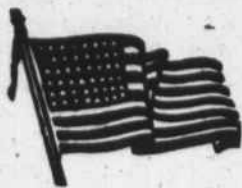


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## FINAL RITES FOR GUS LEACH HELD

### Chairman Board County Commissioners Died In Raleigh Hotel

Funeral services for Gus Leach, 75, were held at the Franklin Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. C. B. McCubbins, pastor officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church. Interment followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Leach, a widely-known citizen of Macon county and chairman of the board of county commissioners, died suddenly in a Raleigh hotel on Monday morning shortly after his arrival. He left here on Sunday to attend a hearing before the state board of tax assessments in connection with county affairs. With him at the time of his death was Richard S. Jones of Franklin and George Ward, an attorney of Asheville.

Mr. Leach was born in Swain county on May 25, 1870, a son of the late Franklin Leach and Susan Cunningham Leach. In his early life he was engaged in the construction business at Lake Toxaway and elsewhere, later returning to Franklin where he was manager of the Macon County Supply Company for a number of years. He then, with his brother, the late A. L. Leach, formed the firm of Leach Brothers, which dealt in hardware.

Mr. Leach served for a number of years as a member of the board of aldermen of Franklin, as a member of the school board and was serving his third term as chairman of the board of county commissioners at the time of his death. He was always taking an active part in the business life of his community as well as in politics. He was a member of the Franklin Presbyterian church.

The active pallbearers included Bill Waldroop, Frank Leach, Harold Waldroop, Nat Macon, Charles Waldroop, and Hugh Leach, all nephews.

The honorary pallbearers were Charlie Blaine, W. W. Edwards, Lake Shope, A. R. Higdon, Harve Bryant, John Cunningham, Sam W. Mendenhall, Gilmer A. Jones, Roy S. Cunningham, Richard S. Jones, Carl S. Slagle, Dr. W. A. Rogers, A. B. Slagle, Joe Ashear, Henry W. Cabe, M. L. Dowdle, George Mashburn, Dr. R. M. Rimmer, Dr. Edgar Angel, George Brown, Lyman Higdon, E. W. Long, Ernest Rankin and Guy L. Houk.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Althea Collins, and three children, Mrs. Sam D. Alexander, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Franklin Boone Leach, in the navy on seas duty, and Pvt. John A. Leach, of Fort George Meade, Md., two grandchildren, David Alexander and Rebecca Leach; one brother, John Leach of Andrews, five sisters, Mrs. Lee Waldroop, of Franklin route 1, Mrs. John Wright, Misses Nora, Laura and Ida Leach, all of Franklin.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## Subscriptions To Navy Men Must Be Ordered

Effective July 1, all subscriptions for the Press and other periodicals to personnel in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard overseas must be requested IN WRITING by the ADDRESSEE.

This order, No. 27851, issued by the Post Office Department at the request of the Navy Department, includes renewals as well as new subscriptions. Payment for the subscription may be made by anyone provided the addressee has initiated the request.

The address on all such mailings must include the statement: "Mailed in conformity with P. O. D. Order 27851."

## Services At Morrison

Preaching at the Morrison Presbyterian church Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

The Daily Vacation Bible school will continue each day through July 13.

Evangelistic services will be held at the church each night next week. Dr. C. R. McCubbins will preach.

GUS LEACH



## LEGION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

### Meeting Saturday Night Drew Small Attendance Got Business Done

At the called meeting of the American Legion Post, Franklin No. 108 Saturday night at the courthouse, Lon Dalton was re-elected Post Commander, W. R. Waldroop was elected 1st vice-commander and Adolph Zoellner 2nd vice-commander. Miss Lassie Kelly was unanimously elected to the offices of adjutant and finance officer, succeeding Alf Higdon who had resigned due to press of other duties. "Alf" was none-the-less kept in harness by being elected service officer, succeeding Tom O'Neal who resigned the office due to the fact that he lived out of town. John A. Johnson was elected assistant service officer, J. D. Thomas sergeant at arms, the Rev. R. C. McCubbins chaplain and Frank C. Murray historian.

Roy Carpenter was elected graves registration officer, John D. Alsop, Boy Scout officer and Thomas M. Moss membership chairman.

A picnic is planned by Post 108 for the near future to which all service men and women will be invited. Costs of the "feed" will be met by funds already in the Legion treasury. Plans and date will be announced soon.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21.

## Eastern Star To Sponsor Hillbilly Concert

The Nequassa Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will sponsor the Tennessee Hillbillies, radio performers from station WNOX Knoxville, in a performance at the Macon county courthouse on Tuesday night, July 10.

Featuring in the entertainment will be Smiling Eddie, as master of ceremonies, Marion Sumner, champ fiddler of Tennessee, Leonard Dabney, favorite radio singer, Johnny Wright, hillbilly song writer, and cousin Nimrod, the old maid's heart throb.

This promises to be an evening of worthwhile entertainment to which the public is invited to attend. A small admission will be charged.

## Elmer Justice Kills Five Copperheads

Elmer Justice of route 3, Franklin, received the surprise of his life Tuesday night. Returning to his cabin under Cowee Bald after a hard day's work logging he crawled into bed and started to go to sleep. Just before slumber overcame him he felt a movement at the foot of the bed. Instinctively, he kicked and the things his toes touched squirmed.

Elmer jumped out of bed, grabbed his shotgun and with one blast killed five copperheads and one mattress.

## Brothers In Service



W. T. 2/C SANFORD DILLS  
Sanford C. Dills, W. T. 2/C, son of Mrs. Lila Dills entered service in August, 1943. He received his training at Bainbridge, Md. Since February 1944 he has been serving in the Pacific Area.



PVT. JOHN C. DILLS  
Pvt. John C. Dills, son of Mrs. Lila Dills of Franklin, Route 2, entered service in January 1945. Pvt. Dills received his training at Paris Island, S. C. He is now stationed at a camp in Calif.

## Civil Air Patrol Sponsors Dance At Panorama Court

Robert A. Cooper, 1st Lt. of C. A. P., Squadron Commander of Macon county squadron, North Carolina Wing, and manager of the Franklin airport, announces that the new Summer class of the local squadron started Thursday night, July 5. The new C. A. A. regulations concerning private pilots' licensing was discussed. The Civil Aeronautics Administration, looking forward to post-war flying needs, has simplified regulations governing the issuance of private pilot's licenses. The written examination now covers only the Civil Air Rules and general service of aircraft.

Flight examination has not been changed, according to information from the District office of C. A. A. However, the number of hours required before taking private flight examination has been shortened to 30 hours instead of the 35 as previously stipulated.

The executive officer of the Squadron, Lt. J. Ward Long, announced that the local squadron would sponsor a dance at Panorama Court on Thursday, July 12, the date of one of its regular meetings. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of training material for cadets at the high school. The public, as well as flying students, are invited to attend. Special guests will be the seven students who have soloed at the Franklin airport: J. Ward Long, Harold Bradley, John Archer, MacRay Whittaker, Jimmy Horsley, Clyde Sanders and Elbert Hedden.

The Army air corps, which recently took over direction of the 48 State "Wings" of C. A. P., of which our local squadron is a part, is adding daily new instructional equipment to that already on hand at our local port. Recently received is a Navy gun turret trainer, electrically operated.

The Franklin airport, built by Grant Zickgraf and Oscar Meyer, Jr., and officially opened on March 28, has a North-South runway which has been used by transit aircraft. It is the only accredited C. A. A. Airport between Asheville and Knoxville. Twenty-five students now are taking flying lessons, including some from Clayton, Sylva and Highlands, as well as those from Franklin.

## Brownie Scouts Have Camping Trip

The Brownie Troop No. 1 of Franklin went on a camping trip to Lumpkin Friday and Saturday. It was the first trip of the summer for the scouts, but they are planning several more before school opens in the fall. Last year the scouts were unable to have a camping trip because of polio.

Those on the camping trip were: Misses Marianna Johnson, Julia Waldroop, Laura Lyle, Roberta, Ruth, and Ann Snyder, Martha Ann Stockton, Barbara Pannell, Joan White, Beverly Higdon, Patty Lou Phillips, and Ellen Franks. The scouts were chaperoned by their leader, Mrs. Ernest Hyde and the assistant leaders, Misses Merrily Brooks and Elizabeth Wasilik.

## George Patton Appointed Counsel State Highway Commission

George B. Patton, Franklin attorney and former assistant attorney general, who was recently appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry as general counsel for the State highway, left Monday for Raleigh to assume his new duties. Mr. Patton, serving as assistant attorney general, lived in Raleigh for the past five years. He and Mrs. Patton returned to Franklin last fall.

Mr. Patton succeeds Charles Ross who was counsel for the Highway Commission 22 years. The appointment carries a salary of \$6,000 per year.

The public service of George Patton, who is 46 includes General Assembly duty as representative from Macon county. He became assistant attorney general in 1939. Previously he had served as Mayor of the Town of Franklin. At one time he was president of the Macon Bar Association and was a member of the executive committee of the 20th Judicial district bar.

## Picnic Saturday Farmers Federation Pres. James G. K. McClure Will Preside

The annual picnic of the Macon County Farmers Federation will be held on Saturday, July 14, at the Franklin high school building at 10 o'clock.

The meeting will be presided over by James G. K. McClure, president of the Federations, and will be opened by special string music featured by Farmers Federation string band.

The morning session will be spent in short talks and reports of the progress of the Federation in the county. Also music will be rendered by any musician in the county who wishes to contribute to the morning's entertainment. Lunch will be served at noon, furnished by the attending families, and will be served by the Federation. Owing to the shortage of sugar, the lemonade will be eliminated this year.

Following lunch there will be foot races, relay races, tug-of-war and various other contests will be held, and to the winners, appropriate prizes will be awarded. There will also be a prize offered to the boy or girl that writes the best letter on the benefits of the Farmers Federation to the farmers. The writer must be a member of the Future Farmers or a 4-H club member to be eligible to enter.

Special prizes will be offered to the largest family in Macon county attending this picnic. The prize will be three large pictures of the reunion group. Beginning at 2 o'clock for the afternoon session, there will be two hours spent in music and singing. This is open to all choirs, quartets and other singers in Macon county. Song books will be awarded to the winning choir and prizes will be given to the winning quartets.

All the farmers and their families in Macon county are urged to attend this picnic, which is expected to be one of

## Macon Still Behind Quota On E Bonds; \$66,000 Short

Up in the Aleutians they put up a War Bond poster at an army post with this convincing sales message:

BUY A BOND TODAY SO YOU CAN AFFORD A BLOND TOMORROW

DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD



## Dr. Blackard, Charlotte Pastor, To Preach Here

Dr. Embree H. Blackard will preach a series of special evangelistic services in the Franklin Methodist church, beginning next Sunday night and closing Friday night, July 13. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Blackard is now pastor of Myers Park Methodist church, Charlotte. He moved to this pastorage in 1941 from the Wesley Memorial Methodist church, High Point. Before coming to High Point, he served the Wilson Memorial Methodist church, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Blackard was delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order, 1937; traveled and studied in Europe and the Holy Land, 1928; Orient, 1931; Europe, 1937; exchange preacher for Great Britain, 1939.

"We feel fortunate in having Dr. Blackard with us for these evangelistic services," said Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, "and we extend a most cordial invitation to the people of Franklin and Macon county to be with us in this meeting."

## Home Demonstration Schedule Announced

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, demonstration agent for Macon county, has announced the schedule as follows:

On Monday, July 16, the Watauga meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Sellers at 2 o'clock; on Tuesday, July 17, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Ray Bradley will be hostess to the Oak Grove club, and Mrs. C. E. Wild will be hostess to the Cartoogechaye club at her home at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, July 18.

On Wednesday, July 18, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Carlos Rogers will entertain the Olive Hill club; Thursday, July 19, Mrs. George A. Cloer will be hostess to the Leatherman club at 2 o'clock, and the Union club will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmon Teague at Prentiss at 2:30 o'clock. At 2 o'clock on Friday July 20, the Burningtown club will meet at the home of Mrs. Terrell Parrish, and on the same date, the Cowee club will hold their meeting at the Cowee schoolhouse.

## S/SGT. BOB WALDROOP

S/Sgt. Bob Waldroop, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Waldroop, of Cartoogechaye, returned home June 13 for a 30-day leave after spending 11 months in military service with the Eighth Army Air Force in England.

S/Sgt. Waldroop entered the service in November 1942, and took his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., and March Field, Calif. He is wearing the E. T. O. ribbon with four battle stars and the Presidential citation.

Following S/Sgt. Waldroop's leave he will report to Sioux Falls, S. D., for reassignment to the Pacific.

the largest held in Macon county in a number of years.

## Overall Quota Reported Oversubscribed To A Total Of \$333,771.70

Macon county has again exceeded its overall quota of \$218,000 in the Seventh War Loan Drive, by oversubscribing to a total of \$333,771.70, however, the drive cannot be termed a success until the "E" quota of \$168,000 has been reached, according to an announcement made by Gilmer A. Jones, co-chairman Thursday.

Mr. Jones further stated that while the county had oversubscribed the quota by several thousand dollars, there had only been a total of \$102,277.50 sold in the "E" series, which is approximately \$66,000 short of the quota given to the county.

"We would like to make as good a showing in this drive as we have in all previous drives," Mr. Jones stated, "but it will mean full cooperation on the part of every citizen in Macon county. The drive will end on July 7, and that means only a short while to buy that E. bond. This will be the first time Macon has failed to reach its quota in every way."

Henry W. Cabe, chairman, and Mr. Jones, co-chairman, wishes to thank those who have worked so diligently and untiringly in this drive and particularly the women who have helped so faithfully in putting these sales across.

## Classifications As Announced By Local Service Board

The Local Selective Service Board has announced on June 29, the following registrants were placed in I-A:

David Joe Evans, Wiley Howard Jones, Jim Hogsed, Allen Bunyan Barnes, John Thomas Chishaw, Nathaniel Patterson, colored, Dover Cochran, William Richard Bingham, Manuel Lee McMahan, Ernest Floyd Cruse, Virgil Taylor Holland, Wayne Mathias Smith, Elmer Davis Justice, Loren Hoyt DeHart, Andy Albert Owen, Gilmer Thomas Russell, Manley Cleophas Watkins.

**Discharged**  
The following men have been discharged from the service and have returned to this county: Hoyt Dickey Ledford, John Buford Gibson, Harry Woody, Eugene Aubey, Samuel Cee Ferguson, John Richard Tyler, and Challie McCoy Dills.

**Sent For Induction**  
The following men were sent to the induction station at Fort Bragg on June 26 for induction into the service:

Joseph Harley Roper, Cecil Porter Ayes, Lyman Wilson, Arthur Stanley Proctor, Carl Edward Webb, Charles Ross Keener, James Donald Keener, John Edward Alexander, Joseph Leon Hawks, Solomon Perry Shepherd, Albert Carter Cloer, Cresley Webb, George Dillard Hedden, Jr., Charles John Ferguson, Ira Lawton Keener, Lambert Earl Talley, Charles Robert Waldroop, John Edward Alexander was the leader in charge of the group. Five registrants were transferred to other boards for induction. They were Dan Mack Boston to the State of Washington, James Flood to Chatworth, Ga., Horace Moss to Walhalla, S. C., Forrest Denton Curtis to Murphy, and John Erwin Hamer, to Jackson, Miss.

## Navy Men Like Gifts All Year Round

The Navy Department encourages the mailing of overseas gift packages to Naval personnel throughout the year.

There is no restricted mailing period for the personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Navy Christmas packages should be mailed prior to October 15, if they are to reach their destination by Christmas, however.

Due to the distances—more than 5,000,000 square miles have been won from the enemy since 1941—and the size and frequency of combat operations in the far Pacific, no guarantee of delivery can be made.