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## Don't Let Them Down... Buy Bonds Now

### Grant L. Zickgraf

#### Civil Air Patrol Comdr., Receives Promotion

Lt. Grant L. Zickgraf, one of the founders and commanding officer of the Macon County Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol since its organization in January of this year, has announced that he has been transferred from the post of commander of the local unit to that of Intelligence Officer on the staff of Captain Charles Duncan, of Spindale, Commanding Group No. 4 of the North Carolina Wing.

In announcing his promotion, Lt. Zickgraf stated that Lt. Robert Cooper, recently transferred to Franklin from Hendersonville, will be appointed commander of the Macon squadron. It is expected also that the following appointments will be made: J. Ward Long to the post of Executive Officer, Lt. Lynette Cooper to Adjutant, Lt. Alan Brooks, who has been Deputy Staff Officer, to Transportation Officer, and Lt. Thelma C. Zickgraf, who has been Adjutant, to Deputy Staff Officer.

Other members of the squadron staff are Lt. Guy L. Houk, Training Officer, Lt. John Archer, Intelligence Officer, Lt. H. H. Gnuse, Communications Officer, Lt. Frank Henry, Supply Officer, Lt. George Hill, Assistant Training Officer and Lt. Jackson Huneycutt, Assistant Staff Officer.

In relinquishing his post Lt. Zickgraf expressed his gratitude to the Town and County officials, the Chamber of Commerce, the civic clubs and the many individuals who have contributed so much to the successful organization of the local CAP unit and to the splendid growth of local interest in aviation. He predicted continuing growth of the CAP and a place of prominence in North Carolina's post war aviation program for Franklin.

Lt. Zickgraf is particularly pleased with the progress being made by the Highlands flight of the Macon Squadron. Warrent Officers W. T. Medlin, flight leader and instructor in military tactics; Sidney McCarty, instructor in navigation; Jack Davidson, instructor in meteorology, and Wade Sutton, instructor in both the theory of flight and airplane construction, have organized an active unit. They plan even further expansion and increased activity during the summer months. W. O. Wade Sutton, who has flown several hundred hours patrolling the coast of this country during the early part of the war, is the oldest member of the Macon squadron as to CAP service.

Lts. Robert and Lynette Cooper, who received their commissions while serving with the Western North Carolina and Hendersonville squadrons of the CAP, have recently come to Franklin to operate the new Franklin airport. Lt. Robert Cooper has the Civil Aeronautics Authority's flight instructor's rating. Three of his Franklin students have already made their first solo flights. They are J. Ward Long, Harold Bradley and John Archer.

#### Rev. Washam, Andrews, To Fill Pulpit Here

Rev. C. C. Washam, pastor of the Andrews Methodist church, will preach in the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

At this time the local Methodist minister, Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Andrews high school. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mr. Huneycutt is to preach the commencement sermon at Webster high school.

#### Services At Liberty

A meeting will be held in the Liberty Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and the theme of the sermon will be "Importance of the Home", which will be delivered by the pastor, after which a number of other talks will follow. All nearby churches are invited to attend.

#### FREE MOVIE DAY

June 6th is the first anniversary of D-Day! and D-Day is Free Movie Day at the Macon Theatre.

Buy a War Bond between June 1st and June 6th and be admitted free to the Macon Theatre and see "MUSIC FOR MILLIONS", starring Margaret O'Brien and Jose Iturbi.

Mrs. Howard, Manager, says, "All you have to do is to purchase a bond at the bank or postoffice between June 1, and June 6th and you will be admitted to the show on that day free of charge upon showing your bond or receipt at the box office. It will not be necessary to collect tax."

Help speed TOTAL VICTORY in the Mighty Seventh War Loan and join the Free Movie Day at the Macon Theatre on D-Day, June 6th.

#### George B. Patton Named To Commission

Governor Cherry announced the appointment of a five-member commission to study the needs and facilities for motor vehicle transportation of property and to recommend appropriate legislation to the governor for consideration.

Rep. Frank Taylor of Goldsboro was appointed chairman of the commission. Other members are Sen. Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, L. A. Love of Charlotte, Sen. John W. Aiken of Hickory, and George B. Patton of Franklin, a former assistant attorney general.

#### Son Of Rev Grant Seriously Injured

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, left Franklin early last Thursday morning to go to the bedside of his son, "Bud" Grant, who is a patient at the Rowan Memorial hospital, Salisbury. On Wednesday night his condition was critical.

Before going to press word has been received that "Buddie" died on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock and funeral services will be held at the Faith Methodist church at Granite Quarry on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to a telegram received here Thursday afternoon by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

#### Child Labor Law Not Affected By School Law

"Interpretation and enforcement of the Child Labor Law has not been effected by the amendment to the compulsory school attendance law," Forrest H. Shuford, state commissioner of labor, said today in a memorandum to all county superintendents of welfare. "The Child Labor Law provides that minors 14 and 15 years of age cannot be employed during the hours when school is in session. The only exception to the provisions of this law is for minors who are employed in domestic or agricultural work under the supervision or direction of their parents," Shuford stated.

The amendment by the General Assembly of 1945 of the compulsory school attendance law provides that during the 12 months following July 1, 1945, children between the ages of 7 and 15 shall attend school. On July 1, 1946 and thereafter, children between 7 and 16 must attend school. For the duration of six months following the end of World War II, children living on farms or working in commercial fishing or fisheries are exempted and superintendents of schools may excuse any male child 14 to 16 years of age for employment that is permitted by the labor laws of this state.

"Considering the two laws together, one can readily see that during the coming fiscal year minors 14 years of age, since they cannot work under the provisions of the Child Labor Law, cannot, as heretofore, quit school and roam the streets. On and after July 1, 1946 this will be true of all minors up to 16 years of age."



### NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



#### Deitz Liberated; At Moore Hospital

S. Sgt. Wade Reitz of West's Mill, Macon county, liberated prisoner of war, has arrived at Moore General hospital after two years of overseas service, six months of which he spent in the stalags of Germany.

Still thin from the starvation diet on which he existed during his internment Sergeant Deitz is slowly gaining back his weight. A six-footer, Deitz weighed 185 pounds when captured and was a 119-pound "scarecrow" when liberated by the 44th division April 2.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Deitz, he has been in the army more than four years and left for overseas duty in 1943. Serving with the 30th division of the first army, Deitz saw action in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was fighting inside the Siegfried line last October as a squad leader when his company was isolated by an enemy attack. The Germans closed in with a bayonet charge and cut the outfit to pieces except for the 17 prisoners captured.

Sergeant Deitz was wounded in the arm during the attack and was immediately interned in a hospital in Western Germany. This was the first of eight hospitals he was to see before being freed by the allied breakthrough. As the pressure increased on the western front the Germans moved prisoners farther east.

Traveling by train, bus, and foot, sometimes with other prisoners and several times alone except for his guard, Deitz saw his share of German cities and countryside. He passed through Leipzig and Berlin heading east, and when the Russians began their final push to victory his captors herded him westward again.

Sergeant Deitz had been out of his hospital bed six days when the Russian threat necessitated the Germans moving back toward the western front. With the transportation facilities bombed out, the prisoners had to be marched back—a 37-day journey. Deitz was interned at Bad Dard when liberated. He arrived back in the States May 1 and reached Moore General hospital May 11.

#### Decoration Day At Cowee Baptist Church

The annual decoration day will be observed at the Cowee Baptist church on Wednesday, May 30. The public is invited to come and bring picnic lunch.

#### Services To Be Held At Morrisson Sunday

The Rev. C. R. McCubbins, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, has announced that he will preach at the Morrison Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.



#### Pfc Frank Dills Liberated From German Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Dills, of the Prentiss section of Macon county, received a letter from their son, Pfc. Frank Dills, who was reported by the War Department to be missing in action in Luxembourg, on December 22, 1944, stating that he was well and happy to be back with his outfit again.

He writes his mother that, "It has been a long time, Mama, since I had a chance to write you, but I hope you will let these few words make up the empty space. I know now that I will be able to let you hear from me more often. Mama it sure does make me feel good to be once again in a good old mess hall, and eat till I'm full and know that I can get three meals a day. I know you was worried about me while I was prisoner, but now you can quit it, for Uncle Sam has got me again."

Pfc. Dills, who was serving with the 44th engineering unit in Germany, was sent to overseas duty in March of the past year. He entered the armed forces in December 1942 and took his training at Camp McCoy, Wis., Fort Knox, Ky., Liberton, Tenn., and at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

This letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Dills was the first news, except for a card saying that he was a prisoner of the German War, since he was captured in December. He now writes that he hopes to be in the states within the next few months. He has been away for 16 months.

#### Church To Celebrate 60th S. S. Anniversary

The Franklin Baptist church will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Sunday school, on Sunday, May 27.

Frank Jarrett, of Dillsboro, first Sunday School superintendent, will be present and conduct the Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, former pastor will deliver the morning sermon at 11 o'clock.

Basket dinner will be served at 12 o'clock and during the afternoon session all the former superintendents are expected to be present and take parts on the program. They include John S. Trotter, Alex Moore, Paul Carpenter, and the present superintendent, Walter Dean.

All members are urged to attend. The public is also invited to attend.

#### Jennings Cemetery To Be Cleaned Off

An all-day working will be held at the Jennings cemetery at Holly Springs on Thursday, May 31, and anyone who have relatives and friends buried in the cemetery are urged to come and bring tools suitable to work with. The decoration of the graves will be held on Sunday, June 3, it has been announced by Alex Deal, secretary of the Holly Springs Sunday school.

## Macon County Bond Sales Lagging As Never Before

### BOND SALES FAR BELOW QUOTA

In the Seventh War Loan, which began on May 14, Macon county, according to the last report received from the Federal Reserve Bank, has sold \$22,687.50 of E Bonds against its quota of \$168,000, and has sold \$34,861.50 of all issues of bonds against its over all quota of \$218,000. In the report of sales made we are credited with all bond sales made beginning with April 9.

According to the report, the people of Macon county are buying fewer bonds during this drive than they normally buy without a drive being on. We are simply giving these facts to the public in order that they may know just what the county is doing toward meeting its quota.

On no previous drives has this county failed to meet either its E bond quota or its over all quota, and it is hoped that the quota may still be met, notwithstanding the picture presented by the above figures.

### J. E. S. Thorpe Chairman War Fund Drive

Governor R. Gregg Cherry has announced the appointment of the District chairman who will conduct the October campaign funds in the United War Fund Drive for the western part of the state, with J. E. S. Thorpe, of Franklin for this territory.

District 1, which has had the leadership of J. E. S. Thorpe in the first two United War Fund campaigns, includes Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. Every county in the district has gone far "over the top" in both campaigns. In his direction of campaign organization Mr. Thorpe has had the able assistance of John Archer, Jr., of Franklin.

### Veteran Crosses Placed On Monument Square

Mrs. J. C. Barrington and Mrs. A. R. Higdon has announced that the little white crosses will be placed in the Monument Square in memory of the boys who gave their lives in World War No. 1, and in World War No. 2, by Friday of this week and will be decorated on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Anyone having a surplus of flowers are asked to please bring them in as they wish to have flowers at all the crosses.

This tribute is being sponsored by members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the crosses were made by Ben Harrison, Lon Dalton and Roy Carpenter at the work shop of the Forest service. To Mr. Schilling, superintendent, they express their appreciation.

On Wednesday morning between 11 and 11:30 o'clock a memorial service will be held at this plot on the public square by the following ministers, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, the Rev. J. F. Marchman, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and the Rev. C. R. McCubbins. Other speakers are expected to take part on the program to which the public are urged to attend.

### Payments On Beef Production Effective

Quoted below is a telegram received by Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, from the Washington office announcing the new beef production payments which will be in effect on all sales in accordance with the information contained in the telegram beginning as of May 19, 1945. These payments will be made similar to the dairy feed payments.

Beef producers should immediately begin keeping records of their sales as of May 19, 1945.

### Chairmen Say Maconians Will Rally To Cause They Believe

The chairmen of the Seventh War Loan Drive, Henry W. Cabe and Gilmer A. Jones, state that to date there has been a total of \$22,687 in the E series against the quota of \$168,000, sold in Macon county, and that so far very little interest is being manifested, despite the fact that this is one of the most critical periods of the war, and never in all the previous drives is it as important to buy bonds as in this present one.

Despite the lack of interest in buying bonds, the chairmen feel that the citizens of Macon county will wake up to the fact that we must not let our boys down, and that we will again meet our quota as we have in the six previous drives.

Two young army officers from Moore General Hospital, after having done their share, and more, in actual combat, are coming to Franklin on next Monday, May 28, in behalf of the 7th War Loan Drive. These men will make short talks at the Macon Theatre immediately following the afternoon show and between the first and second evening shows.

#### Five Movie Days

In addition to its main feature, "A Song to Remember," in technicolor, the Macon Theatre is also showing on Monday afternoon and Monday night the War Department's picture, "Fury in the Pacific." This picture is one that lays bare the facts of actual combat in the Pacific area, and will give us a clear insight into what our boys are undergoing in combat.

With June 6 being the first anniversary of D-Day, it has therefore been proclaimed as Movie Day at the Macon Theatre. All you have to do is "BUY A BOND" between Friday, June 1, and Wednesday, June 6, and be admitted FREE to the Macon Theatre to see "Music for Millions", starring Margaret O'Brien and Jose Iturbi, it has been announced by Mrs. Agnes Howard, manager.

Mrs. Howard is doing this in order to help create more interest in the sale of bonds and help speed on to total Victory in this, the Mighty Seventh War Loan Drive.

The school children, under the supervision of E. J. Whitmire, are busy trying to do their share in the sales but with their final examinations and schools closing in a few days, it is almost impossible for them to accomplish very much. They have in all previous drives done a great deal toward the county meeting its quota.

Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe has announced that on Saturday, May 26, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, chairman of the Wesleyan Guild of the Franklin Methodist church, Mrs. Ruth Smart, Mrs. Harry Wilhide, Mrs. Grover Jamison, Jr., and Mrs. Florence S. Sherill will have charge of the booth at the Bank of Franklin.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase crimson clover, hairy vetch, and common ryegrass seed meeting the specifications of the 1945 Seed Purchase Program.

"WFA will announce beef production payment 50 cents per hundred weight effective sales beginning May 19 on good and choice cattle (1) owned and fed by applicant at least 30 days, (2) sold to licensed slaughterer, (3) weighing 800 pounds liveweight or more, (4) sale price at least the amount listed for minimum stabilization range for good grade cattle (See MPR 574) January 29, 1945 for applicable zones and price ranges). Notify counties to advise cattlemen retain evidence of sales payment. Procure similar dairy program. Formal offer and details follow.

Acting Director East  
Central Division."

## Win The Jap War