

## Guard Battery Here Rated Highly In 30th Division

### Citations Given In Encampment At Fort Jackson

#### Adjutant General Sends Message to All National Guardsmen in State

Battery C of the North Carolina National Guard was judged the best firing battery of the 112th Field Artillery during two weeks summer encampment of the 30th division of the National Guard at Fort Jackson, S. C., July 2 to 16.

The battery from North Wilkesboro also received rating of excellent for encampment, with the rating being given by an army inspection team. C battery was the only battery which qualified every man who fired carbine and pistol as marksman.

There were several individual honors and citations among the ranks of the battery from North Wilkesboro, Major Roy Forehand, battalion executive officer, reported.

Pfc. Jones Wood shot the highest mark in the battalion with both carbine and pistol.

Cpl. Jack Johnson received battalion citation for outstanding work in artillery survey and artillery computation necessary for night firing from survey data.

Second Lieutenant Clarence D. Wiles received his commission while in camp, completing work he began two years ago.

Pfc. Conley Call received commendation from the commanding general for excellent performance of duty while at camp.

The field artillery of which the battery from North Wilkesboro was a part was judged the outstanding unit of the entire 30th division.

Results of the encampment showed that the National Guard battery here is well trained and ready for any emergency. To date the battery has received no orders for mobilization.

Follow is a bulletin sent National Guard units in North Carolina by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts:

1. The matter of resignation of officers and discharge of enlisted men of the Guard, because of present conditions confronting the nation, has come to the attention of National Guard authorities of the Federal Government and of the respective states.

2. The National Guard created under acts of Congress and by state law is a military organization, its strength is gained through voluntary acceptance of a commission or voluntary enlistment. The purpose of this organization is the defense of state and home communities and the defense of our country in which we live a life of perfect freedom. The dense of which may be inconvenient to some yet failure to honorably serve and protect our well being may mean the disintegration and loss of our form of government.

3. The officer upon accepting his commission in the National Guard and the man upon enlisting subscribe to an oath through which the officer solemnly swears that he will defend the Constitution of the United States and the State against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that he will obey the orders of the President and the Governor; that he makes this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of coercion. The enlisted man acknowledges to have voluntarily enlisted under conditions prescribed by law and solemnly swears to bear true faith and allegiance to the United States and to the State, and to serve honestly and faithfully against all enemies and to obey the orders of the President and the Governor. Both officers and enlisted men having taken their oaths have been afforded training by the government to fit them for such national or state emergency as may arise. They have accepted Federal pay for such service and training.

4. Now, that our nation is faced with an emergency, and there are possibilities that the National Guard may be inducted into Federal Service, some few have expressed the desire to sever their connection with the Guard, apparently in fear that they may have to assist in the defense of this country which has provided for them that free type of life, with the great blessings which are ours.

5. Should it become necessary to order the Guard into active

### Missing General



Maj. Gen. William F. Dean

COMMANDER of the 24th Division, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean has been unreported since the abandonment of Taejon by U.S. forces. Pictured in the city during closing days of its defense, Gen. Dean was last seen passing ammunition to a bazooka team during the last-ditch fight to hold city. (Teleneus News-reel Photo from International)

### Investigator Tells Lions Club About Success Of F.B.I.

Joseph C. Mulrow, assistant special agent of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Friday evening addressed the North Wilkesboro Lions club.

The F. B. I. agent told of two divisions of the bureau, fingerprinting and crime detection laboratory. He said that the files now contain fingerprints of 113,000,000 people and that the bureau in recent years has been able to produce the fingerprints of 60 per cent of people wanted in investigations.

Crime has become a big business, he said, and major crimes are committed in this country at an average of one every 17.9 seconds.

The agent gave accounts of how the F. B. I., with cooperation of local law enforcement agents, had been able to solve crimes. Some of these accounts in which he related use of the crime detection laboratory facilities, were better than detective fiction thrillers and were thoroughly enjoyed by the club.

The speaker was presented by W. O. Absher.

Edward S. Finley, vice president, presided over the meeting in the absence of President Jack Swofford, who with Paul Cashion was attending Lions International convention in Chicago last week.

### Wilkes F.C.X. Store Moved To Sixth And Main

Wilkes Farmers Exchange Store, better known as the F. C. X., has moved from the former location near Cherry street to the store building on the corner of Sixth and Main streets, next door to Reins Market. The new location will be convenient to the firm's many patrons.

Federal Service, the government looks to Guardsmen whom it has trained and paid to uphold its prestige and our form of government and to defend its honor. Young men were called from home, business, and school with the National Guard for service on the Mexican Border in 1916 and in both World War I and II. It is possible that such a call may again come. Readjustments have taken place in the past and, if necessary, will in the future.

6. The National Guard then and now is the backbone of our national defense. The country depends on you when your services are needed. North Carolinians are as patriotic today as in the years past and no state can surpass our state in its patriotism. If a job must be done, we will do our part.

7. It is sincerely desired that in this world crisis all North Carolina National Guardsmen will fulfill their assumed obligations. J. VAN B. METTS, The Adjutant General.

### J. O. Gaither Killed In Auto Crash On Friday

#### Electrical Construction Contractor Killed While En Route Home

J. O. Gaither, head of a Charlotte construction firm, was killed Friday in Iredell County when he was thrown from his skidding truck and crashed beneath it.

The accident occurred at 7 p. m., near Mount Mourne as Mr. Gaither, president of Delta, Inc., was on his way home from North Wilkesboro.

Witnesses said that his pickup truck, having run into a road shoulder softened by rain, skidded into a ditch as Mr. Gaither tried to steer it back to the pavement. He was thrown from the front seat, then crushed when the truck fell on top of him. He died within a few minutes.

Mr. Gaither was supervisor of a crew of men building electric lines for the Duke Power Company in the North Wilkesboro area.

Mr. Gaither's crew installed the lighting system in Memorial Park in North Wilkesboro. He was a Mason and member of Liberty lodge 45 in Wilkesboro. He was a major in World War II and with W. J. Kimball organized Delta, Inc., soon after leaving the army.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Plaza Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gaither's employees in North Wilkesboro were honorary pallbearers. They are Dewey Bell, Lewis Fay, W. M. Griggs, Toby Griggs, C. E. Whittington, F. M. Nichols, J. C. Simmons, P. W. Royal and S. V. Faw.

### Dr. Binkley To Speak To Optimists

Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Sociology at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be guest speaker at the meeting of the local Optimist club tomorrow at noon at Hotel Wilkes. The program chairman for the meeting is Optimist D. T. Trivette.

All members of the club are urged to be present for the meeting.

### Business Men's Club Meets Tuesday Night

The Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club will meet Tuesday night, July 25th, at 7 o'clock, at the Woman's club house. All members are urged to attend.

## LOCALS

The combined meeting of the Woman's Bible class and the Spiritual Life Group of the First Methodist church will be held Tuesday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Dobson with Mrs. C. A. Forester as associate hostess.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Jay Winslow spent several days last week in Morganton with their daughter, Mrs. Homer Benfield, and Mr. Benfield.

Mrs. W. M. McCulley, of Salisbury, is visiting here with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, this week. Mr. McCulley spent the week-end with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Snyder and daughter, Miss Dorothy Ann Snyder, and Mr. Robert M. Harvey, of this city, enjoyed a motor trip to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Sunday.

The Drifting Melody, Boys string band, which is heard regularly over radio stations here and Elkin, are playing each Saturday night for the V.F.W. jamboree square dances held at the V.F.W. hall at Elkin.

The ladies of the W. S. C. S. of Union Methodist church will conduct a rummage sale at Forester Furniture Co. on Tenth street Saturday, July 29th, starting at nine a. m. Various articles will be on sale at low prices, and the public is cordially invited to attend the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Greer have returned to their home at Moravian Falls after a week's trip to Washington, D. C., Rochester, N. Y., and Niagara Falls. While on the trip their daughter, Miss Marjorie Greer, visited with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Way, in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Greer, visited relatives in Rochester and Washington.

### Trade Promotion Group Will Meet Tuesday At Ten

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, ten a. m., at the office of the chamber of commerce.

L. S. Spainhour, chairman, said the meeting will be for the purpose to discuss preliminary plans for Farmers' Day here this fall. All leaders in the Farmer's Day program last year are especially urged to be present.

Road Committee Meeting Highway and Roads committee, of which W. J. Bason is chairman, will meet Tuesday, 4:15 p. m., to discuss road needs in the county.

### Kiwanians Learn About Processes Milk Manufacture

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Dr. E. N. Phillips, president, presided and invocation was by Dr. John T. Wayland.

Prior to the program the inter-club meeting with Mt. Airy and Elkin Kiwanians to be held Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p. m., at Doughton Park on the Parkway was discussed and 48 members indicated they would go. The Elkin club will be host at the meeting.

John E. Justice welcomed a new member, George C. Weibel, a former member of the Kiwanis, club at Martinsville, Va., and now with Carolina Mirror company here.

Program Chairman John Adams introduced Alex Buchanan, of Lexington, who showed a sound picture, "The Miracle Of Milk". The picture presented in a very interesting manner the mechanical process now used in the production of and manufacture of milk into its present day many uses. The selection and care of the herds, the modern day milking machines, the devices for pasteurizing homogenizing, and the manufacture of butter, cheese, cottage cheese, ice cream, etc., featured the story in picture.

Guests Friday were: Tom Eshelman with P. W. Eshelman; Charles Williams with Pat Williams; Isaac Duncan with Dr. John T. Wayland; Rev. Levin Lake with W. N. Brookshire, J. W. Braxton of Elkin and Alex Buchanan of Lexington were visiting Kiwanians.

### Cemetery Working At Reddies River

Those who have relatives and friends buried at Reddies River cemetery are invited to gather at the cemetery Saturday, July 29, to clean the grounds and make other improvements. In event of rain on July 29 the working will be held on the next good day for work.

### Lewis Fork Church Will Have Revival

Revival services will begin Sunday night, July 30, at Lewis Fork Baptist church. Services will be held each afternoon at two o'clock and each evening at 7:45. Rev. J. Roby McNeil, of Purlear will assist the pastor, Rev. A. W. Eller. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

### Neighbors Tour From Twin-City Coming Thursday

"Know Yours Neighbor Tour" from Winston-Salem will visit North Wilkesboro Thursday afternoon.

Hospitality committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which Dr. J. H. Sowder is chairman, will welcome the bus load of Twin-City visitors and entertain them informally for a brief period at Dagwood's Carolina Restaurant.

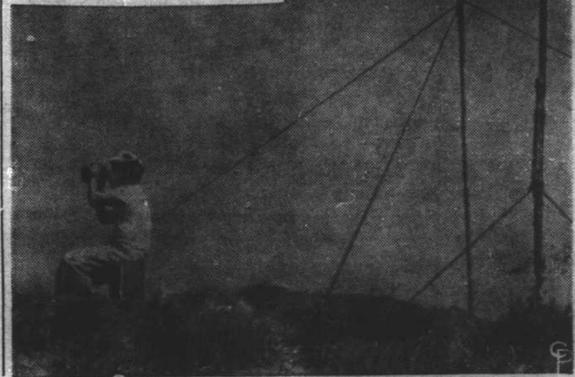
Several members of the committee and other civic leaders will take part in the informal program and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. O'Farrell, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. O'Farrell's sister, Miss Caroline Howell, of Moravian Falls, are visiting Mr. O'Farrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Farrell, of Houston, Texas, for two weeks.

### Old Glory at Front

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FIRMLY PLANTED atop a bunker built by the Japanese during World War II, the American flag proudly waves in the wind as a GI watches from his outpost in South Korea for the Communist invaders. The concrete bunker is located near a U. S. airfield close to Pohang, where an American amphibious force recently was landed. (International)



### FLASHERS BEAT ELKIN 4 TO 2 AND LOSE TWO CLOSE GAMES

North Wilkesboro Flashers, playing a team half made up of pitchers because of a long list of injured players, defeated Elkin 4 to 2 in the second game of a double bill here Sunday afternoon after losing the opener in a close battle 3 to 2. At Elkin Saturday night North Wilkesboro's patched up lineup gave a good account of itself but lost 8 to 7. They fought all the way and in the ninth had three on base when the final out was made.

Here Thursday night North Wilkesboro lost to Galax 11 to 6 and Galax won at Friday night 13 to 1.

Injuries hit the squad at a terrific rate since Thursday. Horace Hubbard had an attack of pleurisy and had to go home Friday. He is expected back today. Ed Mor-ton suffered a side injury and is out of action. Ed Bowman injured an arm and has been out of his position at shortstop. Cecil Fogleman is expected back today after being out ten days with a sprained ankle. As if this wasn't enough for one team, Catcher Bob Wright suffered a very painful injury at Elkin Saturday night when a pitched ball crushed the end of his thumb on his right hand while batting. He will be out several days or limited to part time play.

Here Sunday Charlie Morant pitched a beautiful game in the seven-inning stint and played his usual smooth game at first base in the second game. In the first inning of the opening game Manager Henry Loman, who started playing first base, was lead off hitter and was hit with Red Powers' first pitch, which caused an arm injury that later forced him to retire from the game. Bob Hite followed with a triple which scored Loman and Hite scored on Davis' long fly. That ended North Wilkesboro's scoring, although the Flashers threatened with two on in the fifth and two on in the sixth, when Davenport was thrown out trying to steal third.

Elkin's three runs were in the sixth on three hits and two errors.

Bob Thompson mastered Elkin in the second with a six-hit performance that could have been a shut-out with air tight defensive play. North Wilkesboro jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first on an Elkin error of Bowman's ground-er. Bob Hite's double and a Fletcher wild pitch. The Flashers added two in the third on singles by Hite, Davenport and Childers with an outfield fly by Thorn-burg batting in one run. Elkin gained single runs in the sixth and eighth; the first run aided by an error and the second by a passed ball.

In the three games against Elkin North Wilkesboro scored 13 runs to the same number for Elkin. With a full lineup in the series the results could have easily meant a clean sweep by North Wilkesboro.

Wytheville Here Tuesday Wytheville will be here in a family night games Tuesday, eight o'clock, and Mt. Airy will be here Thursday. Radford will play here next Monday. If the injured and ailing can return to

### Rev. J. B. McLeod Elected Pastor At 1st Presbyterian

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NEW PASTOR Will Assume His Duties in North Wilkesboro September 1

The Rev. James B. MacLeod of the Sharon Presbyterian Church, Route 2, Charlotte, N. C., has accepted a call to be pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. He has been released from the Mecklenburg Presbytery and received by Winston-Salem Presbytery at their recent meetings.

Mr. MacLeod was born and reared in Lumerton, S. C. and is a graduate of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. He received his B. D. Degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He held a pastorate in Virginia before coming to the Sharon Church where he has done very fruitful service for three and a half years.

Mrs. MacLeod is the former Miss Suzanne Hudson of Raleigh, N. C. They have two children: Suzanne Elizabeth, five years old, and James Blount, four years old. The MacLeods will move to North Wilkesboro the last of August. He will assume his duties September 1st and preach his first sermon here September 3rd. The date for the installation of Mr. MacLeod will be announced later.

### Baseball Schedule For Coming Week

N. Wilkesboro at Wytheville. Elkin at Mt. Airy. Galax at Radford. Tuesday, July 25 Wytheville at N. Wilkesboro. Mt. Airy at Elkin. Radford at Galax. Wednesday, July 26 N. Wilkesboro at Mt. Airy. Radford at Elkin. Galax at Wytheville. Thursday, July 27 Mt. Airy at N. Wilkesboro. Elkin at Radford. Wytheville at Galax. Friday, July 28 North Wilkesboro at Galax. Mt. Airy at Radford. Wytheville at Elkin. Saturday, July 29 North Wilkesboro at Galax. Wytheville at Elkin. Radford at Mt. Airy. Sunday, July 30 N. Wilkesboro at Radford. Elkin at Galax. Mt. Airy at Wytheville.

The lineup it appears that the Flashers can give fans some victories to look at this week. Playing against Wytheville the Flashers will have opportunity to gain directly in the race. Wytheville is in fifth place.

### Ice Cream Supper, Food Sale Saturday

Ladies of Baptist Home church will sponsor an ice cream supper and food sale Saturday, July 29, one until eight p. m., at Mulberry community house. Home made articles, canned goods, cakes, pies, vegetables and other foods will be sold at bargain prices. Everybody is invited.

### Blue Ridge Singing Yellow Hill Church

Blue Ridge Singing Association will convene at Yellow Hill church at Summit Sunday, July 30, beginning at one p. m., according to announcement by T. A. Eller, chairman. All singers have a cordial invitation to take part.

### Pfc. Robie Jordan Fighting In Korea

A Press Acme Telephoto from Korea in newspapers last week showed Pfc. Robie Jordan, of North Wilkesboro, "waiting his turn" with a machine gun to attack North Korean Reds in the Korean war. The caption with the picture said that shortly after the picture was made he went into action.

Pfc. Jordan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jordan, of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Michael left Sunday to spend their vacation at Fontana Dam, Cherokee and Knoxville, Tenn. In Knoxville they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Karl B. Perkins and young son, Michael Lawrence. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Michael are sisters.

Miss Alice Ann Springs, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., has been the guest this week of her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Somers, and Mr. Somers.

## LOCAL

Friends regret to learn that Mrs. George Sebastian continues ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ferguson and daughter of St. Louis, Mo., recently visited Mr. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferguson, of the Adley community. Mr. Ferguson has been connected with the Missouri state highway commission for nineteen years.

Miss Sue Landon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Landon; Miss Billie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, and Miss Jane Carter, daughter of Mrs. Dan Carter, are now at home after attending the first session of summer school of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Crate Laws, who was a patient at the Davis Hospital in Statesville for two weeks, spent last week here in the homes of her two sisters, Mrs. Ray Barnes and Mrs. John Crawford, before returning to her home at Purlear. Mrs. Laws' son, Kenneth, was also here for the week.

Mrs. H. L. Cromartie, of Clinton, Mrs. L. C. Beddingfield and daughter and son, Barbara Ann and Richard, of Raleigh, were guests here for the day Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Jay H. Johnson. Mrs. Cromartie and Mrs. Beddingfield are sisters of Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Jim Day, who was in Summer school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the first session, returned here Friday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Day. Mr. Frank Day and Mr. Harry Steele went down Thursday to attend a showing of the Planetarium and accompanied Jim home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnes and Mrs. Ray Barnes went to Taylorsville Friday morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Zeno Brown held at eleven o'clock at Three Forks Baptist church. The deceased was a cousin of Messrs. Roy and Ray Barnes, of this city, and a brother of Mrs. Lewis Teague, who formerly taught in the Mountain View School.

Mrs. James Mills, of Albermarle, visited here last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, and Mr. Gaddy. She came up to get her daughter, Miss Elaine Mills, who had been spending sometime with the Gaddys, and was accompanied on the trip by Harry Whitley, also of Albermarle, a nephew of Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Gaddy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Triplett and son, Buddy, were visitors in Mt. Airy Tuesday and Wednesday. They went there to attend the wedding of Mrs. Triplett's niece, Miss Mary Lou Swanson, and Robert Thomas Carson, which took place Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swanson. The Triplett's also attended the rehearsal party held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell. Mrs. Triplett cut the cake at the rehearsal party.