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Local Schools Will Open On September 10

Roanoke Rapids schools will open on September 10, according to an announcement made today. The schools will operate this year under I. E. Ready, new superintendent, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. W. Davis, who headed the schools for many years. Mr. Davis, with his family, has moved to Chapel Hill where he becomes head of the schools in that city.

Supt. Ready, for many years was associated with the Rocky Mount school system, and at the time of his being named to head the Roanoke Rapids schools was principal of Hugh Morson High School in Raleigh.

The faculty of the local schools was hard hit with resignations, 21 members resigning. They are:

From Central school: Mrs. Mary Davis Emerson and Miss Louise Howell. These have been replaced by Miss Margaret Garris and Miss Edith Parrott.

From Rosemary School: Miss Mary Lowder, Miss Gladys Scull and Miss Edith Parrott (transferred). These vacancies will be filled by Miss Sybil Beamon, Miss Elsie Corbitt and Mrs. Nora Smith.

Resigned from Clara Hearn School: Miss Ella Gibbs, replaced by Miss Wilma Colart.

From Vance Street School: Mrs. Elizabeth Knott and Miss Louise Holloman. Mrs. Winnifred Debnam has been elected to one of these vacancies.

Sixth Grade Building: Miss Ruth Belch and Miss Helen Foley. Replacement, Miss Grace Clark (transferred from another school).

High School: Mrs. Margaret Lambert, Miss Margaret Lewis, and Miss Margaret Watson Morris Clary, Mrs. Arlene Shearin, Mrs. Evelyn Sandlin, Mrs. Morris Clary, Miss Marie Walker, Thomas L. Martin, R. B. Young and Miss Virginia Bledsoe. Elected to fill vacancies are Miss Rebecca Pridgen, Miss Christine Rogers, Miss Marjorie Fleetwood, Miss Elizabeth Whitehurst, Miss Marian Morton and Miss Evelyn Gwaltney. Places yet to be filled are: Mathematics, commercial subjects, industrial
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Exhaust Fan Is Cause Of Injury

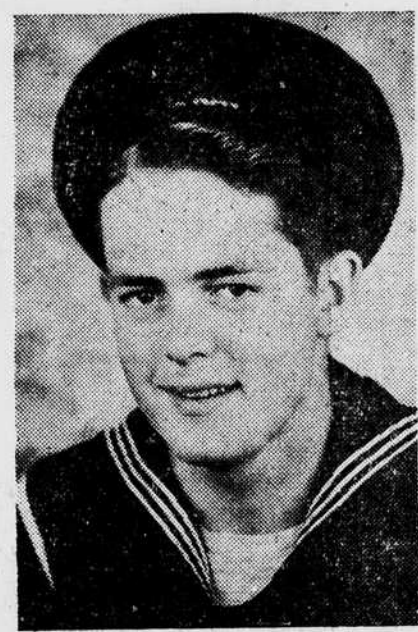
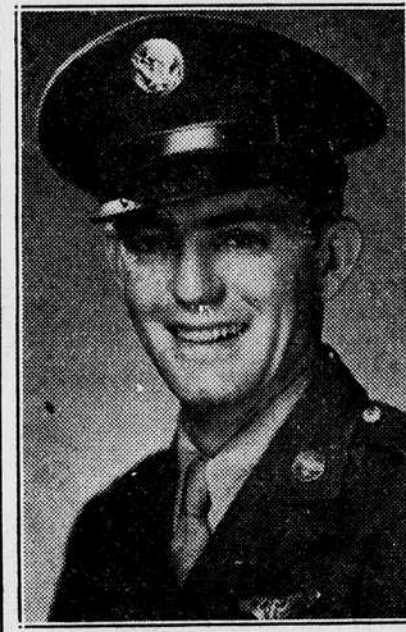
While working in the loft of one of the buildings of Rosemary Manufacturing Company last Saturday Thomas H. Cooke, a carpenter, suffered a mangled hand in an exhaust fan. Being unusually hot at the time Mr. Cooke placed his hand in front of the fan to ascertain if there was much air being generated. His hand was drawn into the fan and badly injured. He was taken to Roanoke Rapids Hospital for treatment.

Aldridge Goes To Weldon Store

B. A. "Butch" Aldridge, popular meat market manager of the "uptown" Roanoke Rapids A&P store, has been appointed store manager of the A&P in Weldon. Mr. Aldridge assumed his new duties Monday morning of this week.

GLOBAL WAR IS OVER

Discharged On Iwo Jima In Germany



At the left is S/Sgt. Marvin E. Barnes who has been honorably discharged from the armed forces. He spent 12 months overseas serving as waist gunner on a Flying Fortress B-17. He received the Air Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, six battle stars and the ETO ribbon. Due to an accident on his last mission, in which only three of the crew survived, he made an emergency jump which qualified him as a member of the Catterpillar Club. In the center is Eley L. Barnes, Jr., S2/c, now on Iwo Jima. He received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., and has been overseas since December. Before entering the service he was employed at Roanoke Mills No. 2. At the right is Pfc. Lowray Barnes, who is in Germany, but is expecting to come home in the near future. He has been overseas 11 months. His wife, the former Miss Lizzie Richardson, resides with her parents in Jarratt, Va. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barnes of Pleasant Hill.

Pearl Harbor Is Avenged; MacArthur To Deliver Terms

Peace came to the world last Tuesday night at 7:02 o'clock when President Harry S. Truman announced that Japan had accepted unconditional surrender and that Allied forces had been ordered to cease firing.

Thus the Global War—bloodiest conflict in all human history—came to an end, except for the formality of signing surrender documents. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, "the man who came back," was named to receive the formal Jap surrender. He will deliver the terms to the Japanese tomorrow in his headquarters in Manila close by the hallowed shrines of Bataan and Corregidor.

He issued instructions to the Nipponese Wednesday to send their surrender envoy to Ie Shima, an island near Okinawa, in a greencross marked Japanese plane. From there the envoy, and aides MacArthur ordered to accompany him, will be transported to Manila in American aircraft.

Personal Triumph
Earlier, in a note addressed direct to Emperor Hirohito, MacArthur informed the beaten Nipponese he had been designated supreme commander of Allied forces and empowered "to arrange directly with Japanese authorities for cessation of hostilities at the earliest practicable date."

He also gave detailed instructions for the official designation of a Tokyo radio station as the medium for further communications—in English—with his headquarters.

For MacArthur it is a personal triumph which will have widespread significance in the "face-saving" Orient.

When the Nipponese tossed in the sponge, MacArthur was poised as commander of all Allied army forces in the Pacific, for an "On To Tokyo" drive. His brilliant campaigns in the Southwest Pacific had fulfilled his "I will return" pledge to the ill-equipped, sick and starving American and Filipino troops he left behind at Bataan and Corregidor on orders of the late President Roosevelt.

"Bataan" Is Password
MacArthur ironically chose as the recognition signal for the Japanese envoy's plane the word "Bataan" (Continued on page 12—Sect. A)

President's Statement

Following is the text of President Truman's statement on the Japanese surrender:

"I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the Secretary of State on August 11.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan. In the reply there is no qualification.

"Arrangements now are being made for the formal signing of surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

"General Douglas MacArthur has been appointed the Supreme Allied Commander to receive the Japanese surrender.

"Great Britain, Russia and China will be represented by high-ranking officers.

"Meantime, the Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action.

"The proclamation of V-J Day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan."

Roanoke Rapids People Are Jubilant When War Comes to An End; Hundreds In Parade

War's end, coming upon Roanoke Rapids Tuesday night at 7:02 o'clock, sent the city into the wildest celebration in its history with hundreds of people swarming through the business section blowing automobile horns, ringing bells and making noise with whatever other means was at hand.

Roanoke Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare, was packed and jammed with automobiles within a few minutes after the radio brought news of President Truman's official announcement of Japan's acceptance of unconditional surrender. Sirens screamed, whistles blew and horns raised an unearthly din and crowds along the avenue yelled jubilantly and joyously.

Like the rest of the world Roanoke Rapids had waited in suspense for nearly five days to hear the word that the Japs had quit. There had been little business activity all morning, most people staying by their radios all day Tuesday in order to keep up with latest developments. When word did come all bedlam broke loose.

Suddenly hundreds of automobiles converged upon the avenue with horns blowing and youngsters riding on the front fenders. By 7:30 an estimated three thousand people had joined in the parade and demonstration. Many service men, in the city on leave or here for a visit, joined in the celebration.

Many homes were thrown open and "open house" was declared for almost all night. All the

churches in the city were open for prayer services and good attendance was noted at all of them.

There were no major accidents reported by the police, but a few of the inescapable minor automobile crashes on occasions of this nature did occur.

The biggest entertainment of the evening was a dance sponsored by the Roanoke Rapids Veterans of Foreign Wars which was held in the Armory. Quite a number of young people attended.

Another feature of the two-day celebration was a big patriotic parade staged by the Robert E. May Post of the American Legion on Wednesday morning.

Who Milked The Cow At 2 A. M.?

After having consumed everything liquid except water, guests in the home of a prominent Roanoke Rapids family last Tuesday were about to become thirsty. Suddenly one of them suggested sweet milk. The host said: "We haven't any sweet milk in the house right now. I am sorry. But we do have a darn good milch cow."

Whereupon, as the story goes, the host and his guests departed for the cow barn and it is said definitely that "Old Bossy" had to stand for a milking at 2 a. m.

Opening Hours Of Swimming Pool

Announcement was made today by Coach Venters, supervisor of the local playgrounds and swimming pool, that the pool would be open hereafter in the mornings from 10 until 12, and in the afternoons from two until six.

First Polio Case Is That Of Negro

The first case of infantile paralysis reported this year in Halifax County is that of a 17-year-old negro boy, Johnny Elois Walker, Littleton, Route 2. He has been taken to Charlotte Memorial Hospital where doctors from Warm Springs, Ga., famed in the treatment of the disease, are in attendance. The boy is said to be very ill.