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3 MACON MEN ARE CASUALTIES

Two Missing In Action; One Is Seriously Wounded

Two Macon county men were reported missing in action this week and one seriously wounded. They are: missing, Robert Swafford, Joseph Daniels Sutton; wounded, James L. Conley.

PFC. ROBERT SWAFFORD
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swafford of Oak Dale have received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Robert Swafford, is missing in action somewhere in France since August 7.

Pfc. Swafford entered the service in 1941. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and advanced training in Florida.

J. D. SUTTON
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sutton of Franklin have received word that their son, Joseph Daniels Sutton is missing in action since August 27. He was stationed somewhere in France.

S/SGT. JAMES L. CONLEY
Staff Sgt. James J. Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Conley of Cullasaja, has been seriously wounded in action according to word received by his parents.

Sgt. Conley had been previously wounded in July of this year.

He entered service in October, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Tex. He has been serving overseas with the infantry since March of this year.

Forest Field Day Planned Near Sylva

Farmers, timber operators, business men, and foresters will meet at the Log Cabin Association grounds, seven miles west of Sylva, for a field day on Sept. 21.

Visitors will assemble at the crossroad to the sawmill at 9:30 o'clock and divide into field parties to inspect forest plantings, forest cleanings, and improvement cuttings.

At 2 o'clock Chairman R. W. Braeber, extension forester of State College, will conduct a meeting with W. R. Hine of the U. S. Forest Service and W. K. Beichler, chief of the Forest Fire Control, as feature speakers.

Dr. C. F. Korstian, president of the North Carolina Forestry Association, will present a "Timber Farms" certificate for meritorious service to the Log Cabin Association. A like certificate is also to be presented to Ben H. Nicholson of Cowarts, a farmer of Jackson county, by Graeber. P. R. Lackey, county agent of Sylva, will discuss the farming program on the lands of the Log Cabin Association.

At 3:30 o'clock a field trip will be made to the farming area between the gateway of the association grounds and Barker's Creek Station.

WOW Convention To Be Held In Brevard

Tickets for the semi-annual regional W.O.W. Log Rolling convention here on October 7 were mailed out to secretaries of all lodges in Western North Carolina today. Around 300 Woodmen and members of the Woodmen circle are expected here for the event, for which elaborate preparations are being made.

The afternoon session of the convention and the women's circle will begin at 2 o'clock. This will be followed by a barbecue at the Pink Beds, in Pisgah National Forest. In the evening there will be a program in the local high school auditorium. M. B. Camak, principal of the high school at Ware Shoals, S. C., two national directors and other prominent figures in Woodmen circles will speak at this time. This will be followed by a street dance, for which music will be furnished by Rhett Talley's string band. On Sunday, October 8, a monument will be unveiled in Gillespie cemetery at the grave of the late A. B. Galloway, former head council.

PFC. ROBERT SWAFFORD



MISSING

LAST RITES FOR O. C. BRYANT

Prominent Franklin Merchant Dies After Short Illness

Funeral services for Oscar Cullen Bryant, widely known Franklin citizen and owner of the Bryant Funeral Home and Furniture Company, will be held at the Franklin Baptist church at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body will be taken to the Franklin Baptist church at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon to lie in state until the funeral.

The Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church will officiate, assisted by three former pastors, the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Biltmore Baptist church, Asheville, the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Augusta Baptist church, Augusta, Ga., the Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Jonesborough Baptist church, Jonesborough, Ga.

Burial will be in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Bryant died Wednesday after an illness of two weeks.

Pallbearers will be Henry W. Cabe, Walter Dean, Paul Carpenter, Herman Plemmons, Lawrence Liner, and Manson Stiles.

Mr. Bryant was born in the Iotla section of Macon county on March 19, 1900, and in 1918 moved to Franklin. He was employed by C. T. Blaine until 1925 when together with his brother, H. L. Bryant, he opened a furniture store later purchasing his brother's interest, and operating the business in conjunction with a funeral home.

Mr. Bryant was an active member of the Franklin Baptist church and took an active part in church affairs.

He was chairman of the finance committee of the church and an usher for many years.

In April, 1943, he was married to Miss Edna Blaine who died six years ago. They had three children, Kenneth, now serving somewhere in the Pacific with the Navy, Clell, who is now stationed in Texas with the Army, and Cullen, at home.

He was a member of the Franklin Rotary club and held the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, in the Junaluska Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M. He was also a member of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association and the North Carolina Burial Association.

In June, 1941, Mr. Bryant was married to Miss Hermie Bumgardner of Jackson county.

He was a large real estate owner in Franklin and Macon county.

Survivors include in addition

J. D. Diller, Pathologist, Speaks To Lions Club

J. D. Diller, associate pathologist at the plant industry station of the Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md., delivered a slide illustrated lecture on "The Story of American Chestnut Blight and Work Being Done with Oriental Chestnut," at the regular meeting of the Lions Club at the Dixie Grill, Monday night.

The meeting had 100 per cent attendance.

Macon Sunday Schools To Meet Again Since Polio Epidemic Subsides

Macon County Sunday schools will again be open this Sunday, according to an announcement by local pastors. They had not been meeting because of the infantile paralysis epidemic throughout the state.

It is the opinion of the local health officers that since public schools will open Monday, there is no reason why children should not return to schools on Sunday.

The Franklin Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches will hold their regular Sunday school meetings this Sunday.

Methodists To Have Check-up Meeting

The annual charge check-up meeting of the stewards and treasurers of the Methodist churches of the Franklin Circuit, will be held at the Circuit parsonage on Bonny Crest in Franklin, Friday, September 15 at 8:30 p.m., according to the announcement made by the pastor, the Rev. Carl W. Judy. Clyde N. West, charge lay leader, will be in charge of the meeting.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

T/SGT. WILLIAM V. QUEEN



T/Sgt. William V. Queen, son of Thomas H. Queen and the late Mrs. Queen of Franklin, route 3, who was reported missing in action August 7 in France, according to a telegram received by his wife, Mrs. William V. Queen of Kannapolis.

Franklin Garden Club Elects Officers

Mrs. W. B. Swann was elected president of the Franklin Garden club at a meeting held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Rogers.

Other officers include Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, vice-president; Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, secretary and Mrs. Lester Conley, treasurer.

A report was made on the large number of books being sent to the Moore General Hospital for the service men. If anyone has magazines or good reading material that they would like to donate to the hospital, please leave it at Perry's or Angel's drug store and it will be collected and sent immediately.

The October meeting will be held with Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., on the first Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Rogers assisted by Mrs. Roy G. Beshears as associate hostess, served a sweet course.

War prisoners have recently put in 32,000 man-hours of labor in harvesting silage crops and doing other farm work in Martin county, reports L. L. McLendon, the assistant county agent.

Local Group Meets To Discuss Community Problems, Betterment

An organization "to discuss community problems and to start a movement for the improvement of our community" met Tuesday night in the Agriculture building. The group has not adopted a name thus far, but "Community Council" has been suggested.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan was elected chairman. Harmon Gruse, Mary Jo Eister, and Miss Daisy Caldwell were elected as a committee to make a survey of what problems and interests people in Franklin have.

Jack Wilcox, town clerk of Highlands for community betterment.

The first meeting of the group was held at Mr. Morgan's home on August 31, and delegates were invited to attend from each of the rural committee and Franklin civic groups and clubs.

The next meeting will be held at the Agriculture building on Thursday, September 28. Everyone who is interested in bettering our community is urged to attend and express their ideas.

MARVIN C. ROPER



Marvin C. Roper, F 1/C, Navy, spent a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Arlesa Roper last week. Fireman Roper has been in the service for ten months. He received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and took advanced training at Norfolk, Va. He is a graduate of Franklin high school and before entering the service was employed by L. Tourneau, Toccoa, Ga.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Jane Ann D. McHan

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Jane Ann Dean McHan at Saw Mill Hill in Swain county on August 30. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She died on August 21 as a result of a stroke.

Mrs. McHan was born in Macon county in 1859, the daughter of the late George and Althea Dean, who owned a large farm near the Swain line.

In 1874, she married William McHan, and later moved to Bryson City.

Mrs. McHan had been a member of the Baptist church for seventy-two years and regularly attended services until her death.

She is survived by six daughters, Attie Byrd, Eva Davis, Carrie Camby, Beulah Hembree, Rosetta Seay, and Geneva Freeman; five sons, George, Ennis, and Ellis of Swain county, Burch of Murphy, and Dalis of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Morgan of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Laura Wild of Moran, Tex., and three brothers, John Dean of Macon county, Charles and William Dean of Texarkana, Texas and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

World War I sent tuberculosis rates soaring in Europe.

GEORGE H. HILL



Franklin High's New Principal

CANDIDATES OF GOP SPEAK

Ferree, Hamlin, Jackson Address Local Group Monday

A. R. Ferree spoke at a meeting of Macon County Republican at the court house on Monday morning. The meeting was also attended by Brownlow Jackson, Republican party congressional chairman of the Twelfth District, and Louis Hamlin, candidate for representative to the congress from the Twelfth District.

Pointing to the revolt of many Southern Democrats against the administration as proof, Mr. Ferree, candidate for the United States Senate from North Carolina, said the Republicans in his native Randolph county and Macon county were fighting for a guarantee of liberty under the Constitution, in the November election.

Mr. Ferree is a prominent Republican and has been minority leader in the General Assembly. He urged those who attended to "work for your country" and accused the Democratic Party Convention in July of being under the rule of Sidney Hillman and the C.I.O. Political Action Committee.

In a short speech to the audience of about seventy-five persons, Mr. Hamlin warned of the "reckless road government is traveling." He said that many small business firms had been forced to close throughout the country because of severe government regulations and plead for a return of confidence in business by the people through less government intervention.

In an address to precinct delegates, Mr. Jackson urged them to work a house-to-house canvass. He hoped, he said, that in this election which will be the last in which he will direct the activities of the Twelfth District, that the Republican Party will win. He likened this year's campaign to 1928 and predicted that Thomas Dewey and John Bricker, Republican nominees for president and vice president, will carry North Carolina with a majority of 80,000 votes.

Polio Epidemic Past Peak Carl V. Reynolds Says

The current outbreak of infantile paralysis in North Carolina which had reached the epidemic stage has passed its peak and is now on the decline, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, said this week.

Although there will continue to be scattered cases throughout the state, Dr. Reynolds said present restrictions upon travel and gatherings could be discontinued after September 18. New cases brought the total to 682 since June 1 and the 1944 total to 694.

There have been twenty-nine deaths since the outbreak this year.

Vestal Here Wednesday To Examine Miners

Dr. T. F. Vestal, director of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, Raleigh, will be in Franklin, Wednesday, September 20, for examinations.

The examining unit will operate in Franklin one day only and all mine operators are urged to bring their men in on this day.

MACON YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL

Approximately 4,000 To Return To Class Monday

Approximately 4,000 Macon county children will go back to school Monday morning when the 1944-45 school session begins.

School attendance this year will be hampered by the shortage of teachers, the large number of children leaving schools for high-paying jobs in industry, and other strains of wartime life.

Macon county is fortunate in that its schools will be able to continue with much the same program as held before the war. In many sections of the state and nation, schools are being forced to close and consolidate because of shortage of teachers.

Franklin high school will have a new principal, George H. Hill, and the Highlands high school will again be directed by O. F. Summer, after his absence of two years.

The permanent changes in the teachers list announced last week, will be announced next week, after final assignments made this morning at a teachers' meeting have been confirmed.

Classifications Announced By Local Service Board

The following classifications are announced by the local Selective Board:

1-A: Lloyd Harmon Hodgins, Charley Porter Thomas, Wint Russell Dehart, Earl Wilson Mason, Joseph Forrest Huggins, Lawrence R. Ledbetter, Jesse Lyle Estes, Cecil Watson, H. B. Scott, John Webb, Boyd Bates, Loyd Williamson, Wilford Howard Bradley, R. L. Tallent.

2-A: Dexter Wilson McConnell, Matthew John Cole, Verden Hughie Reeves, Elmer Neville Frisby, Earnest Sylvester Hedden Glenn Welch.

2-B: Huell Arthur Sanders, B. T. Sanders.

1-C: James Alexander Hines, Robert Louis Pattillo, Carl Dewey Owenby.

3-D: Albert Eugene Barnes.

4-F: Frank Harley Mason, Fred Lyle McConnell.

1-A-H: Frank Wayne Gibson.

The following additional classifications announced September 12, 1944, by the Local Selective Service Board:

1-A: Roy Lee Ramsey, Herman William Teem, Cleo Canary Holland, Grover Phillip Passmore, Frank Harold Sellers, Elmer Davis Justice, William B. Lenoir.

1-A-L: Erwin Charles Rickman.

2-A: Jesse Lyle Estes, Robert Logan Tallent, Furman Fuller Stiles.

2-B: John Paul Solesbee, Lawrence Gilmer Sanders.

3-D-H: John Frank Craine.

4-F: Carl Raymond Dowdle, George Louie Webb, Buren Leopold, Virge Claburne Vinson, Zeb Britton McMahan, Arthur Junior Hurst.

Two Stores To Close For Jewish New Year

Monday, September 18, Jews all over the world will celebrate Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish New Year, which this year begins the 5705th year of the Jewish Calendar. Ten days later they will celebrate Yom Kipur, The Day of Atonement. Sanders' Store and M. Blumenthal will be closed Monday and Tuesday for this holiday.

WRIGHT RECEIVES WINGS

Thomas Bark Wright, son of Mrs. Helen P. Wright of Highlands, received his silver wings as an Army Air Force Pilot at ceremonies at Napier Field, Ala. Wright was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Before entering the service, Lieut. Wright attended N. C. State College, where he was majoring in Aeronautical Engineering.