

### Bill Would Return County To Primary

#### Re-Bank Shows Gain Over Previous Years

place Macon County under the provisions of the "wide primary law" was introduced on January 20 in the General Assembly by Representative Wayne R. McCracken, Democrat, according to a release of the Institute of Government.

Mr. McCracken has been appointed to the important Appropriations and Corporations committees in the House. Appointments to other committees include: Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Counties, Towns and Cities, Election Laws, Higher Education, Institutions for the Blind, Military Affairs, Pensions, Public Welfare, Salaries and Fees, and Veterans Legislation.

Macon County was placed under the convention system of nominating for public office by a bill passed during the 1943 session of the General Assembly introduced by the then Macon Representative, Dr. W. A. Rogers.

No action has been taken on the bill by the Assembly as yet.

The introduction of the convention system created a good deal of dissent among Macon Democrats in 1944 and it had been expected here that the next representative to the Assembly would introduce a bill returning Macon county to the primary system.

The bill, HB77, would also return Graham to the primary system of nomination, since the 1943 act had included Graham in the provision to use the convention system.

Among other bills introduced in the Assembly during the first two weeks of the 1945 session have been:

Nine bills to amend the General Statutes, one of which create a "General Statutes Commission" with the general duty of studying state statutes and making recommendations to the Assembly.

Three bills to aid libraries of the state in establishing joint county libraries, increase or decrease of library taxes by new registration, and levy new library tax without referendum.

### Boy Scout Officials Attend Banquet

On Tuesday evening the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, J. S. Conley and James Hauser attended the 24th annual banquet of the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts of America, held at the First Baptist Church in Asheville.

A number of interested Scout promoters were present and gave some very substantial figures, which showed that a gain of 23 per cent in boy membership had been made in 1944. Also that 48 per cent more boys are being served by the Council than were served two years ago. More women and men are serving troop scouting and cubbing than ever before, with the roll showing a total of 2,918. There are also 1,000 boys from this Council serving in the Armed forces.

### Ration Board Closes For Day

The local War Price and Rationing Board will be closed all day, February 1, 1945, for the purpose of preparing reports required by the District Office, it has been announced by Dr. W. E. Furr, chairman of the board.

### PVT. HEMBREE VISITS HOME

Pvt. Frank W. Hembree, who has been in training at Kingman, Ariz., is spending a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hembree, at their home in the Nantahala section of the county.

Pvt. Hembree, who entered the armed forces in January 1942, has taken training at Kingman, Ariz., San Antonio, Texas and Shreveport, La., and is en route to Blountsville Field, at Wilmington. He is in the military police unit and this is his second visit home since entering the armed forces.

### Brothers In Service

S/SGT. THOMAS M'DOWELL



S/Sgt. Thomas McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDowell of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, is stationed somewhere in France.

SGT. WEAVER N. FOX



Pfc. Walter E. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fox of Ellijay, has been stationed overseas for the past 18-month. He entered service in April, 1941.

PFC. JOHN W. M'DOWELL



Pfc. John W. McDowell, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDowell, is serving in the Infantry somewhere in Germany.

PFC. WALTER E. FOX



Sgt. Weaver N. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fox of Ellijay, has returned to Fort Benning, Ga., after spending a 13-day furlough at home. He entered service in August, 1941.

### T/Sgt. George Byrd Wounded In France

T/Sgt. George P. Byrd was slightly wounded in France on November 29, according to a message received by his father, Ed B. Byrd of Franklin route 3. A recent report from the War Department stated that he was making normal improvement in a hospital in England.

### Pfc. Ledford Wounded In Luxembourg, Germany

Pfc. Hoyt D. Ledford, son of Mrs. Bertha Ledford, of Franklin route 1, was slightly wounded in action on December 21, in Luxembourg, Germany, according to a telegram received by his mother from the War Department.

Pfc. Ledford entered the service in November 1942 and was placed in the Infantry. He took his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later transferred to Camp Gordon before going overseas in August of 1944, landing in France.

Pfc. Ledford, who is in the 10th armored division with General Patton, and known as the "Tigers of the Tenth", have earned high praise for liberating 100 square miles of France and occupied 50 square miles of Germany territory during their first three weeks of fighting. They were the first of General Patton's division to enter Germany and seize 64 towns, captured over 2,000 prisoners of war and repulsed 11 counter attacks.

He is a brother of Mrs. Agnes Howard, manager of the Macon Theatre.

### Sgt. Conley Awarded Bronze Star Medal

S/Sgt. William Conley, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat duty, during the past year while serving in Italy. He commanded an eight inch gun section, and was responsible for the training and operation of his section on the Anzio Beachhead, and also during the subsequent march to Rome.

Sgt. Conley organized and trained his men, many of whom were replacements unfamiliar with the type of wa-

### Pfc. Peek Wounded In France, January 3

Mrs. Ruth L. Peek, of Franklin route 2, received a message from the War Department on Monday, stating that her husband, Pfc. Richard S. Peek, Jr., had been wounded in action in France on January 3.

Pfc. Peek has been in the armed forces since November 1942, having been inducted at Fort Bragg. He received his basic training at Camp Chaffe, Ark., and later at Camp Campbell, Ky., before he was sent to overseas duties in November of the past year. He was one of the first three in his company to receive the Infantry Combat medal.

Pfc. Peek wrote his wife a letter on January 5, two days following his being wounded, stating that he was getting along very nicely, and that the Purple Heart which was being awarded to him, was being mailed to her soon. Mrs. Peek was the former Miss Ruth Laney, of Gastonia, and they have two small daughters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Peek, Sr., of Franklin route 2.

Seaman 1/C ALEX MOORE, JR., Seaman 1/C Alex Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore, Sr., of Franklin, has recently graduated from the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Norman, Okla., completing a course in aviation machinery. He will now be transferred to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work.

Moore has been in naval service since November, 1942. He attended Franklin high school,

and succeeded in welding together a smoothly operating crew. His ceaseless efforts to improve his section and his ability to overcome all obstacles encountered during the training period and operations were major contributing factors toward the success of his organization in combat.

Sgt. Conley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Conley of Franklin route 1, and is serving in the field artillery with the Fifth Army, and was commended by his commanding officer, Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark.

## Lions Club Makes Plans For President's Birthday Ball

### Infantile Paralysis Campaign In Full Swing; Response Generous

Richard S. Jones, chairman of the Macon county drive for the Infantile Paralysis fund, reports that a generous response has been made to the letters sent out asking for contributions instead of having solicitors call. However, as to the amount collected, the figures were unavailable due to the treasurer, Claude Bolton, being out of town at this time.

Mr. Jones reported that approximately \$75.00 had been received from the Otto community, which was raised at a square dance last week. This is the largest contribution from any one community so far, he stated. However, there are other communities throughout the county that are having box suppers, cake walks and other forms of entertainment for raising money to help boost our treasurer to \$1,215, the quota given to Macon county.

### Purple Heart Received By Mrs. Stanfield

Mrs. Reba Stanfield, of Bonny Crest, Franklin, has received the Purple Heart from the War Department for her husband, Pvt. Olive Stanfield, who was killed in action in France on September 18.

### Mrs. Rogers Receives Purple Heart Award

Mrs. Patrick T. Rogers, formerly of Macon county, who is now residing in Tacoma, Wash., has recently received the Purple Heart which had been awarded to her husband, Pvt. Patrick T. Rogers, who was previously wounded in action in France in October. Pvt. Rogers writes his wife that he is now out of the hospital and back with his company again.

### Methodist Society To Install New Officers

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. T. W. Porter on Thursday, February 1, at 3:30 o'clock, it has been reported by Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, president.

The installation of the recently elected officers will be a feature of the meeting, with the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor, in charge of the installation services.

Mrs. Ronald Hull, who will lead the program, will use "The American Indian" for her topic.

The officers elected to serve through the ensuing year include:

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### V-Mail Assures Quick Delivery

V-mail ALWAYS goes by air—regular air mail does not. That is one of the reasons why the Army is constantly urging the public to send V-mail, states Lt. Col. Hartley B. Dean, Fourth Service Command postal officer. "Mail that is ear-marked 'air mail' does not always go by plane for the simple reason that the increasing overseas troop strengths, urgent demands for air cargo space coupled with adverse flying conditions during the winter months does not give promise of improvement in the transportation of overseas air mail. V-mail always is dispatched by plane.

"Some people do not understand why some V-mail received in this country arrives in the original form and not microfilmed. This is true because some times when the planes are returning to the United States they have more cargo space available than on the outbound flight. Thus V-mail delivery becomes even quicker when time doesn't have to be utilized for microfilming."

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### Dance To Be Held At Hotel Montague, Sat. Night, 8:30

At its second meeting of the month, held at the Dixie Grill the evening of January 22, the Franklin Lions Club announced that plans were complete for the President's Birthday Ball which it will sponsor.

The Ball will be held Saturday evening, January 27, at 8:30 p. m., on the Roof Garden of the Hotel Montague. Proceeds will be turned over to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Tickets are on sale at \$1.10 each, including tax, and are obtainable from members of the Lions Club or at the desk of Hotel Montague.

President Bolton of the Club announced that square dances will be the major feature of the evening. A stringed band will play. Record music will be available to afford round dances periodically. Mr. Bolton further pointed out that due to whole-hearted generosity upon the part of business establishments in Franklin, it is evident that costs for promoting the dance will be negligible, and possibly non-existent.

At its meeting, the Club welcomed as new members, Dr. G. D. Woodward and W. D. Shufford. Also reinstated member A. B. Omohundro. January is the month set aside by Lions for increasing membership as a salute to Melvin Jones, founder of the organization. Franklin's quota for the month is four additional members. Five have been welcomed to date.

Mac Ray Whitaker, Chairman of the Club's Military Affairs Committee, announced that a carton of cigarettes will be mailed monthly to each former member in the armed forces over seas. January donations are being prepared for mailing.

Marvin D. Hoover, Chairman of the Citizenship and Patriotism Committee, explained that the Club would shortly sponsor a theme writing contest in the Franklin high school. The chosen subject is "American Youth and the Bill of Rights," now being featured as the subject in a national contest among high school students. Mr. Hoover stated that in the local contest the Club would award \$5.00 in war stamps for the best theme written in each grade. Further details will be announced later.

President Bolton announced that the Rotary Club would be invited to take dinner with the Lions at its next meeting, scheduled for February 12 at Hotel Montague.

## Classifications

### Announced By Local Service Board

The following classifications announced by the Local Selective Service Board.

**Classifications of January 16**  
I-A: Lucius Milton Frazier, William Gerline Crawford, Ray Wilburn, Clyde Octavus Morgan, Dock Tallent, Vernon Herbert Fricks, Terry Hall Bolick, William Ray McIntyre, Erastus Herbert Mason, Tim McMahan, John Duke Clarke, Sanford Carpenter, col., Claude John Crisp, Roy Edward Gregory, Lee Cook, William McKinley Byrd, William Burt Gorch, William Caswell Higdon, Tearley Benson Picklesimer, Paul Lester Grist, William Claude May.

II-A: Granville Troy Messer, David Hearl Stanfield, John Arnold Duvall, Charlie Beechard Ledford, Andrew Paul Gregory, Robert Warren Ledford, Fred William Penland, Jr., col., Bennie Thomas Browning.

II-B: Bert Henry Baldwin, George Washington Owenby, Walter Lee Hall, Hayes Edward Buchanan.

III-D: Joe Mitchell Henry.

IV-A: George Rockingham Pattillo.

IV-F: John Kennedy Moore.

I-C: Floyd Cranford Ausborn, Roy Wayne Ramsey, Lyle Alonzo Tilson, B. L. Hayes, col.

Classified by Board of Appeal:  
II-C: Woodrow Wilson Gibson, Charles John Ferguson.

II-A: Gordon Hez Dills.

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