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Fight. INFANTILE PARALYSIS JAN. 14-31 JOIN THE MARCH of DIMES

[illegible]raining Classes [illegible] Held Thursday

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[illegible] [illegible]kgraf, acting [illegible]er of the Macon [illegible] Squadron of the Civil [illegible]atrol, has announced that [illegible]e first training class will be [illegible]ld Thursday evening, Janu[illegible] 25, at 7:15 o'clock in the [illegible]iculture Building in Frank[illegible] The first training class for [illegible]ets will be held at 2:30 [illegible]clock Thursday afternoon at Franklin school.

Lt. Colonel Frank E. Dawson, of Charlotte, Commanding Officer of the North Carolina Wing, will be present for both the senior and cadet sessions. He will conduct the initial class in Orientation, explaining the organization, purpose and history of the Civil Air Patrol and its plans for the future. This program and the entire training course will be under the direction of Guy L. Houk, executive and training officer of the local squadron.

More than one hundred Macon county persons have expressed their intention to join the squadron. Formal application for membership forms will be distributed during this initial meeting, and typists will be present to complete the forms.

At the first meeting of the Squadron Staff, Tuesday, January 16, the following acting officers were present: Grant L. [illegible]zkgraf, squadron commander; [illegible]y L. Houk, executive and [illegible]ining officer; John Archer, [illegible]elligence officer; H. H. [illegible]nuse, communications officer; Dr. Edgar Angel, medical officer; and Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, assistant staff officer. Staff officers appointed, but not present include George Hill, assistant training officer; Allan Brooks, deputy staff officer, Frank Henry, supply officer, and Thelma C. Zickgraf, adjutant. All appointments are temporary and subject to approval of National Headquarters.

Additional officers and noncommissioned officers will be appointed during the training period.

Attention Relatives Of Service Men

Will the parents or other relatives of service men who have made the supreme sacrifice from Macon County and ever attended Franklin high school please send their names to Violet Barnard, secretary physical education class, Franklin High School, Franklin, N. C. Please include date of death in so far as practicable.

The Physical Education Class has purchased a roll of honor board for former students who have given their lives for our country.

[illegible]-Cubbins To [illegible]ach Sunday

The Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., of Fort Worth, Texas, will preach at the 11 o'clock service at the Franklin Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. The public is invited to attend this service.

Health Clinic To Be Held Friday, January 19

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held the third Friday, January 19, 1945 from 10:30 a. m. to 12 p. m., and from 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m., at the Macon County Health Department Office. Services offered include infant and maternal welfare, [illegible]-school children, maternal [illegible] and immunizations.

Pritchard Peek Injured When House Burns

Pritchard Peek's house on Cullasaja in the Mashburn [illegible] section was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, along with most of the household goods.

Mr. Peek suffered burns of hands, face and eyes and was brought to Angel hospital for treatment. He is expected to remain in the hospital for several days.

Wiley Clark's Filling Station Destroyed by Fire

Answering a call about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning the Franklin Fire department found Wiley Clark's filling station on the Highlands highway aflame. Efforts were made to pump water from Cullasaja river but the fire had progressed too far to prevent destruction of the building. The garage building was saved, it was reported.

Origin of the blaze had not been determined Wednesday, afternoon, the only known clue being Mr. Clark's report to the Franklin firemen that he first saw smoke coming from the awning.

Baptist Meetings To Be Held Next Week

On Wednesday, January 24, the Royal Ambassador's and the Girl's Auxiliary of the Franklin Baptist church will meet at the church immediately after shcol, and at 7:30 o'clock, prayer service will be held at the church. Choir practice will be held immediately following prayer service.

On Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, Leadership Conference will be held at the church. All officers of the Woman's Missionary Union in the Association and anyone interested, is urged to attend. Both Missionary circles will be held at the church following the conference session.

At 8 o'clock in the evening Miss Pauline Wild will be hostess to the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and the program will be under the leadership of Miss Clara Sue Pannell.

On Friday at 7:30 o'clock the Associational Baptist Training Union Conference will be held at the church.

British Battle Fleet To Aid U. S. Units

News has been received that a big British battle fleet is now ready to go into action against the Japs in the Pacific area and will be fighting with the U. S. Navy in the near future, according to Adm. Sir Bruce Frazier, commander-in-chief of the Brittain's Pacific fleet.

The Press rejoices to know that we are soon to have more help in the Pacific to blast the Japs from their homeland waters.

Soon, it is hoped, that the joining of these powerful fleets will get long-needed relief to China.

If America and her Allies will continue to fight together it won't take so long to knock out the Japs and Germans.

Cooperation and strategy of Allied fighting heads and combatants on both sides have learned that fighting side by side lends power to Allied efforts to win the war.

Work-Or-Fight Laws Pushed By Senator May

Chairman Andrew J. May, (D., Ky.), of the house military affairs committee, urges prompt action on work-or-fight legislation with provisions to put all essential war industries on a 48 hour work week in order to speed up war effort by better use of available manpower.

Chairman May's bill calls for testimony from Lewis G. Hines, representative of the American Federation of Labor, and urges the use of other means to bring about greater production of vital war materials.

Square Dance At Otto School Friday Night

There will be a square dance held at the Otto schoolhouse on Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced by James J. Mann, co-chairman of the Infantile Paralysis fund for the Otto community.

Mr. stated that the proceeds would go toward the $1,215, the quota given to Macon county, and that a large crowd was expected to be in attendance. String music will be furnished by local musicians.

The public is invited to attend.

AWARDED PURPLE HEART

PFC. NED P. HOWARD

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Marine Pfc. Ned P. Howard, 20, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, has been presented with a Purple Heart medal at Impressive ceremonies in which 372 Marines wounded in the Marinas, were also decorated.

Pfc. Howard suffered shrapnel wounds in the back and arm on June 16, on Saipan, when self-propelled artillery piece he was serving was struck by a Japanese shell and blown up.

He recovered from his injuries and returned to active duty with his unit before the campaign was over and later engaged in the assault upon Tinian. He had previously participated in the Marshall Islands operations. Pfc. Howard is the son of John Howard of Dillard, Ga., Route 1. He enlisted in May, 1943.

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Cpl. W. P. CONSTANCE

An 8th Air Force Service Command, England — Corporal William P. Constance, son of Ezra Constance, Franklin, is stationed at this strategic air depot where B-17 Flying Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force are maintained and repaired. He is an automotive equipment operator in the transportation division.

Prior to his entry into the army November 30, 1942, at Fort Bragg, N. C., he was employed by the Baldwin and Liner Market in Franklin. Corporal Constance has been stationed in the European Theater of Operations since May, 1943.

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Seaman 1/C CLARENCE PAUL

Seaman 1/C Clarence E. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Paul of Route 4, Severville, Tenn., has recently completed a course in aviation ordnance at the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center. He will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. Paul attended Highlands High School. Before entering Naval service in Atlanta, Ga., in December, 1942, he was employed as a projectionist at Highlands School Theatre.

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Cpl. BO HENRY

Cpl. Bo Henry who has been in overseas service for the past year, and who has been stationed in a hospital in Oklahoma, is expected to arrive next week for a visit with his grandfather, R. F. Henry at his home on Franklin route 4.

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S/Sgt. CRISP IMPROVING

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Crisp, of Franklin route 3, received a letter from the war department, stating that their son, S/Sgt. Troy L. Crisp was making a normal improvement, following his serious wounds received on November 13 in action in France.

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PVT. JAMES H. BROWN AWARDED GOOD CODDUCT BADGE

Mrs. Ada J. Brown, of Franklin, has been notified of the award of good conduct badge presented to her son, Pvt. James H. Brown.

The good conduct award is given for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidility true unquestionable evidence of good character, and the qualities of character that so clearly demonstrate the result of home and family influence.

The soldiers receiving this distinction of honor were personally congratulated by their commanding officer, Willard T. Day.

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PFC. RAYMOND WOMACK HELPS OUT-MANEUVER NAZIS

Pfc. Raymond H. Womack, who is serving with the Sixth Army Group in France, with the 398th infantry regiment of the 100th division, has had an experience that few soldiers will ever forget.

The 398th Infantry was activated at Fort Jackson, S. C., in November, 1942, and participated in maneuvers in Tennessee and later moved to Fort Bragg for training in coordination of infantry with tanks, artillery and air force. They learned their lesson well, as was proven when the regiment skilfully out-maneuvered the Nazi's prepared defenses and took the high ground which surrounds the town and commands a stretch of oper terrain to the east—in the direction of the Rhine.

The enemy held prepared positions, deep dugouts, covered with logs and well camouflaged, artillery placed on mountain top above the forest level, and in weather conditions that included rain, snow and ankle-deep mud, the 389th proceeded to help take Baccarat, to cross the swift flooded Meurthe river and press the Nazis further back toward the Rhine, in a Baptism of fire.

Pfc. Womack is the son of Mr. Otto Womack, and the late Mrs. Womack, of Franklin.

R. D. Rogers Sells Property To Lee Woods

Robert D. Rogers, who purchased the old Palmer Shop between Palmer and Main streets, and converted it into a furniture shop last year, sold the property to Lee Woods this week.

Mr. Rogers recently built the storeroom where the Town Hill Market is located and made three livable apartments out of the furniture shop. He has also sold his new brick and tile dwelling house on Rogers Hill near the Franklin school house to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cagle which they are now occupying.

Mr. Rogers has purchased the Myers' old property on Iotla street near the Franklin Baptist church, and recently converted it into two apartments. He plans to buy other property and to continue his home in Franklin.

MISSING IN ACTION

T/SGT. EDWIN STILES

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Mrs. Edwin T. Stiles received a telegram from the War Department this week that her husband, T/Sgt. Edwin Stiles, was reported to be missing in action in Luxembourg, Germany on December 22.

T/Sgt. Stiles entered the service in 1942 and took his training at Camp McCoy, Wis., and was in Tennessee on two different occasions on maneuvers. He was in the 44th Engineers and was sent to overseas duties in March, 1944 and had been in Normandy, Belgium and then to Germany.

Prior to entering the armed forces, T/Sgt. Stiles worked as a carpenter on defense projects. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Stiles, of Prentiss, and was married to Miss Willie Sanders, also of Prentiss. They have one son two years old.

Two Killed In Action; Three Missing and One Wounded

Pfc. Lyle Dills Awarded C. I. Badge

Pfc. Lyle H. Dills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dills, of Franklin route 1, who is serving in the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for his exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy.

The Wildcat Division recently invaded the Southern Island of the Japanese-held Palu group, 500 miles east of the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Dills have two other sons in the service: Pfc. Turner E. Dills, who is in the Infantry, has been in action in England and Germany, and is now hospitalized in France for a rest period. He went overseas in July of last year; and Seaman First Class James D. Dills, now in the South Pacific. He has been in service since April 1, and was sent across in July.

POLIO CAMPAIGN NOW UNDER WAY

Ball, Theatre, and Suppers To Help Raise Quota Of $1,215

R. S. Jones, chairman of the Macon county drive in the Infantile Paralysis campaign, is mailing letters to the local citizens instead of having solicitors making an individual contact as in all previous drives, and to residents in the rural sections of the county, chairmen are being appointed in each community.

Mr. Jones stated that with the large majority of both men and women working on various jobs, he felt sure they would rather mail their contributions than to give it to a solicitor.

Coin boxes are being placed in all the stores and postoffices in Franklin and surrounding vicinity.

The Macon Theatre will participate in the national theatre drive from January 25 through 31, and in addition to the coin boxes in the lobby, collections will be made between showings.

A President's Birthday Ball will be held, sponsored by the Franklin Lions Club, but details have not yet been announced. The dance will be held on January 30.

Highlands Organize Committee

Highlands has organized a a local drive committee, with Dr. Jessie Mooreland, as chairman. C. C. Potts, of Highlands, chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for Macon County, and R. S. Jones, chairman of the 1945 drive, have announced that box suppers, cake walks, and square dances will be held throughout the county to help raise the $1,215 quota.

Forest Service Employee Transferred To S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Ballard and young son, James, left Franklin this week for their new home at Moncks Corner, S. C.

For the past four years Mr. Ballard has been associated with the Nantahala National Forest. His work has dealt principally with administration of timber sales. Master James, two years of age, was born in Franklin.

Mr. Ballard's new position with the Forest Service will be assistant to Ranger Martin L. Sylverson of the Francis Marion National Forest, with headquarters at Moncks Corner. Mr. Ballard was graduated with a degree in Forestry from the University of Montana.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dalton, of Franklin route 3, a son, Joseph Lane, on January 2.

Six Casualties From This County Reported This Week

Pfc. Wayman Chastain, 19, of the Smith Bridge township of Macon county, died in Germany on December 14 from wounds received on December 13, while in action, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac A. Chastain, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1.

Pfc. Chastain entered the armed forces on April 4, 1944, and was placed in the Infantry. He received his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was sent to overseas duties in October. He was first in England, later to Belgium and then to Germany. Prior to going into the armed forces he worked on the farm.

Surviving besides the parents, are one sister and seven brothers, two of whom are serving in overseas service. Mark Chastain is in Germany and Lee Roy is at Leyete.

Pfc. Dills Missing

Pfc. Frank Dills has been reported by the War Department to be missing in action since December 22, in Luxembourg, Germany, according to a message received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Dills of the Prentiss section of Macon county.

Pfc. Dills entered the army on December 1942 and took his basic training at Camp McCoy, Wis., Fort Knox, Ky., Libenton, Tenn., and Camp Brickening Ridge, Ky. He was sent over seas in March of last year, and was serving in the 44th engineering unit.

Pvt. John H. Henson Killed

Mrs. Grady Henson, of the Otto community, has received a message from the War Department stating that her son, Pvt. John H. Henson, was killed in action in Germany on December 28.

Pvt. Henson, 19, entered the service in April, 1944 and received five months training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He was given a delayed route home in August which allowed him a few days visit with his mother and family.

Following his visit home he had a short training period at Camp Pickett, Va., before he was sent overseas in October. He has been in England, Belgium and then to Germany, where he met his brother, Pvt. Elmus H. Henson, who has been in overseas service for the past 19 months. They are the sons of the late Grady Henson.

Surviving are the mother, three brothers, Sherrill Henson, of Brevard, Colbert Henson, of Otto, and Elmus H. Henson, serving in Germany, and four sisters, Freda Sue Henson, of Otto, Mrs. Lonnie Chastain, of Central, S. C., Mrs. Hubert Bradley, of Brevard and Mrs. Fred Littleton, of Highlands. Also two nephews, Hugh R. Bradley and Thomas M. Henson, of Brevard and a large number of other relatives.

Pfc Harold Swafford Missing

Mrs. Harold Swafford, of Franklin route 3, received a message from the War Department on January 14, that her husband, Pfc. Harold Swafford had been reported missing in action since December 20 in Luxembourg, Germany.

Pfc. Swafford entered the armed forces in April 1944 and has been overseas since September. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and at Fort George Meade, Md.

Pfc. Swafford has a brother, Sgt. Frank Swafford, who is serving somewhere in France.

Mrs. Jesse Tessier left Wednesday for Atlanta, Ga., for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. Joe Setser and two daughters, Misses Jane and Margaret Setser, attended the wedding of their son and brother, Lieut. Mac S. Setser in Greensboro last Thursday.

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