

Enlistments Here Tuesday Set Record

German Forester Gives Impressions Of America

Man Who Visited Here Says He Felt 'Like Columbus'

A German forester, who was in Macon County in April, awed by American methods and innovations, declared, "sometimes I felt like Christopher Columbus," and probably answered a long discussed question as to what foreign visitors think of the United States.

Karl Oedecker, of Bad Harzburg, Germany, who made the statement in a report on his American visit to E. W. Renshaw, Nantahala forest supervisor, was the new "discoverer." He was one of three German foresters studying forest service administration in the United States, and was conducted through the Nantahala forest under the supervision of Mr. Renshaw.

Although his report was more or less official, the German forester (the German equivalent of an American forest supervisor) managed to sandwich in a number of paragraphs depicting the American way of life as seen through the eyes of a foreign visitor.

Marveling at the use of planes and short wave radios in fighting fires, the use of plastics for moulding instructive collections, motor circular saws for pruning trees, memorial forests, American office equipment, transportation and traffic, Mr. Oedecker declared:

"In the course of the extended trip I have observed again and again things and arrangements which to my knowledge are not yet known in Germany. This fact has again and again surprised me and sometimes I felt like Christopher Columbus."

Referring to the large area of forests in the United States which have been turned into recreation centers for motorists, hikers, fishermen, hunters, and winter-sportsmen, he wrote, "the American public has an entirely different attitude to the forest than the German. Again and again we heard and read the saying, 'This is your forest,' directed to all of the people. We hardly noticed any vandalism in forests but at the same time we saw no signboards, 'Verboten' (Forbidden, or No Trespassing) which are disfiguring the German forests by uncounted numbers."

The American way of "helping others" seemed to be firmly cemented in Mr. Oedecker's mind.

"A special laudible characteristic of the American is his unrestricted readiness to help," he wrote. "Anybody who gets stuck with his motorcar on the road, or anybody who wants information on the street, being a stranger in short, anybody who can be helped will experience that absolutely, spontaneously feeling that the next driver or passer-by will stop without being requested to do so and ask, 'Can I help you?'"

"I believe," he declared, "that this practical neighborly love has already been lost in Germany. We should try our best to adopt American methods also in this respect."

Mr. Oedecker went into some detail describing traffic and traffic lanes in this country. His description of seeing a traffic counter was particularly interesting.

"In the execution of a traffic census I once saw a rubber cable put across the road. Each car which passed over this hose registered automatically on a meter which was connected to the hose at the sidewalk."

Concluding his report, the German forester said, "I wish to conclude with three simple words, which I read often on large signboards alongside American roads, and which are a message from the whole remaining well-meaning world to the United States. . . . Thank you, America."

AUTO LICENSE DEADLINE NEAR

Sales Of Tags Here Now 30 Per Cent Ahead Of Last Year

Motorists have less than a month in which to buy new 1951 license plates, Verlon Swafford, local manager of the Carolina Motor club, announced this week, pointing out that the official deadline is January 31. Compared with this time last year, Mr. Swafford said, sales of the new red and white tags have increased approximately 30 per cent.

In a recent automobile registration survey, conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Macon County had 3,080 registered vehicles, placing the county 57th among North Carolina's 100 counties.

James To Hold Revival At Mount Zion Methodist Church

The Rev. P. C. James, of Atlanta, Ga., will conduct revival services at the Mt. Zion Methodist church tomorrow (Friday), Saturday, and Sunday nights, beginning at 7:30, Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the West Macon Methodist circuit, has announced.

Mr. James is a gifted evangelist, an effective pastor, and has held a number of meetings in large churches.

Mrs. Hull urged everyone to attend the three-day services in view of the critical world situation, so "we may pray together and seek God's guidance in this hour of need."

WAC, WAF, Air Force Recruiter To Be In Asheville Two Days

A U. S. Air Force procurement officer and WAC and WAF recruiter for this district will be at the Asheville recruiting office in the post office building Monday and Tuesday, the local recruiting officer has announced.

Anyone interested in enlistment in the air force as an aviation cadet or would like to attend the air force officer candidate school were asked to contact Cpl. Clay Hensley, local recruiter in Sylva, who will provide transportation to Asheville for an interview.

Baptist Pastors' Conference To Be Held Monday Morning

The semi-monthly meeting of the Baptist pastor's conference will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist church here, the Rev. W. N. Cook, secretary, has announced. The Rev. M. W. Chapman will deliver the message and the Rev. Frank Reed will conduct the devotional, he said.

Capt. Price Is Awarded 15th Air Medal Oak Leaf Cluster.

Captain Howard I. Price, of Bradenton, Fla., husband of Mrs. Alba Peek Price, who is now living in Franklin, has been awarded his fifteenth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, according to information received from the 6002d Tactical Support Wing with advance bases in Korea.

The F-51 Mustang pilot was credited with shooting down two Russian-made Yak-9 fighter planes November 6 near Sin-ujin in North Korea. The vivid story of Captain Price's air battle with the enemy planes, recounted in a letter to his wife here, appeared in the November 18 issue of The Press.

Sworn Into Office



R. S. JONES
State Senator



C. TOM BRYSON
Representative

R. S. Jones, of Franklin, and C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, Macon County's two state legislators, yesterday in Raleigh were given their oaths of office as members of the 1951 North Carolina General Assembly. Mr. Jones was sworn in as state senator from the 33rd district, made up of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, and Macon counties, and Mr. Bryson as Macon County representative. They left for Raleigh Sunday.

Doctor Draft Registration Will Be Held

All male doctors, dentists, and veterinarians, who are not members of a reserve component of the armed forces and have not reached 50 years of age, must register with the local draft board January 15. W. N. Sloan, chairman, announced this week.

The local office will stay open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. to accommodate registrants, he said. Normally, office hours are from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

The registration order came from the office of Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, stating that "every male person, other than persons exempted by proclamation 1915 of December 27, 1950, who has not already registered under proclamation No. 2906, of October 6, 1950, and who on the 15th day of January, 1951, (1) shall have received from a school, college, university, or similar institution of learning, one or more of the degrees of bachelor of medicine, doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, doctor of dental medicine, doctor of veterinary surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, must register January 15.

Proclamation No. 2915, it was explained, exempts from special registration, commissioned officers, warrant officers, pay clerks, enlisted men, and aviation cadets of the regular army, the navy, the air force, the marine corps, the coast guard, the coast and geodetic survey, and the public health service, and certain aliens who are residing in the United States.

Mr. Sloan explained that persons eligible for registration under this order, who will receive degrees after January 15, are required to register with the draft board not later than five days after they receive a de-

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LOCALS TO PLAY CHEROKEE HERE

First Basketball Home Game Of Season Set For Tuesday

Franklin High's long waited first home game since the start of the basketball season in December will get under way at the school gymnasium Tuesday night at 7:30 when the local boys' and girls' teams play host to the Cherokee thincalcs.

The male hardwooders will take to the floor seriously handicapped by the loss of the teams' main sparkplug, Guard Gene Stamey, who enlisted in the air force this week. Coach Milburn Atkins said Stamey's guard slot will be filled by either Mac Lewis or L. A. Moore.

Leading the male dribblers' attack will be Jack Norton, the lanky center who made all-conference last year. Norton has racked up 38 points in three games so far. He bucketed 13 against Nantahala, 15 against the Cullowhee junior varsity, and found the hoop for 10 in the Hayesville game.

Tuesday night's game will be Franklin's first home game since the season got under way December 12. The male quint has lost two out of three games—Nantahala and Cullowhee.

The first game on the night's program will be a cage clamor between the Franklin and Cherokee girls. The local lasses, who should be high on the list of loop winners, have bogged down and only collected a total of 25 points in games with Nantahala and Hayesville.

Former Missionary To Korea To Make Talk Here Tonight

A timely address on the Far East situation will be given by Dr. Joseph Hopper, a missionary in Korea until the war started, at the Presbyterian church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor, has announced.

Dr. Hopper is no new comer to Macon County, having lectured here in the spring of 1946. He returned to this country last summer after the North Koreans invaded South Korea.

The public is invited to attend.

Cullasaja P. T. A. To Hold Meeting On Tuesday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 at the school, it has been announced.

An interesting program is being planned, association officers said, and a special feature will be the presentation of a paper by a member of the association.

Fire Crackers And Tooting Horns Greet Appearance Of Baby 1951 As Macon Celebrates The New Year

HARPER HEADS CONSERVATION

Named To Direct Work Of This County's Soil Unit

W. L. Harper, work unit coordinator has been appointed to head the recently organized Macon County Soil Conservation district and has opened an office in the Agricultural building.

The appointment of Mr. Harper, who has been a resident of the Gold Mine community here for the past four years, was made by the regional office of the Soil Conservation Service in Spartanburg, S. C.

The conservationist has been with the S. C. S. for 14 years and his last post was in Pickens county.

The purpose of the new district here is to expand and assist land owners in the establishment of conservation practices for the protection and up-building of their soils, watersheds, and wildlife of the area.

Mr. Harper added that he had 3,000 bicolor tepalcote plant, an excellent wildlife food, available for Macon farmers. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Harper at his office.

Highlands School Construction Halts, Due To Bad Weather

Adverse weather since Thanksgiving in the Highlands area has almost completely stopped construction work at the new Highlands school, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, announced this week.

According to the school superintendent most of the structural steel needed at the school has arrived. However, he pointed out, workmen have been unable to go ahead with construction as planned because of bad weather.

"As soon as the weather breaks," he declared, "construction will get under way immediately."

At the new East Franklin school, Mr. Houk said all of the structural steel has been erected and brick laying is coming along satisfactorily. On the west side, he said, brick has been laid as high as the second story, and on the other sections brick work extends to window level on the first floor.

Wildlife Association To Elect New Officers At Friday Meeting

Officers for 1951 will be elected at a meeting of the Macon County Wildlife association tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p. m. at the Agricultural building, it has been announced.



FIGHTING HIS THIRD WAR—No ordinary soldier is M/Sgt. Arne Stenale, 60 years old, of Devil's Lake, a member of the U. S. 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, just now slugging it out in Korea. He is a veteran of World War I and World War II, and two tours of duty in Korea. He resigned his commission of major to return to his comrades in the ranks when hostilities broke out last June. Here the sergeant is recounting some of his experiences to William H. Burson, a press correspondent from Atlanta, Ga., during a lull in the fighting in Korea.

37 MACON MEN 'JOIN UP' WITH U. S. AIR FORCE

Day's Total Sets County All-Time High, Says Recruiter

Thirty seven Macon County men enlisted in the Army Air Force Tuesday, setting an all-time record for one day enlistments in this county, according to Cpl. Clay Hensley, air force and army recruiter for Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties.

Corporal Hensley, who worked "on the double" all day in an effort to fill out the necessary papers for the swarm of enlistees, said he felt sure the figure would exceed any quota for one day enlistments here, including peak enlistments during World War II.

He said it was possible that all of the men would not be accepted by the air force since the examination here Tuesday was only a preliminary. Acceptance, he said, will depend on the final examination the men will receive at the main recruiting station in Charlotte.

About half the enlistees, Corporal Hensley said, will be sent to Charlotte this week and the rest next week.

When questioned, most of the 37 men said they were "beating the draft board to the punch" and most were in their late teens or early twenties.

Enlistments in all branches of the military service, have skyrocketed all over the United States since President Truman proclaimed a state of national emergency in December. In a message to the people of the country, the President asked for an army for defense, numbering 3,500,000 men, and set the nation on a virtual war footing.

Following are the names and addresses of the enlistees:

Robert E. Green, Samuel V. Sellers, Edward K. Dalton, Willey J. Gibson, Jack F. Tilley, Rob Raby, Grendell Peek, Earl Roper, Morley Peek, Frank Moffitt, R. L. Cunningham, Merritt Fouts, Mac Duncan, Kenneth Buchanan, Bob Myers, Fred West, D. L. Huggins, Bill Huggins, Edward Ledford, Kenneth E. Angel, Calvin L. Roland, Jr., Ralph Dowdle, Clinton Powers, Robert D. Holland, and James R. Myers, all of Franklin.

James N. Reese, William R. Potts, Arnold Keener, C. D. Burton, all of Highlands. Gene Stamey, Charley Bowers, Arley Henderson, of Cullasaja, Dillard R. Passmore, James W. Passmore, and Carlos R. Passmore, of Nantahala. Max Vinson, of Otto, and William Dewey Hedden, of Gnell.

Farmers Receive 117,500 Seedling Trees From T. V. A.

Macon County farmers are taking advantage of the tree seedling offer made by the Tennessee Valley authority, evidenced by 117,500 trees delivered to farmers here in November. S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, said this week.

More than 87,000 more seedling are being ordered, he said, and will be delivered in February. Any farmer who can use to a good advantage, white pine, short leaf pine, locust or poplar trees, Mr. Mendenhall said, should place an order at the county agent's office in the Agricultural building immediately, in order that it may be included in the next shipment.

The setting out of the large number of seedlings, he pointed out, means that more than 200 acres of waste land, yielding no return, is being put to profitable work by Macon farmers.

Trees, the county agent said, improve the appearance of eroded land, stop erosion, and in a few years will furnish a cash return.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the lower instrument station.

	Max	Min	Pet
Saturday	46	34	00
Sunday	49	33	00
Monday	51	18	00
Tuesday	49	31	00
Wednesday		47	trace

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Manson station for T.V.A.)
Saturday, none, Sunday, none, Monday, none, Tuesday, none, Wednesday, trace.