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THIS COUNTY HAD 1,646 IN ARMED FORCES

Approximately 1,000 Men From Macon Given Discharges

A total of 1,646 Macon County men and women were in the armed forces during the war, approximately 1,000 of whom now have been discharged, according to information obtained by The Press from the state director of selective service.

Last July 1, the Raleigh selective service office reported, this county had 1,399 selective service registrants in the armed forces, and 247 non-registrants (men and women) in the service, making a total of 1,646 persons from this county in the armed forces.

The total means that this county furnished approximately 110 persons to the armed forces for every thousand population. Put another way, there was, roughly, one person in the armed forces for every two families in the county—which without reference to the ages of members of the families.

Discharge figures by counties have not been compiled, the selective service headquarters said, but explained that 58 per cent of the North Carolinians in the service had been discharged on January 18, and that presumably the percentage would be approximately the same for Macon County.

Fifty-eight per cent of this county's total of 1,646 would be 955.

The 58 per cent, however, is for January 18. By this time, the Macon County total of men discharged must be approximately 1,000.

Do You Remember ...?
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Miss Kate Robinson, of Franklin, is in the city visiting her cousin, Miss Louise Smith, on Penland street. Miss Robinson has been attending Brockmann School of Music at Greensboro, but her eyesight became affected and she was compelled to give up her studies.—Asheville Citizen.

Mr. W. R. Stalcup went to Horse Cove, in the southern part of Macon County, last week and examined a gold vein lately discovered on the Bishop Thompson lands, and he is of the opinion that it is an exceedingly rich mine.

25 YEARS AGO

Carson Chapel—Mrs. George Wallace gave an old time quilting party recently. A large crowd was present. All enjoyed her lovely dinner, and wished she would have another one soon.

Scaly—The name of our store up here at Scaly is "Need More". All of the boys are needing more smoking tobacco and can't get it. And if they never get any more tobacco while they are here below, will some good brother send a can to St. Peter to give the boys a smoke before they pass through the Golden Gate.

10 YEARS AGO

A 60-gallon still made out of an old oil barrel was captured about noon Sunday by Deputy Sheriff John Dills and Sam Hall, a special deputy, in the Iotla section. The officers destroyed the still and also 200 gallons of sweet mash ready to run. No one was found at the still and no arrests were made.

Miss Mable Parker and Miss Freda Siler, who are doing stenographic work at Robbinsville, spent the week-end here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fouts attended the 93rd birthday anniversary of Mr. Elbert Watson at Glenville Monday. Mr. Watson was reported to be in fair health and his mind was more active than many a younger man's.

1 1-2 Tons Of Clothes Shipped For Overseas Relief

Macon County people contributed approximately a ton and a half of garments to the Victory Clothing collection, it was announced this week by Jos. Ashear, county chairman of the campaign.

Mr. Ashear the latter part of last week sent all the clothes donated for overseas relief to High Point, in accordance with his instructions. There was a total of 34 big cartons of clothing, he said.

Commenting that the response to the appeal was good, and that the people of the county were "very generous", Mr. Ashear expressed appreciation for the cooperation he received, both from those who gave garments and those who assisted in collecting and packing them.

RENSHAW NEW FOREST HEAD

Successor To Schilling Expected Monday From Houston, Texas

Emera W. Renshaw has been appointed supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, and is expected to arrive in Franklin Monday, it was announced this week at the Nantahala headquarters here.

Mr. Renshaw will succeed E. A. Schilling, who is being transferred to the Southwestern region after nearly two years' service here.

The new supervisor, a Westerner, comes to Franklin from Houston, Texas, where he has been serving as assistant supervisor of the Texas National forests. Joining the forest service in 1913, he received his early training in the West, but has been in the Southern region since 1936. In addition to his work in Texas, he has served as assistant supervisor of the old Unaka-Pisgah National forests in Tennessee and North Carolina and of the Florida National forests.

In recent years, he also has been connected with the division of state and private forests in the Atlanta regional office, an assignment which frequently brought him to North Carolina; thus he is familiar with the forests and work in this state.

His family probably will not join him here until the close of school in June, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilling, who plan to leave for his new assignment in Albuquerque, N. M., about the middle of the month, have been in New York for several days on a visit to Mr. Schilling's mother. They are expected back in Franklin Monday.

Tobacco

In County To Be Cut By 10 Per Cent

Individual farm acreage allotments of burley tobacco in Macon County for 1946 will be reduced by 10 per cent below 1945, in accordance with a recent announcement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of a decrease of a similar proportion in the 1946 national marketing quota, Robert Fulton, chairman of the Macon County AAA committee, has announced.

This reduction, he said, was made possible through a recent amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, and is considered advisable at this time in order to bring supplies of burley tobacco more nearly in line with demand.

Mr. Fulton also said that the new legislation increases the rate of penalty imposed on tobacco marketed in excess of the farm's marketing quota to 40 per cent of the national average sales price during the preceding marketing year. On the basis of a season's average price of 40 cents, the penalty rate in 1946 would be 16 cents per pound, instead of the 10-cent penalty in effect in the past.

In addition to the increase in penalty rate, Mr. Fulton said, enforcement of the quota program will be further strengthened by measurement of burley acreage on all farms in 1946.

Report Drive For Red Cross Is Going Well

While exact figures were not available, reports from over the county this week indicated that contributions to the Red Cross are coming in rapidly, Bob S. Sloan, county campaign director, said.

The people of the county are being asked to contribute to the Red Cross' annual fund campaign, to carry on the organization's relief work — at home and overseas—during the next year.

The quota for this county is \$3,450.

The campaign got under way last Friday morning, and is scheduled to close Saturday of this week.

The organization is set up with a chairman in each section of the county, and the chairmen appointed their own workers.

Immediately preceding the actual solicitation, the workers gathered at a dinner at the Terrace hotel last Thursday night, at which the campaign and the needs to be met by the fund were explained, and supplies were distributed to the workers.

McKelvey Is New Manager Of Phone Firm

R. E. McKelvey, of Enterprise, Ala., has been appointed manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, which has which has headquarters in Franklin, to succeed J. R. Hughey. Mr. McKelvey has already arrived to take up his new duties.

Mr. Hughey, manager of the company for the past four years, formerly was with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, and plans to rejoin that firm about March 15. He will be stationed in Charlotte.

The new manager comes to Franklin from an independent telephone company in Alabama. Mrs. McKelvey and their three children will join him here later.

As a courtesy to Mr. Hughey, a farewell party was given at Hearn hotel last Friday evening, at which officials and employees of the firm presented him with a shotgun as a remembrance.

Attending the affair, in addition to Mr. Hughey, were Mr. McKelvey, Dr. W. A. Rogers, president of the company, and Mrs. Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva; O. L. Brenner of Atlanta, Ga., and the following from the various offices of the company:

Franklin: Miss Ruth Edwards, W. A. Sellers, Frank Sellers, Ed Huffman, Frank Ammons, Edwin Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duvall, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson, Marie Womack, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Galey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bryson.

Highlands: Miss Marion Hor-

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PATTON, RABY CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATURE

Two Formally Announce For Democratic Nomination

Two more candidates announced for county offices this week, both seeking the Democratic nomination for representative.

They are Robert A. (Bob) Patton and J. M. (Jim) Raby.

This brings to three the number so far announced as candidates in the Democratic primary May 25, L. B. Phillips having come out sometime ago as a candidate for sheriff.

Mr. Patton, a native of Macon County, previously has served three times in the general assembly—as state senator from this, the thirty-third district) in 1935, and as Macon representative in the house in 1935 and 1937. A real estate dealer and auctioneer, he spent three years in Washington, during the war, as a civilian worker in the signal corps. He is the father of five sons who were in the service. Mr. Patton is U. S. commissioner for Macon County, with jurisdiction in the western half of the state.

Mr. Raby, also a native of this county, was born and reared in the Cowee section and in Millshoal, and now makes his home in the latter community. A farmer, he once was local manager of the Farmers Federation and in 1945 was assistant supervisor of the farm census in 17 Western North Carolina counties. He is president of the Macon County Fifth Sunday Singing convention. His only previous bid for public office was a number of years ago, when he was unsuccessful in his race for the nomination for register of deeds.

Wayne McCracken, a Democrat, served Macon County in the 1945 legislature. He has not announced whether he will be a candidate for renomination.

Meanwhile, interest in both local and state races is mounting rapidly, and persons familiar with the situation expect a number of announcements in the next week or two.

In the state races, this county has a candidate in Thad D. Bryson, Jr., who seeks the nomination for solicitor, and formally filed with the state board of elections this week. The other announced candidates for this post are Dan K. Moore of Sylva and W. Roy Francis of Waynesville.

Keep Ration Book No. 4

Housewives are advised by the Office of Price Administration to retain their War Ration Book 4, now used only to obtain sugar.

Although the currently valid sugar stamp 39 is the last stamp in War Ration Book that is specifically labeled for purchases of sugar, spare stamps in that book will be designated as sugar stamps from time to time. For this reason, War Ration Book 4 should be retained even after Sugar Stamp 39 has been used, OPA emphasized.

Society Presents Life Membership To Mrs. Jones

A life membership in the Woman's Society for Christian Service was presented to Mrs. George A. Jones, whose membership goes back to 1877, in a ceremony at last Saturday's zone meeting of the Methodist organization, held in the church here.

The Franklin society, then known as the Woman's Missionary society, was formed even before such an organization had the official recognition of the Methodist church. Mrs. Jones is the last survivor of the 19 charter members.

Following a tribute, prepared and read by Mrs. T. W. Porter, Mrs. David Hall, of Sylva, district secretary, presented the certificate, and Mrs. Jones, obviously touched, responded.

Mrs. Porter's paper follows:

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the House of the Lord."

"It is a rare privilege to be able to look upon a service of almost 69 years, spent in one

generation. But today we have the honor of bestowing upon one of our loved members a certificate for a life membership in our Society for Christian Service, after just such a service.

"On May 9, 1877, the Woman's Missionary Society of our Franklin Methodist church was organized with 19 charter members, more than a year before the Woman's work was sanctioned by the Southern Methodist church. The last one of those charter members now living is Mrs. George A. Jones, then Miss Hattie Sloan, a girl of 14 summers.

"During these years she has been an active and valued member. She has filled many offices in the society; was recording secretary, a very active superintendent of young people's work and was president for several terms. She is now the efficient and inspirational superintendent of spiritual life.

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The Weather

The official high and low temperatures for each of the past seven days are listed below. No rainfall was recorded.

| | High | Low |
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| Thursday | 61 | 31 |
| Friday | 62 | 25 |
| Saturday | 54 | 39 |
| Sunday | 73 | 28 |
| Monday | 78 | 32 |
| Tuesday | 75 | 30 |
| Wednesday | 69 | 47 |

PICK JURY LIST FOR NEXT COURT

Commissioners Say Stock Law Is In Force In Aquone Area

The 54 names from which the grand jury and the petit juries at the next term of superior court will be selected were drawn at Monday's meeting of the board of county commissioners.

The names were drawn by Gene Dowdle, five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Dowdle, of Franklin.

The next court term will open Monday, April 15, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

The commissioners also acted upon a stock law question and a road petition.

Citizens of the old Aquone school district, now a part of the Kyle district, raised the stock law question. After consideration, the commissioners held that the law applying to the Kyle district also would apply to the Aquone portion of the enlarged district, and that the entire district, therefore, does have a stock law.

A petition that the road leading from the county home to Prentiss be graveled so that it can be used by school buses was referred to the State Highway and Public Works commission.

The 54 men who were drawn for jury duty are:

L. W. Rice, Highlands; Bart Wilson, Scaly; Britt Smith, Nantahala; Raleigh Shook, Franklin; T. A. Tallent, Cullasaja; Cecil Holland, Cullasaja; Curtis Passmore, Flats; L. L. Stewman, Route 1; Gwen Day, Flats; Carrol Gibson, West's Mill; Paul Grist, Scaly; O. L. Buchanan, Route 2; E. R. Huggins, Route 3; W. P. Hedden, Highlands; Grady Holbrooks, West's Mill; W. Furman Welch, West's Mill; W. S. Seagle, Dillard, Ga.; Route 1; W. A. Bryson, Highlands.

Henry J. Hurst, Franklin; Sam A. Bryson, Cullasaja; Albert Southards, Highlands; Arvey Seay, Route 4; L. N. Smith, Route 1; R. B. Daves, Route 3; Frank Ray, Prentiss; R. H. Houston, Highlands; Gordon Ammons, Prentiss; Noah I. Miller, Scaly; R. E. Norton, Highlands; A. C. Patterson, Route 2; O. V. Hall, Franklin; B. B. Mason, Leatherman; Lee Tippet, Franklin; D. C. Rogers, Route 2; John B. Vinson, Otto; Joe McGaha, Franklin.

Ransom Leopard, Gneiss; G. W. Owenby, Flats; James P. Norton, Route 4; Ralph Womack, Franklin; C. H. Southards, Route 1; W. H. McCall, Highlands; Arthur Drake, Route 3; A. M. Morgan, Flats; J. R. Calloway, Highlands; Samuel Teague, Gneiss; Floyd Houston, Gneiss; Harley J. Carnes, Route 3; Lem Stewman, Cullasaja; T. L. Williamson, Route 1; Cecil Monteith, Highlands; J. R. Shields, Flats; Henry Christy, Franklin; and R. J. Cochran, Flats.

Second Nutrition Class Conducted At Highlands

Mrs. Frances Koeth, Red Cross field representative, conducted the second of three nutrition classes at Highlands Tuesday, assisted by Miss Marie Scott, assistant home demonstration agent. The class was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Prince. Those attending were Mrs. Carl Zoellner, Mrs. A. Rockwell Nall, Mrs. Claude Keener, Mrs. A. L. Westbrook, Mrs. A. C. Holt, Miss Pearl Wright, Miss Dorothea Harbison, and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Forest Sisk and Miss Frankle Bumgarner have returned from Atlanta, Ga., where they visited friends and shopped.

9 BOYS HAPPY AS THEY GET FINE CALVES

Business Men Sponsor Dairy Improvement Project Here

Nine Macon County boys, all smiles, each took home a registered Guernsey heifer calf Tuesday afternoon.

The calves were bought for approximately \$150 each by local business men and are being "loaned" to the youngsters under a dairy cattle improvement program worked out by Sam Mendenhall and Tom Fagg, county agent and assistant agent. The plan calls for the boys to raise the animals, breed them to registered Guernsey bulls, and then "repay" the business men with the first heifers calved by the present calves. Meanwhile, the business men will assist the boys with their project with advice and encouragement.

Boys, Sponsors Listed

The boys and the sponsors follow:

Frank Deal, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake P. Deal, of Millshoal, Wiley Brown of the Brown Grocery and Feed store. Bobby Tippet, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tippet, of Iotla. W. C. Burrell of the Burrell Motor company.

Lee Downs, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Downs, of Rose Creek, Frank B. Duncan of the Duncan Motor company.

Fred (Bo) Setser, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Setser of Cartoogehaye, A. B. Slagle of the Nantahala Cremery.

Tom Cabe, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cabe, of Millshoal, A. R. Higdon, of the Franklin Hardware company.

Bobby Joe Corbin, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corbin, of Higdonville, H. T. Sloan and Lester Henderson.

Claude Allen, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Allen, of Iotla, Zickgraf Hardwood company.

Victor Teague, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Teague, of Prentiss, C. N. (Joe) Dowdle of the Dowdle Wholesale company.

Hoyt Brookshire, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brookshire, of Cartoogehaye, Jos. Ashear. The boys and their sponsors gathered at the barn of Mrs. George Slagle, where the calves had been taken after their arrival here. The calves were numbered, and each boy drew a number to get his calf. The sponsors then drew names for their boys. A photograph was taken of each boy and his sponsor, together with the calf, and these photographs will be reproduced later in The Press.

50 Applied

Indicative of the interest in the project, the county agents said the nine boys were selected from approximately 50 who applied. The agents added that so far they have been able to find only nine calves, but others will be turned over to selected boys as soon as the animals can be obtained. A number of additional business men have volunteered to serve as sponsors, and the agents said that so far they have had an opportunity to present the project to only a limited number of men.

The boys selected were so delighted they had no words to express their feelings. The grins that constantly covered their faces told the story, however. Several of them remarked that their selection came as a complete surprise. And Mr. Mendenhall remarked that people throughout the county have expressed appreciation of what the business men are doing.

The calves, which range in age from five months to one year, came from three different farms. One was bought from A. B. Slagle's Belmont View farms, and the others came from George D. Hearn-don's farm at Kings Mountain and Forest Hill farm at Mocksville.

T. E. L. CLASS TO MEET

The T. E. L. Class of the Franklin Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Martin Angel on Bonny Crest Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock for the monthly business and social meeting. Mrs. Angel will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. John Roper, Mrs. Charles Rogers and Mrs. Floyd Welch.