

DEPT. OF N. C. -- V. F. W.



Scrap Book
COMMUNITY SERVICE



New VFW Post At Franklin Will Honor Name Of Billy Gray Stone

Named For Army Man Who Gave Life To Country In Germany; James N. Hall Elected First Commander Of Post 6767

Billy Gray Stone of Toast, who died in World War II while serving with the Army in Germany, will be honored Monday night when a charter is presented to the new Billy Gray Stone Post 6767 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Franklin school.

The young Army man, 18, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stone. He was killed in action on February 15, 1945, as the American Infantry units were advancing through Germany.

A leader in school and church activities, Private Stone was a graduate of the 1943 class of Franklin high school and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He played basketball for his high school team.

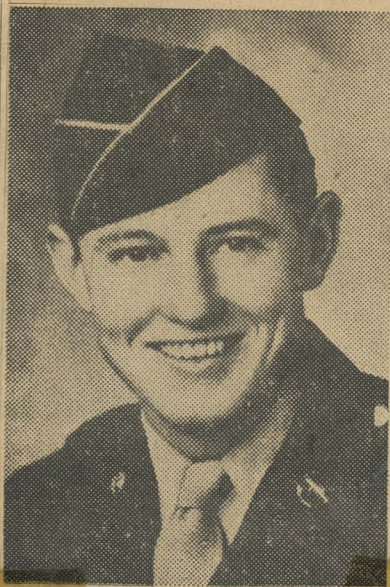
Billy Gray died in the service of his country just three days before he had been in the Army for six months. Entering the Army August 18, 1944, he trained at Camp Croft, S. C., and was shipped overseas in January, 1945.

The charter and officer installation service will begin at 7:30 in the school cafeteria.

James Norris Hall will be the first post commander. He will be installed by Jack Dusenberry of Hendersonville, senior vice-commander of the North Carolina Department of the VFW.

Other officers to be installed by Mr. Dusenberry are Carl Venable, senior vice - commander; Edgar Slate, junior vice - commander; Roger Jones, quartermaster; Johnny Nichols, judge advocate; Roy George, chaplain; and Guy Watson, surgeon. Trustees will be Vestal Phillips, Hunter McHone and Bill O'Dell.

The public is invited to the ceremonies.



BILLY GRAY STONE

TO THE MEMORY OF BILLY GREY STONE WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK.

OUR POST MOTTO, " TO HONOR THE DEAD BY SERVING THE LIVING".

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DEPT. OF NORTH CAROLINA

11TH DISTRICT

BILLY GREY STONE POST 6767

THE BILLY GREY STONE POST WAS ORGANIZED JANUARY, 1954. WE HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION ONLY 14 MONTHS. WE FEEL WE HAVE BEEN AN ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY DURING THIS SHORT TIME.

SINCE THIS IS A RURAL SECTION AND FINANCES HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT FOR A LARGE SCALE PUBLICITY PROGRAM, WE REALIZE WE HAVE LITTLE IN THE TYPE OF PUBLICITY ESSENTIAL FOR THE TYPE CONTEST ENTERED.

WE PROUDLY PRESENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, THE BELOW LISTING OF POST PROJECTS.

1-FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION TO ROANOKE HOSPITAL FOR VETERANS FAMILY.

2-RETURNED VETERAN TO HIS HOME ON LEAVE FROM HOSPITAL AND RETURNED HIM TO HOSPITAL AFTER LEAVE.

3-TRANSPORTED ANOTHER VETERAN TO VETERANS HOSPITAL.

4-BOUGHT GROCERIES AND ASSISTED FAMILY OF VETERAN.

5-OPERATED CONCESSION AND SOLD TICKETS AT THE BASKETBALL GAMES AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL. ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SCHOOL.

6-DONATED TO SCHOOL ATHLETIC BUS.

7-ASSISTED LOCAL RURITAN CLUB IN PROJECT WHICH REQUIRED MORE THAN THEIR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

8-HELPED NEEDY FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS.

9-SOLICITED MONEY FOR M.C. ODELL WHEN HOUSE BURNED.

10-HELD MARBLE TOURNEY AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL. PRESENTED AWARDS TO WINNERS. SENT WINNER TO V.F.W. STATE TOURNEY.

11-HELD MEMORIAL SERVICE. ATTENDED CHURCH IN BODY. HELD GRAVESIDE SERVICES AT GRAVE OF BILLY GREY STONE.

12-HELD BUDDY POPPY SALE.

13-SPONSORED ALL NIGHT SINGS TWICE. WILL SPONSOR ANOTHER ON EASTER.

14-SPONSORED WITH FLOUR COMPANY A FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE SUPPER.

15-HELD CHRISTMAS DANCE AND GAVE AWAY NEW AUTOMOBILE AS DOOR PRIZE.

16-HAVE HAD MEMBERS PRESENT AT ALL DISTRICT, AND DEPARTMENT MEETINGS SINCE WE ORGANIZED.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT 34TH STREET
KANSAS CITY 11, MISSOURI

November 23, 1953

November 11, 1953

State Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Dear Sir:

I understand that a group of veterans of our community are planning to organize a post of The Veterans of Foreign Wars, pending approval.

I feel sure that if this movement goes through, it will be a splendid help to our community in all phases of community life. There is much interest in this Post and from all indications it should develop into a strong unit.

I would like take this opportunity to express my feeling on this and heartily endorse it.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Stone
Member Franklin School Board

WJ/as
CC - Harold G. Stone

Adjutant General

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOVEMBER 22 1953



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BROADWAY AT 34TH STREET

KANSAS CITY 11, MISSOURI



December 14, 1953

A. C. Ingram, Quartermaster
Department of North Carolina, V.F.W.
P. O. Box 1838
High Point, North Carolina

Re: Billy Grey Stone Post No. 6767
Toast, North Carolina

Dear Comrade Ingram:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 10, 1953, transmitting the application for charter and Department check No. 5743 drawn on the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, in the amount of \$15.00, covering the charter fee for the new Post as captioned above.

The Commander-in-Chief has signified approval and the charter is authorized with the name, number and location as shown above.

In compliance with your request the charter supplies are being sent to Comrade Gerald R. Collins, Community Service Officer, Department of North Carolina, Rural Route No. 4, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Please see that we are furnished the Report of Muster as soon as the Post has been mustered and the officers installed. Blank form of Report of Muster will be found in the box of charter supplies.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours in comradeship,

E. L. Jenkins
Assistant Adjutant General

ELJ/ac
CC - Gerald R. Collins

James Odell New Commander Of Toast V.F.W.

James Odell was installed as Commander of the Billy Grey Stone Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in an installation ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park Friday night.

Other officers installed were Senior Vice Commander D. A. Watson, Jr., Junior Vice Commander Walter McCraw, Quartermaster Jack Griffith, Adjutant Norris Hall, Advocate Orson Puckett, Chaplain Brockley Lawson, and Surgeon Goldie Southern.

The officers were installed at a dinner meeting with their wives as guests. Other guests were Commander and Mrs. Jake Pendleton of the Mount Airy Post, Robert McNeil and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Collins.

Gerald Collins was installation officer.

The Billy Grey Stone post is one of the newest VFW Posts being installed in January 1955. The post meets each first and third Monday at Franklin School.

Odell Installed As Commander Of Toast VFW Post

James Odell was installed as new commander of the Billy Grey Stone Post at Toast, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in ceremonies Friday evening at Veterans Memorial Park.

Earlier, wives of members of posts were guests at a chicken dinner. Among the guests were Commander and Mrs. Jake Pendleton of the Claude E. Hooker Post in Mount Airy, James McNeil and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Collins.

Other officers installed included: D. A. Watson, Jr., senior vice-commander; Walter McCraw, junior vice-commander; Jack Griffith, quartermaster; Norris Hall, adjutant; Orson Puckett, advocate; Brockley Lawson, chaplain; and Goldie Southern, surgeon.



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DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
of the United States

13 January 1954

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
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HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

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BOX 645
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CHARLES T. MYERS
PAST DEPT. COMMANDER
3 LAW BUILDING
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Mr. Norris Hall, Commander
Post No. 6767, V. F. W.
Toast, North Carolina

Dear Comrade Hall:

We extend to you and the comrades in the new Toast post a cordial welcome into the ranks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, America's finest veterans organization. We have been advised by District Commander Mack Wall that the post was formally instituted at the Franklin High School on Monday night, January 11.

We know you are going to enjoy the fine comradeship which is unique in all V. F. W. posts and we congratulate you upon having been elected the post's first commander. This office is at your service in every possible way in regard to your duties.

Under separate cover, we are mailing you a roster of all the posts in North Carolina, including the names and addresses of the Department Officers and Post Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters. Also, whatever other material we can get together which may help you as commander. You are, of course, in the 11th VFW District of which Mack R. Wall is commander. He will be your liaison with the Department Commander and will represent you at Council of Administration meetings.

Comrade Wall has asked us to send you a warrant for the installation of officers and some membership application cards. There was supposed to be in the box of charter supplies a muster report in duplicate, to be filled out by the instituting officer. This usually serves instead of a warrant when a new post is instituted. If you can find this report, we will appreciate your filling out both copies and mailing them to us. If you don't find them, please advise. A warrant form is enclosed on which please list names and addresses of post officers and other information requested, sending one to this office, one to Comrade Wall at Danbury, and one to Adjutant General, VFW, Broadway at 34th St., Kansas City 2, Missouri. The membership application cards are being mailed under separate cover.

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25 November 1953

Mr. Gerald Collins
Dept. Community Service Chairman
Rt. 4
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Dear Gerald:

Congratulations on the new post in Toast! As soon as we get the charter application, we will send it on to National Headquarters for approval. It usually takes about three weeks for it to go through and the charter supplies to be delivered after we get the application. We would like to know who is going to institute the new post so that the charter supplies can be sent direct to him. Please let us know when you send the charter application.

We will place Norris Hall and Roger Jones' names on the mailing list as Commander and Quartermaster.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours in Comradeship,

Archie

A. C. Ingram
Adjutant Quartermaster

P. S. The post number will be 6767.

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Toast Veterans To Get Charter

TOAST — An application for V. F. W. charter has been submitted by the overseas veterans of Toast. The new post is to be known as Billy Grey Stone Post 6814.

The post expects to be instituted shortly after Christmas by Department Senior Vice Commander Jack F. Dusenbury. This post will be in the Eleventh District of which Mack R. Wall is commander. Twenty-one names were listed on the charter application.

The move to organize a V.F.W. post in Toast met with wholehearted approval. H. S. Broome, principal of Franklin High School, wrote: "As a member of the school board, I am very proud to endorse a movement of this kind, since I feel it will mean a great deal to our veterans and the community in general."

Another member of the school board, Harold Stone, wrote: "I feel sure that if this movement goes through, it will be a splendid help to our community in all phases of community life."

Dennis W. Moody, of the Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy said: "I personally know these boys and I do know they are a very progressive group and want to help their community in which they live."

Post 6767 Instituted At Toast

TOAST—On Jan. 11, a new VFW post was instituted at Toast, the ceremonies being held at the Franklin High School with R. A. Miskelly, Department Deputy Membership Chairman, as instituting officer. The new post is the Billy Grey Stone Post 6767. Norris Hall was installed as commander. The public was invited to the meeting, including the family of Billy Grey Stone, for whom the post is named.

Other officers installed were Sr. Vice Commander, Carl Venable Jr., Vice Commander, Edgar Slate; Quartermaster, Roger Jones; Adj. Wade Frye; Surgeon, Guy Watson; Trustees, Vestal Phillips, Hunter McHone, and Bill Odell.

Also attending the institution ceremonies were 11th District Commander Mack R. Wall and Department Community Service Chairman Gerald R. Collins, who is also Sr. Vice Commander of the 11th District.

Several members of the Danbury and Mount Airy posts were visitors.

There were 27 members present for the institution.

Gerald Collins Named 11th District VFW Commander

The Veterans of Foreign Wars in a district meeting held at the Frank Perryman Post Home in Winston-Salem Sunday, April 25, elected Gerald Collins of Mount Airy the Eleventh District Commander.

Other officers elected for the coming year are Jim Saylor, Elkin, senior vice commander; Charles Roberson, Danbury, junior vice commander; Clay Allen, Mocksville, quartermaster; Dallas Smith, Winston-Salem, judge advocate; Maurice Bumgarner, Elkin, Chief of Staff; Cleve W. Ketner, Winston-Salem, inspector; Norris Hall, Toast, surgeon; Charles Yarbrough, Winston-Salem, Chaplain.

Mack R. Wall, outgoing district commander, was elected district trustee for three years; William Porter of Kernersville, trustee for two years and James R. McNeil of Mount Airy, trustee for one year. All incoming officers were installed by the State VFW commander, Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. James R. McNeil of Mount Airy was elected junior vice commander of the Eleventh District Ladies Auxiliary.

The next district meeting will be held in Danbury at a time to be announced at the VFW State Encampment at Asheville in June.

The Eleventh District is comprised of ten VFW posts with a membership of over one thousand.

Attendance cups were won by the Mount Airy, Elkin and Danbury posts.

VFW to Hold Encampment At Asheville

ASHEVILLE, June 9 (AP)—Some 1,200 to 1,500 Veterans of Foreign Wars are expected to attend a four-day encampment of the North Carolina Department opening here tomorrow.

Among speakers at the 24th annual encampment will be P. L. Collins, manager of Oteen Veterans Administration Hospital, Dewey Beauchamp, commander of Asheville Post 891, Mayor Earl W. Eller of Asheville, Mrs. Mary Harrison, president of the Asheville Auxiliary; Forrest Dunstan of Elizabeth City, department commander; and Mrs. Ruby Reinhart, department auxiliary president.

Greetings of the national organization will be brought by Omar B. Ketchum of Washington, national legislative director.

Collins will be the principal speaker at the grand banquet climaxing the encampment.

The four-day program will be highlighted at 11 a.m. Saturday with the encampment's parade featuring more than 70 units and some half a dozen bands, including a crack 60-piece musical unit from Hickory.

The encampment will close Sunday with a memorial service in the City Auditorium followed by a business session, election of officers and announcement of the annual national encampment.



EDWIN MESSICK

Messick To Be Guest Speaker

The Eleventh District of the VFW and Auxiliary will meet with the Billy Grey Stone Post of Toast at Franklin High School Sunday at 2 p.m.

Edwin Messick, North Carolina Department Inspector, will be guest speaker and all members of the VFW and Auxiliary are urged to attend the meeting. Mr. Messick is a past commander of Post 1134, Winston-Salem, and is a past deputy inspector general of VFW National Headquarters.

The Eleventh District is made up of Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Yadkin and Davie Counties. Gerald Collins of this city is commander of the district and Mrs. Inez Alley of Danbury is president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

POST HELD COMMUNITY DANCE AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL.
CAR WAS GIVEN AWAY AND LARGE ATTENDANCE MADE THIS
A HAPPY ENDING TO THE LARGEST PROJECT UNDERTAKEN
BY THE POST.

Snyder Wins Nash Rambler



Pictured above is Brockley Lawson, member of the Billy Gray Stone Veterans of Foreign Wars post, presenting the 1955 license plates to George M. Snyder, Jr., of this city, winner of the auto given away by the VFW post earlier this year.

Staff Photo

POST PARTICIPATED IN PARADE IN MOUNT AIRY.
COMMANDER HALL SHOWN IN PICTURE BELOW.



Toast Boy Takes Part In Marble Tournament

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6767 of Toast sponsored Jack Thomas in the recent State Marble Tournament of Fayetteville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and was champion at Franklin School.

D. A. Watson, Jr., local VFW member, accompanied Jack on the trip.

Entertainment was furnished by Post 670 of Fayetteville. A parade and a king and queen event

were part of the festivities.

Jack competed with 48 other champions, sponsored by the various other VFW posts of the state. He lost in the second round of the contest but received a trophy.

The local contestant and his chosen princess presented a radio to the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville.

Toast Post Holds Memorial Service

TOAST —Billy Grey Stone Post 6767 held its first Memorial Service on Sunday, May 30, at Calvary Baptist Church at Toast. Carl Venable, Post Chaplain, was in charge of the services.

All visiting veterans were recognized, after which a Roll of Honor was dedicated.

Rev. R. L. Wilson, pastor of the church and a former Naval Chaplain, delivered the message, "The Christian Soldier."

After services at the church, an appropriate graveside Memorial Day ceremony was performed at the grave of Billy Grey Stone, in whose memory the post was named.

BILLY GREY STONE POST 6767 TOAST, N. C.

Here's a new post that should go a long way in their Community Service Program. At the organizational meeting of the Post, they voted to start a program of service to the community.

Commander Norris Hall and the comrades have lost no time in getting their projects under way for they have assisted the athletic department of the Franklin High School by operating the concessions, selling tickets, taking up tickets, keeping time and order during all the High School basketball games this past winter. As usual, whether it be a new post or an old one, they are always ready to give a hand and when the Ruritan Club called on the Billy Grey Stone Post to help in one of their projects, they were more than glad to help.

The Post has sponsored a marble tourney in the local school and has solicited the community for funds for a family whose home was destroyed by fire.

Billy Gray Stone VFW Post
Mr. James Hall
Toast, North Carolina

Dear VFW Members;

Although the Christmas season is over and we have returned to our normal routine duties, we want to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to you and the members of the group you represented for the wonderful way in which you cooperated with the Empty Stocking Committee in making this the most successful Christmas for the unfortunate of our community. Just as the wise men wended their way back to the routine duties of "caring for their flock" from the gift taking visit to the new born Saviour, full of praise and hope, we trust your return to the routine of office, store, or factory, will be a happier experience for having kept the spirit of the wise men nearly 2000 years ago.

For your information the following facts regarding this Community project for this year are presented.

- (1) A total of 163 families with a membership of 891 individuals were helped this year.
- (2) At least 68 different groups, including Sunday School Classes, Veterans Organizations, and Merchant and Employee groups, with an average of at least 10 members per group, participated in the preparation and distribution of these gifts.
- (3) There is no way of estimating the actual monetary benefits extended to these families, but we do know that from \$10 to \$60 was spent on every family.
- (4) It was the most successful Christmas program for the unfortunate ever accomplished in this Community before.
- (5) We hope your Christmas was more meaningful than ever before for having participated and that you will want to share in the program again next year.
- (6) The Committee will appreciate any criticisms or suggestions resulting from your experiences this year.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

EMPTY STOCKING COMMITTEE

George Sparger
George Sparger, Chairman

A. B. Carter

Raymond Weldon

W. M. Johnson

Jimmy Barber

Jimmy Shaw

B. H. THARRINGTON, SUPERINTENDENT

H. S. BROOME, PRINCIPAL

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

R. F. D. NO. 4

SCHOOL BOARD:

GUY W. SPARGER

B. A. JARVIS

J. H. HALL

HAROLD STONE

M. W. CARTER

April 4, 1955

Mr. Norris Hall, Commander
Billy Gray Stone Post
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Toast, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hall:

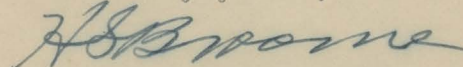
It is a real pleasure for me to offer to you and your fine Post some words of commendation for the splendid work that you are doing in our community. I have been impressed by the fact that, while you do such a good job of taking care of the needs of former Service men, you always find so many fine things that you can and do do for the community as a whole.

Your Post has taken a leading role in the promotion of recreational activities for the youth of Franklin School territory. The program of play activity that you have sponsored during summer months has certainly done much to combat juvenile delinquency. It has helped boys to spend their spare time profitably and pleasantly in competition with their fellows. Also, you have been of very great assistance to Franklin School in our athletic program during the school year. The fact that your men have kept the gate for us at basketball and football games has contributed much to good order and it has taken quite a burden from the shoulders of principal and coaches.

We appreciate most highly your contribution on the school activity bus. We realize that individuals of your group made contributions as individuals and that the Post made a Post contribution. All of these gifts helped to make it possible for us to complete payment for the bus shortly after it was delivered to us.

If we at Franklin School can return any of your favors to the school and community, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,



H.S. Broome, Principal
Franklin High School