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County Officials: No Polio In Macon; Parents Urged To Keep Children From Gatherings And Town

There are no cases of infantile paralysis in Macon county according to the Macon County Board of Health despite rumors to the contrary.

However even though the epidemic throughout the state seems on the decline, there is still danger of infection and parents are urged to comply with the recommendations published two weeks ago by the Health Department.

The County Board of Health recommends in addition that all public gatherings be postponed until after September 1 to avoid any risk.

"That parents have not been cooperating as they should is evident from the number of children on the streets of Franklin in the past few days," county health officials said.

Parents are reminded that should there be an outbreak of polio in the county, the health department will be forced to enact strict ordinances prohibiting public meetings and children moving from place to place.

The health department order read in part:

"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 own premises so long as the disease exists in epidemic form anywhere in the State, and during that time not permit them to assemble or congregate at parties, picnics, moving picture shows, swimming pools, church schools or any places whatsoever."

School To Open

September 6 to 14,

G. L. Houk Announces

Superintendent G. L. Houk announced this week that the Macon schools will open not earlier than Sept. 6 and not later than Sept. 14.

The final date will depend on the polio situation in this county and the state.

OAK DALE SINGING CONVENTION POSTPONED

Rev. Theron Slagle, president of the Singing Convention to be held at the Oakdale Baptist church on Sunday, has announced that the convention will be postponed due to the polio situation.

The convention has been postponed at the request of Oak Dale citizens in cooperation with the local Board of Health which has recommended that all gatherings be postponed.

More Workers For Navy Yard Will Be Sought Here

Following the announcement by the navy department that aircraft carriers and cruisers have been placed on the national production "must" list, the Fourth United States Civil Service Region has intensified its recruiting campaign for skilled workers at the Norfolk Navy yard, Portsmouth, Va.

Two great new combat planes carries, the Tarawa and the Lake Champlain, are being built at the Norfolk yard, it was revealed. Especially needed to help speed up production of these fighting ships, are electricians and pipe-fitters, Frederick Sheets, civil service recruiting representative, who is at the U. S. employment service office, Fourth avenue, W., opposite the post office, has announced.

Mr. Sheetz will be at the USES office Monday and Tuesday of next week for interviews.

Rotarians Name Committees For Year

Henry W. Cabe who was recently elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club has been installed. Other officers include E. J. Whitmire, vice-president, and John B. Ray, secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors includes Carl S. Slagle, Jess S.

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DR. F. T. SMITH



TAKEN BY DEATH

Dr. Frank T. Smith passes at home of daughter in Richmond, Virginia.

DR. F. T. SMITH RITES FRIDAY

Beloved Macon Citizen
Passes In Richmond
On Wednesday

Dr. Frank T. Smith, 85, one of Macon's most honored and beloved citizens, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fleet H. Scroggs in Richmond, Va., Wednesday morning, as the result of injuries received in a fall a few weeks ago.

The body was returned here Thursday and will remain at the Bryant funeral home until the hour of the service. Services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church, with Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Dr. J. L. Stokes and Rev. Rufus Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Franklin cemetery with members of the Junaluskee lodge, of A. F. & A. M. in charge of graveside rites.

Active pallbearers will be Carl S. Slagle, Lawrence B. Limer, B. L. McGlammy, Carl Tysinger, Jimmy Hauser, and Fred S. Moore.

Honorary pallbearers will be Harold T. Sloan, Joe Ashear, Henry W. Cabe, George Dean, H. L. Bryant, Lyman Higdon, Lester S. Conley, Gilmer A. Jones, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Dr. J. H. Fouts, Dr. H. T. Horsley, Dr. Edgar Angel, Dr. W. E. Furr, Dr. Furman Angel, Dr. R. M. Rimmer, George Wallace, John Cunningham, H. B. Slagle, Jim Dryman, T. W. Porter, Jim L. Dowdle, John O. Harrison, J. B. Pendergrass, W. T. Moore, A. R. Higdon, T. W. Angel, Jr., Alex Moore, Gus Leach, Ben Harrison, Joe Setser, George Stalcup, Henry Waldrup, Mason L. Stiles, John H. Thomas, E. W. Long, Jack Sanders, Guy L. Houk, O. C. Bryant, C. L. Pendergrass, Joe Palmer and R. G. Beshears.

PIONEER CITIZEN

Dr. Smith was the only pharmacist and operated the only drug store in Franklin for many years. He was a Christian gentleman and ever a friend of the needy and unfortunate. For the past few years he and Mrs. Smith have lived with Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs, in Richmond.

He was the son of Rev. C. D. Smith, a pioneer Methodist minister and distinguished citizen, who did much for the educational and cultural life of his day.

Dr. Smith was educated in private and public schools in this section and studied pharmacy under Dr. S. H. Lyle. He was employed in his brother's drug store prior to passing the state pharmacy examination in September of 1887.

A short time later he purchased the drug store from his brother, C. C. Smith, and operated the only drug business in Franklin until about 1925. In 1928 he sold his store to the late Dr. J. E. Perry, but continued to work there in the prescription department until he passed his 82nd birthday.

He was a member of the Methodist church and served as a member of the board of stew-

Town Board Proclaims "Clean-Up Week" August 14th To 19th

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Franklin, held in the town office on the 7th day of August, 1944, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Whereas, the disease commonly known as infantile paralysis has reached the epidemic stage in some sections of the country; and whereas, this dread disease is transmitted by the common house fly, and the State Health authorities have pointed out that the most direct way to combat the spread of infantile paralysis is by combating flies; and whereas, the County Board of Health strongly urges that all places where flies breed or gather be eliminated, and it has been pointed out by the Town Health Officer that such places are prevalent in and around the Town of Franklin, especially in the back lots of business districts; and, whereas, it is apparent that the entire town needs a thorough renovating:

Be it, Therefore, Resolved, that the week beginning August 14 and ending August 19 of this year be designated as "clean-up-week", and that every individual owning property, doing business, or residing within the corporate limits of the Town of Franklin is hereby urged to inspect and thoroughly clean their premises during this week.

Be it further resolved, that although each individual is responsible for the condition of the premises of which he is in charge, the Town of Franklin render every assistance at its command to promote the purpose of this resolution during the week of August 14 to August 19.

By order of the Town Board.
E. W. LONG, Town Clerk.

SILER MEETING LAST WEEK

J. R. Daniels Speaks
At 91st Annual Siler Meet

The Siler family held its 91st annual meeting last Thursday, August 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter with Mrs. Eliza Siler acting as co-hostess.

Ten states were represented with relatives from Montana, Idaho, Washington, District of Columbia, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and West Virginia attending.

Children did not attend the meeting because of the infantile paralysis epidemic and many young members were absent because of service in the armed services. Attendance was seventy.

After the meal, Chairman Carl Slagle called the meeting to order and Secretary James Gray read the minutes of the last meeting.

A service flag was presented to the family with one gold star for a Weaver member of the family killed in action. One hundred and nine members of the family are in the armed services.

James Robinson Daniels of New York accepted the flag for the family. He referred to the fact that Plickard and Dederic Siler left Germany and came to America in 1741 making it possible for these boys to be fighting on the side against the Germans.

Misses Harriett and Mary Siler came from Tocomo, Washington to attend this meeting.

This is the fourth wartime meeting for the family.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser.

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Eleven Macon Men Are War Casualties

MISSING



LT. FRANK M. HIGDON, JR.
Lt. Frank M. Higdon, Jr., reported missing action July 14 over Hungary. Lt. Higdon was a pilot on a P-38, "Lightning."

Farmers Federation Expert to be Here Aug. 23

Prof. S. C. Clapp, horticulture expert now employed by the Farmers Federation to give his services free of charge to all farmers in Federation territory, will be in Franklin, August 23.

All farmers having questions they would like to ask on farm problems they would like to discuss are invited to see Professor Clapp at the Farmers Federation Warehouse on that day. Questions and problems pertaining to grasses, field crops, gardens, orchards, and insects are especially invited.

There is no obligation and all farmers whether they are customers of the Farmers Federation or not are invited to avail themselves of Professor Clapp's wide knowledge and experience.

Farmers Must File Applications For Lumber Needed For Buildings

Effective July 1, 1944, all farmers who will need lumber in connection with construction on the farm other than dwellings will be required to file an application in the County AAA office.

Orders are approved only for essential purposes. The plan contemplates the balancing of a national scale, of deliveries on approved orders against the production of lumber.

The farmer makes application on FL-200, at the County Agricultural Conservation office receives an FL-201 Farm Lumber Certificate upon approval of application and must deliver the certificate to his supplier with ten (10) days. He will need a certificate when he purchases from or has logs sawed at a mill producing more than 1000,000 board feet per year.

He will not need a certificate if he has logs sawed at or buys lumber from a sawmill producing 100,000 board feet or less per year, or is able to purchase free lumber from WPB which may be sold without certificates. Certificates may not be issued in connection with construction which exceeds the 1000 dollar limitation now in effect.

Construction in excess of 1000 dollars will require approval of WPB before construction can be started. The \$200.00 limitation is still applicable to farm dwellings, however, lumber certificates cannot be issued in connection with new construction maintenance or repairs to a farm dwelling.

FRANKLIN MAIL SERVICE (Daily and Sunday)

Departs for Cornelia, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, 10:20 a. m. and 2:05 p. m.

Departs for Dillsboro, Asheville, Greensboro, Raleigh and New York, 6:15 a. m. 1:35 p. m.

From Cornelia 10:00 a. m., 2:20 p. m. From Asheville and Dillsboro, 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday—To Dillsboro, Asheville, N. Y., 8:30 a. m. To Cornelia, Atlanta, 2:00 p. m.

Sunday—From Dillsboro 1:30 p. m. From Cornelia, 2:30 p. m.

Ten Soldiers Casualties In France In War Action

Eleven Macon men were reported casualties, ten as a result of action in France, during the past week. The list included three dead, one missing, and seven wounded.

The dead are: George Dewey Elliott, Jack Shepard, and Fred Crane.

The missing: Thomas D. Chastain.

Wounded: James W. Holbrook, Samuel P. Tallent, Walter J. McCoy, Warren Owenby, Leslie A. Reese, Harold Dillard and Charles N. (Joe) Dowdle.

Pfc. George Dewey Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Elliott of route 4, died July 14 of wounds received in France on July 9, according to a message from the War Department. He was in a hospital in France.

Pfc. Elliott entered service in April 1942 as a volunteer and was stationed at Fort Bragg, Camp Wolters, Camp Barkley, Texas, Camp Granite, Calif., and Fort Dix, N. J., before going overseas in March of this year. He also took part in Louisiana maneuvers.

He was a member of Holly Springs Baptist church and active in all church affairs.

Survivors include his parents, two brothers, Theodore of Washington State and Junior of route four; six sisters, Mrs. routeington State and Junior of route four; six sisters, Mrs. Lettress Higdon and Mrs. Chas Williams of route 4, Mrs. Leonard Corbin, Emma, Pauline and Dewell, all of Asheville.

Pfc. Jack Shepard, son of Mrs. Artie Shepard of Leatherman was killed in action on July 11 in France according to a message received by his mother.

Pfc. Shepard had been overseas two years, serving in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, England and France. He was with a heavy artillery unit and was in France only a few days before he was killed.

Prior to entering service he was employed by the T. V. A.

He is survived by his mother, and one brother, Edgar of Fontana; several aunts and uncles and his grandparents.

Pvt. Fred Crane, son of Mrs. Olive Crane and the late Ed Crane of Highlands was killed in action in France on July 20.

He is survived by his mother, his wife Mrs. Thelma Goff

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Absentee Ballots Can Still Be Sent To Servicemen Overseas

Absentee ballots can still be sent overseas to men in service and returned in time for the general election in November, James J. Mann, chairman of the county board of elections, said today.

Some immediate member of the servicemen's family or the serviceman, if he is home on leave or furlough, must make the application at the Register of Deeds office in the court house.

Men and women in the army, navy, coast guard, marines, and merchant marine are eligible to vote absentee ballots.

If the voter has not been registered because he has reached the voting age during his service, he may be registered for the duration of the national emergency.

U. S. E. S. OFFICE HOURS CHANGED THIS WEEK

The United States Employment Service, room 202, post office, has announced the following new office hours:

Monday through Saturday,—8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Any applicant who wishes to contact the office, should do so during these hours.

Cpl. J. C. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cunningham has recently spent a short leave at home. Cpl. Cunningham is stationed at Courtland Army Air Field, Courtland, Alabama.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PVT. J. T. MOSES



Pvt. J. T. Moses, son of Mrs. Rebecca Moses of Franklin, has arrived safely in Italy according to a letter received by his mother.

A/T Andrew J. Patton, son of Robert A. Patton, spent the weekend here with his aunt Miss Olive Patton. A/T Patton is stationed with the Army Air Corps, at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala.

S 2/C John Seay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Seay of route 4, has been spending a furlough with his parents.

S. 2/C Seay has been stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

Pvt. James E. Perry, son of Mrs. J. E. Perry is now stationed at Camp. Barkeley, Texas with the U. S. Medical Corps.

ards many years. He was for four terms worshipful master of Junaluskee Lodge of Masons and was a member of the lodge 61 years.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Virginia Crawford; two daughters, Mrs. Scroggs and Mrs. John Gibson of Montgomery, Ala., and two grandchildren.

PVT. JOHN H. MCCOY



Pvt. John H. McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McCoy, of Cullasaja is now stationed somewhere in Italy.

Pvt. Curtis Pearson, husband of Elizabeth Cabe, is home on a ten-day furlough. Pvt. Pearson took his basic training at the Marine base at Parrish Island and is now stationed at New River, N. C.

S/Sgt. Paul J. Bradley, tank destroyer battalion, returning from 24 months overseas in the European theatre of operations was expected to arrive on approximately 23rd of July at Ft. Bragg, prior to reaching his home at route 3, Franklin, where he will visit his mother Mrs. W. Ray Bradley.

S/Sgt. William H. Zoellner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zoellner of Highlands, has notified his parents that he has arrived safely in England.

His brother Julian C. Zoellner of the Army Air Corps has returned to the North Atlantic after spending three weeks with his parents and his wife. Pfc. Zoellner stated that the things he liked most were the things they had raised. Pfc. Zoellner was honored by many dinner parties given him by his friends and relatives.

Pvt. Roy Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crisp of Franklin, route 4, spent a short leave with his parents. He is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.