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AUTO BRAKES WILL BE TESTED

Expired License Plates Should Be Removed From Cars

Homer Cochran, Chief of Police of Franklin, announced that automobile brakes will be tested here in line with the national program sponsored by the International Association of Police Chiefs.

Cooperating in the local effort to reduce traffic accidents by proper brake inspection will be Sgt. T. A. Sandlin of the North Carolina State Highway patrol. Mr. Sandlin states that the "one inch block test" will be used. In this test brakes are considered faulty if they do not take hold before the pedal reaches a point one inch from the floor board. Blanket inspections are not planned at this time but cars involved in traffic accidents will be checked and the licenses of their drivers inspected.

Sgt. Sandlin also called attention to the traffic law recently passed which makes it a violation to have expired license tags attached to cars.

Franklin Churches

Plan Victory Day Service On Or Following Day

It has been announced by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt following a meeting of all the pastors of the Franklin churches here Friday that when V-E day comes services will be held in Franklin Methodist church at 8 o'clock in the evening or on the day following.

The services will open by the congregation singing "God Bless Our Native Land." A statement of the occasion will be made by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, and the invocation will be given by the Rev. C. R. McCubbins, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church.

The scripture reading will be given by the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit.

Guy L. Houk, superintendent of the Macon county public schools, will speak, using for his subject, "Principles for Which the Allies Are Fighting," and the Rev. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church will speak on "Peace: The Unfinished Task." Herbert McGlamery will lead the closing prayer and the Rev. Mr. Marchman.

Burns Fatal

To Shirley Delores Sanders Four Years Old

Funeral services for Shirley Delores Sanders, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sanders, were held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Franklin Baptist church. The Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Claude Ledford. Burial followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Shirley Delores died in the Alameda hospital, in Alameda, Calif., on Monday, April 16, at 1:30 o'clock, following severe burns received a few hours previously. She, with a group of children, were playing on the street near where papers were being burned when a piece of burning paper ignited her clothing.

The body reached Franklin Saturday and was taken to the home of Mr. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manson Sanders, in Franklin. The family had been making their home in California for the past six months. The pallbearers were Roy Sanders, Edmond Sanders, Pearson Sanders, and Kenneth Radford.

Surviving are the parents, one brother, Jerry Sanders, one sister, Beverly Sanders, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Manson Sanders, of Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Smith, of Blairsville, Ga. and a number of uncles and aunts.

Bryant Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Short Session

Of Macon Superior Court; Five Divorces Granted

Macon county court which convened here on Monday morning, April 16, with Judge J. W. Pless, of Marion, presiding, adjourned on Monday afternoon after hearing and disposing of a number of cases.

There were six divorce cases heard and given absolute divorces, two of which were from Swain county. They included Dillard Campbell vs. Ethel Campbell, G. G. Watkins vs. Alice Watkins, both couples from Swain county. Others were Elsie Tarry vs. D. L. Tarry; Henry Sprinkles vs. Alice Sprinkles and John M. Russell vs. Mary M. Russell.

Other cases disposed of were that of Albert Johnson who was tried for abandonment. He was allowed to pay his wife \$15 per month and pay the cost of the trial. Buron Pruitt who was tried for assault with a deadly weapon, was given prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of the court cost.

The grand jurors serving were Charles R. Phillips, foreman; Floyd Hall, W. C. Arvey, C. A. Breedlove, Roy Stiwinter, T. S. Speed, Claude Arnold, Mack Moffitt, Jewel Smith, W. A. Hays, J. E. Allen, George R. Henson, Carl Bolick, Joel M. Dalton, J. C. Gibson, Mell Cabe, I. D. Leatherman, and Herbie J. Bradley.

H. M. Bruner

Guest Speaker At Lions Club Meeting

H. M. Bruner of Clemson, S. C., representative of the duPont company, addressed the Franklin Lions Club at its regular meeting held the evening of April 23 at Cagle's Cafe.

Bruner's talk covered the field of plastics, resins, and rayons as developed by the duPont company, together with the place these new materials are playing on the war fronts, and can be expected to play in our post-war life. He illustrated his talk with many unique samples recently developed by the chemist and wood technologist, such as a strip of wood tied in a knot, compressed wood that is stronger than steel, color-fast wood in which brilliant dye is evenly distributed throughout the thickness of the board, rayon rope four times the strength of hemp rope of equal size, gas proof bags for our embattled service men, and transparent non-shattering blisters now in use on our war planes.

Bruner explained that he is not a chemist, but rather a forester by profession. Accordingly, it was with pride that he pointed out that every article in his display was derived from wood or one of wood's innumerable byproducts. He prophesied future developments in the utilization of wood as yet undreamed of.

During dinner, which preceded the feature of the evening, Robert A. Cooper, Flight Instructor, Myers Flying Service, was welcomed as a new member of the Club.

The following guests were introduced: Ray Orr of Sylva, Arthur Weidlich, of Barkers Creek; O. G. Dellinger, Bryson City and E. A. Schillings, Thad D. Bryson and C. L. Cartledge, all of Franklin.

Fifth Sunday Singing At Courthouse Sunday

The Macon County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will convene on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Macon county courthouse for an all day singing, it has been announced by James M. Raby, president.

Mr. Raby stated that he expected singers from Hendersonville, Bryson City, Haywood, Jackson and Graham counties, and a class of Indian singers from the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Also singers from Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. All singers and classes in Macon county are urged to attend and take part in the singing. The public is invited to attend.

Buy more War Bonds now

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Missing In Action



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, of the Cartoogechaye community, had a message from the War Department this week stating that their son, S/Sgt. Thomas E. Setser had been missing in action over Germany since March 31.

S/Sgt. Setser, 19, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Setser. He enlisted in the air corps in January 1944, and received his gunner's wings in Harlingen, Texas in June. He took his combat training in Charleston, S. C., and was sent to overseas service in October. He was out of combat service for a month due to two broken fingers, however, he had 20 missions over enemy territory the last time he told his family of his work.

PFC. HERBERT D. HOUSTON KILLED IN FRANCE



Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Houston, of the Highlands Buck Creek route, has received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Pfc. Herbert D. Houston, had been killed in action in France on March 15.

Pfc. Houston, 19, through a mistake of his age, entered the armed forces on September 6, 1943 at the age of 17 years. He took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was placed in the heavy artillery and with the infantry unit. He spent a five-day furlough at home with his parents and was sent to Fort George Meade, Md., where he spent three weeks before he was sent to North Africa. He was later sent to Italy and then to France where he was with the United States Seventh Army and the France First Army.

Prior to entering the armed forces he worked on the farm with his parents. He was a member of the Buck Creek Baptist church.

Surviving are the parents, six sisters, Mrs. Ruth Queen, Franklin route 3, Mrs. Vera Barnes, Buck Creek, Mrs. Pearl Franks, Glenville, Misses Lucille, Dorothy and Lois Houston, Buck Creek, and two brothers, John and Willard Houston, Buck Creek.

Funds set aside by American families through their life insurance policy reserves have increased eight billion dollars since the start of the war and now average about \$1,000 per family.

WOUNDED IN ACTION



Pvt. Rex V. Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Duvall, of the Oak Grove section of Macon county, who was reported to be wounded in action on March 13, in Germany, is reported by the War Department to be making normal recovery.

Pvt. Duvall entered the armed forces in 1943 and took his training at various camps in the states before being sent to overseas service in January of this year. He is serving in the infantry unit.

BROTHERS MEET AT HOME FIRST TIME IN 3 YEARS

Two brothers Perry Shuler, G. M. 3/C of the United States Navy and Sgt. Jesse P. Shuler, of the army, who have not seen each other in three years, have been home on short visit at the same time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shuler at their home in the West's Mill community.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuler have three other sons in the service. They are Pfc. Clyde Shuler at Camp Gordon, Ga., Pfc. Furman, and Pfc. Dover Shuler, serving somewhere in the Pacific.

Pvt. Swafford Liberated From German Prison

Pvt. Harold Swafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Swafford, of Franklin route 3, who has been a prisoner of the German War since December 20, 1944, was liberated on April 5, according to letters received by the family.

Pvt. Swafford writes his parents that he is being treated royally since his liberation, and that on the night of April 5, was the first food that he had had that was decent to eat. For 106 days all he had to eat was a thin piece of hard bread and a bowl of thin soup. He lost a lot of weight but was fast regaining it, and it certainly did feel good to be where he didn't have to want for food. He is expected to arrive in the states soon if he didn't have to stop off in a hospital as some of the boys were in a bad condition.

Pvt. Swafford was serving in the infantry and was in the heaviest part of the battle in Luxembourg.

He was married to Miss Helen Drake and they have three children, two daughters and a son.

McCubbins To Be Installed

Rev. C. R. McCubbins, D. D., pastor elect of the Franklin Presbyterian church, will be installed as pastor of the church on Sunday night at 8 p. m., by a commission of Asheville Presbytery, composed of Rev. R. E. McClure of Asheville, Rev. M. R. Williamson of Waynesville, Rev. S. R. Crockett of Hazelwood, Ruling Elders S. W. Black of Bryson City and Javan Gray of the Morrison Church, Dr. George Bellingrath of Rabun Gap, Ga., will preach the installation sermon.

Before coming to Franklin Dr. McCubbins held pastorates in Broadway, Va., Marion, N. C., Old Fort, N. C., Hugo, Okla., Altus, Okla., and Fort Worth, Texas.

Escaped Prisoners Captured In Toccoa, Saturday Night

Two Macon Soldiers Liberated, Home on Visit

T/Sgt. William Victor Queen, of Franklin route 3, and Cpl. Lewis Vanhook, of Franklin route 2, who have been prisoners of the German war and who were liberated on January 31, reached Franklin last week for a visit with their respective parents and families.

T/Sgt. Queen, who was serving in the 117th infantry was in France when he was taken prisoner on August 7, 1944 and was interned in Germany until January of this year by the Russian Army.

T/Sgt. Queen entered the armed forces in January 1941 and took his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Forest, Tenn., Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Benning, Ga., where he was instructor in an infantry school. He was in the Normandy campaign before he was captured. He will spend 21 days with his wife, the former Miss Cora Roper of this county, and his father, Thomas H. Queen of the Oak Grove section of this county.

Cpl. Vanhook, who was captured in Germany on October 9, 1944, was serving in the 120th infantry. He and T/Sgt. Queen were in prison camp together. He was wounded on July 16 in Normandy and went back with his company on September 28 before he was captured on October 9.

Cpl. Vanhook took his training at Camp Forest, Tenn., Fort Jackson, S. C., and at Camp Blanding, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Vanhook, of the Prentiss community.

Classifications

Announced By Local Service Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board April 13, 1945:

1-A—Duane Clayton Wilson, Jesse Greenwood, col., Frank Scott, D. C. Stanley, Rondal Conley, Clyde Samuel Talley, Adam Harold Jenkins, William Howell Justice, Charley Porter Thomas, James Everett Henson, Lawton Waters, James B. Wild, Grenville L. Younce, Iradell Manuel Hurst, Lyman Frady, James Donald Keener, Myron John Long, Charles Kenneth McKinney, William Howard Hedden, Henry Walker McCall.

2-A—Walter Lee Roper, James McClure, Bethel James Davis, Grover Wilson Sorrells, Charlie Washington Wooten, Doyle H. Roland, Daniel Loyd Justice, William M. Drinnon, Truman Rogers, Thomas Vinson, Jr., Edward Monroe Rogers, General Bates, Hudie Cline Crawford.

2-B—R. L. Cloer, R. L. Houston, Carl Henry Medlin, Charlie Melvin Collier.

1-C—Homer Edison Stiwinter, Paul Edwin Oliver.

4-A—James Carroll Gibson.

4-F—Lemar Woodrow Stewart.

Further classifications were announced by the Local Selective Service Board April 24th:

1-A—Howard Thomas Swafford, Grover Wm. Smith, Lyman Wilson, Arthur Stanley Proctor, Carl Edward Webb, Roy May, Richard Webb, Hunter Woodrow Young, Frank Burrell Moffitt, Ellis Floyd Younce, George Dewey McClure.

11-A—Charley Porter Thomas, Lawton Waters, James Madison McCall, Herman Wm. Teem, Abe Lowe, Floyd Thomas Long, Glenn Dill Mann, Fred Clifton Pendergrass, Turner Guffie, Charles Elbin Setser, Leonard George Stout, Lee Howard Grant, Johnny Thomas Carpenter.

11-B—Myron John Long, Herschel Milo Cabe, Charles Kenneth McKinney, Warren Woodrow Wilson.

1-C—Eugene Robert Yonce.

11-F—Claude N. Holland, Joseph Prince Shepherd, William Woodrow Poindexter, George Carl Hurst, William Earnest Dryman, Frank Harold Sellers, Lonnie Asbery Bryant, James Verlin Roper, Bernard Lewis Dills, Glen B. Dills, Boyd Bates, Clint May.

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Leonard Curtis Shot In Break Attempt From Camp Here

Leonard Curtis, 22, of Black Mountain, who in an attempt to escape from Macon county prison camp on Friday evening about 8:30 o'clock, was shot through the abdomen with a pistol by one of the prison guards. He was taken to the Angel Hospital in a critical condition, however, he has a fair chance of recovery, Dr. Ed Angel stated Wednesday.

Two other men, Charlie William Jones, 23, sentenced to two to five years from Buncombe county in March, 1945, and James Hackney, 26, sentenced to three to five years and 15 to 25 years on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in Alamance county, who were reported by Mr. Overton to have escaped at the same time, were reported to have been captured in Toccoa, Ga., Saturday night.

Clyde Bingham, a Franklin taxi driver, reported to officers Saturday that he was held up by two men, robbed of between \$75 and \$100, his automobile, and a quantity of gasoline ration stamps. He reported he was forced at the point of a pistol to accompany the men for some distance and that they then put him out of the car and tied him to a tree about 50 yards from the highway leading to Georgia. He said he picked the men up in response to a call to the Cartoogechaye section of Macon county, about five miles from Franklin.

Officers here reported they were informed that Bingham's car, a 1941 model Pontiac, had been recovered undamaged in Toccoa, Ga. Officers at the camp reported the three men broke down a door at the camp, overpowered guard Horace J. Morgan and fled. Superintendent Overton said several guards fired at the men as they fled and that he had not yet been able to establish the identity of the guard who fired the shot which struck Curtis.

Officers said Curtis is serving a two to five year sentence from Buncombe county. He was sentenced in October, 1942, on a forgery charge and has served most of his sentence in Macon county.

Camp officials said Williams was one of the prisoners who escaped from Craggy prison camp near Asheville earlier this year, and they also said that Hackney has one previous escape on his record.

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Clothing Collection

Pile Stacking Up In Red Cross Office

Anyone who is not convinced that the Sunday Schools of Macon county are worthwhile by practice as well as by precept should visit the Red Cross packing office and take a look at the clothing that they have gathered for the use of the peoples in the stricken countries overseas, according to the local chairman of National Clothing Collection, Gilmer A. Jones. "Of course," he says, "this work was not done entirely by the Sunday Schools, but to them is due the credit for the major portion of it."

"In sorting and packing these articles it is plain to see that a great many people have contributed not only such things as they had no further use for, but arranged to spare many articles of clothing that they could well use themselves. But in matters of this sort the people of Macon county do not go half way."

"This drive ends on April 30. All Sunday Schools, individuals, and other organizations, please see that all packages are delivered on or before April 30."

Heads C. Of C.

The directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce in a meeting on Friday evening elected the officers to serve through the coming year. They include E. A. Schilling, re-elected as president; L. H. Zick, vice-president, and Grant Zickgraf re-elected as treasurer.