

W. E. HARRIS

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 Bap-

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CONQUEST OF

GUAM IS NEAR

Veteran U. S. marines and sof-

liers have completed the conquest

of Guam, with the exception of a

tiny enemy pocket, after a 20-day

battle that freed the first Ameri-

can Central Pacific island of the

Jaganese invaders, it was an-

The island which had fallen to

the Japanese four days after Pearl

Harbor was brought completely

under our control Tuesday when

Committees were appointed in

nounced vesterday.

FOR ALLIES

FATHER AND SON IN THE NAVY



Wilkes county has a father and son combination in the vy. 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 PED 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 enjoy d the best night's sleep in 25 years. because he had no remorse of conscience for having swiped a water melon 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 It cost \$1.50 and the cost find. was shared by Tim Yates, who helped Pat swipe the melon 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 T'm were going around with Pat's father's wheat threshing machine and were having a good time. be

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 mighty co-ordinated offensive with Anglo-Canadian armles 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 beg ,n shelling Caen, from only five miles away. W. E. Harris Is

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

Fate Beal At Meeting In Wilkesboro Gives Instructions On Ballot Use

Fate Beal, of Charlotte, secre- ed was a member, with the pas record of the Republican party in Wilkes Wednesday night before a tery. meeting of representative Republicans from all parts of the coun-

The meeting was called to dis-Lieut, William C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, Sr., of cuss campaign organization work, joined the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Judge Wilson Warlick, presidof service overseas, during which applications with the chairman of he participated in more than 50 the county board of elections for to the Wilkesboro Baptist church fense and Sale was arraigned on sion. members of their families in serv- in 1906.

bomber and was decorated for ice. The meeting was opened by N. meritorious service in combat. He has been in the Mediterranean B. Smithey, chairman of the Wilkes Republican executive com-

Wounded In France membership on the state board of publican 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



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 Leipaja (Libau) and, renewing their offensive east of Warsaw, swung into position for a power ful trust northeast of the Polish capital.

Sale Case Is To

Be Tried Monday



Killed In Action

SGT. SAMUEL DAVIS Sgt. S. C. Davis

In Wilkes Court 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

Sgt. Davis was born in Caldwell

C. A. program with facilities now available is well under way. Paul Osborne heads the membership committee and the others Portsmouth, Va., before entering on this group are Robert S. Gibbs

army on February 2, 1943, and

Sgt. Davis was the son of Mrs. Davis and the late Walter C. three brothers, Pfc. Carl Davis

with the U.S. Army somewhere in Court opened Monday morning France, Ned Davis and Wayne

George Price, reckless driving,

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

a recent meeting of the directors France on July 17. of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A. to arrange for a Y. M. C. A. work pro-

> M. C. A. building can be erected The movement to start a Y. M

service. He was inducted into the Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, James E. Rollins and Carl E. VanDeman.

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

W. D. Halfacre is chairman of survived by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. the other members are Shoun A. C. Waggoner.

Rock Creek Revival Date Is Postponed

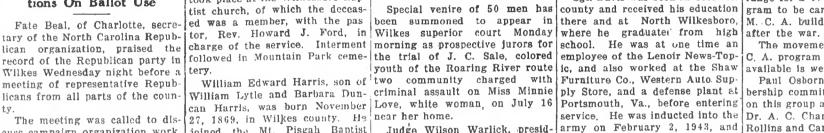
Revival services scheduled to egin soon at Rock Creek Baptist church have been postponed, and he date will be announced later. Rev. Glenn Huffman, pastor, said today. The home coming service also has been postponed. Regular ervices are being held each sec-

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors

The devotional will be conduct-

conference will meet Monday.

August 14, at Reins-Sturdivant



Wilkesboro, was expected to ar- particularly absentee voting for church about 1888, moving his ing over Wilkes court, ordered took his training at Fort Lewis, rive at Fort Bragg this week on a members of the armed forces, and membership to the First Baptist the special venire yesterday after Washington, where he soon rankfurlough home after nine months Republicans were urged to make church in Winston-Salem in 1890. the grand jury had returned a ed as a sergeant. He was a tank Mr. Harris moved his membership true bill charging the capital of- commander in an armored divi-

Mr. Harris was a member of the will ask the death penalty. Sale Masonic Order, being a member in is alleged to have severely beaten Davis. Besides his mother he is the Boys' Work committee and good standing of Liberty Lodge Miss Love and to have criminally No. 45 located in Wilkesboro. Mr. attacked her. She was treated for Hall, maternal grandparents; and Kerbaugh, Boyd Stout and Rev. several days at the Wilkes hospi Harris had been a Master Mason

a period of 39 years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of posed of. The judgments render-Master Mason in July, 1905.

Mr. Harris was mayor of ed were as follows: Wilkesboro six years, having served from 1931 to 1937, rape, not guilty.

Mr. Harris was widely known throughout this entire section of fined \$10 and cost and pay \$35 the siate, having traveled for damage to home of Mrs. Vena various firms in Winston-Salem, Watson.

Negro Will Be Tried for Life On Charge Of Assault On White Woman Special venire of 50 men has county and received his education gram to be carried out until a Y. been summoned to appear in there and at North Wilkesboro, youth of the Roaring River route ic, and also worked at the Shaw

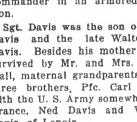
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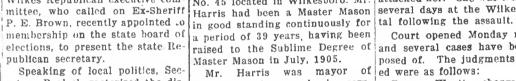
and several cases have been dis- Davis, of Lenoir.

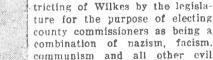
Ronza Wyatt, charged with

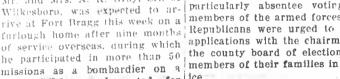
Paralysis F u n d Walter Collins, worthless check 90 days on roads.

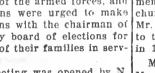
Two More Gifts To Hickory Infantile











ing 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 thresher. 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 The melons were too patch. 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 do ing, 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 walloping from his father that sitting down was extremely uncomfortable for a week and he ate off the mantle.

Mr. Eller hasn't had any ill feelings about the melon ep lode. and s'l concerned enjoyed (enty of hearty laughs when Pa took the \$1.59 melon Sunday t. 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 reseived by his wife, the former Miss Lecito Baker.



Lt. Gray Coming Home

Centre of operations.

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



Ve on 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 Elledge, and three children, Edith, Vaughn and Kenneth, make their home at Hays. He is a son of Mrs. D. E. Key, of North Wilkesboro,

isms, 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 "bastardy 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 unged 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 Peal, Wilkes chairman N. B Smithey appointed a committee composed of Max Foster, T. H. Story, W. B. Somers, J. C. Grayson, T. J. Frazier and H. P. Elier, 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 hundreth 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 Wilkesboro Methodist North church district.

Mrs. Poovey, regardless of her inusually 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 hos-

oital in North Africa, where he has received treatment for a brokbe appreciated. fine.

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

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 sis patients. 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 Joines versus J. E. Joines; Grace B. Perkins versus William Perkins; Lou Annie Holman versus Everette 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

Last rites were conducted by two, stated he was getting along retail trade and all patronage will Rev. Noah Beshears and burlal was in the family cometery.

ond Sunday as usual. \$5.00 From Sgt. Kyle Hayes and \$20.00 From Zion Hill Sunder School Civen

Sunday School Given **To Meet Monday**

Two more gifts have been received by The Journal-Patriot for the fund being raised for buildings and equipment for the emer-

gency hospital located at Hickory for treatment of infantile paraly-

ed by Rev. J. E. Hayes, which will Several children from Wilkes are among the 150 which have be followed by a discussion on "Deacons of the Church and their been admitted to the emergency hospital, and plans are to make duties", by Rev. C. J. Poole; "The Church and Christian Inthe institution a permanent conter for treatment of polio patients. fluence", by Rev. A. W. Eller. In response to an appeal from Rev. L. C. Younger will deliver the Hickory, The Journal-Patriot ar- 11:00 o'clock sermon.

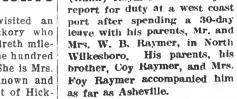
chapel.

The afternoon session will be ranged to receive donations for the fund here. The last two dona- devoted to Bible studies, conducttions received were \$5.00 from ed by Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., and Rev. Howard J. Ford. (See Gifts-page eight)

-----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 Wilkseboro 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, Als. His wife is the former Miss Kyra Hurley, of Millers Creek.



Foy Raymer accompanied him as far as Asheville.

Store Is Opened

Frank Pearson, who has many years experience in the merchantile 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 en arm. The last letter received a number of years, will carry a by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. large stock of groceries, flours died Friday. Wood, of North Wilkesboro route and feeds for the wholesale and

Frank Pearson's

Aviation Ordnance Mate W. T.

(Bunk) Raymer left Sunday to