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BONDS FAVORED BY RATIO OF 27 TO 1

U. S. Gives Macon's Soldier Dead As 44

Honor List For County Official Count Shows Loss Rate Far Above N. C. Average

(Editor's Note: It is known that the list below of Macon County soldier dead is not complete, but it is being published as it stands, since it is the official roster compiled by the War Department.)

Forty-four names are on Macon County's official list of soldier dead in World War 2, as compiled by the War Department.

On the list, which includes army deaths only, are the names of 24 Macon men killed in action; nine who died of non-battle causes, such as sickness and accidents; five who died of wounds; four who were officially declared dead; and two who died of battle injuries other than wounds.

In the honor roll below the War department abbreviations are used to show the cause of death—KIA, killed in action; DNB, died of non-battle causes; DOW, died of wounds; FOD, finding of death; and DOI, died of injuries:

- Pvt. William C. Allman, DNB; Pvt. James H. Baty, KIA; Tec. 5 George M. Beal, KIA; Pvt. Wayne J. Bradley, DNB; Pvt. Grady T. Brendle, DNB; Av. C. Henry W. Cabe, Jr., DNB; 2nd Lt. Kenneth R. Cabe, FOD; Pvt. Lester H. Carpenter, KIA; Pfc. Fred Crane, KIA; Pvt. George H. Dalrymple, KIA; S. Sg. William R. Deal, KIA; Pvt. Joseph A. Dills, KIA.

- Pfc. George D. Eliotte, DOW; Pfc. Daniel W. Garrett, KIA; T. Sg. George C. Gray, KIA; Pvt. Homer W. Guffey, KIA; Pfc. John G. Hauser, KIA; Pvt. John H. Henson, KIA; 2nd Lt. Frank M. Higdon, Jr., FOD; Sgt. Harry S. Higgins, Jr., KIA; S. Sg. Warren G. Hollar, KIA; Pvt. Beulon C. Houston, DOW; Pfc. Herbert D. Houston, KIA; 1st Lt. Charles M. Hunter, KIA; Pvt. Jess W. Johnson, KIA; Pvt. Fred Jones, DNB.

- Cpl. John H. Keener, Jr., KIA; Pfc. George T. Martin, KIA; Pfc. Joe Mashburn, KIA; Pvt. Bernice O. McCall, DOW; Pvt. Walter J. McCoy, DOI; Pfc. Manuel L. Norton, DOW; Cpl. C. L. Potts, DOI; Pfc. Johnnie W. Robertson, DNB; Pvt. Albert Rogers, DNB; 1st Lt. George H. Setser, DNB; Cpl. Harold T. Sloan, Jr., DNB; Pvt. Oline W. Stanfield, KIA; Pfc. Joseph D. Sutton, KIA; Pfc. Clvde Tallent, FOD; Pvt. Wayne R. Vanhook, FOD; Pvt. Robert D. Wilkie, KIA; Pvt. Willard J. Woody, KIA; and Pvt. Gay G. Yonce, DOW.

Oilers

Leading Softball League With 750 Percentage

Despite their defeat Monday night by the Nantahala Power and Light company, the Oilers are still leading the other seven teams in the civic softball league, with a percentage of 750 to date.

The Franklin school, though it took a licking at the hands of the Oilers last Thursday night, stands second with 727.

The Power company team went down before the Legion in another game played Thursday night, to go to bottom place in the league.

The eight teams, with the number of games won and lost and percentages to date, follow:

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Percentage. Rows include Oilers (9-3-750), School (8-3-727), Rotary (7-4-636), Legion (7-4-636), Lions (5-6-454), Briar (3-8-272), Burrell (3-8-272), Power (3-9-250).

W. W. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., son of the late W. W. Jones, of Franklin, and of Mrs. Jones, of Memphis, is here for a few days' visit with relatives.

The Weather

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Prec. Rows include Thursday (89-63-00), Friday (81-65-71), Saturday (81-56-00), Sunday (84-54-00), Monday (84-51-00), Tuesday (81-62-00), Wednesday (79-59-17).

CHARLIE SLAGLE DIES OF INJURY

Young Macon Man, Gored By Bull, Succumbs To Infection

Charlie Weimar Slagle was doing the work he loved best when he was fatally injured by a bull last Saturday.

And when his flag-draped casket was borne into the Franklin Methodist church Monday, it was placed where the flag-draped casket of another youthful war veteran was to stand, just two days later.

Mr. Slagle loved the farm, and loved best of all, perhaps, the farm animals. So it was the natural thing for him to start back to work on his father's farm, when he returned to Franklin about six months ago from service in the armed forces.

And friends said of him that it was characteristic of him that, when the bull had to be led from his stall, he did it himself rather than having a farm employe do it.

Though quiet and unassuming in remarkable degree, he had become active, in the short time he had been back home, in a variety of community efforts.

After graduation from the Franklin High school and studying agriculture at N. C. State college, he joined the army air forces, and served from June, 1942, to September, 1945.

Thompson

Resigns To Accept Post As Demorest Chief

H. C. Thompson, night policeman here since April 1, has resigned, effective July 1, to accept the position of chief of police of Demorest, Ga.

His resignation was accepted by the board of aldermen Wednesday. No successor has yet been chosen.

In announcing that he had resigned, Mr. Thompson said he was negotiating with the Demorest authorities before he came to Franklin, and when he was in Demorest last Monday the town board there accepted a proposition he had made them several months ago.

He expressed appreciation to the Franklin mayor and aldermen for their kindness and cooperation, and to the people of the community for their support.

Presnells Here For First Visit Home In 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Presnell, of Randle, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Presnell's sister, Mrs. Henry Slagle, and other relatives on Franklin, Route 1. This is the first visit the Presnells have paid their native county in 40 years.

Highlands Theater Group Lays Plans For Two Plays

By MRS. H. G. STORY Two plays, with three evening performances of each, will be presented this season by the Highlands Community Theatre, it was announced this week, following last Saturday night's organization meeting.

The first drama will be staged the latter part of Saturday night, for the first play, as well as the name of the play chosen, will be announced next week by the director, James Reese.

Mr. Reese, Atlanta insurance man, for years has been identified with the stage and radio in Atlanta. In addition to broadcasting over WSB and WGST, he is stage manager for Rich's shows. He is remembered in Highlands for his performances on the Community Theatre stage in "Candia," "Escape Me Never," and "Gold in the Hills".

MISHAPS STRIKE

Tragedy and near tragedy, the result of accident, visited this community last week-end. Last Thursday John M. (Bardy) Archer, III, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., riding his bicycle down Harrison avenue, swerved to avoid colliding with a truck.

Saturday morning about 3:30 o'clock, the home of Mrs. Den McCollum, on Bidwell street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allred, was destroyed by fire, and Joel G. Adams, bookkeeper for the Zickgraf Hardware company, who had a room there, overcome by smoke, failed to get out of the house.

Early Saturday morning Charlie W. Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle, was gored by a bull at the Slagle dairy barn, and died at the Angel hospital at 8 o'clock the following evening of infection.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Miss Nancy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, was instantly killed when she broke her neck in a dive into the Hudson River at South Nyack, N. Y.

R. L. Bryson, Well Known, Dies At Age 77

R. L. Bryson, 77-year old former hotel owner and manager here, and widely known throughout this region, died at his home on Iotla street Tuesday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock. Long in ill health, he had been seriously ill for several weeks.

For 25 years he was a traveling salesman, covering Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina. He and Mrs. Bryson then entered the hotel business, and after operating hotels in a number of towns, they returned to Franklin and bought what is now Hotel Hearn.

Mr. Bryson's survivors include his widow; two children, Mrs. Virginia Ramsey of Franklin, and R. L. Bryson, Jr., of Alabama; and 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Franklin Baptist church, with the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Parker, and a former pastor, the Rev. J. F. Marchman, officiating. Interment followed in the Cowee Baptist church cemetery.

Bryant Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Boy Burned When Gas, Being Poured In Auto, Ignites

Seriously burned when the gasoline his father was pouring from a bucket into a truck became ignited, Roy Webb, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Webb, Jr., of the Gneiss community, is recovering at the Angel clinic.

When the gasoline in the bucket caught fire, it was said, Mr. Webb threw the bucket, and the burning gasoline struck the boy, who was standing nearby. Mr. Webb received burns on his hands. The accident occurred June 7.

NANCY H. JONES DIES IN MISHAP

Franklin Girl Suffers Broken Neck In Dive Into Hudson River

Nancy Harriette Jones was enjoying the sport she loved best when death came to her in a Hudson River dive last Sunday.

And when her flag-draped casket was borne into the Franklin Methodist church Wednesday, it was placed where the flag-draped casket of another youthful war veteran had stood, just two days before.

Miss Jones loved swimming. She had learned, as a small child, at Camp Nequassi (now the Franklin Lodge), and before she was grown, she had saved two persons from drowning.

Most of her swimming experience, however, had been in pools, and at South Nyack, N. Y., just above New York City, the tide must be taken into account. Saturday she had dived from the dock there, but then, at high tide, there was about 8 feet of water.

Miss Jones' neck was broken in the dive, and the coroner said death was instantaneous. She was 27.

The accident occurred about 11 a. m., but the news did not reach her family until late that day, since they and relatives from Rhode Island, Memphis, Raleigh, Asheville, and Franklin were on Wayah Bald, starting a long-planned family reunion.

Of a bright, happy disposition, Miss Jones was endowed with extraordinary enthusiasm, energy and resourcefulness. When she went to New York several months ago to study journalism at New York university, she was unable to find a place to live.

Following graduation from the Franklin High school and Peace Junior college, Raleigh, Miss Jones entered the Duke university school of nursing, and was graduated from that institution with the B. S. degree. After teaching at Duke and doing private duty nursing, she joined the army nurse corps at Camp Croft, S. C., in June, 1942.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, of Franklin; a brother, G. A. Jones, Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sisters, Miss Lillian M. Jones, of Greenville, S. C., and Miss Dorothy Jones, of Franklin; her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. A. Jones, of Franklin; her aunt, Miss L. M. Jones, of Raleigh; and a number of uncles.

The funeral services, held at 4 p. m. Wednesday, were conducted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Methodist pastor here, and burial was in the Franklin cemetery. Pallbearers were W. W. Sloan, Winton Perry, Bob S. Sloan, Bryant McClure, George L. Jones, and Phil McCollum.

147 MORE THAN LEGAL MINIMUM VOTE FOR ISSUE

\$70,000 To Go For Water Mains; \$20,000 Sewers; \$30,000 Streets

By a margin of 27 to 1, Franklin voters, in Tuesday's special election, balloted in favor of the issuance of \$120,000 water, sewer, and street bonds.

The vote cast on the three issues stood: For water bonds, 439; against, 12.

For sewer bonds, 426; against, 19. For street bonds, 428; against, 16.

To carry the bond issues, a minimum of 284 affirmative votes was required. The average affirmative vote on the three issues was 431, or 147 more than necessary.

The \$120,000 total is to be divided as follows: \$70,000 for extending water mains and installing additional fire hydrants.

\$20,000 for extending sewer lines.

\$30,000 for resurfacing streets.

A new registration was required for this special bond election and, under the law, those registered who did not vote were counted as voting against the bond issues. Since 567 persons registered for the election, an affirmative vote of 284 was required to carry either of the three issues.

Thus, technically, the vote against the bonds was considerably greater than the small number actually cast in opposition. Counting those not voting as being opposed, the vote stood:

For water bonds, 439; against, 128. For sewer bonds, 426; against, 141. For street bonds, 428; against, 139. Even on that basis, the bonds were approved by a ratio of more than 3 to 1.

It was the third time in a six-month period that the people of Franklin had gone on record favoring issuance of improvement bonds. Last December Franklin voters helped carry a county-wide issue of \$400,000 for school buildings, and the week before the people of the town had voted for \$80,000 for water, sewer, and street improvement bonds.

The latter election was held invalid on a technicality, and the board of aldermen, in view of changed circumstances, decided that, in re-submitting the question to the voters, the total amount should be increased to \$120,000.

Plan July 4 Celebration On Thursday

It's been a long time since this community has had an opportunity to indulge in an old-fashioned July 4 celebration, and this year it is to have one.

Next Thursday's fun will be sponsored by the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The day's festivities will open with a parade (servicemen are requested, but not required, to wear uniform) and dedication ceremony at 10 a. m.

At 11 there will be games, with Benny McGlammery and H. A. (Chub) Wilhite as masters of ceremonies. In addition to the traditional greased pole climb, there'll be three-legged, fat ladies', bicycle, and two-man wheel barrow races, as well as boys' and girls' foot races. Prizes, donated by Franklin business men, will be given the winners of each event.

At 2:30 a double-header ball game is scheduled at the Franklin school ball park, and at 3 o'clock a fiddlers' convention will get under way at the courthouse.

The Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church will hold a rummage sale Saturday morning, June 29, starting about 9 o'clock, the weather permitting.