



### CHAIRMAN SAYS BUY "E" BONDS

\$70,000 Series "E" Bonds Are Sold In County; Still Below Quota

A total of \$70,000 have been sold in Macon county in the "E" Series, according to a statement made by Henry W. Cabe, chairman of the Sixth War Loan Drive, Friday.

Mr. Cabe stated that the sales of the "E" series were going along slow, however, they were being sold daily and will continue on through the remainder of December. A total of \$34,000 in this series will have to be sold before the end of the month if Macon county meets its quota of \$104,000. The county has already met and surpassed its quota of \$50,000 in the other series.

With the demand for war materials becoming greater each day, Mr. Cabe asks the people of Macon county to buy bonds and more bonds until we can get our boys safely home, and this is one of the safest and surest ways of their returning, is to help when the help is needed most, he said.

### Memorial Service For Clemson College Students

Mrs. Fred Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray, and Mrs. Gus Baldwin, attended the Third annual Clemson Memorial service at Clemson college, Clemson, S. C., on December 7. The service, in honor of the Clemson men who have given their lives for their country, was held in the college chapel.

The impressive program began at noon and lasted for 30 minutes. A recording of the program was made, to be broadcast over station WAIM, Anderson, S. C., and WIS, Columbia, S. C. The ministers of the campus read the names of the boys on the Roll of Honor, each minister reading the names of the boys from his church. The Clemson Roll of Honor now numbers 175. Only those boys listed as killed or as missing in action since the 1943 Memorial service were read during this service.

Friends and relatives of the boys honored in the service were given seats of honor in the auditorium. The wives and parents of the boys had been invited by the ministers of the several churches.

Major Judson Fred Gray, husband of Mrs. Louise Blaine Gray, Franklin, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray, route 2, Franklin, was killed in action on May 24, 1944, while leading a bombing mission over Berlin, Germany. Major Gray was graduated from Clemson college in the class of 1940, where he majored in dairying and was active in student pursuits. While in college he was a member of the "Tiger" brotherhood, local honorary fraternity; Junior and Senior Platoons, Dairy Club; National Honorary Military Society of "Scabbard and Blade"; Presbyterian Student Association; Y.M.C.A. Cabinet, and was a Lt. Colonel and Regimental Executive in the R. O. T. C. Infantry unit.

Major Gray, who entered the Air Corps in September, 1940, left for overseas duty in April, 1944, and was stationed at a base in England where he served as commanding officer of a heavy bombardment squadron. He has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

### PARTY FOR W. N. C. CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The regular monthly clinic for crippled children will not be held as usual at Bryson City this month, as the annual Christmas party will be held at the Asheville Orthopedic Home in Biltmore Saturday, December 23, from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. All children who have regularly attended the clinic in Bryson City or Asheville are invited to attend.

The next clinic at Bryson City will be held January 20, 1945, at the regular place.

Buy more War Bonds now



## Best Wishes for A Merry Christmas

### Pfc. Womack Wounded Slightly In France

Pfc. Reid Womack was slightly wounded in action in France on December 3, according to a message received by his wife here on Thursday.

Pfc. Womack, who entered the service in February of this year, is serving in the Infantry. He took his training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was later sent to Fort George Mead, Md. He went overseas the latter part of July and has been in France since his arrival. He had only recently left the hospital, having sustained frozen feet several days before.

Pfc. Womack operated the Reid's Eso Service station on Palmer street, prior to going into the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Womack of Franklin, and was married to Miss Elda Ledford of Franklin, route 3.

Pfc. Womack has a brother, Paul Womack, who is in the service in France and on one occasion were in two miles of each other, but did not know it. They have not met.

### Charter Presented Boy Scouts Of West's Mill

The charter for the new troop of Boy Scouts of America at West's Mill, was presented at a gathering there last Friday afternoon. Francis V. Smith of Asheville, assistant Scout executive for the Daniel Boone Council, was in charge of the meeting.

The charter was presented to Mrs. Carl Bryson, secretary of the Parent Teacher Association, which is the sponsoring institution for the troop. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, newly elected chairman of the Smoky Mountains district, made the presentation. Mrs. Bryson presented the certificates of the members of the Troop committee. These were received by Clyde N. West and T. M. Rickman for the other two members: H. R. Morrison and Lee Mason.

"Smoky" Smith then conducted the instructive and beautiful Candlelight Investiture ceremony for the new Scouts, laying emphasis upon the Scout Oath and Laws. Training Certificates were presented to a group of interested adults who had been present recently for a Fundamentals course on scouting.



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Mrs. Claude Beeco has received word from the Government that her son, Pvt. Willie C. Beeco, has been in the hospital in New Guinea with a nervous disorder for the past 9 weeks and is slightly improved.

Pfc. Wade R. McConnell, son Mr. and Mrs. H. O. McConnell of Prentiss is spending a 21-day furlough with his parents and his wife, the former Miss Annie Mae McDowell. He served five months overseas duty. Stationed Northington General hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### Zeb. V. Sellers, Macon Resident Passes

Zeb V. Sellers, 84, died at his home, five miles South of Franklin, on the Franklin-Georgia highway, on Thursday, morning at 11 o'clock, following an illness of 10 days with bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. Sellers, a farmer, was a life-long resident of Macon county. He was born on January 12, 1860, the son of the late Samuel and Aveline Sellers. In 1890 he was married to Miss Sarah E. McDowell, who preceded him in death about two years ago.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at eleven o'clock at the Union Methodist church. The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Wiley Sellers, Thad Patton, Bud McConnell, Thad Nichols, Jay Proctor and Thad Thompson.

Surviving are two children, one son, Sam O. Sellers and one daughter, Miss Irene Sellers, both of Franklin route 2. Also one adopted daughter, Mrs. Ila Mae Shiglds and four grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

lin, has been relieved of his assignment in Col. Monro's Jungle Infantry of the Panama Mobile Force and transferred to the Parachute school at Fort Benning, Georgia, for airborne training it is announced by Headquarters of the Mobile Force.

A volunteer for his new assignment, Holland has been on duty in Panama at Jungle training areas, outposts and guard positions for the past 11 months.

He entered the Army in October 1943 and arrived here for foreign service February 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holland of Gneiss.

### Dr. Woodard Entertains With Steak Dinner

Dr. G. B. Woodard, pharmacist in Perry's Drug store, entertained the recently elected officers of the Junaluska Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M., at a steak dinner at the Tavern on Tuesday evening.

Carl Tysinger, the retiring worshipful master, headed the group, and the following officers were present:

H. Lee Guffey, worshipful master; Herman H. Plemmons, senior warden; Guy L. Houk, Junior warden; J. Ward Long, secretary; Henry W. Cabe, treasurer; R. S. O'Mohundro, senior deacon; B. L. McGlamery, junior deacon; Ebb Bullock, senior steward; C. J. Mooney, junior deacon; and James Dryman, tyler.

### The Bank Of Franklin Has Two Legal Holidays

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, being a legal holiday, and Tuesday, December 26, having been declared a legal holiday by the Governor of North Carolina, the Bank of Franklin will be closed for both days. It has been announced by Henry W. Cabe, cashier.

Subscription rates are \$2 a year; \$1.00 six months; \$1.50 a year to men and women in the service.

## Two Macon County Men Are Missing In Action

### Filing Dates For Estimated Tax Changed

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has reminded individuals that the special income taxpayers Congress has changed from December 15, 1944, to January 15, 1945, the final date for filing Declarations of Estimated Income Tax, either original (as in the case of farmers), or amended, and paying of installments of estimated tax for the calendar year 1944.

Among the tax payers affected by this change in dates are: farmers who exercised their right to defer filing declarations last April 15; others who have already filed 1944 declarations but desire to change their estimates by filing amended declarations; all persons who owe the final installment of 1944 estimated tax.

If a taxpayer who would otherwise be required to file an original or amended Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1945, files his annual income tax return for 1944 (on Form 1040) and pays all tax due by January 15, his return will serve as both a return and declaration and he need not file the 1944 declaration.

Also, if a taxpayer files his final 1944 return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15, he need not pay the final installment which otherwise would be due on his estimated tax.

A bill from the Collector for the fiscal installment of 1944 estimated tax may be ignored by a taxpayer who files his annual return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15.

These changes will enable a taxpayer, if he desires to do so, to wind up all of his 1944 income tax obligations by January 15, but it does not affect the filing of his 1945 declaration which will be due March 15. Also, taxpayers who do not file their final 1944 returns by January 15 must do so by March 15.

### Selective Service

#### Macon County Men Leave For Induction

December 20, 1944  
The following men were forwarded to Camp Croft, S. C. this date for induction into the Armed Forces:

Pink A. Gibson, Bennie Bolden Haire, Clinton Roger Cabe, Frank Carr Dryman, Joe Neal, Winfred Gregory, Eugene McCall, Buren Van Morgan, Paul Gibson Holbrook, Roy Mack Cabe, George William Clouse.

Norman Clyde Webb, who was transferred from another board for induction, was sent with this group.

### West's Mill Resident Passes Wednesday

Levi Elijah (Dude) Mathis, 55, died at his home in the West's Mill section of Macon county on Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock following a lingering illness of several months caused by three strokes of apoplexy.

Mr. Mathis, a life-long resident of Macon county, was born on October 8, 1889, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mathis. He was a farmer and had made his home in the West's Mill community for a number of years. He was married to Miss Sara Prince on August 16, 1914.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Cowee Baptist church, with the Rev. Lester Sorrells, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow and eight children, James A. Mathis, of Bryson City; Mrs. Katie Messer, of Cole Creek; Charles L. Mathis, of Bryson City; Mrs. Mary Bradley, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. Martha Martin, of Franklin route 3; Miss Roberta Mathis, of Gastonia, and Misses Lucy and Shirlev Jane Mathis, of Franklin, route 3.

### Message Received Stating That Brother Are Missing

Harris Jones, of near the Tolla Bridge, has received a message stating that his brothers, Cpl. Lloyd Jones and Sgt. Johnnie Jones, were both missing in action on November 14, somewhere in Belgium.

Cpl. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jones, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., formerly of Macon county. He entered the armed forces in January, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was a machine gunner. He was sent overseas in early September of this year.

Sgt. Johnnie Jones, who entered the service in November, 1943, took his training and went across with his brother, Cpl. Jones, also missing on the same date. He is in the heavy field artillery and took his training at Fort Worth, Texas, and at a training center at San Diego, Calif. He was married to Miss Evelyn Hipps, of Waynesville and they have two children.

A brother-in-law, Pvt. David Sorrells, who was reported to be missing in action in France on November 4, was later reported to have been killed in action on the same date.

Pfc. Sorrells entered the service in January of this year, was in the ground infantry. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sorrells of Skeenah, Macon county. He was married to Miss Della Jones and they have three children. They are Edward, Kenneth and Bo Sorrells. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Minnie Extine of Sylva; Mrs. Bessie McCall of Franklin; Mrs. W. Cheek, Franklin route 2; and Mrs. Sam Hopkins of Franklin route 4; Pfc. Rogers Sorrells and Pvt. Charlie Sorrells, both in overseas service; John Sorrells of Sylva; James Sorrells of Waynesville and Cecil Sorrells of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have also lost another son in the service. Captain Preston Jones was killed off the coast of San Diego, Calif., on the 11th day of June this year in an explosion when so many service men lost their lives. He has been in the service for the past 14 years.

Another son, Second Lieut. Robert Jones, is serving in the South Pacific.

### Midnight Service At St. Agnes, December 24

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, has announced that on Christmas Eve there will be a Midnight service at the St. Agnes Episcopal church, beginning at 11:30, with the celebration of Holy Communion.

The public is invited to attend.

### Special Services At Baptist Church, Sunday

The Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, has announced that a special Christmas service will be held at the church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, and also at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The public is invited to attend these services.

