

## North Wilkesboro Schools to Begin On September 4th

### Few Changes in Faculty; Interior High School Building Being Repainted

North Wilkesboro city schools will open on Monday, Sept. 4, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, announced.

The city school calendar calls for Thanksgiving holidays Thursday and Friday, November 30-December 1, Christmas holidays December 15-31, Easter holidays March 30-April 2, and school closing May 31.

There will be but few faculty changes for the coming term. The few vacancies now remaining are expected to be filled in the next few days. Painters have completed the task of repainting the interior of the high school building and other improvements have been made.

A successful summer school session ended Saturday. Misses Mabel Hendren and Sallie Outlaw, regular faculty members, were instructors for the summer school.

Schools of the Wilkes county system will open on August 14, with the exception of Mulberry, which will open on September 4, same date as North Wilkesboro.

## Captured German Equipment Sent As Birthday Gift

### Mrs. C. W. Craven of Millers Creek, Receives Unique Gift From Son

Mrs. C. W. Craven, of Millers Creek, was feted at a surprise birthday dinner on June 30th and received a unique birthday gift from one of her four sons now in service.

The dinner was set for Mrs. Craven by two daughter-in-laws, Mrs. L. A. Craven, of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Grace Craven, of Cricket.

The birthday gift from a son was from Staff Sergeant Henry Craven, now in Italy. In the package was captured German and Italian equipment, consisting of a German helmet, German bayonet and Italian knife.

The dinner was an enjoyable occasion for Mrs. Craven, who said that she missed the presence of her four sons in service. In addition to S. Sgt. Henry Craven, she has three other fighting sons: Master Sergeant Lawrence Craven, also in Italy; Pfc. John Craven, now in Florida; and Kyle Craven, who is in the navy and is now in England. "I hope that by this time next year my sons and all mothers' sons, can be home again," Mrs. Craven said.

The helmet, bayonet and knife sent Mrs. Craven by her son in Italy are now on display at The Journal-Patriot office.

## NEW CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

Rev. F. A. Keith announces that a new church has been organized at the Davis cemetery near Goshen in the Harris community. The new church has fourteen members and will be known as the Davis Memorial Missionary Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Keith was its organizer and will serve as pastor.

There will be services at the location of the new church on Sunday, July 16th, at 3 p. m., and the public is cordially invited to attend. It is hoped that a building will be erected in the near future.

## YANKS PUSH THROUGH KEY HUB OF LA HAYE

American troops smashed thru La Haye Du Puits to its southern outskirts Wednesday in fierce street fighting, captured its rail station and by-passed the last pockets of German resistance on both sides for gains up to two and one-half miles.

The double outflanking drive cut the escape roads out of La Haye both to the east and west, threatening entrapment of the battered garrison, and sent one spearhead racing down left of the city toward the small port of Las-say, five miles farther south.

A late dispatch from Henry T. Gorrell of the United Press said that some U. S. forces were withdrawn from the La Haye rail yards to avoid costly street fighting since the advances to either side had already robbed the position of its effectiveness.

## Wounded In France



Pfc. Archie McNeill was wounded in action during the invasion of France. News that Pfc. McNeill was wounded was contained in a letter received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McNeill, yesterday. He stated in the letter that his right arm was fractured in France and that he had been sent back to England and was in a hospital. The letter was written with his left hand, and no details were given about how the wound was inflicted.

The following letter was received from Pfc. McNeill today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McNeill: "Looks like my stay in France was short, I'm back in England now. Please don't worry about me, for I'm only slightly wounded in the right arm and shoulder. I've been back in England for two days. I was evacuated by plane—nice ride, too. I was wounded by a German artillery shell; was hit by shrapnel. I'll probably stay in England for good. I got myself a few German snipers while I was in France, though. . . ."

## M. C. Woodie Buys Motor Market For Union Bus Station

### Bus Station Will Be Moved October 1; Improved Bus Facilities Planned

A real estate deal involving transfer of highly valuable property was completed this week when M. C. Woodie purchased from C. D. Coffey, Jr., the Motor Market property on the corner of Main and Sixth streets.

Mr. Woodie said today that the Motor Market building would be converted into a union bus station and that he would take over the property about October 1. Mr. Woodie is manager of the bus station now located on Ninth street and is agent for the Greyhound bus lines here.

The Motor Market Service station, Mr. Woodie said, will continue to be operated in connection with the bus station when it is moved to that property and parts of the building will be remodeled into modern bus station facilities.

Grounds around the building, Mr. Woodie said, will accommodate 14 buses at one time, and there will be ample space to avoid congestion so prevalent at many bus stations. Plans call for establishing a bus station cafe and many other conveniences for bus travelers.

## Money can fight, buy bonds.

### Assistant Agent



Miss Helen Price, who recently assumed her duties as assistant home agent in Wilkes county, is devoting her time to food production and conservation. Miss Price, native of Rowan county, was home economics teacher in Ronda high school last year. She is a former 4-H club member and was very active in club work before entering college.

## 7-44's Are Being Taken From List

Subscriptions dated 7-44 (July 1, 1944) are being removed from The Journal-Patriot mailing list. If the figures on your address label are 7-44, you are urged to renew your subscription immediately in order not to miss any issue of your paper.

War-time restrictions will not allow mailing papers to persons whose subscriptions have expired. Those whose labels read 8-44 are requested to renew before August 1.

The subscription rates now are \$2.00 per year in Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander, Iredell, Yadkin and Surry counties. To civilians outside of these counties the rate is \$3.00 per year. The local rate of \$2.00 per year applies to all men in service everywhere.

## AMERICANS TAKE AIRPORT IN ADVANCING

American troops on Noemfoor Island off Dutch New Guinea occupied the Kornasoren airdrome at 3 p. m. on the Fourth of July, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Kornasoren was taken in a three-mile advance from Kamini airdrome which was captured two hours after the initial landings on Noemfoor by veteran army troops on Sunday.

In the three-day-old campaign, the Americans have seized two airdromes against the slightest enemy opposition, capitalizing on the surprise of the landings which outflanked Japanese defense positions.

The Americans drove to Kornasoren with the support of medium tanks while Allied warships and planes blasted enemy positions along the coast.

## Royal, Miles and Brooke Reunion

Annual reunion of the Royal, Miles and Brooks families will be held at the home of George M. Royal, one-half mile west of highway 21 and one mile south of Roaring Gap postoffice on Sunday, July 16.

J. A. Royal, program chairman for the occasion, stated in announcement of the reunion that Rev. A. F. Walker and Rev. Charles Miles will deliver sermons and that there will be an address by Senator S. O. McGuire, of Elkins. All members of the families, their relatives and friends are urged to attend and with basket dinners for the picnic-style dinner at noon.

## Re-Employment Group Is Named

### J. B. McCoy Heads Committee Which Will Help to Place Veterans On Jobs

J. B. McCoy has been appointed re-employment chairman for returning veterans in Wilkes county.

Mr. McCoy has appointed the following to serve with him on the committee whose duty it will be to place returning veterans in gainful employment: Mrs. Kathryn Lott, manager employment service office; Troy L. Perry, veterans' representative in employment service; Major E. P. Robinson, American Legion; Dr. J. S. Deans, Lions club; R. T. McNeil, mayor; Mrs. J. W. Leyshon, Legion Auxiliary; Charles C. McNeill, welfare department.

A meeting of the committee will be called at an early date.

## Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet Monday, July 10, ten a. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

The devotional will be conducted by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, which will be followed by an address by C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools; who will speak on the subject, "Relation Between Church and School". Rev. W. N. Hayes will deliver the monthly sermon at 11 o'clock. The afternoon session will be devoted to Bible studies.

## Cpl. Brame Home

Cpl. Joe Brame, of Camp Gordon, Ga., is spending a few days furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Brame.

## Killed In Action



LIEUT. O. E. BLEVINS

## Lt. Blevins Was Killed In Action Germany Jan. 11

### Message From German Government Through Red Cross Says Wilkes Man Killed

Lt. Clarence Edwin Blevins, reported missing in action over Germany since January 11, was killed in action on that date, according to a War Department telegram received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blevins, of Hays.

The War Department telegram said: "Report now received from German government through International Red Cross states your son, First Lieutenant Clarence E. Blevins, reported missing, was killed in action over Germany January 11. We extend our deepest sympathy".

Lt. Blevins was navigator on a flying fortress and participated in many missions over Germany and enemy occupied territory. He had a most excellent record and had received a number of awards for outstanding achievements.

## Knights Of Pythias Install Its Officers

At a special Installation Service Monday night, North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 67, Knights of Pythias, installed new officers. Past Chancellor Commander Paul S. Cragan surrendered the gavel to Lodge Deputy J. B. Carter who conducted the installation ceremony.

The Lodge is headed for the new term by J. B. Snipes, Chancellor Commander. Other new officers are R. E. Gibbs, Vice-Chancellor; Rev. Howard Ford, Prelate; Harvel Howell, Master of Works; R. H. Shell, Master at Arms; Max Foster, Inner Guard; Frank Crow, Outer Guard; J. Q. Adams, Keeper of Records and Seals; W. E. Jones, Master of Exchequer; and Clifford Moore, Master of Finance.

Upon assuming their new duties, the officers outlined their plans for the new year. Members were enthusiastic over progress of the Lodge during recent months and pledged full support to the new officers.

## ISOLATED NAZI POCKETS ARE MOPPED UP

Red troops smashed closer to Wilno in prewar Poland yesterday, capturing two important rail junctions on the line from Minsk, Moscow announced, and at the same time German broadcast said that Kowel had been evacuated, indicating a possible New Russian offensive south of the Pripyat marshes.

Premier Stalin personally announced the capture of the rail center of Molodeczno, 40 miles northwest of the White Russian capital of Minsk, and the subsequent Soviet communique said that this same drive by Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian Army also had taken Smorgonie, 21 miles farther west on the same railroad.

Molodeczno fell to the massed assault of large Russian tank formations, cavalry and infantry after two days of fierce fighting in the streets and from house to house.

## Purlear Revival

Revival services will open Sunday at Purlear Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Fred Blevins, will be assisted by Rev. O. J. Poole. The public is invited to all services.

## Total Polio Cases Is Now Seventeen: One Dies of Polio

### 12-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, of Benham, Died On Tuesday

Private funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Pleasant Hill Baptist church for Charles Bobby Smith, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith of Benham, who died Tuesday in the Hickory emergency hospital for infantile paralysis sufferers following a one week's illness.

The Revs. David W. Day, Grant Cothran and George Curry officiated at the services.

Surviving besides the parents are seven brothers and sisters, Seaman Second Class James Smith, Fort McHenry, Md., Sergeant John M. Smith, Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Marie, Joseph, Margaret, David and Arlene of the home and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Benham and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burcham of Detroit, Mich.

Wilkes county health officer today reported the total of known infantile paralysis cases in Wilkes county as being 17 with some other patients under observation.

This total represents an increase of three since Monday and 11 since last Thursday, when the total was six.

Health authorities warn that parents should continue to keep their children from being in crowds or attending any type of public gatherings.

Ministerial Association of the Wilkesboros in session here Sunday passed a resolution urging that parents read the Sunday school lesson to children who must stay away from Sunday school because of the polio epidemic.

## Foundation Aids Victims of Polio In Wilkes County

The Wilkes county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, held its annual meeting in the Welfare Office at 10:00, June 30, Charles C. McNeill, chairman, presiding.

A report of the receipts and expenditures of the local chapter, including recent costs for medical services, hospitalization, transportation, braces, etc., was given by Mrs. W. R. Absher, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Bell, county health nurse, reported four new cases of paralysis, making approximately 15 cases reported in county to date. Several other cases are under observation. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. W. R. Absher be authorized to disburse chapter funds to cases of infantile paralysis needing assistance.

A letter was read from C. H. Crabtree, state representative, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, suggesting that 50 per cent of chapter funds be sent to state headquarters to form an emergency pool to be used wherever in the state it is most needed. After much discussion, it was decided by the chapter that there were so many cases needing immediate attention in Wilkes county that all funds on hand might be needed locally. A motion was made and carried to have books audited and auditor to be paid from chapter funds. By-laws suggested by National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were adopted.

At the general meeting the following were elected to the executive committee for the ensuing year: Paul Cashion, Charles C. McNeill, Mrs. W. R. Absher, Mrs. Bertha Bell, J. B. Williams, Mrs. A. H. Casey, Mrs. Claude Dougherty, and Charles Jenkins. The following officers were elected by the executive committee: Paul Cashion, chairman, Charles C. McNeill, vice-chairman, and Mrs. W. R. Absher, secretary and treasurer.

## Public Cannery Lincoln Heights

The Wilkes County Cannery, located at Lincoln Heights high school, is now open for public business. The canning days are Tuesday through Friday and all products to be canned must be in the cannery before 12:00, noon. The charges will be 2c per can for the labor plus the price of the cans. Pint cans are 4c each and quart cans are 5c each.

For further information see A. M. Overton at Lincoln Heights.

# Bond Total Is Near Quota

## Is Navigator



First Lieut. William O. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, of Wilkesboro, has made more than 50 missions as navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress from air bases in England and Italy. Lieut. Gray is a member of the 15th Air Force. He took his basic training at Ellington and San Marcos air bases in Texas, having volunteered for service in the air corps in August, 1942. Lieut. Gray has been awarded the air medal and several oak leaf clusters, and has been cited for bravery in action by his commanding officers. Before entering the air corps he was associated with his brother, A. R. Gray, Jr., in the furniture business. His bomber group is now based in Italy.

## Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. A full attendance is urged.

## Officer Junior Council Installed

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Officers for the ensuing six-months' term.

E. L. Derrick heads the council as councillor. The other officers installed are as follows: Ralph Church, vice councillor; C. A. Cantor, recording secretary; J. M. Eller, assistant recording secretary; Johnson Sanders, financial secretary; Northwestern Bank, treasurer; Wade Wallace, conductor; George W. Johnson, Jr., warden; J. S. Sanders, inside sentinel; Bill Caudill, outside sentinel; Wade Wallace, J. M. Eller and Clay Pardue, trustees; R. B. Church and R. C. Pardue, representatives to state council; D. E. Elledge and H. L. Mechem, alternates to state council; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; Rev. John L. Wells, Jr., junior past councillor.

## BUY MORE WAR BONDS

### Serving Overseas



Pfc. Roby P. Yates is now stationed somewhere in England, according to recent letters received by his mother, Mrs. Cleasie Yates Robinson, of Purlear. Pfc. Yates entered the army in October, 1942, received basic training at Camp Harding, Florida, and has been overseas since April this year.

## \$33,000 'E' Bonds Is Badly Needed to Put County 'Over'

### Rural District Leaders Asked to Hand In Reports; The Stores Pushing Drive

If the people of Wilkes county will buy an additional \$33,000 in "E" bonds Wilkes county will go over the top in every respect in the Fifth War Loan, W. D. Halfacre, chairman, stated today.

The overall quota is \$990,000, and already the total sales have passed the \$900,000 mark.

But in the total quota is a sub-quota of \$227,000 for "E" bonds, and the amount to date is \$33,000 short of that goal. In order for the name of Wilkes county to be placed on a landing craft plaque, it is imperative that the "E" bond quota be reached.

Rural district leaders are requested to hand in their reports this week if possible and in any event not later than July 14 if the prospects in the various communities can be contacted by that time. Rural district leaders and members of retail stores' personnel are urged to make extra efforts during the last days of the campaign in order to put the county on record again as fully backing the attack of allied fighting men everywhere.

## Report of Sales Of War Bonds In the County

Ferguson District	\$ 2,675.00
Gilreath District	2,200.00
Hays District	3,875.00
Lincoln Heights	550.00
Millers Creek Dist.	8,575.00
Boomer and Moravian Falls District	20,075.00
Mt. Pleasant District	1,725.00
Mulberry District	6,775.00
Roaring River Dist.	2,850.00
Ronda District	32,100.00
Wilkesboro District	1,500.00
Traphill District	1,800.00
Total for districts	\$125,150.00

### CITY BLACK LEADERS

Mrs. Gordon Finley \$19,925.00

Mrs. Edd F. Gardner 23,400.00

Total for leaders \$43,325.00

### RETAIL STORES

Bare's Dept. Store	\$ 2,350.00
Mark-Down Furniture Store	200.00
Belk's Dept. Store	12,025.00
Goddard Dept. Store	100.00
Harris Bros.	75.00
Hackney's Store	200.00
J. C. Penney Co.	5,325.00
Rose's 5-10-25c Stores	775.00
Rhodes-Day Furniture Co.	3,325.00
Tomlinson's Dept. Store	3,925.00
Total Retail Stores	\$28,300.00

### REPORT SALE DRUG STORES

North Wilkesboro Drug Company	\$5,550.00
Red Cross Pharmacy	1,125.00
Wilkes Drug Company	1,050.00
Total Sale Drug Stores	\$7,725.00

Total sales for retail stores, drug stores, rural districts, and city block leaders \$204,500.00

## NIMITZ SEES FIGHTING NEAR END IN SAIPAN

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz last night reported new advances by the American invaders of Saipan as he threatened Japan with increasing pressure throughout the Pacific and asserted that the enemy's current offensive in China will only "spur us on".

Nimitz, disclosing that marine and army forces on Saipan had pushed 500 yards farther north since Tuesday's communique, told a press conference that he believed the Saipan campaign was near a successful conclusion, but warned that the Japanese still on the Marianas island constitute "more than a nuisance".

Buy More Bonds