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## Democrats At Chicago Now To Choose Ticket

### Roosevelt, Wallace Lead Candidates For Nomination Tonight

Delegates to the Democratic Party National Convention meeting in Chicago convened yesterday at noon.

With the nomination of President Roosevelt for a fourth term an accepted fact, party circles are buzzing with rumours and counter-rumours of the vice-presidential nomination.

Henry Wallace, present vice-president led the candidates but was reported to be losing strength to other possible nominees, Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, and War-Mobilizer Burns of South Carolina.

Nominations will begin sometime late this afternoon or tonight with Senator Barkley placing the nomination of President Roosevelt before the convention.

Last night delegates heard Governor Kerr of Oklahoma in a keynote address to the convention. National committee woman, Tillet, from North Carolina was one of the speakers.

### Claude Bolton Elected Lions Club President

The Franklin Lions Club elected Claude H. Bolton, employee of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, as president for the coming year at a recent meeting.

Willard Pendergrass was elected first vice-president. Other officers elected are: J. F. Pugh, second vice-president; Vernon Fricks, third vice-president; Norman R. Hawley, secretary-treasurer; Frank L. Henry, Jr., tall twister; Roy Mashburn, lion tamer.

Approximately 300 children have been fitted with glasses because of defective eyesight, a club report stated.

Frank B. Duncan and Benny L. McGlamery were elected directors for two year terms, J. Ward Long and A. Carl Tysinger for one year.

One of the club projects during the past year has been the erection of an honor roll in honor of Macon county men and women in the armed services.

## No Infantile Paralysis Near Macon County

### 18 More Polio Cases Bring State Total To 336

The Macon County Board of Health in response to numerous inquiries and because of the epidemic proportions of infantile paralysis in the state has cautioned parents to prevent children congregating.

Eighteen more cases yesterday brought the total since June 1 to 336. The current outbreak of the disease is expected to reach its greatest number this month and decline during August, Dr. C. P. Stevick, epidemiologist of the state board of health, said yesterday.

More than \$91,000 has been raised by the state headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, C. H. Crabtree, state representative said. \$50,000 was a contribution from the national office.

The County Board of Health of Macon County, at a meeting held on July 18, 1944, for the purpose of considering measures to be taken to prevent the introduction of infantile paralysis into this area from other areas in Piedmont, North Carolina, where the disease has appeared in epidemic form, adopted the following findings and order:

That there are now no cases of infantile paralysis in Macon county or in any adjoining counties, nor does it now exist in epidemic form in any area within more than 100 miles of Macon county.

That while no emergency now exists in this county in order to prevent any opportunity for contact, all parents are strongly urged to keep all children, under the age of 12, on their

## FRANKLIN SOLDIER KILLED

### Sergeant William R. Deal Killed In Action In France

Staff Sergeant William R. Deal, 20, son of Mrs. J. B. Deal of Franklin, was killed in action on June 14 in France, according to a War Department message received by his mother, today.



WILLIAM R. DEAL

Sgt. Deal volunteered for the Regular Army in January 1941 and went overseas in January of this year. A brother, Pfc. R. Astor Deal is overseas in Italy.

Besides his mother and brother, he is survived by another brother, Jay, of Franklin, and five sisters, Mrs. Carl Gregg, of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Raymond Dalrymple, Mrs. David Sutton, Nellie and Mae, all of Franklin. Several aunts and uncles also survive.

Cpl. Rufus Holden, son of Rev. Henry R. Holden of Otto, was seriously wounded in France and is now in a hospital in England. Cpl. Holden received the Purple Heart.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Cpl. Jesse L. Leatherwood, son of Miss Sallie Leatherwood of Franklin, Route 1, is stationed somewhere in Italy. Cpl. Leatherwood was inducted into service on June 19, 1942 and since then has seen service in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Pfc. Harry Kinsland, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kinsland of route 4 is home on a short furlough. He has been stationed at Kingman Army Air Base, Kingman, Ariz., and he will now report to the air station in Tampa, Fla.

Sgt. Ellis W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Cartoogechaye, recently spent a 21-day furlough at home. Sgt. Smith has been overseas for two years.

Pvt. Harley Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Carpenter, Sr., of Dillard, Ga., recently spent a 12-day furlough at home. Pvt. Carpenter entered the service in December 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Planche, New Orleans, La., but has been transferred to Camp Jesse Turner, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three other sons and a son-in-law in the service: T/Cpl. Ervin A. Carpenter, stationed somewhere in New Guinea; Pfc. El-



Pvt. Alley Peek has been slightly wounded in action in France, according to word received here and has been awarded the Purple Heart. Pvt. Peek has been engaged in some of the heaviest invasion fighting serving with the Fourth Infantry Division which General Headquarters has announced is now in France. The "Ivy" Division has been engaged in "nine days of bitter warfare without rest," according to staff correspondence of Stars and Stripes, army newspaper.

bert Carpenter in England; Pvt. Edward Carpenter stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Pfc. Isaac E. Pitts in Italy.

Pfc. Emerson G. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford of Franklin, route 4, has landed safely on an island somewhere in the Pacific. Pfc. Crawford entered the armed services in September 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas, and his specialized training at William Beaumont hospital, El Paso, Texas.

Pfc. William E. Nichols of Camp Gordon, Ga., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nichols of Franklin, Route 1.

### AIR HERO



CHARLES HUNNICUTT

## HUNNICUTT WINS DFC

### Franklin Airman Honored For Heroic Action Over Europe

An 8th AAF Bomber Station, England—Army Press Release—First Lieutenant Charles R. Hunnicutt, son of Mrs. Blanche I. Hunnicutt, Franklin, and husband of Mrs. Martha E. Hunnicutt, of Leatherman, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, it was announced by the general, Eighth Army Air Force.

Lieut. Hunnicutt was decorated for extraordinary achievement while serving as a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress on bombing missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe. His courage, skill and coolness displayed on these occasions reflected the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

### Former F.H.S. Students Edit Press This Week

This issue of the Press has been entirely edited and written by former students of Franklin high school; Merrily Brooks, student at St. Mary's school, Raleigh; Barbara Stokton, student at Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga.; Mary Frances Page, student at Stephens college, Columbia, Mo.; Emogene Landrum, student at Women's college, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and Sol Sanders, student at School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia.

### Dr. Smith Hurt In Fall

The many friends of Dr. F. T. Smith will regret to learn that he is a patient in a Richmond hospital with a fractured shoulder which he received in a fall recently. Dr. and Mrs. Smith are making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Fleet H. Scroggs and Mr. Scroggs at 4301 W. Franklin street, Richmond, Virginia.

Robert E. (Tony) Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Welch of Franklin has been promoted to sergeant from corporal. Sgt. Welch entered the service in May, 1943 and is stationed at Fort Leonard Weed, Missouri, in the Army Engineers.

Lieut. Hunnicutt was graduated from Franklin high school, and played on the varsity basketball team. He attended the University of New Mexico, where he studied civil engineering.

Prior to his entry into the AAF, Lieut. Hunnicutt was an inspector for tunnel excavation.

## Republican Convention To Meet Saturday

### TWO MACON MEN MISSING

#### Clyde Tallent, Van Carter Missing In Action Overseas

Pvt. Clyde Tallent of Iotla and Manteo, N. C., and Lieut. Van Carter of West's Mill, have been reported missing in action according to word received here by relatives.



CLYDE TALLENT

Pvt. Tallent, son of Mrs. Florence Tallent and husband of Mrs. Anita Tallent, formerly of Cape Hatteras, was reported missing in the Italian War Theatre on June 1. He was serving in the infantry. He is the father of a one-year-old son. Before entering the army he taught school in eastern North Carolina.

Lieut. Van Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Carter of West's Mill.

### Singing Convention At Pine Grove Church

The next Fourth Sunday Singing Convention will be held at the Pine Grove Baptist church at 2 o'clock Sunday, B. C. Denny, president, announced today.

## W. R. McCracken Nominated For The General Assembly

### Macon E Bond Sales Short \$39,000

War bond sales in the Fifth War Loan drive have reached a mark over \$300,000 in this county, according to Mr. Henry W. Cabe, chairman of the war finance committee. Although sales in F and G series have pushed the total above the 188,000 over-all quota, the series E sales lack around \$39,000 of reaching the \$144,000 goal.

Mr. Cabe said he is pleased with the way the people are still buying in spite of the fact the campaign has closed.

### Ray Orr To Aid In Timber Cutting

The services of Ray Orr have been secured to help farmers in making and estimating the timber that is ready to be cut, S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, announced. This information is particularly valuable for any person who plans to sell timber from the stump as Mr. Orr can estimate the number of feet in the boundary. No charge is made for the work done by Mr. Orr. Anyone desiring an estimate on the timber that he wishes to sell should notify the County Agent, who will see that Mr. Orr visits his farm.

The farmer who has timber that is ready to cut should make every effort to get this timber to the market since it is needed badly in the war effort. The price of timber is the highest that it has been in years which is another good reason why farmers should market their timber now. However, extreme care should be taken regarding the future crop of timber.

### A School Board, County Representative To Be Nominated

The Macon County Republican Convention will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday at the county Court House. It will be a general open meeting to nominate the school board and the county representative to the General Assembly. The following are the chairman who will also serve as delegates: Walter Dean, chairman of the executive committee; W. L. McCoy, first assistant chairman; A. R. Higdon, secretary-treasurer; Roy Mashburn, second assistant chairman.

Township chairmen are: Franklin, Freeman Hastings; Mill Shoals, undesignated; Ellijay, W. R. Higdon; Sugarfork, E. M. Dills; Highlands, T. E. Keener; Flats, Marshall Burnette; Smith Bridge, L. M. Hen-son; Cartoogechaye, Joe Hopkins; Nantahala No. 1, W. D. Neal; Nantahala No. 2, John Wishon; Burningtown, W. P. Martin; Cowee, Dock Clarke.

### SOLDIER-VOTE REGISTRATION AND VOTING

All members of the armed services over twenty-one years of age are eligible to vote absentee ballots in the general election in November through Federal Law administered through the Secretary of State and the Macon County Board of Elections Chairman, J. J. Mann. Men in uniform (including Merchant Marine, WAC, WAVE, etc.) can be registered for voting for the duration of the war. Application must be made at the Register of Deeds office in the Court House. If the voter was registered for the primary and his address has not changed, a second application is not necessary.

Registration and application for voting must be completed by August 1 if ballots are to be mailed and returned in time for the election.

### Democrats Renominate School Board; Parrish For Surveyor

The County Democratic Convention meeting Saturday afternoon at the Court House nominated without opposition Wayne R. McCracken, farmer of the Mill Shoals precinct, as candidate for Macon County representative to the next General Assembly in the November general election.

Members of the present school board were renominated after two new nominations, A. B. O'Mohundro and Larence Ramsey, were defeated. Will Parrish of Smithbridge precinct was nominated for county surveyor over John Dalton.

E. W. Long, County Democratic chairman, presided and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington acted as secretary.

Dr. W. A. Rogers, former County Democratic chairman and representative to the General Assembly, spoke briefly to the convention before nominations began. He said the convention system of nomination for county offices used for the first time this year instead of the primary had two advantages of saving the party money and preserving party unity.

Following the voting, J. J. Mann, County Board of Elections chairman, reminded the delegates that applications for registration and voting for members of the armed forces must be completed before August 1 in order that votes can be returned from the battlefronts in time for the election in November.

Delegate vote in the convention for each of the precincts was determined on the Democratic vote cast in the last general election.

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