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Russia Declares War On Japan

Scientists Unlock Unknown Atomic Bomb

Soviets Join English And American Forces To Defeat Japanese

Truman And Molotov Announce Russian Entrance

With Russia joining English and American forces to defeat the Japs, it looks now that the Nips will soon be blasted to smithereens unless they come to their senses and completely surrender to the Allies.

The Soviets have opened combined air and ground attack upon Japan says the Tokio radio, against Japanese forces stationed on the Eastern Soviet Manchuko border.

The help of the Soviet armies is welcomed by Britain and they predict the action of the Russians should "shorten the war."

From Moscow has come the statement that Russia is seeking to hasten world peace, which of course is the objective of all our allied forces.

The Japs have been forewarned of destruction of their war plants, factories, and homes, unless they cease to struggle against overwhelming odds in the air on the high seas and on the land.

Hasten the day of world peace is the theme of those joining arms to defeat the Japs, which it is hoped will not take too long.

John Wylie Angel

Drowned In River Near Franklin

John Wylie Angel, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Angel, of the River Bend section of Macon county, three miles from Franklin, was drowned in the Little Tennessee River about 100 yards below the town bridge about noon on Friday of the past week.

Young Angel and three of his cousins, Jack, Homer and Jimmy Angel, had gone to the river to swim, and John being unable to swim very well, was wading around when he stepped into a hole approximately nine feet deep. He came to the surface one time, threw up his hand and went down again. No one present being able to dive, and by the time help had reached the scene and recovered the body, he was pronounced dead by doctors who administered artificial respiration.

The body was recovered by Bernard Dills and the hole in which he went down was near the cement block plant that is being operated by W. A. Hays, of Highlands.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. W. C. Pipes, pastor, officiated, and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, and five sisters, Lois, Frankie, Linda, Marie, Neil and Annie Belle Angel, all of Franklin.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Sister Of Mrs. John H. Thomas Passes Friday

Mrs. John H. Thomas received a message on Friday that her sister, Mrs. Ida Marie Turpen, 68, had died at her home in Clarksville, Ga., shortly before noon on Friday morning following a lengthy illness of several months.

Mrs. Turpen, the former Miss Ida Marie Scroggs, was born in Macon county on November 27, 1877. She was a member of the Clarksville Methodist church and had always taken an active interest in church work. She had resided in Clarksville, Ga., for the past four years.

Mrs. Thomas and a brother, Ed Scroggs, of Franklin, are the survivors in Macon county.

Final Rites Held For James Bascom Collins

James Bascom (Baz) Collins, 86, a farmer of the Iotla community and a well-known citizen of Macon county, died in the Angel hospital here on Sunday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock following an illness of several months, although he had only been in the hospital for a few days.

A native of Maryville, Tenn., Mr. Collins had spent the most of his life in Macon county. He was born on April 1, 1859. He had been married three times. The first marriage was to Miss Jennie Cunningham and following her death he was married to Miss India Sellers, and the third marriage was to Miss Arie Morrison, all of Macon county. He was a member of the Iotla Methodist church.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Iotla Methodist church, with the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers included J. E. Myers, W. R. Mason, Robert Bennett, E. B. Duvall, W. T. Tippet and W. T. Moore.

Surviving are, one son, C. Ed Collins, of Portland, Ore., four grandchildren, Harry and Pauline Campbell, of Charlotte, Winifred Collins and Robert Cunningham, in Western States, one foster daughter, Mrs. Edna Raby Guthrey, Lawrenceville, Ga., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Potts funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Revival Meeting

To Be Held At Friendship Tabernacle

A union revival meeting sponsored by the churches of all denominations in Macon county is to be held at the Friendship Tabernacle at Franklin, August 26-September 9, it was announced this week by Rev. D. P. Grant, chairman of the Tabernacle committee.

"In keeping with the trend in modern American life," Mr. Grant said, "the churches of various denominations are gladly participating in this joint effort to win people to the Christian faith."

"Ministers from the different denominations in the county are being invited to do the preaching," Mr. Grant said. "It is the desire of the Tabernacle Committee that no doctrinal sermons be preached, so that the people of various faiths may feel free to participate in each service."

In so far as possible all the churches of the county are urged to leave these two weeks open for this joint evangelistic effort. Their choirs are invited to help with the special music which is to be rendered at each hour of worship.

B. L. McGlamery, secretary of the Friendship Tabernacle Committee, is now notifying the different committees of their responsibilities. A list of these committees, together with the schedule of preaching, is to be published next week.

CPL. CARL W. COX VISITS IN FRANKLIN

Cpl. Carl H. Cox is visiting friends in Franklin while on leave. Cpl. Cox has been in service in the Pacific for 15 months. He was in the Forest Service at Coweta Experimental Forest station for several years before joining the Marine Aviation Corps.

Cpl. Cox has service ribbons covering participation in American theatre, Asiatic theatre and Pacific theatre. Also Philippine liberation, as well as Navy Unit citation.

LIEUT. VAN BUREN CARTER



Van Buren Carter

Reported Dead; Missing In Action More Than Year

Lieut. (j.g.) Van Buren Carter, USNR, pilot on Hell Cat Fighter plane, and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Weaver Carter, of the West's Mill section of Macon county, who was previously reported as missing in action on June 19, 1944, by the navy department, and following a year of uncertainty surrounding his absence, he has been presumably pronounced dead by the war department.

Lieut. Carter attended the Franklin high school and Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. He owned and operated a photography studio in Franklin before he went to California where he attended the University of California.

He joined the Naval Air Corps in June 1941, and received his wings at Pensacola, Fla., following training at various bases. For two years he served as instructor. At the time he was reported missing in battle of Iapan, he was flying a Hell Cat fighter-plane.

CPL. JAMES B. SHOOK



Cpl. James B. Shook, a brother of Mrs. Dock Rogers, of Highlands, is spending a 30-day furlough with relatives and friends in Highlands. He was recently returned to the States after spending 19 months in Northern Ireland, France, Luxembourg, Germany with the field artillery.

Cpl. Shook is wearing four battle stars. He entered the armed forces on February 11, 1942. Following his furlough he will report to Fort Bragg for further assignments.

St. John's High School

The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, Superintendent of St. John's School, Waynesville, in reply to numerous inquiries in regard to the closing of the school, states that the continuance of the parochial high school remaining open has been made possible owing to the generous donations of all the teachers' salaries by the Rev. Mother Mary Bartholomew, Superior-General of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. John's School is accredited with the North Carolina State Board of Education.

PVT. JAMES H. BROWN



Pvt. James H. Brown, who has spent 21 months in overseas service, recently spent a 30-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. F. E. Brown at her home on West Main street. Pvt. Brown landed in England in October 1943 and served with the 604th Engineer's Unit while in England and later in France. He was then transferred to the 95th infantry division. Following his furlough, he reported to Camp Shelby, Miss., on August 3.

MAJOR WINTON PERRY HERE ON 30-DAY FURLOUGH

Major Winton Perry has arrived in Franklin from the European theatre for a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Perry, after which he will be sent to La Juntas, Colo., for several months.

Major Perry flies a P-47 and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 17 Oak Leaf Clusters and six battle stars.

Prior to entering the armed forces, Major Perry was an employee of the Nantahala Power and Light company, Franklin. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Franklin Resident

Found Dead In Barn Last Saturday Afternoon

James W. Cunningham, 64 a Franklin resident who lived near the Macon county prison camp, was found dead on Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock by his two daughters, Mrs. Carey Patton and Mrs. Hazel Hynton, both of Franklin.

Mr. Cunningham, who had been in ill health for more than a year, became despondant over his condition and ended his life by hanging himself, according to a report made by J. P. Bradley, sheriff of Macon county and Walter Dean, deputy sheriff, following a coroners inquest held by George Wallace, coronor.

The officers reported that Mr. Cunningham was found in a barn near his home with a pair of ladies' hose twisted together, tied around his neck and tied to a short rope which was tied to a joist of the barn. While he was not in a hanging position, death was reported as strangulation.

The coroners jury consisted of Vivian Crawford, John Clark, Fred Tallent, James Gray, Arthur Ray and C. M. Dills.

Dr. Edgar Angel, who was called to the scene, stated that it was apparently suicide, and that he would attribute it to ill health, as he had on previous occasions treated him and that he was in an incurable condition.

Mr. Cunningham, a life-long resident of Macon county except for four years spent in Buncombe county, was a son of the late Will Cunningham and Ellen Cansler Cunningham. He was a member of the Iotla Methodist church. On November 1, 1903, he was married to Miss Willise Jones, of Buncombe county.

Funeral services were held at

Havoc Wrought Upon Japs By Use Of New Bombs.

Silers Hold 94th Annual Reunion

The 94th annual meeting of the Siler family was held on the regular day, the first Thursday in August, this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser in the Cartoogechaye section of Macon county, six miles from Franklin.

There were 130 members of the family present and seven visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Daniels and son and daughter James and Hope, were present from New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Setser's son, George, a lieutenant in the air force was killed in Italy, May 2 of this year. Their son, Tom, a staff sergeant in the air force, was missing in action a few weeks before V-E day. He reported a few days after the surrender that he had been taken care of by the Dutch underground. He is at home on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Setser's oldest son, Mac, a lieutenant in the Marines, was also home on leave from San Diego, where he is now stationed. He returned to the States in September 1944 after 27 months in the Pacific.

After the dinner, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Carl Slagle. Neville Sloan acted as Secretary, in the absence of Jim Gray, of Washington, D. C., who was unable to be present. The obituary committee made their report and the outlook committee reported marriages and births since last meeting; graduations and any outstanding achievements of members of the family. The flag committee made a report of 111 in service and of that number only three gold stars were reported. One Harry Higgins, Jr., great-great-grandson of William Siler, Harold Sloan, Jr., great-great-grandson of Jesse Siler, and George Setser, great-great-grandson of Jacob Siler have been killed. These are three of the four original brothers who were the first white men to come to Macon and settle among the Cherokee Indians.

There were five ministers present, two of them members of the family, the Rev. Rufus Morgan being a great-grandson of William Siler, and Robert Jerome, having married Jean Porter, a great-great-granddaughter of William Siler. The other ministers who attended with their wives were Rev. S. R. Crockett and Mrs. Crockett of Hazelwood, Rev. J. H. McCubbins and Mrs. McCubbins of the Franklin Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt and Mrs. Huneycutt of the Franklin Methodist church.

There were no new officers elected and no new committees named. The meeting next year will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slagle on Cartoogechaye.

Gilmer A. Jones

Heads N. C. Symphony Drive In Macon

Gilmer A. Jones, Franklin, has been appointed Chairman of the Macon County campaign for the Fund for the State Symphony Orchestra. The appointment was made by James G. K. McClure, Western North Carolina District Chairman. Governor Gregg Cherry, ex-officio, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Symphony Society, has approved the plan of the Society to embark upon an expansion program, and for this purpose to seek contributions from the citizens of the State with which to establish a substantial Symphony Fund. The Orchestra, after playing 200 concerts in the communities of North Carolina, was recognized as the Official State Orchestra by the

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Great Damage Admitted By Nips; May Soon Surrender

Most destructive of all war weapons—the Atomic bomb—will soon bring the Japs to their knees in full surrender.

It is also believed that one bomb cast in the center of Hiroshima completely destroyed the city.

The turning lose of this heretofore undiscovered Atom-bomb of almost unbelievable power upon our common enemy might bring the war to an early ending in our favor.

The use of this great unknown power of Atomic is unlocked by scientists for better or for worse, for the improvement of mankind's condition and pleasure, or maybe his complete destruction, only the future use of Atomic force may reveal its benefits to mankind or vast destructive power upon civilization.

Sooner or later, the use of Atomic force will no doubt revolutionize our commercial world when harnessed to fit the needs of necessary energy to operate every conceivable kind of machinery or equipment.

After the war it is said that the heating of homes, the operation of airplanes, automobiles, trains, etc., with an engine no larger than a pack of cigarettes may be possible with this newly discovered energy.

With whatever force or power this newest discovery has in store for all of us, we trust our scientists and leaders will wisely and sensibly make prayerful use of this great power for the benefit of the universe.

Classifications

As Announced By Local Service Board

The following men were placed in class I-A by the Local Board:

George McPherson Slagle, Elijah Grant, Carl Bernard Curtiss, Carl Truitt Brendle, Oscar Lafayette Wilburn, and James Robert Mason.

The following men were sent for induction and accepted:

George Dewey McClure and Kelly Gordon Jones.

The following men were honorably discharged from the army and are now in this county:

Thomas Loyd Raborn, Gerald Wryley Holt, Coleman Marshal Reese, William George Berry, Tommy Lee Cabe, Blain George Moffitt, Ralph Frank Cabe, Lawrence Elliott, Max Vanhook, Charles Tilman Dalton, Robert L. McGaha, Roy Jackson Setser, and Ben Lee Mashburn.

Charles T. Thomas Dies In Seattle

John H. Thomas, of Iotla street, Franklin, received a telegram on Monday morning from Seattle, Wash., stating that his brother, Charles T. Thomas had died at his home in Seattle on Monday following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Thomas, a native of Macon county, went to the western states in 1911, and for the past six years had been an employee in the postoffice. Prior to that he was employed in the timber business in Washington.

Surviving are the widow and one daughter, of Seattle, three brothers, John H. Thomas, of Franklin, Meeks Thomas, of Marysville, Wash., and Sam Thomas, of Seattle, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. George Bryson, of Sedro Woolley, Wash., and Mrs. S. C. Watkins, of Daytona Beach, Fla.

A new bulletin on selecting a farm has been prepared by the State College Extension Service and is ready for distribution to North Carolina citizens.

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