



Weather Tuesday: High 92, low 67; rain .15 . . . . Americans and British get 13 more Jap ships as Allies heap ruin on Jap islands and China coast . . . Russian troops are moving out of Czechoslovakia. Chinese troops moving forward again . . . . Here at home work has been resumed on the Newman Stable. A lot of dirt was moved Tuesday; the cement and lumber have been put on the ground. Some new unreported donations have come in including those of John B. Stokeley (the canner Indianapolis; Lieut. and canner) of Mrs. Harry Morgan; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Smith; M. F. Gilchrist; Miss Agnes Clarke from Pema-quid Point, Maine; Emma Jack-son; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Parme-rom East Boothbay Harbor, Tome : Mrs. S. L. Baring-Gould of New York City; George Bay, Dolly Blackwell of Tryon and in the meantime M. P. and James Andrews are lending the use of their stable this summer while they are operating their summer stable at Flat Rock . . . Folks are certainly getting "het up" over the ration board rule requir-ing applicant to get his neighbor to swear he's telling the truth about his canning needs. "The rain falleth upon the just and the un-just" and most folks want sugar to come the same way—an equal amount to every person, rich and *Continued on Back Page*.....

## NEW PRINCIPAL AT STEARNS SCHOOL

A returned soldier accepts the principalship of Stearns school. Robert H. Gibbs recently returned from the armed service where he was engaged in giving instruction to other soldiers, has been unanimously elected by the local committee.

Mr. Gibbs after completing his high school course at Stearns, made his way through Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone. By the time he was ready to graduate he had sufficient practice teaching to secure a high school teacher's certificate, Class A. He was teaching in high school when he was called to the army, and his training and experience there have further qualified him for his chosen profession.

chosen profession. It is the purpose of Mr. Gibbs to carry forward and to build upon the improvements so well started by Glenn T. Tolliver during the two years of his administration here. Already the elementary department has attained the new standard and has been inspected and passed by Dr. Arnold Perry of the State Board of Education. The next major goal which is only a little ahead is the full accredited rating of the high school with the twelfth grade. Because Mr. Tolliver in his first experience as principal did such splendid work here in this school, he has been promoted to a larger school in Rutherford County. Since we have had to lose him, we are glad to find another young man, this time a native of the county, who is well trained and . Continued on Back Page.