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The Boys Are Fighting On— Are We To Fail Them Now

"E" Bond Sales In Macon Lagging In 7th Drive As Never Before

The total of \$128,837.65 was the figure released by the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va., this week, as to the amount of bonds sold in the 7th war loan drive in Macon county to date, it was announced of the campaign.

The amount of "E" bonds had reached a total of \$77,795.75, Mr. Jones stated, which is less than half of the quota given the county in this series, and less than two weeks more to go.

Through the columns of this paper, the people of the county have been urged to buy bonds, for it is needless to tell you that we are still locked in a deadly struggle with our enemies—and the war is still the chief job of each one of us. To be able to supply our boys in battle with everything they need, and the buying and holding War bonds, are some of the few things we at home must do to speed victory and the safe return of our boys.

This is a small service to ask of the many who do not have to fight, many who have found the defense projects more essential to their own needs than going to the battle fronts, yet are not willing to take a small amount of their high wages received and purchase War Bonds and war needs to help get the war over and the boys back home. This is a small service to ask of us who do not fight—yet it is one of the biggest things we can do for our fighting men.

The girls working at the Bond Booth at the Bank of Franklin Saturday will be Elizabeth Waslick, chairman, Merry Brooks, Ann Cabe, Ida Mae Dowdle, Katherine Long and Barbara Stockton.

Boy Scouts Enjoy Picnic Supper

The Boy Scouts of America of Franklin Troop 1 were entertained at a picnic supper given for them by their sponsor, the Franklin Rotary Club, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Attending were 18 Scouts, 15 Rotarians, three visiting Rotarians, and two guests.

Franklin Troop 1 is looking forward to the next court of honor, which will be held at Smokemont, N. C., July 2. It will be their first out-door court of honor this season.

The Scouts are reminded not to forget the Board of Review meeting Friday night, June 22.

Crosses In Rankin Sq. Remain Till July 4th

Mrs. J. C. Barrington and Mrs. A. R. Higdon have announced that the crosses, which have been placed in Rankin Square in memory of the World War 1 and 2 Veterans, will remain up until after July 4th. The relatives and friends of these boys will have the opportunity to place flowers at these crosses for the Fourth of July.

Vacation Bible School Baptist Church Begins

The Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, has announced that a Vacation Bible School will begin at the Franklin church on Monday morning, June 25, at 9 o'clock and continue through July 6.

This school is for children from four years through 16 years, and all children are invited to attend.



Secretary of Franklin Lions Wins Honors

Norman R. Hawley, secretary of the Franklin Lions Club for the past year, has been advised by District Governor Jennings A. Bryson that he was chosen best secretary in District 31-A. The District comprises the mountain area of Western North Carolina and is made up of 37 clubs. In addition, the local club bulletin, LEO'S ROAR, edited by Hawley, was chosen the best bulletin in the District.

Food Storage Plant Plans Progressing

It was stated in last week's "Press" that the newly formed corporation which plans construction of a 500 locker-freezer plant would necessarily have to have a 60% subscription to their potential capacity before priorities could be granted.

On Wednesday, A. B. O'Mohundro, one of the incorporators, announced that already 30 per cent of the proposed locker space had been engaged. It appears assured that the 60 per cent of locker space necessary to be contracted in order to obtain priorities will be sold within the next week.

R. S. O'Mohundro, who has made a personal inspection of the locker-freezer plant in Clayton, states that Franklin's plant will be able to take care of more meat than even Clayton's efficient installation.

Farmers of Macon and residents of Franklin may more fully appreciate the value of this proposed up-to-date storage plant when they have opportunity to talk to some of the customers of the Clayton plant. Mr. W. S. Bearden of Clayton gives an account of a Macon county farmer, Chester Smith, who had a hog accidentally injured with a broken back and wanted to save the meat. He killed the hog and, after a late call to Rabun Frozen Foods, Inc., at Clayton took the meat there for proper storage.

The local movement for the construction of a freezer-locker plant should mean much to people throughout Macon county who find it needful to slaughter before frost.

Appalachian College Begins Summer Term

The first term of the forty-third Session of Summer School for Appalachian State Teachers College opened on June 12th with the largest registration for the summer since the opening of the war. At the close of the day on Friday, the registration numbered 545, representing most of the southern states. This puts the enrollment back in —Continued On Page Six

Last Rites Held For Marcus Bradley, 63

Funeral services for Marcus Sylvester Bradley, 63, were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Dillard, Ga. Methodist church. The Rev. Jack Waldroop, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Lester Sorrells, Baptist minister of Macon county. Interment followed in the Dillard cemetery.

Mr. Bradley died at his home in the Upper Cartoogechaye community on Friday night following a serious illness of one week, although he had been in ill health for several weeks.

Mr. Bradley was a native of Georgia, but had spent most of his life in Macon county. His life's occupation was farming. He was a member of the Cartoogechaye Baptist church. He was married to Miss Mary Parks, who survives.

The pallbearers included Clyde Bingham, George Keener, Lawrence Beck, Tommy Chastain, Willie Keener and Larry Dills.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Parks Bradley; six daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Beck and Miss Mae of Cartoogechaye; Mrs. Tommy Chastain of Hayesville, Mrs. George Keener of Otto, Mrs. Boyd Grizzell of Oakwood, Va., and Mrs. Harold Allen of Newport News, Va.; two brothers, Grover Bradley of Bettys Creek, and Sug Bradley of Hiwassee, Ga., and 13 grandchildren.

Bryant funeral home were in charge of arrangements.



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Holt Reported Killed In Germany



John M. Holt, of Dillard, Ga., route 1, received a message from the War Department stating that his son, Pvt. Alvis J. Holt had died in Germany on April 15, from wounds previously received in action.

Pvt. Holt entered the armed forces on October 18, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and had been in overseas service less than one month when he was killed.

A letter from the War Department was later received by Mr. Holt stating that Pvt. Holt had been buried in an American cemetery in Germany and the services had been conducted by a Protestant Chaplain.

Pvt. Holt is survived by his father, five brothers, Cecil and Carl Holt, of Petersburg, Va., Elmer and Eugene Holt, of Washington, D. C., and Harry Holt, of Alexandria, Va., and three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Hicks, of Highlands, Mrs. Ruby Owens and Mrs. Charlie Davis, of Byrington, Tenn.

LAWRENCE LONG, F 1/C ONE YEAR ON DESTROYER

Lawrence Henry Long, fireman first class, USNR, of Franklin, is nearing the end of his first sea-going year aboard a destroyer.

Long, who underwent basic training at the Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md., wears the American and European-African-Middle Eastern Theaters.

His wife is the former Annie Laura Sprinkle of Franklin. They have four children.

LOCAL SOLDIER'S UNIT IN ITALY HONORED

Pvt. Virgil M. Welch of Franklin, truck driver, is a member of the 347th Field Artillery Battalion's Service Battery, recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

As a member of the organization, he was awarded an insignia to wear on his sleeve.

The 347th is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division.

Welch is the son of Mrs. Lillie E. Welch, Route 3, Franklin.

Final Rites Held Friday For Charles T. Byrd

Final rites for Charles T. Byrd, 86, were held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Gillespie Methodist church on Upper Cartoogechaye. The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiated and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Byrd was a life-long resident and well known citizen of Macon county. His life's occupation was in farming, and had been a member of the Gillespie Methodist church and superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years.

The active pallbearers were James Watts, J. T. Roane, Carter Watts, Harley Ledford, Fred Nichols and Glenn Watts.

Surviving are the widow and six children, four sons, W. M. Byrd, Prentiss, George Carter and John Byrd, all of Concrete, Wash., and two daughters, Mrs.



GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

LeRoy Downs

Reported Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Downs, of Franklin Route 3, received a message from the War Department on Sunday afternoon, stating that their son, RDM 2/C Charles LeRoy Downs, had been killed in action.

(The message was sent here to Seaman's Downs' wife, Mrs. Wrethea Faine Downs, now living in Toccoa, Ga., and the date was not given.)

LeRoy, as he was known to his many friends, was well liked for his sunny and congenial personality and who had that ready smile for every one. He entered the navy on May 24, 1944 at Spartanburg, S. C., and took his boot training at Little Creek, Va. He was then sent to Camp Peary, Va., for his further advanced training, after which he was sent to Solomons Branch, ATB, in Washington, D. C. He was later sent to Key West, Fla., and then to San Diego, Calif., for his final phase of training for overseas service.

Seaman Downs was one of the promising young men of Macon county who graduated from the Franklin high school in the class of 1938. He later attended Cecil's Business college in Asheville where he held a position for several years. After he returned to Franklin he was employed in Ashear's Store and before he entered the armed forces he was stenographer for the Bradley Mining company at Iotla Bridge.

Seaman Downs was married to Miss Wrethea Faine, of Toccoa, Ga., on February 16, 1942. They have a three year old son, Douglas.

Surviving besides the widow and young son, are the parents, and two brothers, S/Sgt. Troy T. Downs, in the army stationed at Fort Bragg for further assignment following his return from overseas, and Floyd W. Downs, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and one sister, Miss Jessie Lea Downs, of Franklin route 3.

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with the Newmans Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday, June 24, at 2:30 p. m.

It is hoped that all Sunday Schools will be represented for this is the time for the election of officers for the next associational year.

J. D. Hastings, and Mrs. Claude M. Ledford, of Prentiss. Also four children by the former marriage to Miss Nichols. They include Mrs. Leona Hodgins, of Prentiss, Mrs. Nannie Hodgins, Gastonia and Mrs. Pauline Sanders, of Belmont, and one son, W. L. Byrd, of Hamilton, Wash. One sister, Mrs. Ella-Carson, of Cass Station, Ga., two half-sisters, Mrs. Kitty Phillips, of Bryson City, and Mrs. Nancy Kirby, of Cass Station, Ga., three half-brothers, George Byrd, of Rabun Gap, Ga., Bill Byrd, of Bryson City, and Bob Byrd, of Ducktown, Tenn. Also a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Eisenhower Wildly Greeted In Washington, New York

B. J. Hurst, Well-Known Citizen, Passes Sunday

Barnett Judson Hurst, 65, well-known citizen of the West's Mill community, died at his home there on Sunday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock following a serious illness of six weeks, although he had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held at the Snow Hill Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Welch, pastor of the Cowee Baptist church and the Rev. Norman E. Holden, a Baptist minister of the Cowee community. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The active pallbearers included Paul Hurst, Clyde Hurst, Fredell Hurst, Rev. D. J. Medlin, Grover Sheffield, Odell Hurst and Frank Roper, and the honorary pallbearers were E. V. Hurst, W. C. Sheffield, T. T. Hurst, Fred Dalton, Will Rickman, A. T. Hurst and J. B. Elmore.

Born on April 27, 1880, son of the late Laura Green and John C. Hurst, of the Leatherman community, Mr. Hurst was a life-long resident of Macon county. His life's work was farming and the carpenter's trade. He was a member of the Snow Hill Methodist church. In 1908 he was married to Miss Lillian Jenkins, who survives.

Surviving are the widow and five sons, James Hurst, George Hurst, Leo Hurst and John Hurst, all of the West's Mill community, and Pfc. Weaver Hurst, in the army stationed in Seattle, Wash. Also three brothers, Emilis V. Hurst, of Gastonia, Albert Hurst, of Leatherman and T. T. Hurst, of Franklin, and one sister, Mrs. Fred Dalton, of Franklin Route 4, and five grandchildren.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Classifications

As Announced By Local Service Board

At the last meeting of the Local Draft Board, June 20, the following registrants were placed in I-A classifications:

Lee Oliver, Roy Lawrence Pendergrass, Billie Thomas Bateman, Lawrence Newton Crunkleton, Ray Dills, Paul Clinton Gregory, Mack Carl Stockton, Jimmie Hall, Oakley Lafayette Justice, Guy Edward Clouse, Dwight Lamen Waters, Joseph Samuel Bryson, Edward Augustine Burt, Jr., Clarence Graham, Paul Buchan Higdon, Fred William Pendland, Jr., William Harold Henry.

Discharged

The following men have been honorably discharged from the armed services and have reported to this Board:

Jacob Carl Mason, Reid Womack, Elmer Johnson Stanfield.

Lions Club Elect Officers To Begin Duties July 1

At its first meeting of the month the Franklin Lions Club elected the following officers for the year 1945-1946:

Willard Pendergrass, president; Vernon Fricks, 1st vice-president; E. R. Bulloch, 2nd vice-president; Mac Ray Whitaker, 3rd vice-president; Geo. H. Hill, secretary-treasurer; John Kusterer, Lion Tamer; Frank Shope, Tail Twister; William G. Crawford and G. B. Woodward, directors. These officers will assume their new duties July 1.

On the evening of June 18 the Club entertained wives and friends with a picnic supper at Arrowood Glade.

This week the Club wired its International Officer, Chicago, the fact that it had completed its twentieth consecutive meeting with 100 per cent attendance. This marks the successful completion by Franklin of the annual contest open to over 4,000 Lions Clubs in 15 countries. Upon last report Franklin was one of only 30-odd clubs with perfect records remaining in the contest.

Buy more War Bonds now

Record Crowds Honor Victorious Army Chief

The greatest ovations ever to be accorded to an American soldier were staged in Washington Monday, June 18, and in New York the following day.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, returning from his victorious European campaign, was met with all the fanfare his adoring people could devise. It was estimated that between 800,000 and 1,000,000 persons lined the parade route to witness and honor General "Ike's" triumphant return to the Capital. The crowd cheered him on his way to the Capitol and Congress cheered him when at last the long procession reached there. "Ike", as the Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in Europe, is affectionately known, said humbly to a grateful nation that his hour of triumph properly belonged to the American boys who fashioned the victory.

Riding up the "Avenue of Heroes," where other paraded heroes have traveled in self-conscious formality or forced geniality, General "Ike" just returned his famed grin loose and with much arm waving let the admiring throngs know that he genuinely appreciated the honor that they bestowed upon him.

Addressing Congress the General stated that "The problems of peace can and must be met". Also that the combat soldier of this war "passionately believes" that it can be done and expects United Nations leaders "to preserve the peace he is winning." He remembered and honored the parts that the late President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Russian and British armies and people of the liberated countries played in contributing to the victory. Speaking of the sorrow of the parents of the boys who would never come back he said, "The blackness of their grief can be relieved only by the faith that all this shall not happen again."

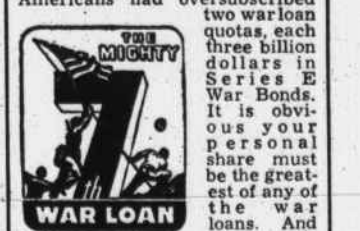
New York Tuesday turned out what was variously reported as a crowd of between 4 and 7 million people in an emotional ovation in honor of General Eisenhower. In his message to the two million people jammed around the New York city hall he said, "If we are going to live the years of peace we must be ready to cooperate in the spirit of true tolerance and forbearance."

Overwhelming acclaim acknowledged his thought when he said, "It isn't enough that we devise every kind of international machinery to keep the peace. We must also be strong ourselves. Weakness cannot cooperate with anything. Only strength can cooperate."

Win The Jap War Buy E War Bonds

To the People of this Community

The 7th War Loan objective is four billion dollars in Series E Bonds. At this time last year Americans had oversubscribed



two war loan quotas, each three billion dollars in Series E War Bonds. It is obvious your personal share must be the greatest of any of the war loans. And yet it may be no higher than or even less than the combined amount you invested in bonds in the 4th and 5th War Loans.

Why should you continue to put every dollar above the cost of the necessities of living into extra bonds? 1. Uppermost you owe an obligation to your fighting men and women to back them to the limit as long as any enemy military strength remains. 2. Think about Iwo Jima for a moment—sacrifice on the battlefields is still a way of life for your relatives and friends in uniform. 3. The self-interest motive is at a new high. Civilian goods are now scarcer than ever before. Every dollar you spend for non-essentials works for higher prices.

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