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### United War Fund Drive Lagging In Macon County

#### Total Of \$1211 Collected; Highlands Reports More Than Half This Sum

The middle of next week will see the termination of the United War Fund drive in Macon county, and unless generous contributions are made on or before the closing date, November 8, it looks as if our county will register its first failure—and a bad one at that—in the various war drives.

Although follow up letters were sent October 22 to all solicitors less than ten per cent had made any report on a reply postal by the end of the past week. The total tabulated on Monday revealed that only \$1211 had been collected. The best report came from Highlands which reported \$576, or more than one-half of that from all sections of the county. An intensive drive will be made in Highlands this weekend in an effort to raise its total to \$1,000, or one-fourth of the quota for the county.

The poor showing is not a credit to any community and makes it evident that the majority of the citizens, and perhaps some of the solicitors, have lost all interest since the war is over. Yet it is not over for more than three million of our boys still overseas until they are mustered out back home. Nor is it over for the millions of war-ravaged people who are facing a grim winter of starvation—a continuing battle against poverty and disease.

As stated in previous issues this is the final War Fund drive and the national goal of \$115,000,000 is designed to cover USO, and all combined relief work from October 1, 1945 to December 31, 1946. More than half of the sum will be allotted to the USO and United Seamen's Services, and to quote Fibber McGee and Molly: "We gave them a warm hand when they left; we must not give them a cold shoulder now."

### Miss Lassie Kelly Named On Reception Group

Miss Lassie Kelly has been appointed to serve on the state-wide reception committee for the get-together meeting of the state senate in Statesville November 1 and 2, at which time President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of Treasury Fred M. Vinson and Secretary of War Robert Patterson, are scheduled to address the members of the senate and the general public.

### Supper And Cake Walk At Cowee Schoolhouse

A miscellaneous supper, box supper and cake walk will be held at the Cowee schoolhouse on Saturday night, November 3. Also special string music throughout the evening. Proceeds to be used for school cafeteria. Public invited and a good time in store for everybody.

### Macon Representative Appointed On Committee

Wayne R. McCracken, Representative from Macon county in the General Assembly, has been appointed as a member of the state-wide Marshal's Committee for the get-together meeting of the North Carolina State Senate in Statesville on Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2, at which time President Harry S. Truman, secretary of Treasury, Fred M. Vinson, and secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, will address the members of the State Senate and the general public.

Mr. McCracken, of Franklin Route 4, at present holds a very responsible position with the Pure Oil Company, with headquarters in Waynesville. He spent the weekend with his family and announced that he plans to move his family to Waynesville in the near future.

### Presbyterian Services

Franklin: Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m.  
Morrison: Sunday School, 2:15 p. m. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays, 3:15 p. m.

HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE WAR FUND?

### Final Rites Held For Mrs. Martha Gibson, 70

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Gibson, 70, were held at the Oak Grove Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. C. C. Welch, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson, a native of Jackson county, died at the home of her son, Novia Gibson, in the Oak Grove section of Macon county on Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock, following an illness of seven months.

Mrs. Gibson was born on November 5, 1874, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Parker. She had resided in Macon county most of her life except for about 15 years she lived at Bayboro with her daughter. She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church and was married to B. G. Gibson, who preceded her in death about 10 years ago.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Lillie Barker, and two sons, Novia Gibson, Oak Grove, and William G. Gibson, Leatherman, three sisters, Mrs. Jack Houston, Franklin Route 3, Misses Della and Carolyn Parker, Asheville, and four brothers, Booth and Will Parker, Canton; Jim of Asheville and Shaw Parker, Old Fort. Also 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bryant Funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

### Farmers Urged

#### To Use Materials Under 1945 Program Before December 31st

With the end of the 1945 Program Year just two months off, Robert Fulton, Chairman, Macon County AAA Committee, urges all farmers who have obtained conservation materials under the 1945 Program to exercise every possible effort to use these materials in accordance with good farming practices before the deadline, December 31.

Upon using all materials, a report should be made at the Macon County AAA Office by the farm operator. "If all the farm allowance has not been taken up in conservation materials and producers are eligible to receive payments, applications for payment may be signed at the same time," he explained.

The Triple-A chairman also urges producers having 1944 conservation materials transferred to the 1945 program to make proper use of it in order to obtain full credit and avoid a double deduction of the value of the materials.

### Hunters Return With Five Bucks

A hunting party of five Dallas and Falls City, Ore. men returned Wednesday morning with five bucks and a coyote. They hunted in the Abert Rim district northeast of Lakeview and found luck good. The results were: Walter Smith, Falls City, 3-point; Ralph Crisp, R. 2, Dallas, 3-point; Lee Hughes, Dallas, 5-point; Stanley Henry Dallas, 4-point; and Clifford Neal, Falls City, 4-point. Weather was clear and hot during the trip. They went in last Thursday and left for home Tuesday night.

Mr. Crisp, one of the five men mentioned in the above story, is a former Macon county man, who still enjoys hunting wherever he goes.

### PVT. CHARLES R. KEENER

Pvt. Charles R. Keener, Army, son of Mrs. W. D. Keener, of Franklin, was among recent guests at the United Nations Service Center on Union Station Plaza, Washington, D. C.

### Health Clinic To Be Held November 5th

The regular Health Clinic for Franklin and vicinity will be held the first Monday, November 5, from 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. at the Macon County Health Department office. Services offered include infant and maternal welfare pre-school children, maternal hygiene, and immunizations.

### War Bond Workers

The women of Franklin and Macon county are asked to meet at the Agricultural Building at 8 o'clock on Monday evening of November 5, to plan for their part of the Victory Loan Drive. All former workers will be needed and many new ones for this last and mighty Bond Drive.

Come and do your part!  
Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, Chairman  
Mrs. B. L. McClamery, Vice-Chairman.

### JOHN GIBSON MURRAY



John Gibson Murray, 22, aviation machinist's mate 2/c USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, of Franklin, has just returned to the States after a combat patrol as a gunner with Torpedo Squadron 86 based on the carrier USS Wasp. He flew on five missions against the Japs.

Seaman Murray has two brothers in the Navy.

### New Chevrolet

#### Expected To Be Displayed At An Early Date

W. C. Burrell, Chevrolet Dealer at Franklin, returned from Atlanta where he attended a preview of the new 1946 Chevrolet at the company's zone headquarters.

He was reluctant to discuss the mechanical and style features of the new car, but by his eager attitude it was apparent that he expected the formal announcement and public showing of the car to be at an early date.

Mr. Burrell said he and other dealers in the area were confident that the 1946 Chevrolet will maintain the record of top volume sales, which Chevrolet reached in 10 of the last 11 prewar years of automobile production, to meet the unprecedented pent-up demand for new cars.

Following the same policy as in former years, the new Chevrolet will be displayed simultaneously in dealers' showrooms throughout the country, Mr. Burrell said.

Radio and local newspaper announcements will be made, telling when prospective customers may see the new car for the first time. These announcements are expected to be good news to motorists and to dealers alike.

Throughout the war period, car owners have been forced to get along with their old automobiles. At the same time dealers have expended every effort to service these cars, and to keep them rolling for the duration.

Mr. Burrell stressed car care, with the warning that motorists should not expect the 1946 Chevrolet to be available in great quantities immediately. The supply to dealers will increase as production in the Chevrolet plants permits.

### RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Victor H. Smith, of Highlands has received an honorable discharge from the Army and has returned to his home.

He was a Pfc. with the Infantry and was discharged at Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Ga.

### RELEASED FROM SERVICE

First Lieut. Jack S. Tessier was released from service with the United States Army Air Forces Oct. 19 at Drew Field Separation Station.

Lieut. Tessier is the son of Mrs. Reby Tessier of Franklin. He entered the service in February 1943 and received his commission in March 1944.

### Halloween Party

#### Brings Otto School Total Sum Of \$590.00

James J. Mann, principal of the Otto school, has announced that from the box supper, cake walk and dance at Otto Saturday night, a total of \$590 was realized, which will be used for the school cafeteria.

Mr. Mann stated that already an electric stove had been placed in the building and that other equipment would be purchased just as fast as available.

Mrs. Onnie Cabe, teacher in the second grade room at Otto, and her students recently had a rummage sale, and made \$46.92, which is being used to buy mimeograph and stencils, work books, crayons and paper for their room, and have a sum of more than \$10 in the treasury.

The Otto teachers and community are grateful to the patrons of the school and to the visitors who attended the entertainment on Saturday night and helped so generously toward raising funds for fitting the school cafeteria which is needed so badly for the children.

### Steady Growth Of Sunday School Noted

The Sunday school at Highlands Baptist church has shown a steady growth recently, the average being 95 during the past month. The men's class, under the leadership of W. A. Hays, teacher, has had an average attendance of 21, and it is hoped to build it up to 30.

Eugene Potts is president of the class; S. C. Russell, vice-president; A. B. Potts, secretary, and Wade Sutton treasurer.

Sunday school officers and teachers for the year are, Superintendent, S. C. Russell; assistant superintendent, J. W. Reese; secretary-treasurer, Clarence Mungler and Miss Sue Hicks; pianists, Mrs. W. A. Hays and Mrs. J. L. Hicks; teachers, Mrs. Tom Gibson, beginners; Miss Doris Potts, primary; Mrs. Louise Beale, Juniors; Mrs. J. L. Hicks, intermediates; Carlton Cleaveland, young people; Mrs. W. A. Hays, ladies; W. A. Hays, men; Mrs. A. B. Potts, Mrs. Joe Baty, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walden, general and substitute teachers.

A nursery cradle roll room has been equipped and is in operation in the basement during the morning church service.

The Parsonage at the Baptist church was moved to its new location last week and work is now in progress for the extension of the central heating system from the church to the parsonage. An addition to the rear of the building is planned, which will provide a larger kitchen with the underneath space to be used as a garage and cellar.

### Thanksgiving Offering For Oxford Orphanage

Each year, at Thanksgiving time, the Orphanages of North Carolina attempt to raise funds to carry on the work of providing for helpless boys and girls of our state, and are again asking the charitable citizens of this section to send their offerings in before Thanksgiving if possible.

You need not be told of the wonderful work accomplished by Oxford Orphanage during the past 73 years in rearing and educating homeless children.

This Orphanage certainly deserves the good will and financial help from every sympathizer in our state.

Send contributions to Oxford Orphanage, C. K. Proctor, Supt., Oxford N. C.

### St. John's Catholic Church Schedule Of Masses

Waynesville, every Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Andrews, 5th Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Bryson City, 1st Sunday, 8 a. m.  
Canton, 5th Sunday, 8 a. m.  
Cherokee, 3rd Sunday, 8 a. m.  
Cullowhee, 3rd Sunday, 7:30 a. m.  
Franklin, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 8 a. m.  
Murphy, 5th Sunday, 8 a. m.  
Sylva, 1st Sunday, 8 a. m.  
Welch Cove, 1st Sunday (C. S. T.) 11 a. m.

"Every Member, a Bond in November" is the slogan of the more than 90,000 4-H club members of North Carolina.

### Prospects Good For National Industry Locating Plant Here

#### Mrs. Blackburn Wilson, 88, Passes At Home In Washington, D. C.

News has been received in Franklin of the death of Mrs. Blackburn W. Wilson, 88, in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of the past week.

Funeral services were held at Rock Hill, S. C., on Saturday and interment followed in York, S. C.

Surviving are nine children, 30 grandchildren, and 13 or more great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson was the mother of the late Mrs. J. W. Canteley Johnson, Editor of the Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, and will be remembered here by friends who met her while she was visiting her daughter here in 1940.

### Legion Auxiliary

#### Has Outstanding Record Through Past Year

The American Legion Auxiliary, Macon County Post No. 108, which meets once each month, has been active in civic and public activities throughout the past year. The membership of this organization is comprised of the wives, mothers and sisters of the veterans who participated in the wars of this country.

A few of the outstanding contributions which the organization has given the past year are: Baskets of food last Christmas to needy families of Macon county, 118 Christmas gift packages wrapped and sent to the boys at Moore General Hospital, cookies, cakes and sweaters sent to the boys at Oteen Hospital. From the organization's funds, gifts of money were sent to hospitals for educational work, hospital libraries and a three fold program for rehabilitation. The Macon County post was the first in the state to send a contribution for the purchase of records to be used in war zones. Gifts were made to the American Red Cross and United War Fund, and members gave their time helping with the bond drives.

One of the outstanding contributions which has caused more public comment than any other are the wooden crosses on Rankin Square erected for memorial day in honor of our dead heroes.

The Poppy Day sale was a complete success and the people of Franklin vicinity and Highlands responded nobly. It can well be added here that the money received from the poppy sale is used for the relief of children and families of deceased and disable veterans an for rehabilitation work.

Plans are being made to send gifts to the boys at various hospitals again this year.

### Red Cross Organization

#### To Sell Bonds In Bank

Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, chairman of the Woman's Division of the Macon county Victory War Loan Drive, has announced that the Red Cross organization will be in charge of the booth in the Bank of Franklin on Saturday morning, and will be under the supervision of Mrs. Allan Brooks, chairman. Others working Saturday will be Mrs. John M. Archer, Mrs. E. J. Carpenter and Mrs. Mac Ray Whitaker.

Henry W. Cabe, head of the county organization, with Gilmer A. Jones as co-chairman, have announced that the quota given to Macon county in this final campaign was \$159,000.00, and that the "E" bond quota was \$101,000.00.

This is known as the "Victory Loan" drive and is one of the most important of the eight drives because the Government is asking for the citizens to buy extra bonds on account of war bills unpaid, and billions of extra dollars will be needed to bring our men and women in uniforms home.

Workers will be in the Bank of Franklin each Saturday to urge you to buy bonds and more bonds, so buy while you can.

HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE WAR FUND?

### Favorable Out Come Of Labor Survey Most Important Factor

Elsewhere in this paper is an announcement concerning the possibility of a nationally known industry locating a plant in the town of Franklin. This announcement is in connection with a survey of the available labor in and around Franklin, and it is urged that every girl or woman interested in working in a plant such as described in this announcement take advantage of this opportunity by visiting one of the registration places between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., Monday, November 5, and register with the representative there.

Recently representatives of the town of Franklin, the Lions and Rotary Clubs were invited to visit a plant owned and operated by this Company elsewhere, and reports from these men are very encouraging.

The management of the plant visited by these men made it very plain that his Company had not definitely decided to locate a plant in Franklin and did not want the people here to get any idea that it had. However, if there is an available labor supply and a suitable site for the plant, then Franklin stands as good a chance for the plant as any other location.

The main solution now is whether or not enough people want to work in the plant if it comes here, and that can only be answered by the number of people who register on Monday, November 5. If we do not have the labor available, we have no chance for the plant.

### Organ Concert Given By S/Sgt. James B. Porter

S/Sgt. James B. Porter, son of Postmaster and Mrs. T. W. Porter, of Franklin, was honorably discharged from the Army at Camp New Castle, Wilmington, Del., on October 10. Sgt. Porter had been stationed there as Chaplain's assistant in charge of music, since his return from Alaska in May of this year. He had been stationed with the Army Air Base at Fort Ladd, Fairbanks, Alaska for 33 months previous to his return to the States. He has returned to his home in Dayton, Ohio where he is engaged in a music publishing company. He recently visited his parents in Franklin on a short furlough prior to his discharge, and while here he gave an organ concert in the Methodist church to an appreciative audience.

His program was as follows: Chorale Preludes by J. S. Bach, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring; In Dulce Jubilo; Mystical Adoration; All Men Must Die; and They Who Trust in God. Allegro from 1st Trio Sonata by J. S. Bach; Ave Maria by Schubert; Antiphones by Dupre, "I Am Black But Comely, Ye Daughters of Jerusalem", and Magnificat, Verse V. Finlandia, by Sibelius. Bell Prelude by Cloxey.

Sgt. Porter's musical ability is well known in Franklin, his having taught music here for a number of years and was organist at the Methodist church.

At the conclusion of his concert, a free-will offering was taken at the suggestion of the pastor. The receipts were immediately donated by Mr. Porter to the Organ Fund of the church.

Lt. RICHARD R. JOHNSON RECEIVES DISCHARGE  
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