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Move to Prohibit Sale of Beer And Wine In Macon County

Senate Bill Authorizes Election; Petition Circulated

A. L. Penland, senator from the twelfth senatorial district of North Carolina, representing Macon county, introduced a bill on February 7, to finance and "to authorize an election in Graham, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, and Clay counties on whether wine and beer may be sold in said counties," as reported by the Institute of Government.

A petition asking that Wayne R. McCracken, Macon County representative to the General Assembly, introduce legislation authorizing a county-wide referendum on the sale of beer and wine, has been signed by two thousand persons, the Macon Chapter of the Allied Church League Movement, sponsors, announced this week.

The senate bill would direct the county board of elections of any of the above counties to authorize an election to determine whether beer and wine should be sold in the counties on the request of the county board of commissioners or upon a petition by fifteen per cent of the voters in the last election of a governor.

If the vote should favor prohibiting the sale of beer and wine in the county, all laws of the state of North Carolina controlling its sale would be inapplicable in the county sixty days after the election. Other provisions of the bill call for twenty days notice to the voters before the opening of the election books and state that a new registration shall not be required.

The senatorial bill provides that such an election shall not be held within sixty days of any biennial election of county officers.

Circulated Petition

Here is the text of the circulated petition in part:

Whereas, since the sale of wine and beer has been legalized in Macon County, conditions have steadily grown worse; and

Whereas, if the present trend is allowed to continue, public drunkenness will increase, and the moral standards of our people will be seriously and permanently affected; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the undersigned citizens of Macon County that the people, or their duly elected governing bodies, be given the right to say whether wine and beer shall be sold in Macon County; and

Whereas, in order to accomplish this purpose, it is necessary that legislation be enacted to allow the voters of said county to say whether wine and beer shall be sold or authorized the County Commissioners and the governing bodies of the municipalities located therein, in their discretion, to refuse to issue license for the sale of said beverages in said county and the municipalities located therein.

HUNTER BROTHERS HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. Robert J. Hunter and Pfc. Ray B. Hunter have recently spent several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter of Franklin.

The brothers met at home after two years separation. Pfc. Robert J. Hunter was wounded while serving in France and is now convalescing at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Pfc. Ray B. Hunter has returned to his base at Pyate, Texas.

Macon-Rabun Association Formed

Recently the producers of Grade A bulk milk in Macon county and some from Rabun county, Ga., met in the County Agents' office at Franklin and organized the Macon-Rabun Milk Producers Association.

Officers elected were: Adrian Howell, Franklin route 4, president; Fred Kelly, Rabun Gap School, vice-president, and S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, secretary and treasurer.

The primary purpose of the organization is to encourage better breeding and feeding of dairy cattle. This organization will also encourage the increased production of Grade A milk. Farmers now producing and selling ungraded milk could, by building a small Grade A dairy barn and meeting other sanitary requirements, receive more for their milk. Farmers desiring more information regarding this endeavor should contact the county agent in Macon or Rabun county or the officers of this association, it has been announced by Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent.

METHODISTS

RAISE \$2,540

Quota Passed In "Crusade For Christ" Funds Campaign

Success of Franklin Methodists in reaching their goal of \$2,500 toward the denomination's Crusade for Christ \$25,000,000 fund for post-war relief and reconstruction has been assured through the raising to date of \$2,540, it was announced today by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

"Our people have responded enthusiastically to the appeal for a practical demonstration of Christian love and mercy for the starving and destitute men, women and children of war-torn areas," Mr. Huneycutt declared in announcing the campaign figure. "We found real eagerness among Christian people to share their means to provide physical and spiritual food for the needy and distressed."

The congregation will join with 41,000 others throughout the nation on March 4, in celebrating completion of this phase of the Crusade in a "Day of Compassion" service, Mr. Huneycutt said. Payment of pledges continues until January 31, 1946.

In addition to providing for aid to stricken peoples in battle-scarred and occupied countries, the Crusade for Christ fund also will permit expansion of missionary work in other foreign countries, increased education services in Methodist colleges of this country, a wider program of Christian teaching, greater spiritual ministry in many needy communities, and continued service to Methodist chaplains in the armed forces now and after the war.

Plans for the other phases of the Crusade for Christ in the Franklin Methodist church are progressing under leadership of the local Crusade Council, Mr. Huneycutt stated. Continuation of Methodism's Crusade for a New World Order calling for expressions of opinion in favor of "international collaboration" for all nations, special evangelistic efforts, education in Christian stewardship, and increasing Sunday school enrollment and attendance are included in the four-year Crusade program in which Methodists here will have a part.

New Flag Flies Over Rankin Square

A new "Stars and Stripes" is now flying on Rankin Square beside the Honor Roll of Macon county boys serving in the armed forces. W. M. Burch solicited the funds to buy the new flag under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post, No. 108. Gene Collins, an elderly Franklin resident, is in charge of raising and lowering the flag.



Men In Service

S/SGT. JAMES CRUNKLETON



S/Sgt. James L. Crunkleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Crunkleton of Franklin, recently spent a short furlough at home. S/Sgt. Crunkleton enlisted in the Calvary in 1935 and took his basic training at Fort Bragg. Later he was sent to Panama where he was stationed for three years. In July 1944 he made a trip to the Aleutian Islands for war prisoners. He is now stationed in the Philippines, and is serving with the Infantry unit.

J. W. EDWARDS PHOTO TECHNICIAN, PROMOTED

The promotion of John W. Edwards, 23, of Franklin, from Corporal to Sergeant has been announced recently by Lieutenant Colonel Leon W. Gray, Commanding Officer of this base where Sgt. Edwards is a photo technician with the job of processing and finishing pictures taken by operational aircraft.

From this base Mosquitoes and B-17 Flying Fortresses fly lone missions over the continent and ocean gathering meteorological data for future air and ground operations and photographing German military and industrial installations before and after being bombed by Eighth Air Force heavies.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards, route 3, Franklin, he attended Franklin high school and was employed as a salesman and photo finisher with Manzer Studios, Dallas, Texas, before entering the army in October, 1942. Sgt. Edwards is a graduate of photography school, Lowry Field, Colo., and came overseas in October, 1943.

FRANKLIN SOLDIER DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

Pfc. Thomas J. Childers, of Franklin, recently was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the Fifth Army front in northern Italy.

Colonel J. C. Fry, commander of the 350th "Battle Mountain" Regiment, pinned the medal on Childers, who was cited for knocking out a German half-track and artillery piece with a bazooka, killing the entire crew.

The citation, signed by Brigadier General Paul W. Kendall, commanding general of the 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division, read:

"Childers was a member of a platoon which was sent out on a reconnaissance patrol to establish contact with an adjoining regiment which was situated on a mountain. Shortly after leaving the position, the patrol ran into unexpected small arms fire, which killed two and wounded six of the men.

"Upon observing an enemy

LT. ANDERSON RECEIVES SILVER WINGS

Second Lieut. Hunter W. Anderson, 19, who has been stationed at San Marcos, Texas, was one of the group from the 44 states that received his wings as aerial navigator of the Army Air Forces on Saturday, February 10, when he graduated from the AAF Navigation School, a unit of the AAF Training Command.

Lieut. Anderson entered the advanced navigation school in October 1944. Prior to going into the services he was a student at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, following his graduation from the Franklin high school.

Lieut. Anderson is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Anderson, at their home on Franklin route 1.

halfback prime mover pulling an 88-millimeter artillery piece into position to fire at the patrol. Childers immediately moved forward his bazooka to engage this weapon. Disregarding the deadly aim of the small arms fire directed at him, Childers took careful aim.

The first rocket he fired fell short, but the second rocket hit the ammunition and gasoline. The resulting explosion and fire destroyed the enemy half-back and artillery piece and killed the entire crew of this gun.

"The patrol was then able to retire without sustaining any additional losses. The high personal courage displayed by Childers in this action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States."

His mother, Mrs. Pearl B. Childers, resides on Route 3, Franklin.

Forestry Essay Contest Eligible to Graded School

John Wasilik, Jr., of the Nantahala Forest Service, has announced that a Forestry Essay Contest, sponsored by the Franklin Rotary Club, will be held in all the graded schools in Macon county, and the subject on which the Essay will be written will be, "Why I Should be Interested in Preventing Fires in the Woods and Fields."

The prizes will be: First prize, \$10.00; second prize, \$5.00; and third prize, \$2.50, and the following rules are to be abided by.

(1) Any pupil enrolled in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade of a Macon county school is eligible.

(2) Essays must be original and must not exceed 500 words written on ruled white paper, using either pen or pencil.

(3) The principal of each school will select the three best papers for his school and forward same to John Wasilik, Jr., or Fred Bryson, both of Franklin, N. C., and all papers must be submitted on or before April 15, 1945.

(4) A group of competent, impartial judges will be appointed who will select the 10 best papers and turn them over to the Franklin Rotary Club. The Rotary Club will then appoint a committee to select the three winning papers. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at a Rotary Club meeting in May, on a date to be announced later.

C. T. Blaine, who has been ill at his home on Harrison avenue for the past several months, was able to be on the streets again this week.

Agreement Is Theme Of Big Three Meeting

Rabun County-Clayton Citizens To Build Servicemen's Center

Rabun County and Clayton citizens have undertaken to build a servicemen's center for returning veterans, according to reports in The Clayton Tribune.

This attempt to build something for the returning servicemen rather than monuments to their dead comrades is part of a movement throughout the United States to build constructive and serviceable memorials to the war dead instead of cold marble structures.

1945 RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS

Macon County Asked To Raise \$6,700 In War Fund Campaign

Alongside the blue and gold service stars in millions of windows throughout the United States next month, another symbol of service will be displayed—the Red Cross contributor's emblem.

With the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Drive starting on March 1, a large number of volunteer workers will go from home to home, pushing toward this year's quota of \$200,000,000 and Macon county's quota of \$6,700. They can tell the participants in the drive of what their contributions did last year and of the tremendous job that lies ahead for the Red Cross this year.

Men overseas with the military forces are becoming daily aware of the good that the Red Cross is doing, and are writing home to remind their parents to donate to their local chapters. Only last week one Macon county boy who was a prisoner of the German War wrote his parents that the Red Cross delivered packages to them each week and it was through their help that enabled him to receive his Christmas packages. This has been the story of many of the sick, wounded, and prisoners of war, of which Macon county has a goodly number.

When the solicitors leaves your home this year, make him feel good by having signed "on the dotted line" and you will feel good yourself to know that you have done your part to help put the 1945 drive over the top.

Lions Club

Entertain Rotarians At Dinner February 12

At its first meeting of the month, on February 12, the Franklin Lions Club met in the private dining room of the Hotel Montague. Nineteen Rotarians, headed by President H. W. Cabe, were entertained at dinner. Lion Tail Twister Henry enlivened the dinner through impartially fining Rotarians and Lions for late attendance or failure to wear appropriate organization buttons.

Other guests included Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare for Macon County, Pvt. Andrew J. Patton, home on leave from the Army, Vic Perry, and guest speakers James W. Pendland of Asheville, and Miss Viola A. Titus of Waynesville.

Mr. Penland, Rehabilitation Agent for the Western District of North Carolina, spoke on the work of his department with the blind and visually handicapped. He pointed out that blind work is also the chosen field receiving particular attention and sponsorship of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Mr. Penland introduced his co-workers, Miss Titus, Special Case Worker for the Blind, whose territory includes all counties west of Asheville.

Miss Titus, speaking from notes in Braille, explained that blindness, as she experienced it, can be a helpless state only so long as the individual lacks the incentive to be useful. She explained her work as one of

Roosevelt, Churchill, And Stalin Meet At Yalta, Crimea

An historic meeting of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and Josef Stalin, Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—the "Big Three"—took place last week in Yalta, a little port on the Black Sea in the Crimea. Results of the conference of these three United Nations leaders were made public this week.

A reading of the text of the statement issued at the White House in Washington after the conclusion of the meeting contained the following important points:

(1) A series of military decisions have been made for the defeat of "the common enemy" and "will be known only as we (the United Nations) execute them." (Significant was the mention of an attack from the north, as well as the east, west and south, perhaps hinting at new offensives against Norway or Denmark.)

Occupation Of Germany

(2) The three powers have reached decisions on the control of Germany after her defeat and surrender with emphasis upon the intent of the three governments in co-operation with other United Nations to destroy all traces of Nazism and militarism from the German nation.

(3) A commission will be set up to investigate the terms by which Germany will make restitution for the enormous property damage she has caused throughout Europe and the world.

(4) The three powers will as soon as possible create an international body to enforce the peace based upon the beginnings made at the Dumbarton Oaks conference and have set April 25 for another meeting of the United Nations to prepare the charter of such an organization. (A significant side-fact is that this is the final date on which the U.S.S.R. must give Japan final notice if their non-aggression pact is not to be continued for another five years.)

(5) The three powers have agreed to act mutually in settling the problems of Europe in the interim before final peace is concluded. (This point is a direct support of Mr. Stettinius' previous statement that there would not again be a crisis such as caused by the unilateral action of Great Britain in Greece.)

Poland And Greece

(6) The three have agreed in specific instances settling national problems in Europe. Poland is to cede territory east of the so-called Curzon line to the U.S.S.R. with certain adjustments and she is to create a new government under United Nations' direction composed of members of the Lublin Provisional Government recognized by the Soviet Union, the Exile Government in London, and the forces of the underground movement in Poland. The Yugoslavian problem is to be solved by inviting the members of the exile government in London to enter the assembly of partisans now in existence with a provision that

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convincing the blind in Western North Carolina that the world offers opportunity. She stated that when other arguments failed she could encourage the discouraged by declaring: "I have done it; you can do it." Miss Titus thanked the Franklin Lions for assistance rendered in her chosen field. Her talk received spontaneous and admiring applause.

At adjournment President Cabe of the Rotary Club expressed appreciation to the Lions for an enjoyable evening.

The Franklin Lions are delighted to note that the February issue of THE LION, International's magazine on the mailing list of 180,000 Lions in fifteen countries, includes a feature article on a local Lion activity. The article, entitled "Safety Patrol is Outfitted With Raincoats and Hats," is a reprint from Secretary Hawley's December report to headquarters.

