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Roosevelt Will Accept Forth Term Nomination

A Surprise Announcement Made At News Conference

President Roosevelt announce to a press conference on Tuesday, July 11, that he would accept a fourth term nomination and, if elected, would serve "reluctantly, but as a good soldier."

The announcement was not expected so soon. While his choice would be to retire to private life from the heavy responsibilities of his office, yet he said, in concluding his statement, "I will accept and serve in this office if I am so commanded by the commander-in-chief of all of us—the Sovereign people of the United States."

The Democratic Convention will meet in Chicago next Wednesday to nominate the presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Revival Meeting At Clark's Chapel

A series of revival meeting services will be conducted at Clark's Chapel Methodist church of the Franklin Circuit, beginning Sunday, July 16 and ending July 26. The Rev. W. T. Medlin, pastor of the Hiwassee charge, will bring the message each evening. Services will begin each evening at 8:30 p. m.

There will be a daily vacation Bible school held in connection with this revival meeting, and will be under the supervision of Jack Easterling, of Rocky Mount, who is a Duke university student. The school will be held from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m. each afternoon, and all children between the ages of four and 16 years of age are eligible to attend.

Assisting Mr. Easterling will be Mrs. Charles Sutton, intermediate teacher; Miss Elsie Mertis Brown, beginners teacher; Russell Cabe, juniors teacher; and Mrs. Wylie Ashe, primary teacher.

The Rev. Carl W. Judy is pastor of the church.

June Travel To Smokies 61 Per Cent Ahead Of 1943

During the month of June, 1944, an estimated total of 110,308 persons, in 30,493 vehicles, visited the Great Smoky Mountains National park, coming from at least 38 known different states and the District of Columbia.

This figure represents an estimated increase of 61 per cent over travel to this park during the month of June, 1943. Approximately 29 per cent of the visitors were from other than the local states of Tennessee and North Carolina in which the park is located. Travel through the Gatlinburg entrance to the park represented an approximate increase of 10 per cent over June of last year; through the Townsend, 49 per cent increase, and through the Smokemont entrance 111 per cent increase.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944) an estimated total of 462,121 persons visited this park, as compared with an estimated total of 604,067 persons visiting the park during the preceding fiscal year (July 1, 1942, through June 30, 1942). This represents a decrease of 21 per cent. Travel decreased in volume during the first five months of this travel year, and then began to decrease in February, 1942, and continued decreasing until December, 1943, when it began to show an increase, and has continued to increase since that month.

Travel is estimated by comparing actual travel counts made at certain periods of the month with actual counts made at corresponding periods of the preceding year.

Of the above estimated total of 110,308 persons visiting the park during June, 1944, it is estimated that 22,061 were members of the armed forces.

"LET'S ALL BACK TO THE ATTACK" BUY EXTRA BONDS

Classifications Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Board:

July 7, 1944

In 1-A: Cletis Everett Gibson, Thomas Carlton Davis.

In 1-C: Heryv Joseph Ostiguy.

In 2-A: Charles Worley DeHart, Erwin Clarence Bradley, Clyde William Clark, Oliver Raymond Henry, Frank Dover Hurst, Fred Gene Guffey, Berlin Ellis Duvall, Buran J. Pruett, Thaddeus Clingman Bryson, William Emmett Roland, Grant Louis Zickgraf, Howard Crawford Ledford, Ray McConnell, Berlin Clifford Pruitt, Templeton Rowe Vinson, Robert Theodore Elliott, Riley Germino Sawyer, Canton Henry, Charlie Wm. Miller, Thomas Leonard Henry, Geo. Wm. Cunningham, George Heamon McCall, Ralph Theodore Norton, Richard James Johnson, col., Cleveland Samuel Cabe, William Henry Frady, Fred Harrison Ammons, Roy Edward Gregory, James Albert Mason, John Wylie Clarke, Tim McMahan, Dan Washington Henry.

In 2-B: Leslie Jacob Young, Carl Truitt Brendle.

In 4-F: William Alfred Brown, Ralph Ervan Douthit.

In 1-A-H: Joel Montgomery Dalton, James Frank Shields, Nathaniel Macon Phillips, Garnett Edwin Nix, William McKinley Cochran, Mack McKinney Bates, Pearl Passmore, Carroll Allen Gibson, Jamie Patrick Norton, John Allen Brendle, Charles M. Rogers, John Oscar Wilson, Edgar Randolph Garland, Fred Nelson Joab Crisp, Nelson A. Waldrop, Carl Eldridge Bateman, Fred Burges Jacobs, John Cecil Holt, Dewitt Perry Sutton, Frank Sanders, Phillip H. Kline, Zebulon Clifton Ledford, Floyd William Thomas, Victor McKinley Denny, Leander Chavis, col., Turner May, William Lloyd Angel, Elbert Ransom Brown, John Hickie Watson, John Truitt Farmer, Samuel Willard Mendenhall, Jesse Sloan Holbrooks, Elbert Gibson, Lee Thomas Moore, George Paul Blaine, Herbert Wayne Dills, William Arthur Hayes, William Emory Hunnicutt, Ellis Grant, Ben Webb, Jr., Henry Lawrence McCall, James Harold Young.

Pratt Columbus Dalton, Beulon Marion Holland, Otto Francis Summer, John Wesley Fore, Norman Frank Guest, William Earl Crunkleton, Claude Lee Roper.

In 2-A-H: Charles Alexander Williams, Sheridan Charles Evans.

In 4-F-H: Charles Lester Cabe.

In 4-A: John Bergin Wilson, Albert Lafayette Carver, Fred Douglas Cabe, Alex Moffitt.

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1-A: Clyde Dover Lakey, Clarence Levi Crane, Wint James Duvall, Gilmer Harry Henson, James Luther Henry, Roy Mack Cabe, George William Clouse, William Herschel Talley, Edward Bryce Ramey, Jesse Samuel Cunningham, Troy Lennis Gregory, James Furman Allen, Bobby Fouts Sutton, Clarence William Peek, Robert Hughes, Harvey Ronald Barnes.

2-A: Troy Clifton Passmore, Lucius Milton Frazier, Arch Harold Dills, William Patrick Patterson, Phil Bruce McCollum, Homer Robert Kemp, col., Grady James Henry.

2-B: Hubert Powell Smith.

1-A-H: James Lawrence Bryson, George Nathaniel Holland, George Martin Byrd, Charlie Joseph Adams, Henry Newell Hooper, Lloyd Henderson Calloway, George Washington Stanfield, Wylie Theodore Anderson, Daniel Joseph Miller, Jr., Harley Ottis McConnell, Jesse Lafayette Sanders, Johnny Colman Passmore, David Lem Cabe, Washington Edmond Sanders, Charles Truman Moody, Lester Brenth Houston, Wade Morgan, Canaro Chavis, col., Carl Roosevelt Keener, Norman Reynolds

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NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

SGT. JAMES BRYSON PORTER



Sgt. James Bryson Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Porter of Franklin, is head of the chaplain's assistants at Ladd Field near Fairbanks, Alaska, where he has been for the past two years. His duties include accompanying the chaplains to outposts and organizing music with a portable organ which he carries with him. He organized and directed the Protestant Choir and Glee Club, which was featured on N. B. C. coast-to-coast network and also appeared in a movie short. He has given four organ recitals, a water-color show, has been president of the U. S. O. Council and has directed both choral and instrumental music for the A. A. C. W. annual concerts. One of his water-colors of Alaska was recently accepted for a month's display in the Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio.

Harris L. Sanders, 23, Elect. Mate First Class, USNR, was a member of the U. S. Naval crew in the American Assault Force which invaded France. This was not his first action with the enemy. Sanders has seen previous action in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Harris is the of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sanders of Prentiss. He attended Franklin high school.

Dr. Ben P. Grant, former Dentist of Franklin, was recently promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain. Capt. Grant is stationed with the 240th M. P. Bn. at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Macon Exceeds War Bond Quota With \$293,474.25

"E" Bond Quota Short Time Extended To July 31

Figures received last week on the progress of the Fifth War Loan in Macon county by the war finance committee are as follows:

Total amount collected for all sales, \$293,474.25. This is well over the county's quota of \$188,000. However the county's quota for "E" Bonds is \$144,000, while the report shows our "E" Bond more to go.

The time limit has been extended to July 31, so there is no doubt that Macon county will go well beyond its "E" Bond quota.

Brother Of Mrs. Thorpe Dies In Chattanooga

Foster U. Brown, 53, World War I hero, who served 23 years in the army, died July 8 at the Veteran hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lt. Brown won the French Croix-de-Guerre in World War I.

The funeral was held at his home in Chattanooga, with the Rev. Stephen C. Walke of St. Paul's Episcopal church officiating. The burial was held with full military honors in the Forest Hill cemetery.

He is the brother of Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe of Franklin.

Pvt. George R. Cabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Cabe of Franklin, Route 2, is now stationed somewhere in Italy. Pvt. Cabe has been in the service since September, 1943.

Cpl. Thomas R. McConnell has returned to Camp Pendleton, Va. after spending an 8-day furlough with relatives in Franklin and Bryson City. Cpl. McConnell entered the service in February 1943 and has been in training with an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit at Camp Davis and Ft. Fisher, N. C. For the past year Cpl. McConnell has been stationed at Norfolk, Va.

S. P. 2/C M Roger Dalton and Mrs. Dalton have returned to Banana River, Fla., after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dalton at West's Mill.

Pfc. James A. Holbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holbrook of Asheville, spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dalton of West's Mill. Pfc. Holbrook is stationed at the Columbus Army Air Field, Columbus, Miss.

Harry C. Corbin, who is in training with the V-12 Unit at the University of Miami, recently spent a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corbin of Cullasaja. Harry is a graduate of Franklin high school.

A/C Frank Fleming, Jr., of Highlands, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Ala., an installation of the Army Air Forces Training Command. Here he is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

A/C Fleming is a graduate of Franklin high school, class of 1939; he is also a graduate of Brevard Junior College, class of 1941.

Pvt. W. Claude Ashe, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ashe of Route 3, was heard from last week. Pvt. Ashe said that he had been to Rome and had visited St. Peter's Cathedral. A brother, Cpl. Tearl F. Ashe, is also stationed somewhere in Italy.

Democratic Convention Of County To Meet Saturday

Two Macon Men Casualties In France

Two men from this county have been reported casualties in the European area. Cpl. Rufus M. Holden, son of Rey, Henry R. Holden of Otto, is reported wounded and Pvt. Joe Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mashburn of route 1, is listed as missing.

Cpl. Holden was seriously wounded in action in France, June 12, according to a message from the War Department received by his father. He enlisted in the army in April 1942 and has been overseas since January of this year.

In a letter to his father, written June 26, Cpl. Holden said he was in an English hospital receiving good care and for his folks not to worry about him.

Pvt. Mashburn has been listed as missing in action since June 10 in France, his parents have been notified by the adjutant general, but a letter from the private dated June 13 has caused his parents to believe the War Department message is in error. Pvt. Mashburn was a farmer before entering the service in January 1942 and took his training at Camp Croft, S. C., and at a camp in Pennsylvania. He has been overseas several months.

VACATION SCHOOL AT BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Jack Easterling of Rocky Mount, N. C., will superintend the Daily Bible school at the Bethel Methodist church from 3 to 5 p. m. each afternoon, beginning Monday, July 17 and ending Friday, July 21.

Teachers assisting in the school are: Mrs. Pritchard Peek, Mrs. Robert Fulton, Mrs. Troy Shook, Mrs. Grace Norris, Miss Dorothy Scott, Mrs. Glen Robinson, and Mrs. Leonard Horn. Classes shall be for all ages from beginners to young people.

Mr. Easterling is assisting the Rev. Carl W. Judy, pastor of the Franklin Circuit Methodist churches, for ten weeks under the direction of the Duke University Endowment.

Fisher Funeral Held Wednesday At Jackson Church

Funeral services for Miss Hattie Love Fisher, 62, of Andrews, who died Monday, were held on Wednesday at 11 o'clock at the Beta Baptist church, Jackson county, with the Rev. T. F. Dietz and the Rev. Mr. Cook officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were James A. Palmer, D. A. Stewart, Pitt Phillips, William, Ed and Charles Fisher.

Mrs. Fisher was a native of Macon county and resided at Franklin until she was married to Oscar Fisher of Sylva and moved to Andrews to make her home. She was a member of the Andrews Methodist church.

Surviving are two sons, Pfc. James O. Fisher and Captain Carl Byrd Fisher, both overseas; a nephew, who had made his home with her, Sgt. Charles H. Barker, now in New Guinea; and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Palmer of Franklin and Mrs. Pitt Phillips of Andrews.

District Meetings For Tax Officials

A series of eighteen district meetings for town and county tax collectors and attorneys is now being held throughout the State, under the auspices of the Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina.

Their purpose is to discuss matters of interest to county and city tax collectors, attorneys and finance officers in the field of local taxation and possible improvements in the tax laws.

The meeting for Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain counties will be held at the County Court House in Bryson City at 3 o'clock, Monday, July 17, 1944.

Until further notice canning sugar will be issued each week on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 0 a. m. to 12 noon, at the Local War Price and Rationing Board office.

Precinct Delegates Will Nominate A County Ticket

The Macon County Democratic Convention will meet on Saturday, July 15, at the county courthouse at 2 p. m., to nominate a county ticket to be placed before the voters in the November general election.

Candidates to be nominated are representative to the General Assembly Board of Education, the Coroner, and the County Surveyor.

The following delegates to the Convention were elected at the Franklin Precinct meeting last Saturday: Guy L. Houk, Mgs. Lola Barrington, Rass Penlaff, Jess Shope, Nelson Waldrop, and J. J. Mann.

The names of delegates from the other precincts could not be ascertained.

Republicans

To Hold Convention On July 22

The Republican party of Macon county is hereby called to meet in convention at the Court House on Saturday, July 22, at 2:00 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate candidates for the county offices and transact any other business that is necessary. You are hereby urged to hold precinct meetings on July 15 to name delegates to this convention.

"Lieutenant Green Receives Promotion"

Captain Phillip L. Green of Greensboro was this week assigned to Avon Park Army Air Field as a Protestant chaplain. The field, a final phase training base for B-17 Flying Fortress combat crews, has a bombing range regarded as the most unusual in the nation because of its simulated enemy targets, both fixed and movable.

Chaplain Green, who was commissioned July 16, 1943, came to Avon Park from Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Lois R. Green, and two children, Marcia Helen and Phillip Lambert, II, are now residing near Greensboro.

Prior to his army career, Chaplain Green was a Methodist minister, serving from 1936 to 1940 the Sandy Circuit at Leicester and from 1940-43 the Franklin Circuit at Franklin. He graduated in '36 from Guilford College, Guilford, and in 1940 from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

The new Avon Park chaplain received his promotion to captain on June 9.

Mrs. Roosevelt To Be Speaker At Lake Junaluska

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States, has accepted the invitation of Methodist women and will appear on a program here, July 25 and 26. Mrs. Roosevelt's appearance is sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Women's Society of Christian Service Southeastern Jurisdiction, of the Methodist church.

She will speak from the auditorium platform at 8 p. m. on the subject, "Post-War Problems."

Can Grandmothers join the Elves, Leprechauns, Gnomes, and Little Men's Chowder and Marching Society, Mr. O'Malley?

No, Barnaby... But they're enlisting in the Grandmothers War Bond League.



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