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## Slack Auto Parts Company Opens Branch Store Here

Complete Stock Of Parts  
And Accessories As  
Become Available

W. H. Slack, owner of the Slack Auto Company, of Gainesville, Ga., has opened a wholesale and retail branch store in the building in the rear of the A & P grocery store.

This new store will be operated by Jack Allred, also of Gainesville. He states that a little later as automobile parts become more available, they plan to carry a complete stock of automobile accessories for all makes of cars. However, at present, they have a nice supply of parts for various makes of cars.

This firm has been sending their representative to Franklin for several months, and in the near future, they plan to branch out into the various neighboring towns from this store.

## Classifications

As Announced By Local  
Service Board

The following registrants with Local Board No. 1 have been placed in I-A:

Howard Wilson Hastings, Arvel Perry Norton, Howard Dills, Lester Ralph Elliott, Mallard Graham Gibson, Roy Lee Watts, Frank Dover Hurst, Joseph Arnold Garris, Calvin Coolidge Douthitt, Robert Lee Estes Hardin Ammons Gribble.

The following men have been sent for induction:

Lee Oliver, Roy Lawrence Pendergrass, Charlie Francis Kenny, David Lee Fox, Kelly Gordon Jones, George Dewey McClure, Joseph Edgar Garland, Frank Burrell Moffitt, Rondal Conley, William Howell Justice. Lewis Curtis Billingsley was transferred from Local Board No. 2, West Palm Beach, Fla., to this county for induction. Horace Moss was inducted at Salem, S. C.

Two colored registrants, Charles Bailey Ledford and Jesse Greenwood, were also inducted.

## Mass Meeting Of B.T.U. To Be Held At Newman's

Director, Everett R. White announces a very important mass meeting of the Macon B. T. U. Association to be at Newman's Chapel Monday, August 6, at 8:30 p. m. Besides the reorganization of the associational B. T. U., there will be featured on their program an address by Miss Lysbeth Cox, an open forum period, and an inspirational closing address by Rev. W. C. Pipes.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Books Delivered to Veterans At Lake Lure

John M. Archer, Jr., chairman of the Camp and Hospital Council of the Macon County Chapter of the American Red Cross, stated that approximately 50 fiction books had been brought in for the returned veterans of war now stationed at Camp Lure. These books were immediately delivered to the boys, who deeply expressed their appreciation for the reading material which was so greatly wanted and needed.

## NOTICE

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the Postoffice, Franklin, Friday, August 3 at 9 a. m.

Wage earners who have worked on a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives or deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

In addition, persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the Act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

SGT. CARLYLE SHEPHERD



Sgt. Carlyle Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Shephard of Franklin, route 3, now of Sylva, an aerial photographer-gunner in the U. S. Army Air Forces, has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant. Air Medal and Bronze battle star winner, he is pictured in front of a straw thatched barracks in India.

His squadron, a unit of Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer's Eastern Air Command recently was commended for "outstanding performance of duty under more than hazardous conditions of battle" and for "displaying a devotion to duty and a degree of efficiency above and beyond that normally expected."

S/Sgt. Shepherd entered the army June 23, 1942 and has been overseas since June, 1944.

## Revival Meeting At Bethel Closed Tuesday

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced that the regular services will be held at the Bethel Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock at which time new members will be taken into the church.

The revival meeting, which had been in progress for a week, closed on Tuesday night. The Rev. Thomas W. Bray, of Faith, was in charge of the preaching and approximately 40 professions of faith were made, mostly all being young people who had been attending the Daily Vacation Bible school. There were 47 that received certificates from the Bible school.

There will also be preaching services on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Salem Methodist church and at the Clark's Chapel Methodist church on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Grant stated.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Anderson have returned from Atlanta, Ga., where they went on business this week.

Little Miss Patricia Tatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chace Tatham, of Robbinsville, underwent an operation at the Angel hospital on Tuesday morning for the removal of her appendix. She was reported by hospital attendants to be doing very nicely.

## Dr. Sam L. Rogers Promoted To Major

Dr. Sam L. Rogers, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Franklin, is now serving in Honolulu. He was recently promoted to Major in the Medical Air Corps. Major Rogers is the son of Mrs. Sam L. Rogers, Sr., of Franklin.

## TO ARRIVE ON QUEEN MARY THURSDAY

Two Macon county service men, were scheduled to arrive on the Queen Mary in New York Thursday. They included S/Sgt. John W. Edwards, of Franklin route 3, and Pfc. George W. Anderson, of Franklin route 1.



## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PFC. HOMER S. WOOD



Pfc. Homer S. Woods, son of Mrs. Elcie Robson, of Highlands, has been spending a 30-day furlough at home after spending 18 months of overseas duty.

Pfc. Wood entered the service May, 1942. He was a member of the Infantry Unit and of the Fourth Division while he was stationed in Germany. Pfc. Woods wears the Presidential Unit Citation, five battle stars, air Head and other metals.

## ★ LIEUT. "BOBBY" HIGDON VISITS IN FRANKLIN

Lieut. Robert T. (Bobby) Higdon, who has been in England and France for the past three months, has been returned to the United States and spent the past weekend in Franklin visiting relatives and friends. Lt. Higdon is pilot on a B-17. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higdon, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Franklin. He was accompanied to Franklin by his sister, Mrs. Alvin Todd, of Marietta, Ga., who was the former Miss Josephine Higdon.

## Revival To Begin At Carson Chapel

Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Circuit, will begin a revival meeting at Carson Chapel Methodist church next Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock.

This revival is to be held jointly by Louisa Chapel and Carson Chapel. Services are scheduled for each evening, including Sunday evening, at 8:30.

Rev. Mr. Grant is serving his first year as pastor of the five Methodist churches which comprise the Franklin Circuit. He and his family transferred to Franklin from Faith, N. C.

SEAMAN I/C LOGAN ALLEN



Seaman First Class Logan Allen, who volunteered into the Navy on October 1, was here recently on a leave with his mother, Mrs. Logan Allen, at her home on East Main street.

Seaman Allen, who has completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., was then sent to Norfolk, Va., for further advanced training before being sent to New York, where he is now stationed.

He is a graduate of the Franklin high school in the class of 1943 and attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, for one year. He was one of the outstanding members of the Future Farmers of America.

## Civil Service Representative To Be In Franklin Aug. 8, 9

A civil service representative will be at the United States Employment Office, Franklin, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 8 and 9 to interview persons interested in appointments to ASF jobs in Washington.

Qualifications include a minimum age of 17 1/2 years with a written consent of their parents or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years old. A high school education is necessary, and Civil Service tests must be passed. The War Department pays first class rail transportation to Washington, and the Army Service Forces guarantee housing facilities.

Anyone desiring further information, call at the Post Office or United States Employment Service Office for appointments for jobs.

## Petition Filed With County Board For New Courthouse

LT. FRANK M. HIGDON, JR.



## FRANK HIGDON REPORTED DEAD

Pilot Of P-38 Has Been  
Missing In Action  
For Year

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Higdon, Sr., of Franklin, have had a letter from the Adjutant General's office, stating that following a year of uncertainty surrounding the absence of their son, First Lieutenant Frank M. Higdon, Jr., he has been presumably pronounced dead by the war department.

Lieut. Higdon, who was flying a P-38, was on a bombing mission over Hungary when he was last seen on July 14, 1944, and was on his 26th mission. After a year of searching the war department stated that they had no further information in regard to him, that the last time he was seen by his crew members, he was diving into a bunch of enemy fighters.

The letter further stated, "that full consideration was being given to all available information bearing on the absence of their son, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully viewed and considered. In view of the fact that 12 months have now passed without the receipt of evidence to support the continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death."

The air medal with two oak leaf clusters had previously been received in a ceremony in Asheville in February of this year for "his exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat missions over enemy territory. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers and enlisted men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States," the citation stated.

Lieut. Higdon entered the armed forces in February 1943 and took his basic training at Maxwell Park, Ala., and at Avon Park, Fla. He was then returned to Gunner Field, Ala., for further advanced training, and was later sent to Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga., where he received his wings and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant on July 12 before he was reported missing on July 14. His squadron holds the Presidential citation.

Lieut. Higdon was a graduate of the Franklin high school and was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority prior to entering the armed forces. He was married to Miss Ruth Higgins, of Franklin, on February 4, 1944. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higdon.

## Revival Meeting To Be Held At Mulberry

On Monday, August 6, a series of revival services will begin at the Mulberry Methodist church between Otto and the North Carolina-Georgia line, and continue for about 10 days. It has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. V. N. Allen.

The Rev. W. T. Conner, of Asheville, will assist the pastor in the preaching, and services are scheduled to be held each evening at 8 o'clock. A Daily

## Sets Fourth Old Building Inadequate For All Departments

A petition has been filed with the Macon County Commissioners by J. Horner Stockton on behalf of all the Macon county people similarly interested with petitioner in its subject of a new courthouse for Macon county, and in support thereof, it is shown.

In the petition it is claimed that Macon county is sorely in need of a courthouse and should build one on a non-partisan basis at the earliest date possible. The present one does not reflect the character and quality of our people. The building should be of such size and construction as will make it adequate to house all business, departments and agencies of the county government.

It is further pointed out that Macon county should have constructed a new courthouse several years ago when the Federal Government would have paid more than half the cost, which was advocated by Mr. Stockton.

Mr. Stockton points out that the vaults in which the records are kept are too small and inadequate, and that it is very difficult to examine titles and other records and transact business with the necessary and desired degree of efficiency and accuracy, and in this connection, he suggests that most all indexes should be revised very carefully.

The recorded titles to the thousands of parcels and tracts of land in Macon county, are the most valuable things in the courthouse, and affects the greatest number of people, Mr. Stockton stated, and that he does not believe they are safe from fire in the present building.

Mr. Stockton stated that he would always oppose any debt on the county that would burden its people, as the county had had an experience of this nature some years ago. However, he feels that by good sound business and by cutting all unnecessary expenses, a new courthouse could be built without burdening the people, and that it could be paid for within five years without raising the tax rate one cent over the 1944 rate of \$1.20. This tax rate is very reasonable, he stated, and the lowest in Western North Carolina, with possibly one or two exceptions.

A suggestion by Mr. Stockton is that the county borrow the money while it can be obtained at a very low interest rate, possibly two per cent, and invest it in Government Bonds until we are ready to build the courthouse. In doing this, the interest received would offset that payable until ready for building. In the meantime create as much reserve as possible.

Equalize the taxable valuation of all property according to its true value and earning ability, and the increase in valuation over 1944 will pay for a courthouse in five years at the 1944 tax rate, Mr. Stockton stated. Practice the strictest economy conducive to good business and Government, and when we do build, do it with men who qualify as builders and not as politicians, he pointed out.

The county owns a valuable piece of property on Main street that should be sold if a courthouse is not to be built upon it. It has been owned for several years and is a liability in its present state.

Mr. Stockton in his petition urges the commissioners to give this matter prompt attention and take such steps as are proper to the end that we get a new courthouse at the earliest date possible.

## Presbyterian Services

Dr. C. R. McCubbins, Minister  
Franklin:

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching, 11 a. m.

Morrison:

Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

Preaching, 3:30 p. m.

Young people met on Thursday, 8:15 p. m.

Vacation Bible school will also be held in connection with the revival. The public is invited to attend.

## Pfc. Boyd Collier Captures German Flag



Pfc. Boyd Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Collier, of Franklin Route 1, and husband of the former Miss Ida Scroggs, also of this county, was the only member of 10 of his outfit that took down the German flag, and came out unscratched.

Pfc. Collier, and one buddy who was seriously injured, are the only ones to tell of the capture of the German flag taken out of the Bank in a town in Germany. It was left up to Collier to get it. There were 20 Germans in the building when the boys entered but when they left there wasn't a one that would ever harm another American.

For four days and nights, Pfc. Collier fought without a bite of food in order to get the flag he was after. He was with the Third Army. The flag which was sent to his wife, has been on display in Franklin. It is made of a lovely and expensive grade of linen.

The picture of the flag is the one taken by Pfc. Collier.

