high water.

During the past 30 years, Mr. Addington has served under seven different postmasters. They were H. H. Jarrett, F. B. Benbow, William Jones, Charles L. Ingram, Sam L. Franks, John E. Rickman and Thomas W. Porter, Sr., the present postmaster. The office has changed buildings four times in the meantime, many improvements being made each time.

Mr. Addington will now devote his full time to his farm and the Addington Dairy, which is located five miles south of Franklin on the Georgia road. The dairy, which is Grade-A, has been in operation for the past 15 years. He has a nice herd of Guernsey cows.

Mr. Addington was presented a farewell remembrance from the employees of the Franklin office and rural mail carriers.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pfc. Henry D. Corbin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Corbin of Franklin, route 4, is with the Fourth Air Force in Fresno, Calif. He has been in service since July 1943 and has received training at Rochester college in New York, at Buckley Field, Colorado, and Harlingen Air Field, Texas, where he recently received his silver wings.

William L. Higdon, Jr., former public accountant in Salinas, Calif., has been promoted to rank of Captain at Headquarters Ferrying Division, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is stationed. Captain Higdon is Administrative Inspector at Headquarters of the Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command.

The Captain is a native of Franklin, and attended the high school here before taking his college work at the University of North Carolina. In Salinas, Calif., he was associated with the W. H. Scoville Co., CPA. He entered military service Jan. 31, 1942.

Captain Higdon is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Higdon of Franklin and is well known in Macon county.

Pfc. Elbert Houston, who is serving in the Mediterranean theatre with the Anti-Aircraft sites guard North African port Allied force headquarters, and 15 other North Carolinians are on a 24-hour alert every day as they guard vital North African ports against Nazi "hit and run" raiders.

Pvt. Andrew Jackson Patton, son of Mr. R. A. Patton, Franklin, is now beginning medical and psychological tests, classification and training at the Army Air Forces Training Command, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss. This Army processing is designed to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

Upon successful completion of this phase he will be sent either to a college or university for five months of further study or directly to a pre-flight center for cadet training, depending upon his previous academic background.

LEACH BROTHERS VISIT PARENTS

Frank Leach, Jr., quartermaster, 1/C, who has been spending a month's leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach, returned to his duties at Norfolk, Va., Monday.

Petty Officer Leach, who volunteered at the age of 18, has been in service for the past four years and recently completed his three years in foreign duty. He was in action in North Africa and spent some time in North and South Atlantic patrols. His brother, Robert L. Leach, hospital apprentice 1/C, stationed at New River, was also here last week on a short visit. He entered the service in 1943 and has completed his amphibious training and is waiting to be called into active service.



Cpl. Richard W. Pearson, son of Mrs. A. R. Nail and the late William Pearson, has recently left Camp George Mead in Maryland for an unknown destination. He enlisted in the army the day after the Pearl Harbor attack. He is a graduate of Christ school, Arden, and the University of North Carolina, where he specialized in poultry farming.

MAJOR FRED GRAY ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

Major Fred Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, has recently arrived somewhere in England, according to a message received by his parents.

For the past 10 months, Major Gray has been stationed at an army air base at Rapid City, S. D. He is commanding officer of a heavy bombardment squadron.

Mrs. Gray, who was the former Miss Louise Blaine of Franklin, and who has been with Major Gray in South Dakota, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Blaine.

COMPLETES COMBAT FLIGHT TRAINING

John Gibson Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, of Franklin, recently completed his combat flight training as an Aircrewman here and is eligible to wear the Navy's coveted Aircrew wings formerly issued only to men with at least three months' combat experience.

Murray, an Aviation Machinist Mate third class, enlisted in the Navy May 12, 1943, and received his indoctrination training at the Bainbridge, (Md.) Naval Training Station. Upon completion, he was sent to Jacksonville, Fla. to attend Aviation Machinist Mate School, and later, other courses in aviation. Finishing this, he qualified in free gunnery at the Naval Air Gunners School near Jacksonville. He reported aboard N.A.S. Miami on March 9, 1944.

He is a graduate of the Franklin high school.

Pvt. William A. Setser, of Franklin, Route 1, is among the Macon county men in service who are serving in the European theatre with the military police.

Pvt. Samuel D. Reece has arrived safely in England according to a cable received by his wife, who is here from Canton, visiting relatives. Pvt. Reece, a former Macon county boy, is the son of W. D. Reece and the late Mrs. Reece, of Franklin, Route 1.

Pfc. Roger Rickman has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rickman, of the West's Mill community, that he is now located in New Britain and expects to get a furlough home within the next few weeks.

Pfc. Rickman, who has been in the service for the past three years, has been on overseas duty for more than two years. —Continued On Page Six

Macon County Gives Big Majority To Winners

SGT. CROSS WAR PRISONER

Macon Boy From Flats Section Is German Prisoner

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cross, of the Flats section of Macon county, have received a message from the War Department, stating that their son, S/Sgt. Oscar F. Cross was a prisoner of war in Germany. He has been reported missing in action over Hungary since April 3.

Sgt. Cross, who was inducted into the armed forces at Fort Jackson, S. C., in September 1942, went into the army air corps. He was sent to a camp in Miami, Fla., for a short period of training, later being sent to a mechanical school in Amarillo, Texas, where he completed a course as airplane mechanic. He was then sent to San Diego, Calif., where he studied parts on a new plane, and then went to a gunnery school at Harlingen, Texas, where he received his wings. He was then transferred to Clovis, New Mexico, to a bombardment school; then to Biggs Field, Texas, where he received his promotion to S/Sgt.

Sgt. Cross was made instructor at Biggs Field and was stationed there for several months before going to Topeka, Kansas, as crew chief, where he stayed until he volunteered for overseas duty in January of this year. He only had one 8-day furlough since his induction.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have two other sons in the service. Sgt. Arthur H. Cross has been in the service since June 1942 and is now stationed at Westover Field, Mass., and Pvt. James C. Cross is located at West Hampton Beach, New York. He has been in the service since March 1943.

Senior Class Of F.H.S. Sponsors Square Dance

A square dance will be given at the Agricultural building on Saturday night, June 3, by members of the graduating class of the Franklin high school.

A small admission of 60c per couple or 35c per person will be charged and the proceeds will go toward the Senior Annual.

Good music will be furnished by local talent and several nice cakes will be auctioned off.

A number of the parents, P.T.A. members and teachers will be present and a good time is expected.

\$1,044 For Macon County R. C. War Fund From Fontana Dam Employees

John M. Archer, Jr., chairman of the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive in Macon county, recently received a check from Tennessee Valley Authority in the amount of \$1,044 for Macon county's donations in the Drive conducted at the Fontana project.

This brings Macon county's total to \$10,196.92, and the quota was \$6,500.00.

Leach And Porter Ordered To Depart For University Of Mississippi

John Augustus Leach and J. Gordon Porter have received their orders to report to the University of Mississippi on Monday, June 7. They have enlisted in the Army Specialized Training Reserve program, and both recently graduated from the Franklin high school.

Series Of Services To Be Held At Mt. Hope

Beginning on Sunday night, June 4, a series of revival services will begin at the Mt. Hope Baptist church on Cartoogechaye, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Ben-

All State Officers Were Renominated Last Saturday

R. Gregg Cherry won the Democratic nomination for governor over his major opponent, Dr. Ralph McDonald, in the State primaries last Saturday by an overwhelming majority. Macon county's vote for Cherry was 1029, and for McDonald, 330. Complete returns of this county for all candidates are given below.

In the race for U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey won an overwhelming victory over Cameron Morrison all over the state.

Macon county gave Hoey 835 votes and Morrison 382. The three other senatorial candidates polled a total of 101 votes.

L. Y. Ballentine won in the race for lieutenant governor over W. I. Halstead and J. T. Lyda.

All state officers on the ticket were renominated.

Official returns by precincts:

Franklin township, U. S. Senator—Clyde R. Hoey, 368; Cameron Morrison, 127; Arthur Simmons, 21; Marvin Lee Ritch, 26; Giles Yeoman Newton, 7.

For Governor—R. Gregg Cherry, 423; Ralph McDonald, 149; Olla Ray Boyd, 1.

For Lt. Governor—W. I. Halstead, 147; L. Y. Ballentine, 300; Jamie T. Lyda, 38.

For Sec. of State—Thad Eure, 374; W. N. Crawford, 128.

For State Auditor—George Ross Pou, 369; Fred S. Hunter, 118.

For State Treasurer—Charles M. Johnson, 304; L. J. Phipps, 166.

For Lt. Governor—Republican—George L. Green, 0; Robert L. Lovelace, 0; A. Harold Morgan, 0.

For State Treasurer—Hiram B. Worth, 1; S. B. Roberts, 0.

Millshoal precinct, U. S. Senator—Clyde R. Hoey, 58; Cameron Morrison, 21; Arthur Simmons, 0; Marvin Lee Ritch, 0; Giles Yeoman Newton, 4.

For Governor—R. Gregg Cherry, 46; Ralph McDonald, 37; Olla Ray Boyd, 0.

For Lt. Governor—W. I. Halstead, 9; L. Y. Ballentine, 62; Jamie T. Lyda, 6.

For Sec. of State—Thad Eure, 63; W. N. Crawford, 18.

For State Auditor—George Ross Pou, 369; Fred S. Hunter, 13.

For State Treasurer—Charles M. Johnson, 58; L. J. Phipps, 16.

For Lt. Governor—Republican—George L. Green, 1; Robert L. Lovelace, 0; A. Harold Morgan, 0.

For State Treasurer—Hiram B. Worth, 1; S. B. Roberts, 0.

Ellijay precinct, U. S. Senator—Clyde R. Hoey, 42; Cameron Morrison, 12; Arthur Simmons, 3; Marvin Lee Ritch, 2; Giles Yeoman Newton, 2.

For Governor—R. Gregg Cherry, 37; Ralph McDonald, 23; Olla Ray Boyd, 3.

For Lt. Governor—W. I. Halstead, 6; L. Y. Ballentine, 62; Jamie T. Lyda, 10.

For Secretary of State—Thad Eure, 28; W. N. Crawford, 21.

For State Auditor—George Ross Pou, 25; Fred S. Hunter, 23.

For State Treasurer—Charles M. Johnson, 36; L. J. Phipps, 15.

For Lt. Governor, Repub.—George L. Greene, 1; Robert L. Lovelace, 1; A. Harold Morgan, 1.

For State Treasurer—Hiram B. Worth, 0; S. B. Roberts, 3.

Sugarfork precinct, U. S. Senator—Clyde R. Hoey, 4; Cameron Morrison, 0; Arthur Simmons, 1; Marvin Lee Ritch, 0; Giles Yeoman Newton, 0.

For Gov.—Cherry, 6; McDonald, 2; Boyd, 0.

For Lt. Gov.—Halstead, 1; Ballentine, 4; Lyda, 0.

For Sec. of State—Eure, 1; —Continued On Page Six

field. The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor on the Macon Circuit will do the preaching each evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.