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## North Wilkesboro Schools Will Open Monday Morning

Faculty Complete With Exception Of Bible Teacher; ManSHIP Coach.

North Wilkesboro schools will open Monday, September 3, 8:30 a. m.

Supt. Paul S. Cragan said today that books will be issued on opening day and the full schedule of classes will be carried out. First grade students are asked to report to one of the first grade rooms on the first floor of the elementary building. Other students will go to the rooms they occupied last year, where they will receive their room assignments for the coming term.

Students entering grades two to five for the first term are asked to report to the auditorium. Those entering grades six to 12 and who were not North Wilkesboro students last year should report to the office. High school students who desire to enter the school or to change schedule are asked to call at the office Friday, August 31. High school students are asked to be prepared Monday to pay book rental fees.

Cafeterias will be open in both schools Monday and students are asked to buy lunch tickets if they wish to use the school cafeterias.

Supt. Cragan has called attention to the fact that all school children are required by laws passed by a recent session of the legislature to be vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria. Students must produce evidence that they have had these vaccinations.

The school faculties are now complete with the exception of Bible teacher, and every effort is being made to secure a Bible teacher by school opening date.

The faculty was listed today as follows:

Elementary: Cora B. Ingram, Cora Mae Yoder Price, Etta Turner, Mrs. Susie H. Williams, Marie Hagwood, Ruby Blackburn, Hazel Taylor, Mabel Hendren, Lucille Young, Myra Sale, Myrtle Tuttle, Nona Gordon and Sarah Pearson.

High School: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Horton, Mrs. Ena A. Taylor, Mrs. Vivian R. Morris, Mrs. Emma R. Day, Inez Wilson, Mary Spear, Eva Bingham and Charles N. Manship.

Negro Elementary School: Principal, Samuel O. Jones, James R. Redmond, Mrs. Hazel B. Paisley, Elizabeth Redmond

**Rhoades Child Dies**  
 Jimmie Gerald Rhoades, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rhoades, of Mulberry township, died Tuesday and funeral was held at Bethel church, with Rev. Clarence Miller conducting the service. Surviving are his father and mother and two brothers.

**Darlington Poultry Co. Is Open Again**  
 Joe Darlington, proprietor of the Joe Darlington Poultry Co., announces that his plant will reopen for business Monday, September 3rd, at the former location on Forester Avenue (basement Hayes Supply Co. building).

Mr. Darlington states that he is in the market for broilers and hens in any quantity.

**Victory Meeting Veterans Planned For Friday Night**  
 Veterans of World Wars I and II will meet Friday night, August 31, eight o'clock, at the American Legion and Auxiliary club house for a special victory meeting.

Wilkes Post of the American Legion has called the meeting a special occasion for thanksgiving and celebration by veterans of both wars, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Legion.

A victory dance with a color orchestra has been planned to follow the meeting at the club house. The dance will also be under sponsorship of the Legion.

**MAJOR L. H. McNEILL, JR. SPENDS WEEK-END HERE**  
 Maj. and Mrs. L. H. McNeill, Jr., of Fort Bragg, spent the week-end with relatives here in the home of Mr. L. L. Turner.

## In Louisiana



Pvt. Clyde H. Blevins, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Blevins, of Springfield, is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., where he is attending engineering schools. In a recent letter home Pvt. Blevins stated that he is liking army life fine.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

**MT-SGT. PAUL M. WARREN HOME DURING WEEK-END**  
 MT-Sgt. Paul M. Warren, of Cherry Point, visited his mother, Mrs. Belle Warren, during the week-end.

**LT. WALTER CALL VISITS HOME WEDNESDAY**  
 Lt. Walter W. Call, who is temporarily stationed at Greensboro, visited his mother, Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, here Wednesday.

**T-5 HENRY PENDERGRASS PROMOTED IN EUROPE**  
 T-5 Henry Pendergrass has recently promoted to his present rank in Europe. T-5 Pendergrass, son of Mrs. H. L. Pendergrass, of North Wilkesboro, route three, served in the Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns.

**SEAMAN M. CHURCH RETURNS TO BAINBRIDGE**  
 Seaman McKinley Church, Seaman Second Class, returned to Bainbridge, Md., after spending a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Church, of Purlear. He has just completed his boot training and has been assigned to the medical corps.

**SGT. WADE OSBORNE RECEIVES DISCHARGE**  
 Sgt. Wade Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Osborne, of McGrady, received his discharge from the army at Fort Bragg on August 13, and is now spending a few days with his wife at Monangah, W. Va. Sgt. Osborne, who had been stationed in Fort Bragg for the past year, served three years in the Pacific area.

**SGT. JOHNNIE ALLEN RECEIVES DISCHARGE**  
 Sgt. Johnnie Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, has received his discharge from the army and has returned home. Sgt. Allen was in one of the first contingents of troops to reach Australia, and was in service at a number of South Pacific points.

**CHARLES S. BUMGARDNER ON CARRIER AT TOKYO**  
 Charles S. Bumgardner, Jr., 25, chief electrician's mate, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bumgardner, Millers Creek, N. C., serves aboard the carrier Essex which steered close to the shores of Tokyo with Task Force 38 to launch her planes against the remaining strength of the enemy in the final days of the war.

All hands answered reveille several hours before sunrise that morning. They had had their breakfast and were waiting at their stations for the first light of dawn when the deafening roar of the flight of fighters took off one by one, followed by the bombers and torpedo planes.

Hundreds of Jap planes were destroyed on the ground, but few were sent up to challenge the attacks. The few that dared to fly out to the Task Force never returned.

In 28 months overseas in the Mediterranean theatre the 73rd Station Hospital has had a patient mortality rate of one-sixth of one per cent out of 21,000 injured, sick and wounded.

# Yanks Now In Japan

## 4TH MARINE COMBAT TEAM FIRST TO LAND

Guam.—The navy announced that the Fourth Marine Regimental Combat Team, in full battle dress, poured ashore from landing boats at several points in Tokyo Bay early today to begin the sea-borne occupation of Japan.

First reports from the various surrender beachheads indicated the operation was proceeding smoothly without hostile incident.

The Leathernecks carried supplies for 30 days and sufficient ammunition to put up a strong fight, if it should ever be necessary.

Amphibious landings at several points on Tokyo Bay were spearheaded by more than 5,000 Devil Dogs of the Fourth.

The Fourth was backed up by three battalions (1,830) from the Third Fleet.

**Initialled Nickel Returned After 2 Years to Goodwin**  
 Over two years ago, R. O. Goodwin was employed in Wilmington, where one of his duties was to stencil equipment which came into the establishment.

One day he ran out of anything else to stencil, so he placed his initials on a nickel. Next day he spent the nickel.

Last Saturday he purchased some stamps at the North Wilkesboro post office. In the change was one nickel. You guessed it—it was the nickel on which he had stencilled his initials.

Goodwin, over two years ago.

**K. of P. Meeting**  
 North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge will meet on Monday night, 7:30 instead of 8:00 o'clock, as formerly. A class of ten will receive the rank of page and a full attendance is requested.

**Dr. Stanbury To Be Speaker at the Union Service 2d**  
 "College Night" Will Be Observed By Churches With Union Services Here.

The Ministerial Alliance has arranged a special service in honor of the young men and women of the Wilkesboro who are soon leaving for college. The services will be held in the First Baptist church, Sunday evening, September 2, at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church in Winston-Salem, is the guest preacher for the occasion. After the evening worship the young people, who are guests of honor, will be honored by an informal reception at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Waggoner.

The ministers of the Alliance are keenly aware of the problems of young people as they face an uncertain future. They are ever ready to give support to any worthy effort to help young people in learning those fine values and Christian principles that will enable them to become worthy citizens. The ministers feel that they cannot lay too much emphasis upon the need of church and community support for the welfare of these young men and women.

The parents of the churches in the community are ever faced with the serious obligation of manifesting a loyalty to Christian principles and a faithfulness to the church. Here lies the first and lasting and most important impression that can be made in the minds of youth. This kind of loyalty and faithfulness will so preach the values of the church and the kingdom of God that nothing in life can bring doubt.

Let the citizens of this community give expression of their interest in our young people Sunday evening by their presence at this special service.

All college students, regardless of church affiliation, are urged to attend.

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## Gets Bronze Star



HORACE G. TEAGUE

**Wilkes Marine Is Decorated For His Bravery In Action**

(By Staff Sergeant Jack Vincent, A Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

Somewhere in the Pacific.—(Delayed.)—Horace G. Teague, a Navy corpsman from Boomer, N. C., attached to the Fourth Marine Division, has been presented the Bronze Star Medal at a Pacific base for bravery at Iwo when he rescued three wounded Marines pinned down by heavy Jap small fire.

Teague, a Navy Pharmacist's Mate First Class, was given the award by Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, commanding general of the Fourth Division. The citation follows:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with an infantry battalion as a corpsman on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 February, 1945. Consistent with his devotion to duty throughout the campaign, Teague each day led stretcher bearing parties to the wounded in the face of enemy rifle and mortar fire, and on this day was near the point of exhaustion. As evening fell, three wounded Marines still lay in advance of our front lines. Evacuation attempts during the previous four hours had failed because of heavy small arms fire. Teague, aware that to wait until morning to evacuate them would possibly result in their death, would not abandon his attempts to reach them. In the last minutes of daylight, with typical courage, he led his party through the enemy's field of fire to the wounded men, treated their wounds, and then directed their evacuation to the rear without injury to the stretcher bearers. His initiative and fearless leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Teague, a veteran of the Kwajalein and Saipan-Tinian campaigns as well as the battle of Iwo, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Teague, of Boomer, N. C. His wife, Mrs. Iva Pritchard Teague, resides at Drexel, N. C. Teague formerly taught mathematics at the Drexel (N. C.) High School.

**BUY MORE WAR BONDS**

**RATION NEWS**

**MMATS AND FATS.** Red Stamps: Q3, R2, S2, T2, U2, expire August 31; V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, expire October 31; F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, expire November 30.

**SUGAR:** Sugar stamp No. 36 good for five pounds, expires August 31.

**SHOES:** Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, not good.

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## MacARTHUR FACES GREAT TRIUMPH

Atsugi Airfield, Japan.—United States air-borne troops, marines and bluejackets started the mass occupation of Japan today, landing by thousands at this great air base and the Yokosuka Naval Base on Tokyo Bay.

Across from Yokosuka, a marine combat battalion landed on needle like Cape Futtsu at the east side of the bay.

Behind the swarming troops whose giant transports and navy and army planes guarding them made an aerial avenue over the 820-mile route to Japan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was winging toward Atsugi and the greatest triumph of his brilliant career.

Forward elements of the 11th Air-borne Division started landing at Atsugi Airfield, where a tiny liaison group had awaited them since Tuesday, at 6 a. m. (6 p. m. Wednesday a. w. t.).

At three and even two-minute intervals, the great transports, bearing troops, equipment of all sorts and light artillery, swept down on the two long hard-surfaced runways and swung to parking spaces with machine-like efficiency.

**Selective Service Office Will Not Be Open Saturdays**

Selective Service board offices hereafter will not be open on Saturdays and will be closed on all legal holidays in accordance with a recent order placing federal employees back on a 40-hour week. The board offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, which will be Labor Day.

**Girl Scout Leaders Meet Monday, 3:30**

All Girl Scout leaders, assistant leaders, council members and committee members in the Wilkesboro are asked to meet Monday, 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. H. B. Smith.

Announcement of the meeting said: "Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs is anxious to begin work with Girl Scout leaders. If you are interested in a Girl Scout program for the Wilkesboro you are urged to attend this meeting."

**Charlie Manship Hired As Coach For Local School**

Charlie N. Manship has been employed as athletic coach of North Wilkesboro high school and recreation director for North Wilkesboro on a full time basis.

Mr. Manship is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, where he received his degree in 1941. For three years he was a tackle on Kid Brewer's crack football team at Appalachian and he also played baseball and participated in track events.

After graduation he was coach for one year at Monroe high school and went into government service at Portsmouth, Va., where he was a part time catcher for the Portsmouth Cubs in the Piedmont baseball league.

Mr. Manship will begin his duties in North Wilkesboro on school opening day, September 3, and the first football practice will be that afternoon. He has already asked that all the high school boys report for practice. The school here has been without an interscholastic athletic program because no coach was available during the past few years.

Employment of a coach, athletics and recreational director was made possible by a local supplement to the teacher salary. Mr. Manship has been employed for year-round work in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Manship's family consists of his wife and one small daughter. They will move here from Rockingham, where they have been making their home.

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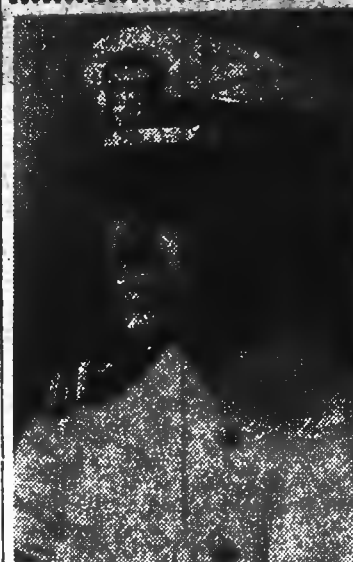
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## Now Commander



Commander J. H. McNeill was recently promoted to his present rank in the medical corps of the navy. Commander McNeill, who was on the staff of the Wilkes hospital as internal medicine specialist before entering the navy, is now on the west coast awaiting the commissioning of a transport, on which he is to be senior medical officer.

## JAPS SOUGHT PEACE EARLY IN SUMMER

Washington.—Japan sought to negotiate peace with the Allies twice before the United States used the atomic bomb, it was revealed officially yesterday.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes told a press conference about the Japanese overtures which were made early this summer.

His statement was prompted by Japanese claims that they were forced to surrender because of the new bomb. He said he did not want the credit for winning the war going to a special bomb when it actually was won by the blood of thousands of American soldiers. He added that before the bomb was ever heard of by the public, the Japanese were seeking peace.

Generalissimo Josef Stalin told Byrnes and President Truman on the first day of the Potsdam conference, July 17, that the Nipponese were making peace offers. The Japanese had asked Stalin to admit a Japanese delegation to Russia and for Russia to act as a mediator between Japan and the other Allies.

The Japanese proposal was very general, and Stalin rejected it because of that, without even bothering to consult the Allies.

**Welborn Reunion On September 9th**

The annual reunion of the Welborn clan will be held at Temple Mill church, 2 1/2 miles west of where it has usually been, on Sunday, Sept. 9, beginning at 10 a. m. Attorney Eugene Trivette and Attorney J. H. Whicker, of North Wilkesboro, Revs. Selden Welborn, of Mt. Airy, A. A. Somers, of Newland, R. C. Gofforth, of Greensboro, will be the speakers of the day, with others. Quartets from Greensboro, North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Union church will sing. Everybody invited to come and bring a full basket.

**Gilreath Home Club To Meet On Sept. 1**

Gilreath club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh on Saturday, September 1, 3 p. m. Everybody is invited to the watermelon feast and "auction sale."

Bring your friends and we'll have "heaps of fun."

Service men are especially invited to attend.—Reported.

**Pruitt Child Dies**

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Round Hill church for Shirley Mae Pruitt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Pruitt, of Wilkesboro. The child died Tuesday. Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the last rites.

**PFC. JAMES GARWOOD RECEIVES DISCHARGE**

Pfc. James Garwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garwood, of Wilkesboro, has received his discharge from the army and has returned home after many months of service in France and Germany.

## Pvt. L. H. Smithey Died As Prisoner In the Philippines

Soldier From Roaring River Community Had Been Reported Missing 3 Years.

Pvt. Leonard H. Smithey, son of Monroe Smithey, of Roaring River, route two, died while a Japanese prisoner on the Philippines May 29, 1942.

Pvt. Smithey, who entered the army in 1940, and went to the Philippines soon after Pearl Harbor in 1941, was 19 years of age at the time of his death. No letters or other messages had been received from him since he left Pearl Harbor, and the War Department had reported him missing in action since that time. He was never reported as a prisoner.

The telegram received a few days ago by his father from the War Department stated: "I am deeply distressed to inform you report just received that your son, Pvt. Leonard H. Smithey, who was previously reported missing in action, died on May 29, 1942, in Philippine Islands while prisoner of war of the Japanese government." The telegram and letter which followed gave no further details, and did not state how the fact of his death and date were determined. However, the data indicates that he was a prisoner only a short time.

Pvt. Smithey is survived by his father; two brothers, Jean Harry Smithey, in the navy, and Jack Dale Smithey, of Thurmond; and one sister, Miss Sibyl Smithey, of Roaring River, route two.

**Rationing Offices To Be Closed 31st**

Rationing board offices in the Wilkesboro will be closed on Friday, August 31st, for the purpose of making monthly reports, instead of Saturday, September 1. This change was made for this month especially for the benefit of the public.

**Lewis Fork Baptist Church Meeting 2d To Plan Building**

Announcement has been made of a congregational meeting of Lewis Fork Baptist church to be held Sunday, September 2, 11:30 a. m., for the purpose of deciding on plans for a new church building or addition to the present building. All members of the church and others interested are asked to attend the meeting. The question of whether the building program shall be in the form of an addition to the present building, or entirely a new building, is to be decided.

**Local Banks To Be Closed On Monday**

The two banks in the city—The Northwestern Bank and the Bank of North Wilkesboro, will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. Patrons are requested to make note of closing date so that they will not be inconvenienced in any way.

**Wilkes Hunters And Fishermen Meet Thursday**

Hunters and fishermen of Wilkes county are planning to meet in North Wilkesboro on the evening of September 6, according to Joe McCoy, who is acting as temporary chairman of the local committee.

The meeting is to be held at 8 o'clock in the North Wilkesboro city hall. All hunters and fishermen and farmers and all others interested in the game and fish resources are urged to attend this meeting.

Purpose of the meeting is to consider forming a hunters' and fishermen's club to join with similar clubs in other counties to bring about a better state-wide game and fish program and better protection.

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc., will be at the September 6 meeting to explain the plans and purposes of the state-wide organization. Already thirty-one counties have organized, according to Mr. Stevens, and plans for organizing are well under way in thirty-six additional counties.