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## MANY TOURISTS VISITING HERE

Travelers Highly Praise Town And Courtesy Extended Them

Lee Guffey, secretary of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, stated Thursday that the hotels, tourists homes, boarding houses and many private homes, in Franklin have been having a capacity crowd for several weeks despite the rationing of gasoline and food.

Inquiries are coming in daily Mr. Guffey stated, for cabins equipped for light housekeeping, three rooms preferred. Also many calls for three to five room furnished apartments.

Residents from various states have been interested in purchasing their own homes in Franklin and Macon county for a year-round residence or summer home.

"The secretary was under the impression that Franklin should begin building now for after-the-war-travel which will far exceed the past or present flow of tourist travel, and in order to meet the great demand for available places of abode, the building program should start immediately.

The travelers are high in their praise over the courtesy extended them by the proprietors and owners of the various business places in Franklin, and particularly pleased with the towns hospital facilities. Many who have only visited here for a short time while stopping in nearby towns, have expressed a desire to come to Franklin for the entire season next year.

The memorial board on Main street has particularly drawn the interest of many of the tourists and the postmaster from Lakeland, Fla., who was visiting in Franklin, was so pleased with the board that he drew a design of it to be taken to his home town for use.

Among the states represented here now include Florida, Michigan, Georgia, New Jersey, South Carolina, Alabama, California, Arkansas, Illinois and Louisiana.

## Bible Conference

Attended By 72 Delegates From This District

The Rev. Ronald H. Hull, Missionary American Sunday School Union worker has announced that 72 delegates representing Union Sunday Schools in this district attended the annual Young People's Bible Conference, which was held at the Lake Louise Conference Grounds, Toccoa, Ga., from July 16 to 23.

This Conference, under the direction of the American Sunday School Union is only one of many held each year to bring Christian leadership training to rural boys and girls throughout America. Bible study and leadership training courses, evangelistic services and supervised recreation formed a part of each days program.

Special speakers at the Lake Louise Conference this year were: R. G. LeTourneau, president of LeTourneau Company, Toccoa, Ga.; Rev. James Rich, Anniston, Ala.; and Dr. William J. Jones, Editor of publications of American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following young people from Sunday Schools in Macon county attended the Conference: Sloan's Chapel, Marguerite Smart, Lucille Hyatt, Kenneth Jacobs, R. L. Cunningham, Clyde Norton, Wallace Dills; River Bend, Joyce Jacobs, Betty Jean Tallent, Clifford Talant; Salem, Trula Mae Bryson, Betty Ann Frady, Imogene Moses, Kenneth Clark and Nancy Grant; Walnut Creek, Richard Mashburn.

## SILER REUNION TO MEET WITH MR. AND MRS. JOE SETSER

The annual Siler reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser on Cartoogechaye on Thursday, August 2. All descendants of this pioneer family are urged to attend and bring picnic lunch.

## Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hurst on Franklin route 3, on Saturday night. The public is invited to attend.

## Few Marriage License

Lake V. Shope, Register of Deeds for Macon county, said that during the past seven months of this year, he has only issued eight marriage licenses to couples marrying in Macon county, however, there have been numbers of Macon county couples who have gone to adjoining counties to get married.

## CPL. THURMAN ROGERS



Cpl. Thurman T. Rogers of Franklin, Route 2, recently spent a 24-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers and his wife, the former Miss Jane Howell of Hartwell, Ga.

Cpl. Rogers entered service April 16, 1943 and took his training at St. Petersburg, Fla. He has been stationed overseas near Alaska for the past 18 months. He is now stationed at Long Island, N. Y.

Cpl. Rogers has two brothers in service, Pfc. J. Rogers, stationed in Italy and Tommy Lee Rogers, S 1/C somewhere in the Pacific.

## Successful Revival Held At Asbury Church

The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor of the Macon Methodist circuit, has announced that a very successful week's revival meeting which was held at the Asbury Methodist church last week, closed on Saturday night. There were 15 new members added to the church roll and four additional members taken in by letter.

## Series Of Services Being Held At Maiden Chapel

A 10-days' series of revival services started on Monday night at the Maiden Chapel Methodist church on Cartoogechaye, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. V. N. Allen.

The preaching service is scheduled to begin each evening at 8:30 o'clock, and the preaching will be done by the Rev. W. T. Conner, of Asheville. There will also be a Bible school held daily in connection with the revival, and will begin each evening at 6 o'clock and continue until 8 o'clock.

The children, of all denominations in the community are urged to attend this school. The public is invited to attend these services.

## Mrs. Eula Gribble Grant Dies In Greenville

Mrs. Eula Gribble Grant, of Lake Helen, Fla., who had been spending a month with her nephew, Henry Gribble in Franklin, and other relatives in Macon county, was returning to her home by way of Greenville, S. C., for a short visit with another nephew, Leonard Grant, when she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Wednesday morning and died 30 minutes later.

Funeral services will be held at the Walhalla Methodist church, Walhalla, S. C., on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

A number of relatives in Macon county survive.

Mrs. Gribble, a native of Macon county, had been making her home in Florida for a number of years. A niece, Miss Trixie Gribble, was living with her.

## PVT. RICHARD ANGEL AT KEESLER FIELD

Pvt. Richard C. Angel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Angel Franklin, has entered the Basic Training Center at Keesler Field, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, for several weeks of recruit drill.

After a period of orientation and physical training at Kees-



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### PVT. CARROLL JACOBS ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Carroll K. Jacobs, whose wife, Mrs. Carroll K. Jacobs, lives at Franklin, is now home on furlough. While fighting with the Timberwolf Division he participated in the German campaigns.

The 104th Infantry (Timberwolf) Division was the first to travel directly from the States to France. Little more than a month after landing, the Timberwolves went into the line and remained in continuous combat for over six months. After fighting with the First Canadian Army in the successful Holland campaign which opened the port of Antwerp to Allied shipping, the Timberwolves took their place in the First Army line at Aachen. In a slashing campaign that was featured by night attacks the Division drove through the industrial Eschweiler area, then assault-boated the Roer, pushing ahead to take Cologne.

This victorious division which has never given an inch in the United States now. While here, combat, veterans will be granted furloughs and will then be given training to prepare them for further battles in the Pacific against the Japanese.

### SGT. HAROLD MCLURE AMONG ART DISCOVERERS

Sgt. Harold W. McClure, son of Mrs. Bessie McClure, of Franklin route 2, was a member of the 3rd Battalion of the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment, which discovered a vast collection of priceless art treasures that had been taken by the Germans from all over Italy and hidden in a 15th Century castle in Italy.

The 339th, part of the 85th "Custer" Division, fought as a unit of the Fifth Army.

Tank-mounted troops of the battalion entered the castle and found a number of large, sealed crates with German lettering on them.

Inspection of the crates revealed that they contained 350 pieces of art—paintings, sculptures, carvings, antiques—all properly tagged and in good condition.

There were works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Holbein and Velasquez.

### CPL. RALEIGH HOUSTON AWARDED MEDAL

Cpl. Raleigh M. Houston was recently awarded the good conduct medal. He is the husband of Mrs. Chloe Parrish Houston and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Houston, of Franklin route 3.

### CAPT. JESSE N. TESSIER BREAKS ANKLE

Captain Jesse N. Tessier, who is assistant officer at the AAF Convalescent Hospital, Bowman Field, Ky., who recently broke his ankle, is able to be up and around on crutches now. He is a veteran of 27 months in the China-Burma-India theatre, and was returned to the states this year. He is the son of Mrs. Reby Tessier, Franklin.

### T/SGT. HILLARD L. MCCALL RECEIVES DISCHARGE

T/Sgt. Hillard L. McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence McCall of Otto, has received his honorable discharge from the armed forces through the Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital, Personnel Distribution Command, Don Cesa Place, St. Petersburg, Fla., Colonel Richard E. Elvins, commanding officer, announced.

Sgt. McCall entered the army in March of 1943, serving as an engineer-gunner on a B-17 in the European Theatre of Operations. He is a veteran of 50 combat missions and is the wearer of the Soldier's Medal and Air Medal.

ler Field, he will be given instruction in the use of the gas mask and bayonet, a course in camouflage, and target practice on the rifle range. Then he will be assigned to duty or sent to one of the training command's schools for special technical training.

### RICKS EARNEST JOHNSON

Ricks Earnest Johnson, steward's mate, first class, of Route 2, Franklin, has helped transport, USS John Land" pile up an enviable record during her first year in the Pacific, carrying nearly 10,000 marines and soldiers into action in invasions from Saipan to Iwo Jima.

It was a boat from the "Land" that carried General of the Army Douglas MacArthur ashore at Leyte, where General MacArthur made his now historic "I have returned" speech to the Philippine people.

### LEDFOED, TRAMMELL, HOLLAND

Herman R. Ledford, seaman, first class, Route 3, Franklin, Wayne L. Trammell, seaman, second class, Flats, and Kerma C. Holland, seaman, second class, whose wife lives at Ellijay, all aboard the Battleship USS New York, came through the battle for Okinawa without a scratch, helping fire more than five million pounds of shells at enemy targets. This tonnage exceeds that fired by all ships combined during the invasion bombardments of Tarawa or Makin, Rio-Namur or Eniwetok.

### PFC. GWYNN WILSON RETURNS WITH 30 KRAUTS

Returning with 30 prisoners that PW guards had asked him to take to his battalion, a wireman of the Third Division's 7th Infantry had his hands full when Kraut machine gunners opened up on him and his charges.

The prisoners, their hands clasped behind their heads, were behaving, as Pfc. Gwynn Wilson of Franklin, marched them down the road, but when these Kraut guns opened up they ran for the cover of a ditch adjoining the road.

"They didn't try to take off, but some did wave white rags, trying to surrender back to their own men," said the 3rd Division man. "I fired a couple of shots over their heads and they quit waving their rags."

After sweating out the firing for a couple of hours, Pfc. Wilson finally succeeded in getting all of his prisoners to the safety of a bridge buttment, by rushing them out one and two at a time. More wiremen took charge of them as they rushed into the buttment.

"I got all 30 back to the PW cage," said the North Carolina soldier, "but I'll say 'no' next time when someone asks me to take charge of so many prisoners."

### HAROLD E. ROPER, PHM. 3/C SPENDS FURLOUGH HERE

Harold E. Roper, Phm. 3/c, who has been stationed in New York, spent a 14-day leave with his wife, the former Miss Helen DeHart, and his mother, Mrs. Hyacinth Roper at her home on Bony Crest.

### T/SGT. JAMES MARTIN PROMOTED

The Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp, Camp Hood, Tex., announced today the promotion of James W. Martin, of Franklin, to the grade of technician 4th grade. Sgt. Martin, who was raised from the grade of technician 5th grade, wears the distinctive Tank Destroyer shoulder insignie, depicting a black panther devouring a tank, the mission of this force being the destruction of enemy tanks by accurate gunfire from stealthily-occupied positions.

### BROTHERS VISIT

Sgt. Tearl F. Ashe, who recently returned from overseas service where he spent 18 months, has been home on a 30-day furlough. He reported to the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, in South Dakota, on his return.

Pfc. William C. Ashe also returned to the states recently after serving three years in the European theatre. After his furlough of 30-days he returned to Greensboro for reassignment. He was home at the same time of his brother, Sgt. Ashe. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ashe, of Franklin Route 3.

## Macon County's 1945-1946 Tax Rate Lowest In Years

T. H. Callahan Of Bryson City, Will Be Manager Of Belk's Store Here



T. H. Callahan, former clerk in the Ashbear Store here for eight years before going to Bryson City as clerk in the J. H. Coffey Department store, will be the manager of the new Belk's Department store that will open in Franklin in early August.

Mr. Callahan, who has been assistant manager at Belk's Department store in Bryson City for several years, with his wife and two children, will move to Franklin within the coming few weeks.

Mr. Callahan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Callahan, of Spindale. Mr. Callahan was former Managing Editor of the Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian for a number of years.

## Revival In Progress At Bethel Methodist Church

The series of revival services in progress at the Clark's Chapel Methodist church during the past week, came to a close Sunday with an all-day service and a bounteous picnic spread on the lawn at the noon hour, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

The Rev. L. B. Hayes was in charge of the preaching, and it is seldom that one has the opportunity to hear the old time gospel preached in its purity and power as it was brought to these people. It was a very successful meeting.

This week the Rev. Mr. Grant is in a series of services at the Bethel Methodist church, with the Rev. Thomas W. Bray, of Faith, in charge of the preaching. The Rev. Mr. Bray is an evangelistic preacher, who keeps his audience enthralled during the entire service.

The public is invited to attend these services.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Esta Lee Cabe

Mrs. Esta Lee Tippet Cabe, 23, died Monday afternoon at a Franklin hospital. She had been ill for a number of weeks.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at 1 p. m., at Cowee Baptist church, of which she was a member, with the Rev. Norman Holden officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Floyd Roper, Oscar Mason, Ernest Roper, Lyle Downs, Lee Mason and Charlie Downs. Surviving are the husband, Annis Cabe; one son, Johnnie; the parents, Henry Tippet and Pearl Lowe Tippet, all of Franklin, Route 3; two brothers, Buford Tippet of Waynesboro, Ga., and Elmer Tippet of Gastonia; and two sisters, Mrs. Ardenia Bacom of Gastonia and Mrs. Eddis Thompson of Waynesboro, Ga.

Potts Funeral directors were in charge.

## Rev. Allen To Preach

The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor of the Macon Methodist circuit, will preach at the Liberty Baptist church, in the Leatherman community, on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at the Iotia Methodist church on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend these services.

## Town Rates Show Slight Increase Over Previous Two Years

At a called meeting of the Macon county Board of County Commissioners, the budget was set for the county tax rate for the year 1945-46 at \$1.10, which is the lowest tax rate in a number of years, if it has ever been as low as it is this year, Lake V. Shope, Clerk to the Board stated Thursday.

It is probable the lowest tax rate of any county in Western North Carolina, Mr. Shope further stated. The Franklin township also had a cut in rate which leaves it at 30 cents on the \$100 valuation, and the tax rate is \$1.40, which is a large decrease over previous years.

The tax valuation is divided into the following budgets: General county, 15c; paupers, 1c; court and jails, 4c; health, 3c; welfare and social security, 12c; school current expense, 7c; school capital outlay, 18c; school debt service, 5c; county-wide debt service, 45c.

## Town Tax

The budget for the Town of Franklin is \$49,220.00, and the tax rate is 95 cents on the \$100 valuation, it has been stated by E. W. Long, town clerk, which is a slight increase over the rate for the past two years.

The valuation of town taxable property is \$1,414,117. Mr. Long stated and 27 1/2 cents of this tax rate is used for debt service and the 67 1/2 cents is for general funds. The general fund is for the general operations of maintenance of the streets and water systems.

Mr. Long stated that in a meeting the board of aldermen entered into an agreement with the Harwood Bee Be company, of Spartanburg, S. C., to make a preliminary survey investigation estimate of the cost and report and recommendation in a contemplated extension of water main and completion of the streets which were being improved at the time the WPA assistance was discontinued.

## Voice And Message Of The Late Dr. Truett To Be Broadcast

The voice and message of the late Dr. George W. Truett will be heard again in another and different series of broadcasts over Radio Station WBIG, Greensboro, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Ga. These transcribed messages were delivered during the life and ministry of the late Dr. George W. Truett in Dallas.

Mr. Lowe states further that just as Dr. Truett was unsurpassed as a preacher in the days of his activity so his transcribed messages are unsurpassed in beauty and power and heart-passion.

They can be heard in North Carolina Sunday mornings 8:30 to 9 o'clock over Radio Station WBIG, Greensboro.

Pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers and other church leaders will delight to announce this unusual privilege offered in this new series.

## Baptist Association To Meet At Holly Springs

J. Horner Stockton, moderator of the Macon County Baptist Association, has announced that the 42nd annual session will be held at the Holly Springs Baptist church on Thursday and Friday, August 9th and 10th.

All Baptist churches in Macon county are urged to have their representatives present.

## Court Of Honor To Be Held at Methodist Church

On Monday, August 6, the Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor will be held at the Franklin Methodist church, it has been announced by John F. Corbin, district advancement chairman, of Sylva. The meeting is scheduled to be held at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, District Chairman of the Smoky Mountains District Boy Scouts, will conduct the monthly committee meeting at the Jarrett Springs hotel, Dillsboro, at 7:30 o'clock on Thursday, August 9.