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VICTORY BOND SALES EXCEED COUNTY QUOTA

106 Per Cent Of 'E' Quota Bought; Total Sales Are \$249,688

In the recent Victory Loan campaign, Macon county exceeded both its overall quota and its "E" bond quota, Henry W. Cabe, county chairman, announced this week.

Figures received by Mr. Cabe from the Federal Reserve bank in Richmond show that total Victory bond sales in this county amounted to \$249,688.25.

This was \$90,688 over the \$159,000 quota. Put in terms of percentage, the county's total bond purchases were 156 per cent of the quota.

The "E" bond quota was \$101,000, and the county's "E" bond purchases amounted to 106 per cent of that quota.

Will Hold Sunday School Plan Meet Here On Tuesday

The churches of the Southern Baptist convention will hold simultaneous Sunday school plan meetings on January 22, and the Macon county meeting set for 7 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Franklin Baptist church, it has been announced.

Every Sunday school officer in each Baptist church is being urged to attend this meeting to plan for the forward program of the county's Sunday schools in 1946.

Frank Baldwin Given Discharge From Navy

Frank Baldwin, aviation machinist's mate second class, of Flats, has been given his honorable discharge from the navy, according to an announcement received here.

Mr. Baldwin, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Baldwin, has served 31 months in the navy.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
J. H. Rhea, of Sylva, has been in Macon county on business during the past week. He now reads the Press in weekly doses.

W. C. Allman's little boy met with a serious accident last week. He was at John Hester's and in walking out was followed by some hogs, when he turned and struck at them with a switch which struck some object, and a piece breaking off the end, returning and struck him in the eye inflicting a painful injury.

Will Sloan and Arthur Siler left yesterday for Athens, Ga., with two wagons loaded with apples.

25 YEARS AGO
Col. Henry G. Robertson was in Atlanta, Ga., several days this week on professional business.

James Cook, traveling salesman for Dinkins - Davidson Hardware company, spent the week-end at his home in Franklin.

Miss Mary Allman left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., and Baltimore, Md., to purchase her large stock of spring and summer millinery. Miss Jess Angel accompanied her.

10 YEARS AGO
The home of Bill Roland, in the Iotia section, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin about 3 o'clock Tuesday while the Roland family were absent.

Mrs. P. F. Callahan left Sunday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Reid Cabe, at Occokeek, Md.

Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, gave a talk on poultry at the Stiles-Tellico club Tuesday. The women are greatly interested in improving their flock for home use and also in raising poultry for the market.

Demonstration Meet To Be Held Here On Tuesday

The annual demonstration farm and home meeting will be held next Tuesday, starting at 10 a. m., at the Agriculture building.

Dr. E. R. Collins, of State college, will discuss hybrid corn and proper fertilization. Howard Garris will talk on plant diseases and their control, and it is hoped to have another speaker on the control of insects.

George Farthing, assistant county agent at large, will be present to show a talking motion picture and entertain with his band.

Demonstration farmers, both men and women, are being urged to be present to enjoy the program.

THREE LOCAL BOY SCOUTS WIN AWARDS

Twenty Youngsters, Three Adults From Macon Go To Honor Court

Three Franklin boys were presented advancement awards at the Boy Scout district court of honor ceremony at the Sylva Baptist church on Thursday evening, January 10.

Howard Baldwin was promoted to first class rank.

Burton Leach received a merit badge for book binding. And John Ainsup, Jr., also was given a book binding merit badge.

Two other members of the local troop, Allen Cartledge and Alvin Stiles, had qualified for the rank of tenderfoot, but were prevented from receiving their badges by an error in handling their applications. The badges will be presented to them at the next court.

Sixteen Scouts and three Scouters from Franklin and four Scouts from Highlands attended the ceremony.

H. T. Corbin, chairman of the district's advancement committee, presided at the court, and W. C. Wall, assistant executive of the Daniel Boone council, conducted the tenderfoot investiture, using the candlelighting ceremony.

Five Scouts from the Bryson City neighborhood patrol were initiated and received tenderfoot badges.

Former Macon County Woman Dies In California

Mrs. Jos. Ashear, of Franklin, recently received word of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Edith Henry Carpenter, in Huntington, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the Wheat-Halverson chapel, with the Rev. Lovejoy, officiating. Interment followed in the Odd Fellow cemetery.

Mrs. Carpenter, who before marriage, was Miss Edith Henry, of the Ellijay section of Macon county, was the widow of the late David Carpenter, of Ellijay. She went to California in 1912 where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Carpenter is survived by one son and five daughters, all of California; one brother, R. A. Henry, of Ojai, Calif.; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren in California. Also several nieces and nephews in Macon county.

Sgt. Crisp Discharged After 39 Months' Duty

Sgt. John D. Crisp, of Cullasaja, recently was given his honorable discharge from the army, according to an announcement received here from Drew Field at Tampa, Fla. Sgt. Crisp, who served 39 months in the army air forces, was a farmer in civilian life.

BURRELL, CRITICALLY ILL, SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

W. C. Burrell, prominent Franklin business man, who has been critically ill for the past few days, Thursday was reported somewhat improved. Mr. Burrell has been a patient at the Angel hospital for the past two weeks.

ALL OFFICERS OF BANK HERE ARE REELECTED

Rogers Starts 17th Year As President; Cabe 24th As Cashier

Directors of the Bank of Franklin, at a meeting held Wednesday night at the bank, reelected all the bank's officers.

C. F. Moody was reelected chairman of the board.

Dr. W. A. Rogers again was chosen president.

M. L. Dowdle was reelected vice-president.

Henry W. Cabe was named cashier for another year.

And George Dean was reelected assistant cashier.

Dr. Rogers, who became president of the bank in 1930, thus was reelected for his seventeenth year.

And Mr. Cabe starts his twenty-fourth year as cashier, having held that post since 1923.

The meeting had been scheduled for Thursday night, but was moved up to Wednesday evening to avoid conflict with another meeting on Thursday. It followed a meeting of the stockholders last week, at which all the directors were reelected.

Hit By Auto, Boy Escapes Serious Hurt

Charles Moody, six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Moody of Franklin, Monday was knocked down by an automobile driven by Tommy Rogers, 19, of Tessenta. The accident occurred on Main street, near the Bank of Franklin.

Young Rogers picked the child up and took him to the Angel clinic, where he was found to be considerably bruised, but with no bones broken. He was dismissed from the clinic Tuesday.

Chief Homer Cochran, who investigated the accident, said the child stepped from between two parked automobiles on the north side of Main street almost directly in the path of the Rogers automobile.

The officer placed young Rogers under a \$200 bond, in the event the child's injuries should prove serious. Mr. Cochran said, however, that the accident apparently was not the driver's fault.

He took occasion to warn against the danger of reckless and fast driving, especially in the down town section of Franklin. Had the Rogers car been going at the rate some drivers travel in town, he said, Monday's accident could hardly have failed to prove serious.

David Lewis Dies In Accident In Baltimore Plant

David W. Lewis, a former Franklin resident, was killed in an accident in the Baltimore, Md., plant in which he was employed, January 4, according to word received here by his brother, Grover Lewis, and his sister, Miss Lena Lewis.

The funeral services were held in Winston-Salem, where he made his home.

Mr. Lewis, about 50, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, and was well known in Franklin, where he was reared.

Macon Man Killed In Mine Explosion

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Tallent, of Franklin, received a message on Tuesday that their oldest son, Luther W. Tallent, 43, was killed in the coal mine explosion in Welch, W. Va., Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, in which 14 men lost their lives.

Mr. Tallent, whose home was in Hemphill, W. Va., left Franklin at the age of 19 years, and had worked in mines most of the time since.

He was married to a West Virginia girl and they had three children. The parents, three brothers, and two sisters, all of Franklin, also survive.

Funeral services will be at Bluefield, W. Va., on Saturday morning.

The Weather

Rainfall totaling 1.15 inches was recorded here during the past seven days, adding to the 4.61 inches that fell the week before.

Wednesday was marked by rain, sleet, and snow, but Thursday morning dawned clear.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and the rainfall for the past seven days follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	39	00
Friday	51	40	.61
Saturday	56	45	.10
Sunday	48	30	00
Monday	46	18	00
Tuesday	48	33	.24
Wednesday	43	31	.20

DIMES MARCH DRIVE OPENS

\$132 Contributed In First Three Days; Hope To Far Exceed Quota

Although the March of Dimes campaign had been under way only three days, \$132.90 was contributed through Wednesday, C. H. Bolton, treasurer, announced.

The annual campaign, which raises funds for the fight on infantile paralysis, will continue through January 31.

The county's quota is \$1,215, the same as last year. In 1944, this county raised \$1,746, or more than \$500 more than its quota, and J. H. Stockton, 1946 chairman, this week expressed the hope that this year's quota will be exceeded by \$1,000.

The campaign was opened here Monday when Mr. Stockton and his associates in the drive made a direct appeal by mail to several hundred persons, inclosing blank checks and coin cards for the convenience of the prospective donors. He asked that persons receiving these checks and cards return one or the other in the stamped self-addressed envelopes inclosed, as soon as possible, and not later than January 31.

Special coin collectors also have been placed in many places of business throughout the county, and coin cards in the schools. Since infantile paralysis is chiefly a disease of children, Mr. Stockton said that the school children are expected to take an active part in the campaign.

March of Dimes "tag day" will be observed Saturday, when a group of high school girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Allan Brooks, will solicit contributions from persons on the streets.

At Otto, funds will be raised at a March of Dimes square dance Friday night, January 18, at 7:30. The dance will be held in the school auditorium.

Contributions may be made through the schools, Mr. Stockton said, or may be sent by mail to C. H. Bolton, treasurer, Franklin.

Gailey, Back From Navy, Resumes His Post With Theater

Clyde T. Gailey, who served in the navy for more than 21 months, 17 months of it in the South Pacific, was recently discharged from service, and has returned to his former position as manager of the Macon Theatre here.

Mr. Gailey, who served as manager of the theatre for six years prior to going into the service, resumed his new duties here the first of this week.

Miss Agnes Ledford, who served as manager during Mr. Gailey's absence, will continue with the theatre.

Rotary Program Given By Bryson City Group

Rotarians from the Bryson City club presented a program for new members of the Franklin club at the latter's meeting Wednesday night at the Terrace.

Speakers were Simon P. Davis, who was in charge of the program, Dr. Harold Bacon, Bob Long, and Ed Whitaker. Other Bryson City Rotarians attending as guests of the local club were Floyd Grant, John Orr, Talmadge Jones, and Philip Brintnall.

President Carl Slagle presided at the meeting, and E. J. Whitmire was program chairman.

'45 Postal Receipts Set All-Time Record

Red Cross War Fund Campaign To Be Headed By Sloan

Bob Sloan has been appointed Macon County chairman for the Red Cross War fund campaign, to be conducted in March, it was announced this week by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, chapter chairman.

Plans for the 1946 campaign and for a Red Cross program for Macon county were discussed by chapter officials at a conference Wednesday morning with W. D. Dibrell, Red Cross general field representative for Western North Carolina, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga.

At the conference plans for promoting first aid, water safety, nutrition, home nursing, junior Red Cross, and other Red Cross services for this county were outlined.

It was pointed out that the home service load of the Red Cross has been increased, due to the return home of servicemen, following their discharges, and this phase of the chapter's work also was discussed.

A delegation from the local chapter will attend the regional Red Cross meeting at the Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville Monday. Those planning to attend include Mr. Huneycutt, Mr. Sloan, Miss Mary Jo Setser, who is the chapter secretary, and Mrs. Lester Conley, publicity chairman.

Town Applies For State O.K. On Bond Issue

The Town of Franklin has filed its application with the Local Government commission in Raleigh for approval of issuance of \$80,000 in bonds for street, water, and sewer improvements.

The bond issue was approved by the people of the town in a special election December 11, but, under the law, the project must have the approval of the commission before further action can be taken.

Action by the commission, now awaited by the board of aldermen, is understood to be in the nature of a formality.

After that body's approval has been obtained, the next step will be to advertise for bids, and then, if the bids are satisfactory to the town authorities, to issue and sell the bonds.

7 Enlist In Army Through Franklin Recruiting Office

Seven Southwestern North Carolina men, three of them from Macon county, enlisted in the army last week, it was announced by Sgt. Blaine L. Livingston, in charge of the sub-recruiting office here.

The seven are: John W. Cowart, 17, son of W. H. Cowart of Franklin Star route; M. L. Thomas, 17, son of Mrs. Leonia Thomas, of Prentiss; Jess Holbrooks, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Holbrooks of Franklin, Route 2; Malcolm Arrant, 18, son of Mrs. Mattie B. Arrant of Brasstown; Franklin J. Enloe, 17, of Murphy; Gerald V. Mintz, 18, son of Mrs. Hattie Mintz of Murphy; and Harley Carroll, 18, son of Mrs. Laure Carroll of Murphy.

This brings to 15 the number who have enlisted through the local office since January 1, eight having enlisted the first week of this month. Five of the 15 are from this county.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In the account of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Peek Jones, in The Press last week, the names of the two children, Mrs. W. A. Keener, of Gneiss, with whom Mrs. Jones made her home, and Charlie Jones, of Ellijay, were unintentionally omitted. The error is regretted.

Bob Sloan, county veterans service officer, will explain the G. I. Bill of Rights at the meeting of the Macon County post of the American Legion Monday night at 7:30 at the Legion hall.

Year's Total Of \$25,377 Almost Double Figure Of 10 Years Ago

Postal receipts at the Franklin post office for 1945 totaled \$25,377.88, an all-time record figure, it was announced this week by Postmaster T. W. Porter.

Postal receipts generally are considered an excellent index to business conditions in a community.

The 1945 receipts were greater by nearly \$600 than the total for 1944.

And this gain was made in spite of the fact that receipts for the last quarter of 1945 showed a definite drop from the total for the last quarter of 1944, a drop attributed by the post office to the falling off in mail going overseas, especially Christmas mail sent overseas.

The 1945 total, \$590.82 greater than the total for 1944, showed a gain of just under two and a half per cent over the preceding year.

Receipts for the last quarter of 1944 totaled \$7,381.51, as compared with \$6,504.49 for the last quarter of this year, a decrease of \$877.02. In other words, this year's gain would have approximated \$1,500 had overseas mailing at Christmas in 1945 been as heavy as that a year ago.

Mr. Porter made the figures public Wednesday, which happened to fall on the tenth anniversary of his appointment as postmaster.

Figures for the past 10 years—the period, incidentally, during which the present post office building has been occupied—reveal that each year's receipts have been greater than those of the year before, indicating a steady increase in the business done in this community. And comparison of last year's figure with that of 1936 shows that the business done by the Franklin post office has almost doubled in the last decade.

The totals for the past 10 years follow:

1936	\$12,345.77
1937	12,623.03
1938	12,643.01
1939	12,957.60
1940	14,242.22
1941	15,554.18
1942	16,543.00
1943	20,780.19
1944	24,787.06
1945	25,377.88

4 Macon Men, After Service Overseas, Get Navy Discharges

James W. Porter, motor machinist's mate third class, of Franklin, Allison Roane Curt, aviation metalsmith second class, of Franklin, Route 1, Tommy L. Rogers, seaman first class, of Franklin, Route 2, and James Robert Bailey, coxswain, of Franklin, Route 4, last week were given honorable discharges from the navy at the Charleston, S. C., Separation center, according to an announcement received here from the center.

MMM Porter, who is 27, spent 19 months in the navy, and served aboard the U. S. S. Grigg. Seaman Rogers, 20, served on the Hornet, and during his 30 months participated in the Asiatic-Pacific raids of 1944, and the western New Guinea, Marianas, Caroline Islands, Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa operations.

Mr. Curt, also serving on the Hornet, took part in the same operations. Aged 23, he served for 29 months in the navy.

Coxswain Bailey, 20, during 29 months on the Hornet took part in the same operations, plus the Marshall Islands operations in November, 1944.

Lee Guffey Guest At Asheville C. C. Anniversary Dinner

H. Lee Guffey, secretary of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, went to Asheville Thursday to be the guest of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce at its 48th anniversary dinner Thursday evening at Grove Park Inn.

The chief speaker at the dinner was Lindsay C. Warren of North Carolina, U. S. comptroller general.