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## Complete Surrender Of Germany; America And Her Allies Win War!

### 7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE STARTS MONDAY, MAY 14

Will Continue Through June 30; Macon's Quota Set For \$218,000.00

The Mighty Seventh War Loan Drive will open in Macon county on Monday, May 14, and continue through June 30, with an overall quota of \$218,000.00 to be raised by the citizens of the county, and a total of \$168,000.00 in Series E or individual bonds.

Committees have been appointed for the various streets in town to make a house-to-house canvass and the county has also appointed committees to solicit the rural districts. In this way the entire county will be given an opportunity to place their saving in a safe and worthy investment, and share in a speedy victory and safe return of our boys and girls.

The work has been divided into a number of branches with a committee chairman assigned to each. Many of these chairmen have already appointed their committees and are actively at work, especially the Women's Divisions at Franklin and at Highlands.

A list of these chairmen is as follows:

H. W. Cabe, permanent county; Gilmer A. Jones, 7th Loan; C. J. Anderson, Town of Highlands; Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, women's division at Franklin; Miss Ruth Carter, woman's division at Highlands; Mrs. Florence Sherrill, rural committee; Mrs. Velma Conley, publicity; R. M. Rimmer, Franklin druggists; C. E. Mitchell, Highlands druggists; Mrs. Agnes Howard, theatre; Ben McGlamery, payroll; John Alsup, Jr., advertising; A. B. O'mohundro, campaign expense, E. J. Whitmire, school.

Andrew Ray, chairman colored committee.

Committees  
American Legion Auxiliary, to  
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### Seventh War Loan Heaviest And Most Essential Of All

#### End Of European Conflict Doesn't Mean The War Over; Buy Bonds

By GILMER A. JONES  
Chairman 7th War Loan Drive

We are confronted with the Seventh War Loan Drive, which is the heaviest we have had, and the War Finance Committee has made the usual blunder of asking me to act as Chairman, so I will ask the people of the county to bear with me through still another drive and to support this one as wholeheartedly as they have supported the previous six. Our quota this time will be harder to reach than ever for a number of different reasons.

I, along with many others, have hoped all along that the close of the war in Europe would necessarily cut the cost of operating the war just about in half, both from the standpoint of casualties and money required. I thought this until I began to talk with a great many men who had been in the Pacific theater of war and were doubtless well acquainted with the situation there, and also to make a more careful study of the facts that stare us in the face. Thinking, instead of hoping, caused me to see that the end of the European War would not decrease the financial cost of pursuing the war until Japan is finally eliminated as a fighting force. And let us remember here that the more and better our equipment is, the fewer American lives will be lost; we will pay for the

### CHAS. T. BLAINE DIES MONDAY

Funeral Services For Well Known Business Man Held Tuesday

C. T. Blaine, Franklin's oldest merchant, died at his Harrison avenue home early Monday morning from a heart ailment that had been troubling him since January. He was 69.

Born in 1875, the son of William Joseph and Ester Daves Blaine, of Macon county, he spent practically all of his life here. He had been in active business in Franklin for 40 years. He received his early training in the employ of Green Trotter, starting in 1896. About three years were spent in Florida as a representative of the Old Carolina Provision company. In 1905 he was appointed rural mail carrier for route number 2, and served in that capacity for eight years and eight months. In 1917 he established the first 10 cent store west of Asheville. At the time of his death he was specializing in seeds and plants.

Mr. Blaine was a charter member of the Franklin Baptist church for 60 years and its third oldest member. He helped organize the Sunday school and served as the secretary for 25 years.

He was married to Minnie G. Ashe in 1903.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Stockton, of Franklin, and Mrs. J. H. Young, of Portland Ore., a son, William, of Franklin; and a brother, Noah, of Sedro Wooley, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Franklin Baptist church with the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor, and the Rev. W. Jackson Hunneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, assisting. His body lay in state at the church from 1 until 3, the hour of the service. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery. Pallbearers were Roy Mashburn, Henry Cabe, Lawrence Linder, Quince Hauser, A. R. Higdon, and Fred Arnold.

### President Osmena Predicts Japs Will Be Hard To Beat

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines, now in process of complete reconquering from the Japanese and from



OSMENA

which General Douglas MacArthur's land forces under Admiral Chester Nimitz will swing into final action against the enemy, today issued a statement in behalf of the Mighty Seventh War Loan.

President Osmena's statement was released by Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines to the United States, at the Philippine offices here. President Osmena said: "Needless to say, we Filipinos are very pleased with the signal successes achieved by the United States and her allies during recent months. After a long and hard struggle, the Germans have been pushed to the brink of overwhelming defeat and the end of the war in Europe is now clearly in sight.

"In the Pacific, our gains have

been no less impressive. Under the inspiring leadership of such men as General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz, the Japanese have been dislodged from one position after another in their ill-gotten empire. In this connection, my people and I are extremely grateful that the Philippines are now being liberated from the tyrannical rule of the enemy.

"Happy as I am that my country will soon be able to live in peace again, much remains to be done before Japan is fully benten. Aside from the additional campaigns which will be needed to obtain military victory in the Pacific, there is also the human factor to be considered in that other peoples of the Far East eagerly await to be freed from the enemy. We Filipinos know only too well from experience what it means to be under Japanese domination.

"One of the outstanding feats of the war has undoubtedly been the effective fashion in which the United States has overcome the formidable obstacles of distance in supplying the Pacific. Large quantities of supplies will be needed, however, to deliver the final crushing blows against a ruthless and fanatical enemy. All of us can make certain that these supplies are available for our armed forces by giving enthusiastic support to the Seventh War Loan Drive."

### City Officials Elected By Franklin And Highlands

Citizens of two Macon towns, Franklin and Highlands, elected their town officials in voting on Tuesday, May 8.

T. W. Angel, Jr., was elected for Mayor of Franklin, receiving 195 votes in the election. Geo. B. Patton had filed as candidate for Mayor, but withdrew his name on April 17. The office for mayor was left unopposed.

Against a registration of 735 qualified voters in Franklin, ballots cast totalled 247.

Elected to the board of aldermen for Franklin were John M. Archer, Jr., with 176 votes, Jess S. Conley, 136, Fred Cabe, 144, Frank Duncan, 155, Cecil L. Pendergrass, 177 and L. B. Phillips, 220, leading the ticket by 25 votes. Others voted on last Tuesday were Elbert E. Angel, receiving a total of 105 votes, M. L. Dowdle, 127, and H. A. Wilhide, 123.

**Highlands Returns**  
For the town of Highlands, W. H. Cobb was elected to his third term as Mayor in the Tuesday's election, with a vote of 136 against Ernest Brown of 80 votes.

Wade Sutton led the ticket on the board of commissioners with a vote of 164. Other commissioners elected Tuesday were L. W. Rice, Sr., 122; J. E. Potts, 118; Harry A. Holt, 118; H. S. Talley, 116.

Unsuccessful candidates in the race for commissioner and their votes were T. C. Harbison 98; W. D. Wiley, 81; Tudor N. Hall, 75; R. J. Price, 53; W. G. Culbertson, 50; G. D. Hopper, 39 and S. C. Creswell, 29.

### Mrs. Betty Bradley Passes Sunday

Mrs. Zeb Conley and daughter, Miss Dorothy Conley, went to Andrews on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Betty Bradley, a sister of Zeb W. Conley.

Mrs. Bradley, a native of Macon county, died at Banner Elk on Sunday. She had been connected with the Grace hospital there for a number of years.

Surviving besides the two daughters in Andrews, is one brother, Zeb W. Conley, of Franklin; also a number of nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Harry Higgins, Geo. Dean, Silas Womack, George Mashburn, Alex Moore, John Moore, Herman Childers, Wade Cunningham, Broady Pendergrass, Henry West, T. W. Angel, Jr., Mansory Stiles, John S. Trotter, Dr. Edgar Angel, and Dr. H. T. Horsley.

### Pvt. Wallace Morgan Reported Missing

Mrs. Wallace Morgan has received a message from the War Department stating her husband, Pvt. Wallace A. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Morgan of Franklin route 4, has been missing in action in Italy since April 17, 1945. Pvt. Morgan was serving in the 88th "Blue Devil" division of the 5th Army in Italy. He received the Purple Heart decoration for wounds received in October 1944.

### Final Rites For John Calvin Fox

Funeral services for John Calvin Fox, 23, were held at the Mountain Grove Baptist church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Zollie Fox, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Young Fox, son of Mrs. Millie Blackburn Fox and Elisha M. Fox, of the Ellijay section of Macon county, died in a sanitarium at Black Mountain on Thursday afternoon following an illness of eight months. Prior to his illness he worked on the farm with his father and on construction works. He was a member of the Mountain Grove Baptist church.

The pallbearers included Walter Taylor, Harley Fox, Bass Wells, James Ammons, Lee Fox and Troy Holland.

Surviving are the present, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha M. Fox, of Ellijay, four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wells, of Murphy, Mrs. Margorie Holland, of Gneiss, Miss Cora Fox, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Pearl Fox, of Charlotte, and five brothers, Fred Fox, of Macon county, Weaver and Walter Fox, of the U. S. Army in overseas service, Frank Fox, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Homer Fox, of Ellijay.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### Joe Ashear Attends Funeral Of A. J. Simon

Joseph Ashear has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the funeral of A. J. Simon, a life-long friend who came to the states with Mr. Ashear in 1907, and who returned to Syria in 1922 with Mr. Ashear.

Both Mr. Simon and Mr. Ashear returned to Syria, their native home, and brought their parents to the states with them in 1922. Mr. Simon, who established business in Atlanta, was in the mercantile business, and on many occasions visited Mr. Ashear in his home here. He was a veteran of World War No. 1.

### Order To Cease Firing Radioed To German Army

V-E Day Services Has Capacity Attendance On Tuesday Evening

A capacity crowd of 400 united in solemn and dignified V-E Day services held at the Franklin Methodist church on Tuesday evening, sponsored by all the churches of the community.

Following an organ prelude, the congregation united in singing "America".

The purpose of the service was stated by the Rev. W. Jackson Hunneycutt, minister of the church. The invocation was led by the Rev. C. R. McCubbins, of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, read the 13th chapter of First Corinthians.

A short period of silent meditation and prayer of thanksgiving for victory in Europe and for God's blessings upon our service people in the East was held.

Following the singing of "O Beautiful and Spacious Skies", Guy L. Houk, superintendent of Macon county public schools, delivered an address on "The Principles for Which the Allies are Fighting." The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the Episcopal church, then addressed the congregation on the subject of "Peace, Our Unfinished Task."

The closing hymn, "O God, Our Help In Ages Past", sang by the congregation was followed by the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Morgan.

### Methodist Youth Fellowship Meet

The Macon county Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will meet on next Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church, according to an announcement made by the sub-district secretary, Miss Carolyn Long.

The young people of the Methodist church are to present the worship program, Miss Long stated. This will be followed by a period of recreation in which refreshments will be served.

This sub-district includes the young people from all the Methodist churches in Macon county. A large representation from all churches are expected to attend.

### Macon Methodists Attend Conference

Delegates from all the Methodist churches in Macon county attended the Waynesville District Conference held in the Bryson City Methodist church on Monday, April 30.

At this conference reports were made by all the ministers on the work of the churches during the first half of the conference year.

Guy L. Houk of the Franklin Methodist church, was elected to serve a second year as lay leader of the district. He gave a stimulating address to the Laymen on the necessity of "Better Sunday School and Missionary Endeavor." Delegates attended from the Franklin Methodist church, Franklin Methodist circuit, Macon circuit and the Highlands circuit.

Because of the greater need for fats and oils, the weight of hogs on which price supports will apply has been raised to 300 pounds as against the previous limit of 270 pounds.

Uncle Sam asks that 900,000 more sows be bred to farrow this fall than last year. The national fat pig production goal is 37 million.

Fiberboard is more critical than ever before. Growers and processors should order their containers at once.

Officially Announced On Last Tuesday By Pres. Truman

The "Unconditional Surrender" of the German Army was officially heralded around the world last Tuesday, May 8, by President Truman in Washington, D. C., bringing peace at last to those who have existed for five and one-half years under the heel of Nazi Germany.

Jubilant throngs in England and France are celebrating yet the glorious occasion, and little wonder they are, after years of horrible existence under the cruel and heartless German leaders who controlled their country and their people.

Here in America most of us preferred a quiet and sincere acceptance of the long overdue good news of the downfall of Germany and her confederates, by worshipping and thanking God in our churches and homes.

It must have been a bitter pill for the haughty Nazis to swallow after parading their military might before the world as the "exalted nation with master minds," who intended to enslave the entire world, which, by the grace of Almighty God, has been delivered from the force and rule of the Germans and their sympathizers.

May God in the future let us escape the chance of such a fate, and give our President and leaders the strength, the courage and knowledge necessary to formulate plans to perfect a lasting peace, so that the oncoming generations will never again be forced to take up arms to save our democracy from destruction by our neighbor, which is contrary to the plan of the Almighty, for he says in his Word: "Love thy neighbor as thy self."

### Day Of Prayer And Mother's Day Observed

In accordance with President Truman's proclamation, the Franklin Methodist church has designated next Sunday for its combined observance of the Day of Prayer and Mother's Day. Music appropriate to the occasion is being planned. The minister will speak on the subject, "Victory for Mother's Day."

### National Family Week

On last Sunday many of the churches of the various denominations in Macon county began their observance of National Family week.

The theme of the National Family Week, which is being observed by christian churches throughout the nation is "The Family Exploring the Bible."

The observance will be concluded on next Sunday with Mother's Day.

### Two Thousand Extra Copies

This edition of the Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, has an increased circulation this week of two thousand copies so that it may have further coverage in the Seventh War Loan Drive. The extra copies are sponsored and paid for in equal portions by the following men and business concerns:

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