

## FATHER AND SON IN THE NAVY



Wilkes county has a father and son combination in the navy. They are Spencer A. Johnson, 18, left, and Arvil C. Johnson, 36, right, who entered the navy together on April 20 and received boot training in the same company at Camp Peary, Va. Both are now on sea duty and are liking the navy fine. They were home on leave at their home near North Wilkesboro in June. Arvil Johnson's wife is the former Miss Laura Roope, of North Wilkesboro route one.

## ELLER PAYS BACK WATERMELON SWIPED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

H. P. (Pat) Eller, local bus line owner, service station and tire store proprietor, said Monday that on Sunday night he enjoyed the best night's sleep in 25 years, because he had no remorse of conscience for having swiped a watermelon from Hamp Eller's watermelon patch at Purlear in the summer of 1919.

Pat eased his conscience Sunday afternoon by carrying to Mr. Eller the biggest watermelon he could find. It cost \$1.50 and the cost was shared by Tim Yates, who helped Pat swipe the melon a quarter of a century ago. But Tim didn't want to face Mr. Eller, even after all these years, and Mr. and Mrs. Eller carried the melon as payment for the one taken when Pat and Tim were boys.

Twenty-five years ago Pat and Tim were going around with Pat's father's wheat threshing machine, and were having a good time, being about 14 years of age, which was too young to do much of the heavy work, but just the right age to do the errands for the crew.

On the occasion when the watermelon did the disappearing act 25 years ago, Pat and Tim had been sent from a farm about three miles from Purlear to Purlear to get two gallons of kerosene for the engine which powered the thrasher. On the way back they passed by Mr. Hamp Eller's home and Mr. Eller was sitting on the porch. About 100 yards from the house was a creek, and in the creek bottom was a watermelon patch. The melons were too tempting, and they decided to take one. Pat put down the oil can, ran into the melon patch, and grabbed the biggest one. Just at that time Mr. Eller appeared in the edge of a nearby corn field and in a stern voice called: "What are you boys doing?"

It was plain what they were doing, because by that time Pat had the melon in his arms. So they didn't answer. Instead, they took to their heels. The melon was too much load for one in such a hurry, so Pat threw it into the creek and they passed over and for two and one-half long miles they ran back to where the threshing machine was operating.

But as fast as they ran, it seemed that news traveled faster, and Pat's father knew the whole story before nightfall.

Pat says today he doesn't know exactly whether or not that was the only watermelon he ever swiped, but he knows very distinctly it was the LAST one. He said he took such a wallowing from his father that sitting down was extremely uncomfortable for a week and he ate off the mahtle.

Mr. Eller hasn't had any ill feelings about the melon episode, and he's concerned enjoyed plenty of hearty laughs when Pat took the \$1.50 melon Sunday to make up for the one taken 25 years ago.

**Pfc. Parsons Transferred**  
Pfc. Paul Parsons of Parsonville, who had been stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, is now in France, according to letters received by his wife, the former Miss Lucille Baker.

### Lt. Gray Coming Home

Lieut. William C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, Sr., of Wilkesboro, was expected to arrive at Fort Bragg this week on a furlough home after nine months of service overseas, during which he participated in more than 50 missions as a bombardier on a bomber and was decorated for meritorious service in combat. He has been in the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

### Wounded In France



Pfc. Charlie Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gregory, of Union Grove, was slightly wounded in France on July 20, according to a War Department message received by his parents. Pfc. Gregory has been in service 22 months and went overseas about May 1.

### Now In Florida



Vernon Key, seaman second class, is now stationed at Miami, Florida. He entered the navy in March this year and received boot training at Bainbridge, Md. His wife, the former Miss Faye Edledge, and three children, Edith, Vaughn and Kenneth, make their home at Hays. He is a son of Mrs. D. E. Key, of North Wilkesboro.

# Yanks Drive Near Paris; Guam Taken

## YANKS NOW BUT 87 MILES FROM PARIS

In their greatest single-day's victory of the war, American troops Wednesday captured Le Mans, St. Malo and Nantes, and in a mighty co-ordinated offensive with Anglo-Canadian armies to the east raced within 87 miles of Paris, threatening to trap the entire German Seventh Army.

A military spokesman said that the "battle for Paris" already was under way and that Wednesday's victories may prove to have been decisive in the struggle for that great city.

The Canadians had smashed through the last fixed defenses below Caen and one column veered toward Paris across the open plain while another began shelling Falaise, 21 miles southwest of Caen, from only five miles away.

## State Secretary G. O. P. Speaker Here Wednesday

Fate Beal At Meeting In Wilkesboro Gives Instructions On Ballot Use

Fate Beal, of Charlotte, secretary of the North Carolina Republican organization, praised the record of the Republican party in Wilkes Wednesday night before a meeting of representative Republicans from all parts of the county.

The meeting was called to discuss campaign organization work, particularly absentee voting for members of the armed forces, and Republicans were urged to make applications with the chairman of the county board of elections for members of their families in service.

The meeting was opened by N. B. Smithy, chairman of the Wilkes Republican executive committee, who called on Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, recently appointed to membership on the state board of elections, to present the state Republican secretary.

Speaking of local politics, Secretary Beal characterized the districting of Wilkes by the legislature for the purpose of electing county commissioners as being a combination of nazism, facism, communism and all other evils, saying the only difference between Hitler's nazism and such practices is that Hitler used guns to accomplish objectives.

The speaker termed the national Democratic convention a "bastardly proce-dings", which disowned the South, and stated that the convention's ditching of Vice President Wallace blasted the Democratic slogan of "not change horses in the middle of the stream," because "half the horse is gone".

Relative to the campaign he urged that applications for absentee ballots be made for all service men of the party, and that women organize for election work.

Following the address of Secretary Beal, Wilkes chairman N. B. Smithy appointed a committee composed of Max Foster, T. E. Story, W. B. Somers, J. C. Grayson, T. J. Frazier and H. P. Eller, whose duty is to recommend a woman for the position as chairwoman for the Republican party in Wilkes county.

## Mrs. J. D. Moore Has An Aunt 101 Years Old; Active

Mrs. J. D. Moore visited an aunt last week in Hickory who has passed her one hundred milestone and who is now one hundred and one years of age. She is Mrs. J. A. Poovey, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Hickory, and the mother of the late Rev. W. E. Poovey, who was a former presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church district.

Mrs. Poovey, regardless of her unusually advanced age, is enjoying good health, and is able to go about her home unassisted. Her mind is clear and she keeps in touch with world affairs of today.

**Pfc. Wood Is Hospital**  
Pfc. Mayford Wood is in a hospital in North Africa, where he has received treatment for a broken arm. The last letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wood, of North Wilkesboro route two, stated he was getting along fine.

### Claimed By Death



W. E. HARRIS

## W. E. Harris Is Taken By Death; Last Rites Today

Funeral and burial service for W. E. Harris, former mayor of Wilkesboro and a member of a well known Wilkes county family, were held this afternoon. Funeral took place at the Wilkesboro Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, with the pastor, Rev. Howard J. Ford, in charge of the service. Interment followed in Mountain Park cemetery.

William Edward Harris, son of William Lytle and Barbara Duncan Harris, was born November 27, 1869, in Wilkes county. He joined the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church about 1888, moving his membership to the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem in 1890. Mr. Harris moved his membership to the Wilkesboro Baptist church in 1906.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Masonic Order, being a member in good standing of Liberty Lodge No. 45 located in Wilkesboro. Mr. Harris had been a Master Mason in good standing continuously for a period of 39 years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July, 1905.

Mr. Harris was mayor of Wilkesboro six years, having served from 1931 to 1937.

Mr. Harris was widely known throughout this entire section of the state, having traveled for various firms in Winston-Salem, J. L. Hemphill & Co., formerly of this city, and for himself for 52 years.

Mr. Harris was twice married, his first wife being Miss Kiter (See Harris—Page eight)

### Returns to Duty



Aviation Ordnance Mate W. T. (Bunk) Raymer left Sunday to report for duty at a west coast port after spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Raymer, in North Wilkesboro. His parents, his brother, Coy Raymer, and Mrs. Foy Raymer accompanied him as far as Asheville.

## Frank Pearson's Store Is Opened

Frank Pearson, who has many years experience in the merchant business, wholesale and retail, has opened a store in the building next door to Central Service Station and tire store on Tenth street.

Mr. Pearson, native of Wilkes who operated a store in Boone for a number of years, will carry a large stock of groceries, flours and feeds for the wholesale and retail trade and all patronage will be appreciated.

## NAZI 10-DAY BACK-TO-WALL FIGHT FAILS

Reinforced German troops, after a back-to-the-wall struggle near the borders of East Prussia, have launched a series of desperate last-ditch counterthrusts before the soil of Germany but all attacks have been thrown back by the Red Army, Moscow revealed last night.

The Germans also were counter attacked in force below Warsaw in an attempt to smash the Red Army's strong Vistula River bridgehead, but elsewhere yesterday Russian troops opened a great drive to the Latvian Baltic port of Lelpaja (Libau) and, renewing their offensive east of Warsaw, swung into position for a powerful thrust northeast of the Polish capital.

## Sale Case Is To Be Tried Monday In Wilkes Court

Negro Will Be Tried for Life On Charge Of Assault On White Woman

Special venire of 50 men has been summoned to appear in Wilkes superior court Monday morning as prospective jurors for the trial of J. C. Sale, colored youth of the Roaring River route two community charged with criminal assault on Miss Minnie Love, white woman, on July 16 near her home.

Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding over Wilkes court, ordered the special venire yesterday after the grand jury had returned a true bill charging the capital offense and Sale was arraigned on the charge, for which the state will ask the death penalty. Sale is alleged to have severely beaten Miss Love and to have criminally attacked her. She was treated for several days at the Wilkes hospital following the assault.

Court opened Monday morning and several cases have been disposed of. The judgments rendered were as follows:

Ronza Wyatt, charged with rape, not guilty.

George Price, reckless driving, fined \$10 and cost and pay \$35 damage to home of Mrs. Vena Watson.

Walter Collins, worthless check, 90 days on roads.

Tam Staley, assault and other charges, six months on roads.

Philmore Rhoades, violation prohibition law, sentence of 12 months suspended at former term put into effect.

Warren Jester, operating car while intoxicated, reckless driving, resisting officer, carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon, 20 months on roads and additional 12 months suspended.

Hubert Hawkins, assault, fined \$20 and costs.

Arthur Call, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs, driver's license revoked.

Cary William Parker, reckless driving, fined \$20 and costs.

R. S. Shaw, reckless driving, fined \$25 and costs.

Arnold Eller, operating car while intoxicated, fined \$50 and costs, driver's license revoked.

William Church, manslaughter, directed verdict of not guilty.

Carl C. Hester, operating car while intoxicated, fined \$50 and costs, driver's license revoked.

Tommy Elisha Laws, assault on C. H. Hulcher, five to seven years in penitentiary.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Grover Ellis versus Ennis Ellis; Glenn Bumgarner versus Lillian Bumgarner; Hattie Hutchins versus Roy Hutchins; Nellie Irene Stone versus Thomas W. Stone; J. P. Gregory versus Lunar Gregory; Mozelle Jones versus J. E. Jones; Grace B. Perkins versus William Perkins; Lou Annie Holman versus Everett Holman; Ed Lyall versus Agnes Lyall.

A. Holloway is foreman of the grand jury for the term.

### Waters Child Dies

Funeral service was held Sunday at the residence in Jobs Cabin township for Betty Waters, two-year-old daughter of Jacob and Naomi Powell Waters. The child died Friday.

Last rites were conducted by Rev. Noah Beebeers and burial was in the family cemetery.

### Killed In Action



SGT. SAMUEL DAVIS

## Sgt. S. C. Davis Killed In France

Word was received recently from the War Department by Mrs. Sallie Davis, of route one, Lenoir, that her son, Sgt. Samuel Clay Davis, 21, was killed in action in France on July 17.

Sgt. Davis was born in Caldwell county and received his education there and at North Wilkesboro, where he graduated from high school. He was at one time an employee of the Lenoir News-Topic, and also worked at the Shaw Furniture Co., Western Auto Supply Store, and a defense plant at Portsmouth, Va., before entering service. He was inducted into the army on February 2, 1943, and took his training at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he soon ranked as a sergeant. He was a tank commander in an armored division.

Sgt. Davis was the son of Mrs. Davis and the late Walter C. Davis. Besides his mother he is survived by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall, maternal grandparents; and three brothers, Pfc. Carl Davis with the U. S. Army somewhere in France, Ned Davis and Wayne Davis, of Lenoir.

## Two More Gifts To Hickory Infantile Paralysis Fund

\$5.00 From Sgt. Kyle Hayes and \$20.00 From Zion Hill Sunday School Given

Two more gifts have been received by The Journal-Patriot for the fund being raised for buildings and equipment for the emergency hospital located at Hickory for treatment of infantile paralysis patients.

Several children from Wilkes are among the 150 which have been admitted to the emergency hospital, and plans are to make the institution a permanent center for treatment of polio patients.

In response to an appeal from Hickory, The Journal-Patriot arranged to receive donations for the fund here. The last two donations received were \$5.00 from (See Gifts—Page eight)

## CONQUEST OF GUAM IS NEAR FOR ALLIES

Veteran U. S. marines and soldiers have completed the conquest of Guam, with the exception of a tiny enemy pocket, after a 20-day battle that freed the first American Central Pacific Island of the Japanese invaders, it was announced yesterday.

The island which had fallen to the Japanese four days after Pearl Harbor was brought completely under our control Tuesday when the Americans slashed through to the north coast and the only remaining Japanese still holding out were pocketed in an area of about 15 square miles near the east coast.

## Committee For Y. M. C. A. Work Program Named

Movement To Begin Y. M. C. A. Activities Here In The Near Future

Committees were appointed in a recent meeting of the directors of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A. to arrange for a Y. M. C. A. work program to be carried out until a Y. M. C. A. building can be erected after the war.

The movement to start a Y. M. C. A. program with facilities now available is well under way.

Paul Osborne heads the membership committee and the others on this group are Robert S. Gibbs, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, James E. Rollins and Carl E. VanDerton.

With Mrs. Palmer Horton as chairman the other members of the Girl's Work committee are Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. H. H. Cobb, Mrs. Carl Coffey and Rev. Sidney D. Crane.

W. D. Halfacre is chairman of the Boys' Work committee and the other members are Shoun Kerbaugh, Boyd Stout and Rev. A. C. Waggoner.

## Rock Creek Revival Date Is Postponed

Revival services scheduled to begin soon at Rock Creek Baptist church have been postponed, and the date will be announced later. Rev. Glenn Huffman, pastor, said today. The home coming service also has been postponed. Regular services are being held each second Sunday as usual.

## Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors conference will meet Monday, August 14, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

The devotional will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Hayes, which will be followed by a discussion on "Deacons of the Church and their duties", by Rev. C. J. Poole; "The Church and Christian Influence", by Rev. A. W. Eller. Rev. L. C. Younger will deliver the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

The afternoon session will be devoted to Bible studies, conducted by Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., and Rev. Howard J. Ford.

## ONE OF DANCY BROTHERS WOUNDED



Pfc. Charles J. Dancy, left, was wounded in France on July 15, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Minnie E. Dancy, of North Wilkesboro route one. He entered service March 23, 1943, and was in training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Shreveport, La., before going overseas in May, 1944. His brother, Pvt. Willie E. Dancy, entered service in January this year and is also overseas. He was in training at Fort McClellan, Ala. His wife is the former Miss Kyra Hurley, of Millers Creek.

