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

Honor List For County Official Count Shows Compiled, Announced By War Department

(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. Wil-ham R. Deal, KIA; Pvt. Joseph A. Dills, KIA.

Pfc. George D. Elliotte, 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; Pvt. Beulon C. Houston, DOW; Pfc. Herbert D. Houston, KIA; 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. 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. Wilkle, KIA; Pvt. Willard J. Woody, KIA: and Pvt. Gay G. Yonce,

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

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:

HOL SH				Per-
Team	V	Von	Lost	centage
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,

Loss Rate Far Above N. C. Average

Macon County's toll of soldier dead in World War 2 was 50 per cent higher than the average for North Carolina as a wnole, population considered, an analysis of figures compiled by the War Department shows.

The War Department figures, made public today (Thursday), officially list the dead from each of the counties in this and other states.

The Macon County total of army dead is given as 44. The figures do not include sailors and marines who lost

their lives during the war. Deaths of soldiers from this county were at the rate of 2.8 per thousand population (1940 census). The North Carolina soldier death total was 7,109, which was at the rate of slight-

population. Put another way, Macon County, with only .004 per cent of the state's population had .0062 per cent of the North Carolina soldier dead.

And since what is believed to have been an unusually high proportion of men from Macon County enlisted in the navy and marine corps, this county's share of the war dead may be even higher, in comparison with the state as a whole, when the official figures are compiled and made public by the navy.

All the mountain counties had a high ratio of army deaths, comparison of the War Department's figures with the populations shows.

The average for the 21 North Carolina mountain counties was 2.5 per thousand population.

Swain County, with the high-est rate in Western North Carolina-and possibly in the statelost 43 men out of a population of slightly more than twelve thousand, or at the rate of 3.6 per thousand.

The rate for Avery county was 3.1, while that in Burke was 3 per thousand.

Jackson, with 55 dead, Haywood, with 100, Transylvania, with 35, and Polk, with 34. Each had a soldier death rate of 2.9 per thousand population.

Thompson

Resigns To Accept Post As Demorest Chief

H. C. Thompson, night policeman here since April 1, has re-signed, effective July 1, to accept the position of chief of police of Demorest, Ga., he an-nounced this week. Mr. Thompson will leave here Monday, and take up his new duties Tuesday morning.

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 proposition he had made them several months ago.

He expressed appreciation to the Franklin mayor and aldermen for their kindnesses and cooperation, and to the people of the community for their sup-

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. Hen-ry Slagle, and other relatives on Franklin, Route 1. This is the first visit the Presnells have paid their native county in 40 years. Mrs. Presnell was the former Miss Agnes Gillespie, and was reared in the Cartoogechaye community. In speaking shows. He is remembered in were not at the meeting and of the many changes since she left Macon County, she said on the Community Theatre technical directors to get in that the Oak Hill was one of stage in "Candida", "Escape Me touch with the directors them-Tenn., son of the late W. W. left Macon County, she said Jones, of Franklin, and of Mrs. that the Oak Hill was one of Jones, of Memphis, is here for the few familiar spots she had a few days' visit with relatives. seen since her arrival.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	89	63	00
riday	81	65	.71
Saturday	. 81	56	-00
Bunday	. 84	54	00
Monday	. 84	51	00
Cuesday	. 81	62	00
Wednesday	. 79	59	.17
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CHARLIE SLAGLE

Young Macon Man, Gored By Bull, Succumbs To Infection

Charlie Weimar Slagle was ported much improved. doing the work he loved best when he was fatally injured by

bull last Saturday.
And when his flag-draped asket was borne into the casket Franklin Methodist church Monday, it was placed where the flag-draped casket of another youthful war veteran was to stand, just two days later. Both had died Sunday as a result of accident.

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

And friends said of him that 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. The animal gored him in the abdomen, and he died of infection at the Angel hospital Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. He was 25.

Though quiet and unassum-ing in remarkable degree, he time he had been back home, in a variety of community efforts. He was commander of the local American Legion post, a Mason, a member of the Franklin Methodist church, and a Rotarian. He also was scoutmaster of a recently organized went into the country to the weekly troop meeting. As a boy, he became an Eagle Scout member of the Franklin troop.

Franklin High srhool and studying agriculture at N. C. State college, he joined the army air forces, and served from June, spent about two years in the European theater.

Survivors include his parents. Jess Shope, of Franklin, Route the name of Hotel Bryson. Mrs. Lawson Ross, of Mt. Butler, of Loris, S., C.; and a number of uncles and aunts.

conducted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Methodist pastor here, and the Rev. C. E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Members of the Masonic order bers of the American Legion as

MISHAPS STRIKE

Tragedy and near tragedy, the result of accident, visited this community last week-end. Thursday

John (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, crossed Main street, struck the concrete wall in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Beshears, and was thrown from the bicycle. He was taken to Angel hospital, suffering from internal injuries, and for sever-al days his life hung in the balance. Thursday he was re-

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 the Zickgraf Hardwood company, who had a room there, overcome by smoke, failed to get out of the house. Neighbors finally managed, to pull him through a window, and he was taken to the Angel hospital, suffering from burns and lung congestion. He, too, remained in critical condition for several days, but now is reported improving.

Saturday Early 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

had become active, in the short R. L. Bryson, Well Known, Dies At Age 77

R. L. Bryson, 77-year old rural Boy Scout troop, and each former hotel owner and mana-Wednesday evening after Rotary ger here, and widely known ger here, and widely known throughout this region, died at his home on Iotla street Tuesday afternoon ruesday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock. Long in ill health, he After graduation from the had been seriously ill for several weeks.

For 25 years he was a traveling salesman, covering Georgía, Alabama, and North Carolina. 1942, to September, 1945. He He and Mrs. Bryson then entered the hotel business, and after operating hotels in a number of towns, they returned to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle, of Franklin and bought what is Franklin; four sisters, Miss Eliz-abeth Slagle, of Franklin, Mrs. ated it for five years under

Virginia Ramsey of Franklin, number of uncles and aunts.

The funeral service, held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was and 10 great-grandchildren.

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 served as pallbearers, and mem- 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. The boy was burned about

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.

Franklin Girl Suffers Broken Neck In Dive Into Hudson River

Nancy Harriette Jones was enjoying the sport she loved fire hydrants. best when death came to her in \$20,000 for extending sewer 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 just two days before. Both had died Sunday as a result of accident.

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. Sunday morning the tide was out, leaving water to a depth of only about two feet.

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 Mr. Bryson's survivors include extraordinary enthusiasm, ener-Pleasant, and Mrs. Virginia his widow; two children, Mrs. gy 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. The funeral services were held Turning difficulty to advantage. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock; she sought and found a parttime position taking care of the children of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Weinstein, thus obtaining both living accommodations and a living.

Following graduation from the Franklin High school and Peace Junior college, Raleigh, Miss Jones entered the Duke univerversity school of nursing, and was graduated from that institution with the B. S. degree. After teaching at Duke and do-ing private duty nursing, she joined the army nurse corps at Camp Croft, S. C., in June, 1942. She served at Fort Bragg, and spent about two years in England with the Duke unit, Base Hospital No. 65.

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. 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 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 Per-ry, Bob S. Sloan, Bryant Mc-McCollum.

VOTE FOR ISSUE

\$70,000 To Go For Water Mains; \$20,000 Sawers; \$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 is-

sues stood: For water bonds, 439; against,

For sewer bonds, 426; against,

For street bonds, 428; against,

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 di-

vided as follows: \$70,000 for extending water mains and installing additional

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

Plan July 4 Celebration On Thursday

It's been a long time since this community has had an opportunity to indulge in an oldfashioned 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) Wilhide 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 morn-Clure. George L. Jones, and Phil ing, June 29, starting about 9 o'clock, the weather permitting.

Highlands Theater Group Lays Plans For Two Plays

Two plays, with three evening cox, performances of each, will be presented this season by the Highlands Community Theatre, it was announced this week, following last Saturday night's

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 Never", and "Gold in the Hills". selves or with Mrs. Jack Technical directors for the cox, business manager.

July play will be: Jack H. Wilcox, stage manager; Gerald' Cornelius, sets manager; Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, set props; Tudor N. Hall, assistant set props; Jan Chambers, hand props; Mrs. Wade Sutton, costume mistress; organization meeting.

The first drama will be staged the latter part of Saturday and Mrs. Gerald Cornelius will be in charge of ticket sales, and poster publicity will be handled by Hampton Saussy, Jan Chambers, and Miss Ann Strong.

Members of the Theatre board, encouraged by the large attendance and keen interest at Saturday night's meeting, the first held since 1942, urged those who selves or with Mrs. Jack H. Wil-