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## Bluejackets vital part of campus, war

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Sixty years ago, men marching in blue jackets could be seen all over the MSU campus. Today, the legacy of the Navy men who trained on campus before World War II is kept alive by a small historical marker in front of Thompson Hall, where the sailors lived.

In 1942 MSU, then called Morehead State Teachers College (MSTC), needed more students and the Navy, feeling the strains of World War II, needed more trained electricians. Dean Warren C. Lappin and MSU President William H. Vaughn saw an option — bring the Navy to Morehead.

Dr. Jack Ellis, a retired director of libraries for MSU, said Lappin and Vaughn heard about a program in Northern Michigan for training sailors for the Navy. After visiting the school and realizing Morehead could handle such a program, they went to Washington D.C.

Fred M. Vinson, the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court at the time, and who had been a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, took Lappin and Vaughn to the Pentagon, introduced them to the admiral of the electrical program, and helped them convince the Navy to come to Morehead.

Low enrollment and wartime rationing was straining MSU to the point there was talk of closing the school until the end of the war, Ellis said. With the U.S. Government footing the bill, between June 1942 and January 1944 more than 4,400 sailors attended the Naval Training Base at Morehead.

Ellis said on June 1, 1942, 50 sailors walked off the train in their white uniforms and met their section officer. The next month, 100 sailors arrived, and every month from August on, another 150 men came to the Naval Training Base.

The sailors lived in

Thompson and Men's Hall (now Mays). Ellis said the sailors marched to class in their blue jackets from the first of November to the first of June, and eventually became known as the "bluejackets."

The sailors trained heavily on a rigorous schedule, Ellis said. The four-month program graduated 150 students a month.

The sailors' only down time came at noon on Saturday and ended at midnight on Sunday. Ellis said The Shore Patrol (Navy Police) kept a close eye on the sailors while they were off base.

Still, some members of the community were skeptical, Ellis said.

Oscar Patrick lived next door to the Science Building (Lappin Hall) where classes were held for the sailors, Ellis said. Patrick would not allow

his four daughters to talk or have anything to do with the sailors. They were only permitted to watch them march.

Ellis said one day Patrick's youngest daughter wrecked her bicycle and some of the sailors helped

her up, cleaned the scrapes and bruises and took her home. From that day forward, sailors were welcomed in the Patrick home, and one of them eventually married Patrick's oldest daughter.

Companies, including the Eagle's Nest Restaurant and the Greyhound Bus Station, had contracts with the U.S. Navy for the men to eat and hang out, he said.

Many of the sailors married local girls, Ellis said.

Morehead stepped up to help the sailors any way they could, Ellis said. The community established a United Service Organization (USO) for the men, and local girls volunteered to make it the sailors' "home away from home."

Ellis said, "Everyone (in the area) felt like they were part of the war."

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— Jack Ellis, retired MSU library director



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Kenneth Martin Orciere, a member of the Bluejackets, poses in front of a building on campus. The Bluejackets were Navy men who trained at MSU during World War II. More than 4,400 sailors attended the Naval Training Base at Morehead.



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Orciere poses with The Morehead community became accustomed to the seamen, opening a USO to make them feel more at home.

### Correction:

In "Lake restoration delayed" on the Campus Life page of the Sept. 25 issue, plans for Eagle Lake's restoration goals were set by The Physical Improvement Committee, not the Physical Environment Committee. The meeting was held on Oct. 5 by the SGA Congress, not the SGA Faculty Senate.

Local Trivia

Early History

The Morehead Naval Training Program brought this community closer as we became more a part of the war effort. That was especially true when you would see 500 sailors marching in full dress uniforms down College Boulevard with weapons on their shoulders.

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Morehead Memories:

People & Places

Morehead's WW II Naval Training Station

MEMPHIS W W II VETERANS VETERAN

By JACK ELLIS  
Special to The Morehead News

WW II patriots and heroes: we salute you  
"Write this as a memorial in a book." (Exodus 17:14)

I have just viewed the first two parts of Ken Burns' tremendous "pull no punches—tell it like it was" documentary of WW II. Many of the scenes are graphic and horrifying. They depict the brutality of the war through combat footage with narration from the veterans themselves. Therefore, with WW II veterans dying at the rate of 1500 a day, it is critical that these accounts be preserved before it is too late. But this documentary should serve as a reminder of the significance of WW II.

Most of the veterans interviewed said they wanted to keep alive the memory of those who did not return from the war. That was the purpose of this writer's book Patriots & Heroes: Eastern Kentucky Soldiers of WW II. Although I have not seen it yet I am told that some of those written about in this book (including the author) are included in one part of the film.

Following are portions of the introduction to Patriots & Heroes by this writer, written in 2003 and published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

News Anchor Tom Brokaw, in his two national best-selling books, called the veterans of WW II the "Greatest Generation." Some have called them the "noble generation," while others have referred to them as the "heroic generation." But this writer thinks of them as the "unselfish generation." They were men and women who grew up during a devastating depression and knew what it was to sacrifice and do without. They were the citizen soldiers who unselfishly answered the call of their country and became the unheralded freedom fighters of their gener-

ation. They knew what it was to say goodbye tearfully to those they dearly loved. They knew what it was to board a train and wave a red-eyed goodbye out the window as the train slowly pulled away—never knowing if you would ever see each other again. They knew what it meant to be separated from family for months and years. They knew what it was to prepare rigorously for the physical and emotional strain of being taught to kill.

The WW II generation knew what it was to be placed in a kill or be killed arena. They knew what it was to see their comrades blown to pieces in battle, shot out of the skies, or sunk at sea. But they never wavered in their resolve. They believed their country needed them and that they were called upon to do a job, and they were determined to do that job to the best of their ability. Certainly they never thought of themselves as heroes. Most thought of themselves as being at the right place at the right time, or at the wrong place at the wrong time, depending on your point of view. But looking at the WW II generation through the telescope of time, they were an extraordinary and an unselfish generation. Their goal was to win the war and come home.

Patriots & Heroes recalls the suffering and sacrifice of a representative group of that extraordinary generation. It profiles personal experiences of combat veterans who were prisoners of war, missing in action, killed in action and those that returned safely. Because of their experiences, they shared unbreakable bonds of brotherhood that have lasted a lifetime. Of the 16,000,000 men in WW II, there were millions of heroes by today's definition of "hero." Yet few of those men would ever classify themselves as heroes. But they stood tall at a time in their nation's histo-

ry when freedom was threatened. They should never be forgot-ten. This book is an attempt to preserve their memory by profiling a few of those men from the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Their stories are representative of the heartache, horror, sacrifice, suffering, and separation endured by many of those citizen soldiers during WW II. Those brave, peace-loving men answered the call of their country and sacrificed years out of the most productive periods of their lives. They gave up some of their personal freedom in order to preserve this nation's freedom. They did so without complaint because they recognized the reality that this nation's freedom and liberty hung in the balance. Over 400,000 men were listed as "KIA," killed in action, or "MIA," missing in action, or "POW," prisoners of war. Those KIAs and MIAs would never come home after a hard day's work to a wife and family, or grow old together with the love of their life.

Vague memories dimmed by time are about all that remains of those MIAs and KIAs. Their names are among the thousands who died in defense of freedom during WW II. The only evidence that some of those KIAs and MIAs ever existed is a cross or head stone in a foreign land, or a foot stone at a cemetery in their hometown, or their name on a plaque on a memorial wall in a public square in their hometown.

Many of those surviving POWs suffered unbelievable hardships. Their lives were a living hell for many months or years, and half of them died in enemy prison camps. Those surviving prisoners of war continued to suffer post-traumatic stress syndrome for the remainder of their lives.

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See HISTORY on D-3



Carl Fraley raises the American flag over Berlin's American Sector in September 1945.



Above: John D. Barker, Rowan's Pearl Harbor veteran and buddy prepare to enjoy the bathing facilities on Bouganville in the Pacific, 1944.

PFC FRANKLIN R. SOUSLEY  
USMCR

One of six Marines, who raised the flag on Iwo Jima 23 February 1945

Left: Fleming County native Franklin Sousley was one of the Iwo Jima flag raisers.

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# Many Notables To Attend Christening Of Navy School

Schedule Of Events Slightly Revised This Week

AUG 22, 1942



JOHN BROOKER

AUG 20, 1942

Outstanding speakers and guests who will attend the official christening ceremonies of the Naval Training School at Morehead State Teachers College, Friday, August 21, will include Governor Keen Johnson; possibly Senator Alben W. Barkley, who at last report was making every effort to be present; John W. Brooker, chairman of the Board of Regents and State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Senator R. M. Bagby Grayson; Congressmen A. J. May Joe B. Bates and Virgil Chapman A. P. Plummer, commissioner of highways; Charles K. O'Connell clerk of the Court of Appeals Board of Regent members Mrs Allie W. Young, Harry Laviers Donald Putnam and Ernest Shannon, Circuit Judge W. Bridges White and others.

Captain E. A. Lofquist, USN Chief of Staff, of the Ninth Navy District, will deliver the principal address at the christening ceremony, and will review both battalions of blue jackets stationed at the local school.

Ceremonies are scheduled to begin with military maneuvers by both battalions of sailors on the drill field at Jayne Memorial Stadium, at 2:30 p. m. The public is urged to attend this portion of the program.

Brooker will preside at the

# Five Officers Added to Naval Training School Personnel

## School Is Nearing Ultimate Capacity Of Six Hundred Men

With NTS. (Elec.) well on its way to its ultimate capacity of six hundred men, five new chiefs and officers have been added to the personnel under Lieut.-Comm. George Walker's command.

Commissioned officers to come aboard three weeks ago are Ensigns V. S. Chapman, Jr., G. C. Hall and P. R. Doherty, all of whom completed the Officers' Instruction course at Notre Dame University, June 30. They are line officers, classed D-V (S.)

Ensign Chapman works with Lieut.-Comm. H. L. Saunders, MC (S) as assistant ship's service officer and last week, was named officer in charge of ship's company. Formerly, associated with Eastman Kodak Company, he is a resident of Boston and a graduate of Brown University.

Ensign Hall is the station's First Lieutenant and officer in charge of division one. Mr. Hall is a chemist and a Bluefield, West Virginia, resident. He has a B. S. degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Ensign Doherty has been appointed officer in charge of the new division two and station public relations officer. Mr. Doherty, a native of Flint, Michigan, and a Dartmouth graduate, has been engaged in several phases of newspaper work.

V. T. Wheeler, CWT (PA) serves as drill master for the entire crew at Morehead, together with a variety of other chief petty officer duties. He is a native and resident of Smith Grove, Kentucky, and is now completing his 23rd year of Naval service. Wheeler is unmarried.

J. F. Oliver, CTM (PA) reported for duty from Navy Pier at Chicago where he has served since August, 1941. Oliver first shipped into the Navy in 1900; he is married and makes his home in Louisville. This week Oliver was named Chief Master at Arms.

Charles Wilson, CGM, joined Naval personnel this week as chief of division two.

Williams Smason, CBM, who has been with the Naval school since his arrival, has been transferred to Cleveland and is attached to the new ship USS Seer which is about to be fitted and commissioned.

The Naval Training school is now quite a city within itself. Located in the basement of Thompson hall is a canteen, a barber shop, and a laundry which are run by the Ship's Service department.

The Ship's Service department is run by and for the officers and men of the U. S. Navy in order

# Graduating Navy Division Honored By USO, Men's Club

## Varied And Lively Program Is Presented For Sailors

The graduating Eighth Division of the Morehead Naval Training School was honored last Saturday night at a party jointly sponsored by the USO Social Committee and the Morehead Men's Club. The early part of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

At 9:00 o'clock the social chairman, Miss Mildred Morris, turned the proceedings over to Dr. G. B. Pennebaker, chairman of the Men's Entertainment Committee, to act as master of ceremonies and to introduce the varied items of a long and lively program.

The chief feature of the evening was a Barbershop Quartet composed of Dr. J. D. Falls, Mr. Marvin George, Mr. W. H. Rice, and Mr. John Palmer. Later Mr. Dan Brame demonstrated fire-eating, Dr. W. C. Wineland made spectacular use of the photo-electric cell, Mr. Carl Oseland offered a clarinet solo, Dr. E. L. Shannon exhibited various reptiles, both poisonous and harmless, Chief Boatsman Richard J. Laler told a tall—or rather a deep—story about submarine rescue work, and Mr. Tom Young gave an entertaining chalk talk.

From among the seamen a group of six volunteers engaged in a hilarious whistling contest, the winners being rewarded with a large chocolate cake.

Another feature of the evening was a drawing for a Mother's Day long-distance telephone call home which was won by Albert Kelley of Pensacola, Florida.

Considerable attention was attracted by Commander George Walker of the Naval Training School and President Wm. H. Vaughan of the Morehead State Teachers College, who presided at the punch table clad in waiters' coats and caps.

Because of special out-of-town programs connected with "I Am An American Day" no special party is planned for the USO this coming week-end. The rooms will be open as usual for the benefit of sailors who are remaining in town.

**600 Navy Trainees To Go To  
Four Month Training Course  
At Morehead College, June 1**

MONTANA ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL  
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## THE BLUEJACKETS

AS ITS PRIMARY SUPPORT OF THE WAR EFFORT IN WORLD WAR II, THIS CAMPUS HOSTED THE TRAINING OF MORE THAN 4,400 SAILORS AS SHIPBOARD ELECTRICIANS BETWEEN JUNE 1942 AND JULY 1944. THE U.S. NAVY TRAINING SCHOOL (ELECTRICAL) HAD 600 TRAINEES AT A TIME, COMING DIRECTLY FROM BASIC TRAINING. THE "BLUEJACKETS" LIVED IN THOMPSON AND MAYS HALLS DURING THEIR FOUR MONTH TOURS. THE SAILORS WENT FROM MSU TO WARTIME DUTY STATIONS ABOARD U.S. WARSHIPS. MANY NEVER TO RETURN. THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP AND PATRIOTISM OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. VAUGHAN AND DEAN WARREN C. LAPPIN, THE NAVY'S PRESENCE HELPED MSU SURVIVE THE STRAINS OF WARTIME, RATIONING AND LOW ENROLLMENTS.

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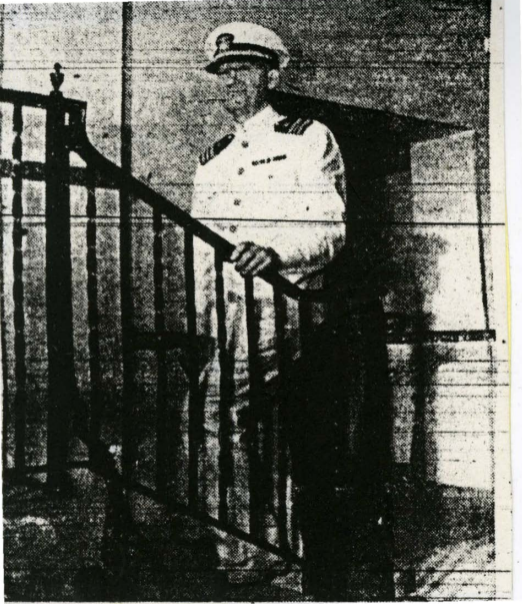
## USO, Local Churches Observe Mother's Day

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The Morehead USO and the local churches co-operated last Sunday in observing Mother's Day for the benefit of sailors stationed here and of Morehead mothers whose children are absent in the service.

About 30 mothers called at the USO before church and took from one to three adopted sons with them to church service and afterwards to dinner. In the afternoon the group returned to the USO rooms for a Mother's Day tea. A corsage was offered as a prize for the mother present with the largest number of children in service. Mrs. James Clay, with three boys in the armed forces, was given his award.

May 18, 1941



George S. Walker

Base Commander

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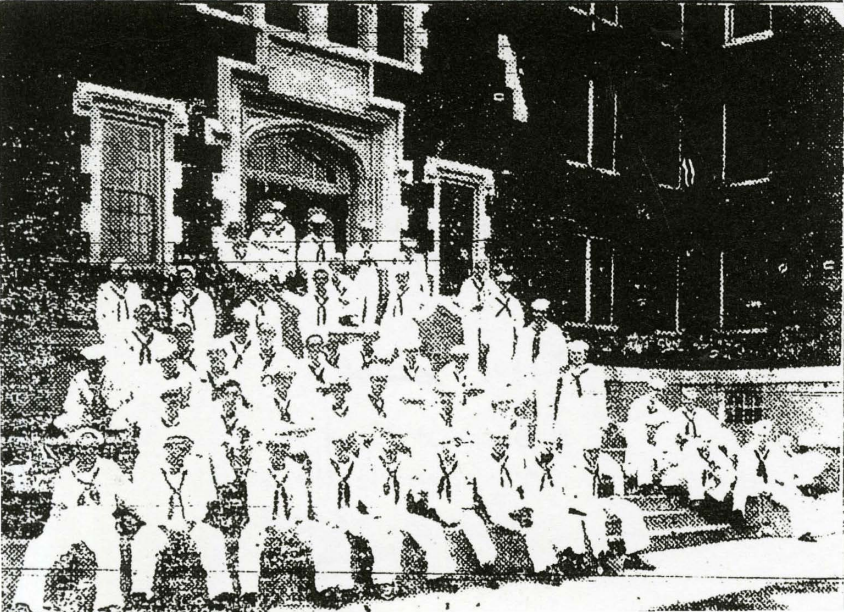
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# Sailors At Rest Before Thompson Hall

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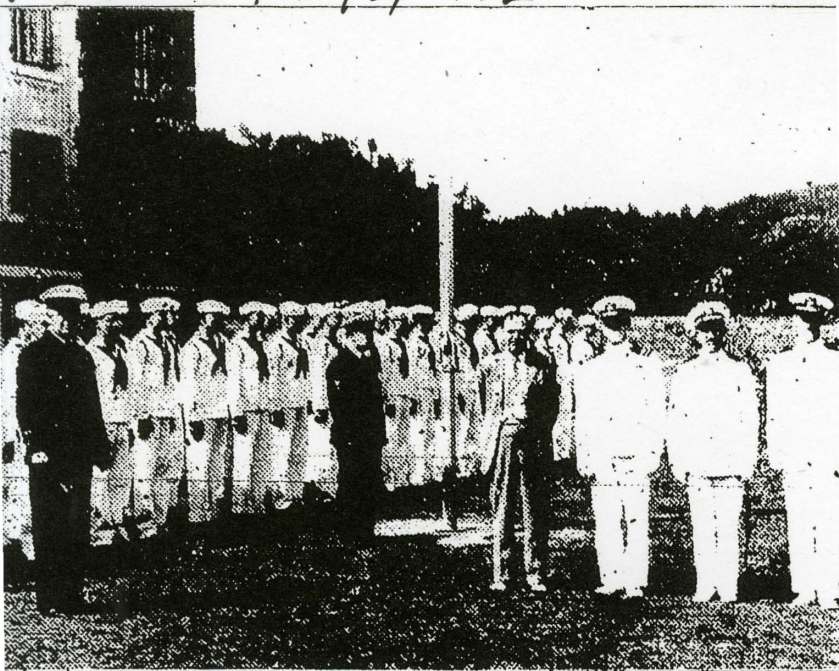
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# Commander Walker Accepts Station W 7

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# USO Entertains Three-Fourths Of Service Men

## Survey Shows Real Job Being Done

Three of every four enlisted men in the Army under training in the United States turn to USO for social recreation in their off-duty hours, it is indicated in a survey received today by Dr. Falls, local USO chairman, from Chester I. Barnard, president of USO.

The survey, made jointly by the War Department, the national Opinion Research Center and USO, further shows that 81 per cent of the servicemen using USO service consider the network of 1,873 USO club-houses within continental United States essential to their Army off-duty hours.

The information, assembled under the title "Soldier Opinion About USO Clubs," was gathered through both questionnaires and interviews administered in geographically indicative USO clubs by the NORC, and in thirty Army camps by the Research Branch of the Morale Services Division of the War Department. The survey covered both white and negro troops, and, in each group, the finding is that the troops turn to USO to maintain contacts with civilian life, and to follow a var-

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## First Group Of Navy Men Arrive Wednesday Morn

### Instructions For Bluejackets Will Start Monday

The first contingent of a class of six hundred bluejackets to be trained at Morehead State College, arrived here Wednesday morning and immediately took quarters in Thompson Hall, former men's dormitory, which is one of the college buildings to be used by the Navy. The first group to arrive consisted of forty-nine men who came from Norfolk.

The Navy announced that Lieutenant-Commander George Walker will be in command of the Morehead school.

Lieutenant Walker said today that first classes at the Morehead school will start Monday morning. Additional groups of Bluejackets are now being prepared to be moved to Morehead with an ultimate goal by August 30 of six hundred men in training here.

Arriving by rail the first group marched from the Chesapeake & Ohio station to the college cafeteria where they were fed prior to being moved to their new quarters.

W. H. Rice, superintendent of buildings and grounds announced that most of the work transforming a portion of the college plant into use for the Navy had been completed. A large amount of equipment has already been installed with more due to arrive.

Most of the instruction work will be at Morehead's new Science building, one of the largest and most modern in the South, and in the basement of Thompson Hall which has been converted into an electrical work shop.

## Fish Law Becomes Effective June 1

### Every Fisherman In Kentucky Required To Have License

The new game and fish code bill, simplifying the Kentucky game and fish laws and adding several changes in present laws, will go into effect June 1. S. A. Wakefield, director of the Division of Game and Fish, stated this week.

One of the most important changes in the Game and Fish code in the section which now requires every person, man or woman, sixteen years of age or older, who fishes in any of the waters of the state, either public or private, to possess a fishing license, with the exception of land owners, their resident children and lessees

May 28, 1942

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# Texts Of Addresses By Vaughan And Walker At Dedicatory Services

At the dedicatory service June 1, President William H. Vaughan officially presented to Lieutenant Commander George Walker for the U. S. N. two dormitories and special class laboratories in the science building for the training of naval cadets.

The text of President Vaughan's talk follows:

"War always works a severe hardship on colleges and higher education in general. Indeed, some people have said that the first casualty in a war is higher education. This is true for several reasons, namely:

1. The thinking of the people is diverted from the more peaceful pursuits followed on the college campus.

2. The men of college age are those in greatest demand by the war machine.

3. College faculty members are equipped to render a distinct service to their country in time of war. Their service to the college is often interrupted to provide for the common safety. Morehead is no exception. This war has taken a severe toll in students, faculty and interest. Morehead is proud of this, however, because our purpose is to train for complete living. John Milton said a century ago that education must equip a man to serve his country in time of peace and war. The sons and daughters of Morehead are applying this formula in a magnificent fashion.

"Now the college has taken one more step. We are not content that our former students and graduates should fight and work for the common defense, but the college enlists for the duration. We are more than happy to offer some of the facilities of the college to our government in this crisis in order that the work of training men to fight more intelligently in our armed forces may be carried on. Some of the scientific laboratories of the college, two of our dormitories have been made available for the exclusive use of the Navy, and we are adding laboratory equipment and teachers to provide for the adequate instruction of these young men. We are also making available the use of our college cafeteria, and as our own students and the Naval Cadets mingle freely in the cafeteria and in the other buildings on the campus, we feel that it is symbolic of the right sort of unity needed to win the war. Other services of the college are also available as the occasion demands.

"At the same time, we shall carry on our program of teacher education with all the enthusiasm at our command, believing that we are not only educating people for civilian life, but for military life as well. The public schools must continue and they must be staffed with scholarly, patriotic teachers. Our job is to keep the flow of tea-

June 1942  
Excerpt from address given by Lieut. Comm. George Walker in accepting the facilities of Morehead State Teachers College for a Naval Training School.

"Morehead State Teachers College has made nearly half its facilities available to the Navy for training electrician's mates. These men, most of whom know little more about electricity than how to turn a light on and off, will receive a basic training which will enable them upon leaving here to go aboard a naval ship and take up the duties of operating, maintaining and repairing the enormous amount of electrical equipment found on a naval vessel. While this description of the basic duties of an electrician's mate does not convey the glamorous impression associated with the actual manning and firing of guns, nevertheless, those guns cannot be fired effectively unless their associated electrical equipment is in perfect operating condition. In this connection it is very probable that some of those men who may be sent to smaller ships will not only be required to perform their technical duties but may also be assigned as members of gun crews and thus actively participate in the ultimate mission of a naval vessel; that of actual combat with the enemy.

"The training required by these men has many technical aspects peculiar to naval requirements and which are not touched upon in a normal college course. This is the case here at Morehead.

"President Vaughan and his associates have very ably met this situation and have prepared a curriculum which meets the Navy's requirements. From my knowledge of the scope of the course outlined and the calibre of the instructors assigned to teach it, I feel quite confident that the men graduated from this school will be equal to or better than the best of other schools giving similar training.

"The success of such a condensed and comprehensive training schedule compressed within the sixteen weeks allowed depends in large part upon the mental attitude of the students receiving this training. That mental attitude in turn is greatly influenced both by the recreational facilities and also by the social activities available to them during their hours.

"I am most happy to say that Morehead is one of the outstanding communities in demonstrating a willingness to meet the implied obligation to afford such social entertainment.



# Naval Students Start Work Monday As Instructors Open Session In Science Hall

Classes for fifty embryo electricians for the U. S. Navy went into intensive training here on Monday morning at eight o'clock marching in formation to Science hall where the class work got under way. For eight hours each day for the next four months their work will continue and at end of that time, they will either be electricians or else.

Perhaps that is putting it a bit strongly, but these young men are here for a purpose, and it distinctly not to entertain or to furnish escorts for attached young ladies. In that connection, we overheard one of the chief petty officers explain to a young lady who was complaining about the restrictions that prevented the boys from enjoying their company, that "this is war," and these boys are not here either to entertain or to be entertained. He went on to say that the Navy in his opinion appreciated the friendliness and kindness of the citizens, and the spirit back of it all.

It is certainly true that the men of the navy are here for a purpose, and that purpose is primarily to prepare these young men to help win this war. And the citizens of Morehead as well as the college students and faculty are only anxious to cooperate with the Naval authorities in carrying out their program. It's still proper and right to meet and greet the sailors, to even "date" them if you wish, but let's as citizens and as real Americans give them the right to carry on their work without embarrassment of too much and too many social obligations. Let us accommodate our plans to the schedule of the navy. They will appreciate it. Incidentally this is entirely unsolicited by the Naval men, and we do not know that they want it. But we do know that our citizens want only what is best for the Navy at all times and under all conditions.

### Medical Officer Arrives

Lieutenant Commander Hubbard P. Saunders of Chicago, is now in Morehead, where he has assumed his duties as the medical officer of the unit. Commander Saunders, a former Kentuckian, was a prominent Chicago physician before entering the Navy, having been staff surgeon in one of the largest hospitals in that city.

### How To Address Them

The News has been asked how to address the officers of



# USO Club May Be Established Here

## Establishment Of Naval Unit Here Creates Demand For Recreational Facilities

Establishment of a Naval Training School at Morehead State Teachers College has created a demand for some type of recreational club room for the service men stationed here, as well as for men of the armed services who frequently make stop-overs here enroute to some other point. At present there is no place for these men to use as a meeting place and for rest and relaxation.

Realizing this community need, Dr. J. D. Falls, chairman of the Rowan County United Service Organizations Committee, has made application to the national headquarters of USO for the establishment of a USO operation for Morehead.

Lieutenant-Commander, George Walker, commanding officer of the Naval Training station here, has voiced his heartiest approval of the movement, and pledges any possible assistance he might render in furthering the project.

Dr. Falls' appeal to President C. I. Bernard, of national headquarters, has been referred to Mr. Frank D. Finlay, regional representative for Kentucky, who will conduct an investigation of the local needs and make recommendations to the national office.

The complete series of communications—between Mr. Walker and Dr. Falls, and between Dr. Falls and the National Headquarters—which comprise a self-explanatory story of the developments to date, follow in their entirety.

**NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL**  
Morehead State Teachers College  
Morehead, Kentucky  
June 22, 1942.

Dr. J. D. Falls, Chmn.  
Rowan Co. United Service  
Organization Committee  
Morehead, Kentucky  
My dear Dr. Falls:

It has come to my attention that there is a movement on foot to provide a club room in the town of Morehead similar to those provided by the United Service Organization—elsewhere throughout the country. As Commanding Officer of the Naval Training School, Morehead State Teachers College, Morehead, Kentucky, I wish to advise you that the purpose behind this movement has my heartiest approval. I believe, however, that such a movement should be sponsored by the United Service Organization in order that it may have the prestige and backing associated in the minds of military personnel with such an undertaking. It is well understood by everybody concerned that any activity sponsored by the United

### Industrial Sugar Users Must Register By July 5

The Rowan County Rationing Board announced today that institutional and industrial users of sugar must register with the local rationing board on or before July 5, for their July and August allotments.

The Rationing Board offices are located in the display room of the Midland Trail Garage, on the southwest corner of Main Street and Hargis Avenue, in Morehead.

### 87,000 Pounds Of Rubber Collected In Rowan County

Rowan county has collected 87,000 pounds of scrap rubber to date, according to officials in charge of the Petroleum Industry's Scrap Rubber Collection Campaign in this county.

The figures, released today, show that 70,000 pounds of the vital scrap was turned in to Shell Oil dealers, and 17,000 pounds were sent to the national stockpile thru Standard Oil dealers in Rowan county.

This amount, which is slightly over six pounds per capita, will be sent to bulk processing plants for transfer to the United States government at \$25.00 per ton. The slight margin of profit has been pledged to service organizations

### Morehead Baptist Church To Hold Open Air Revival

# THE ROWAN COUNTY

VOLUME NUMBER: Old Series 2 ON SUNDAY MORNING 19 ON

MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1942

## Christmas 1942

We pledge Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United  
States, and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
ONE NATION, indivisible  
with LIBERTY and JUSTICE  
for ALL.



## Americans College Trains Full Quota of Navy Men

Owing to the very serious condition of our sister, Miss Mary Griffith, we have been unable to get much writing done this week and A-Mericans-All has suffered accordingly. We had intended to begin giving the names and addresses of our boys and girls in the service but will have to postpone it for the time being. We are running a few of the pictures of the boys whose cuts are available and will have more next week. We are trying to take them in alphabetical order.

A full quota of six hundred sailors are now in training on the Morehead campus, taking intensive electrical study under the instruction of members of the college staff.

The Bluejacket students, which include men in four divisions, are stationed at Morehead for a sixteen-week course preparatory to their being graduated and sent to sea on a United States fleetship. One group is graduated each month, and a new group composed of sailors from various naval bases over the nation are sent into Morehead to replace the graduated group.

Three classes have already completed their training here and been sent to sea since the naval unit was inaugurated on the Morehead campus last June. The first graduating class included thirty-five men, but the latter two have been composed of a full quota of almost one-hundred fifty men.

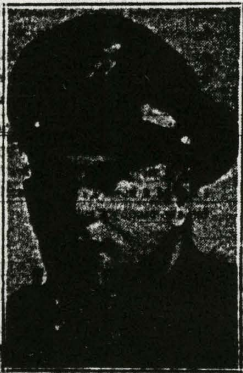
Of the graduating classes, top honor men receive ratings as electricians' mates, third class. Selection is made on the basis of scholastic standing, conduct, and leadership. Several men from the graduating groups have been sent out to advanced training in submarine warfare, amphibian warfare, and mine-sweeping.

Commander George Walker, a veteran of thirty-one years of navy experience, is in charge of the Morehead unit, with offices in Men's Hall. The ship's company of forty men includes nine commissioned officers and the complement of petty officers and specialists. The commissioned officers stationed at Morehead are the commanding officer, executive officer, two divisional officers, education officer, ship's service officer, supply officer, doctor, and dentist.

Dormitory accommodations, meals, and instruction for the Bluejackets are provided by the college. Men's Hall and Thompson Hall are filled to capacity with trainees, and three meals a day are served to them at the college cafeteria. The sailors attend classes in Science Hall, the Administration building, and in the electric workshops in Thompson Hall basement. They also have the use of the college gymnasium, athletic field, auditorium, library, and natatorium.

The ship's hospital is located on the third floor of Alle Young Hall, and the canteen and barber shop are in the basement of Thompson Hall.

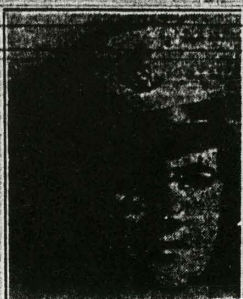
Trainees are kept on a rigid schedule of study, which includes forty-four hours of classwork and supervised study per week, besides the time spent in the physical education program.



Lt. Alvin Mackin, Army Air Corps



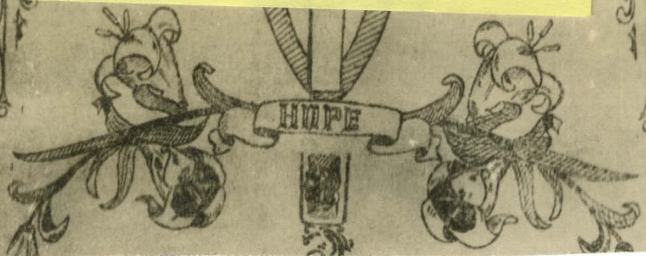
Ensign Sam Bradley, U. S. N.





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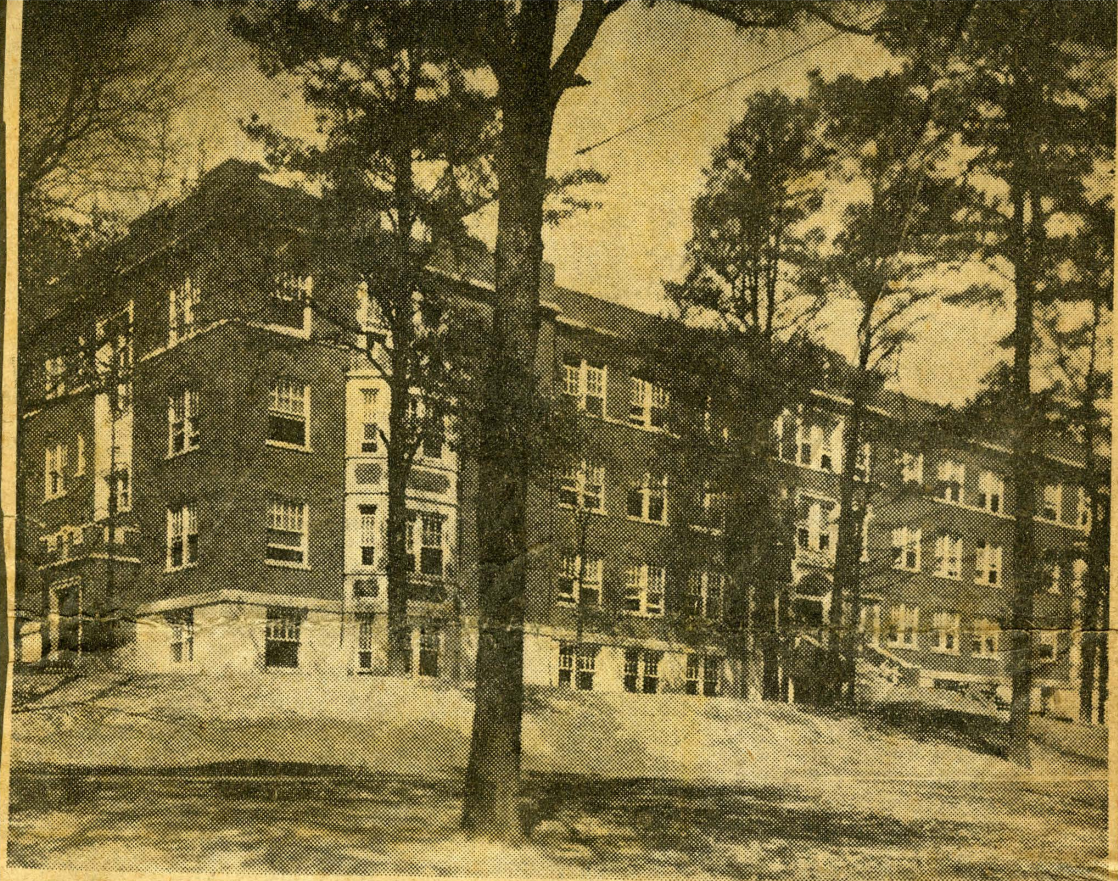
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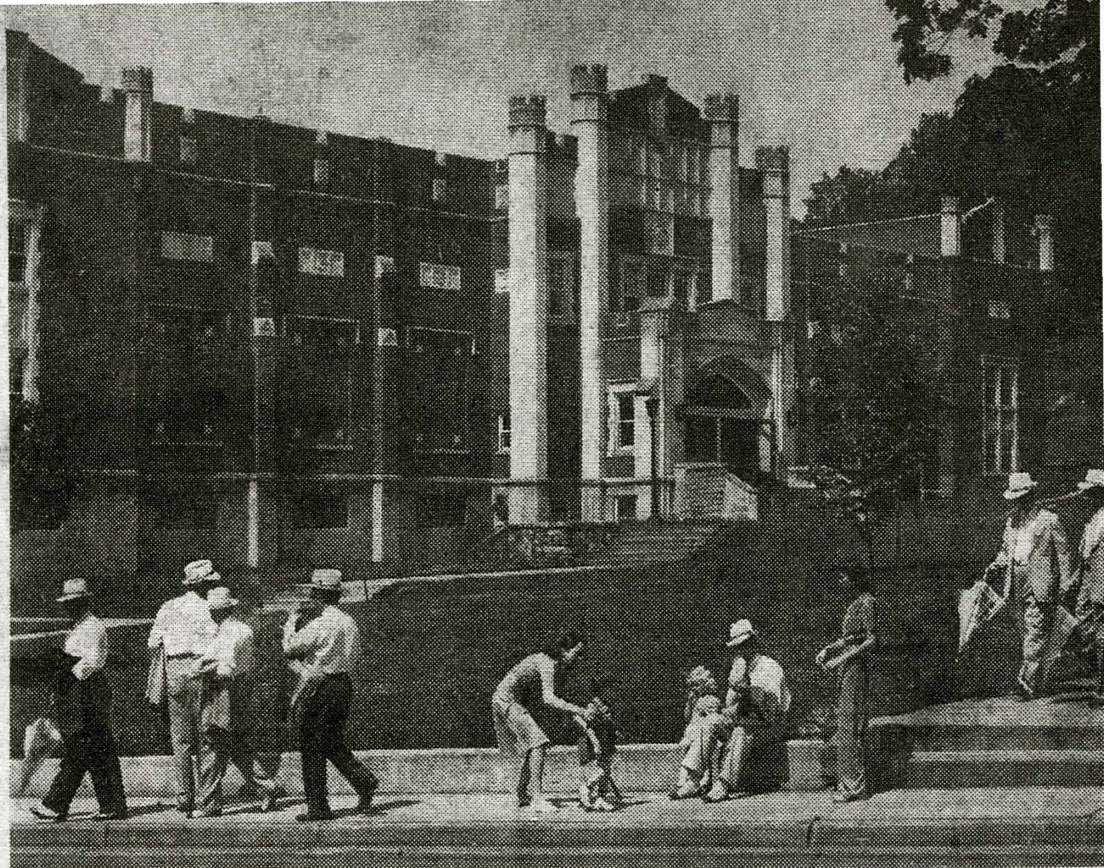
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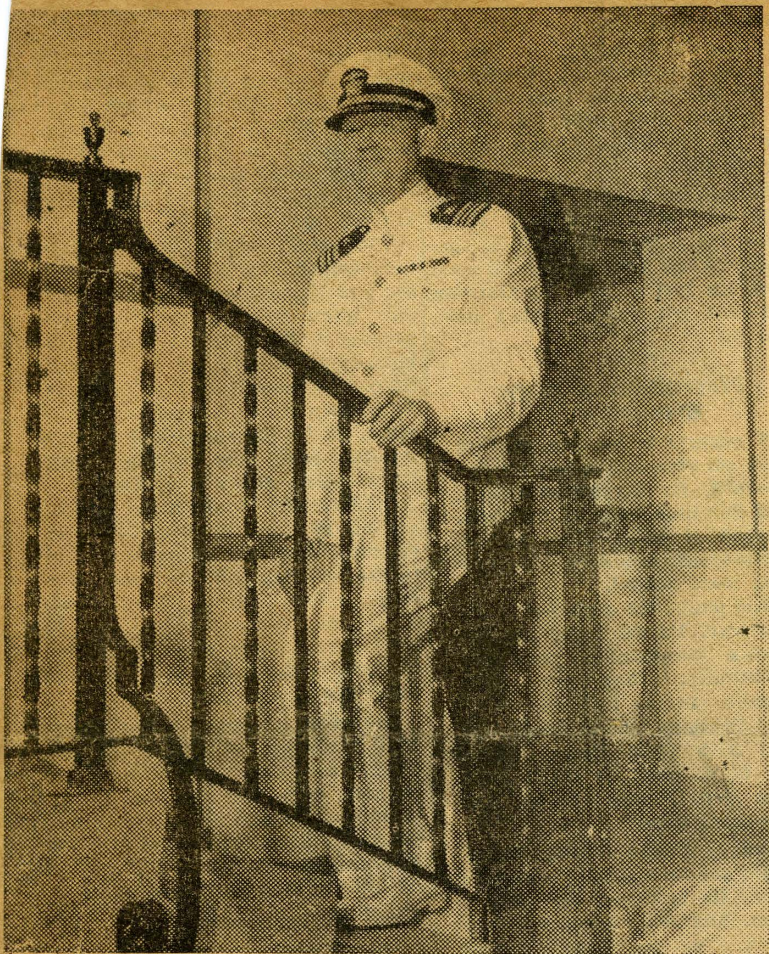


ALLIE YOUNG HALL, girls' dormitory, will be converted to a men's dormitory to house students dispossessed when Thompson Hall and Men's Hall, men's dormitories, are taken over as quarters for navy trainees, first of whom are expected at Morehead June 1. 1942





**THIS BUILDING WILL BE USED JOINTLY** by navy trainees and Morehead State Teachers College students. The building, which houses the school's auditorium and gymnasium, is only one of those on the Morehead campus that will be used by the Navy.



Lt. Commander George Walker, pictured above, will leave Morehead Saturday for active sea duty. Commander Walker will be replaced as head of the Naval Training School here by Lt. Commander Frank L. Burgess, U. S. N., retired, who has been at the Naval Training School in St. Louis. Commander Burgess is due to arrive here today.

Commander Walker and Mrs. Walker will leave here by automobile for Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Walker will then go to San

assigned to sea duty in the Atlantic.

The Morehead training school, which has trained more than 4,000 men, will be decommissioned on October 4. Commander Walker took charge of the school when it was opened May 5, 1942.

As Commander Walker prepared to relinquish his command at Morehead, he expressed his appreciation to all who have assisted in the USO club-rooms providing entertainment for the men in the Morehead school, and to Mordeheadians for their many con-





LT GEORGE HALL AND  
INSTRUCTOR AT THE  
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Well I'm run out of words writing the other post cards so I just want to say hello and I want you to write soon. And ~~maybe~~ maybe if you keep going to school you'll get to go to collage to. Well I'll say so long now & write soon  
Love Gene.

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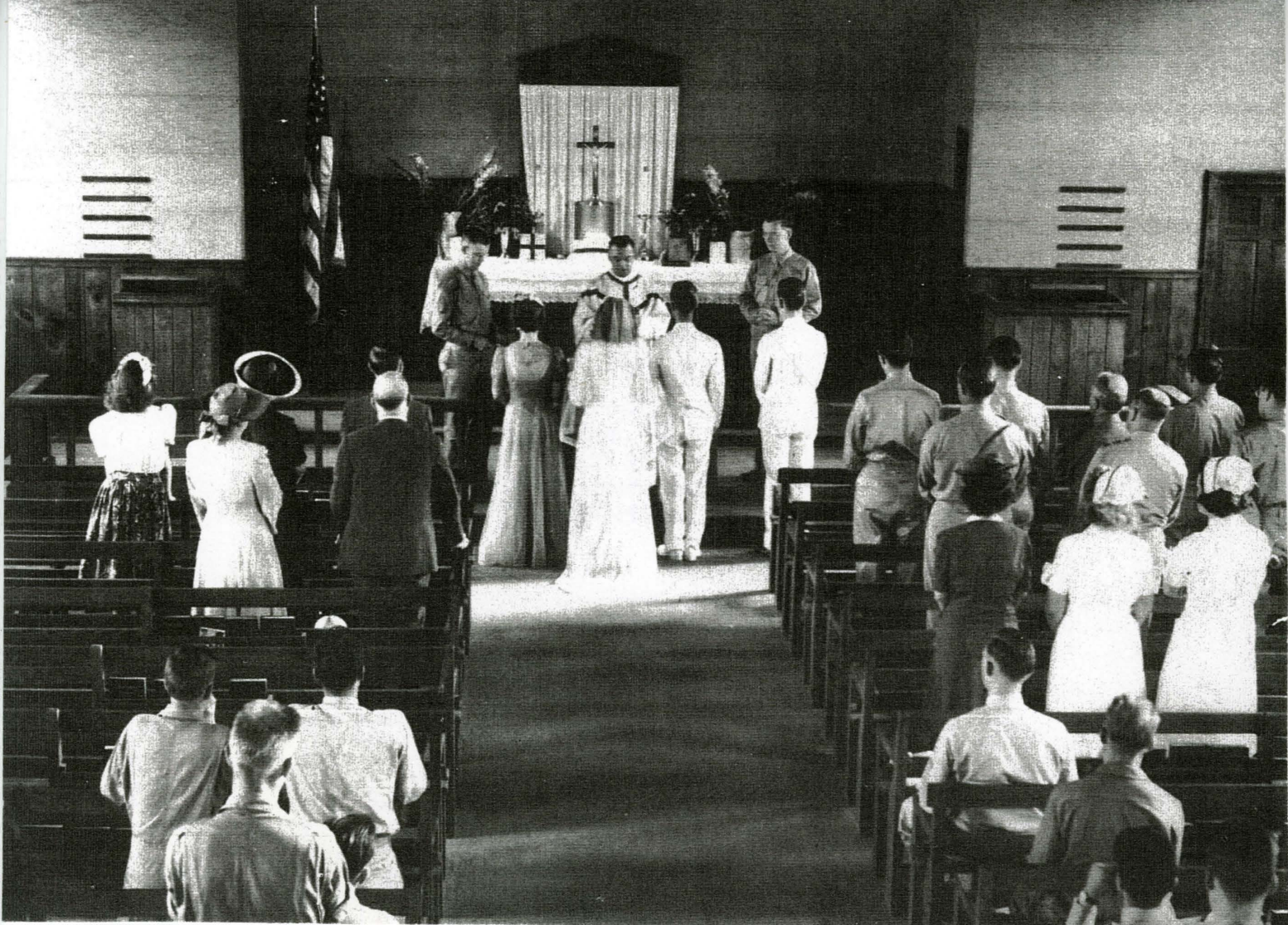
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Post Card From A SAILOR  
STARTED IN MOREHEAD DURING WWI  
TO HIS SISTER IN BROOKLYN NY



WEDDINGS A COMMON EVENT WITH LOCAL GIRLS  
AS MEN FINISHED TECH TRAINING  
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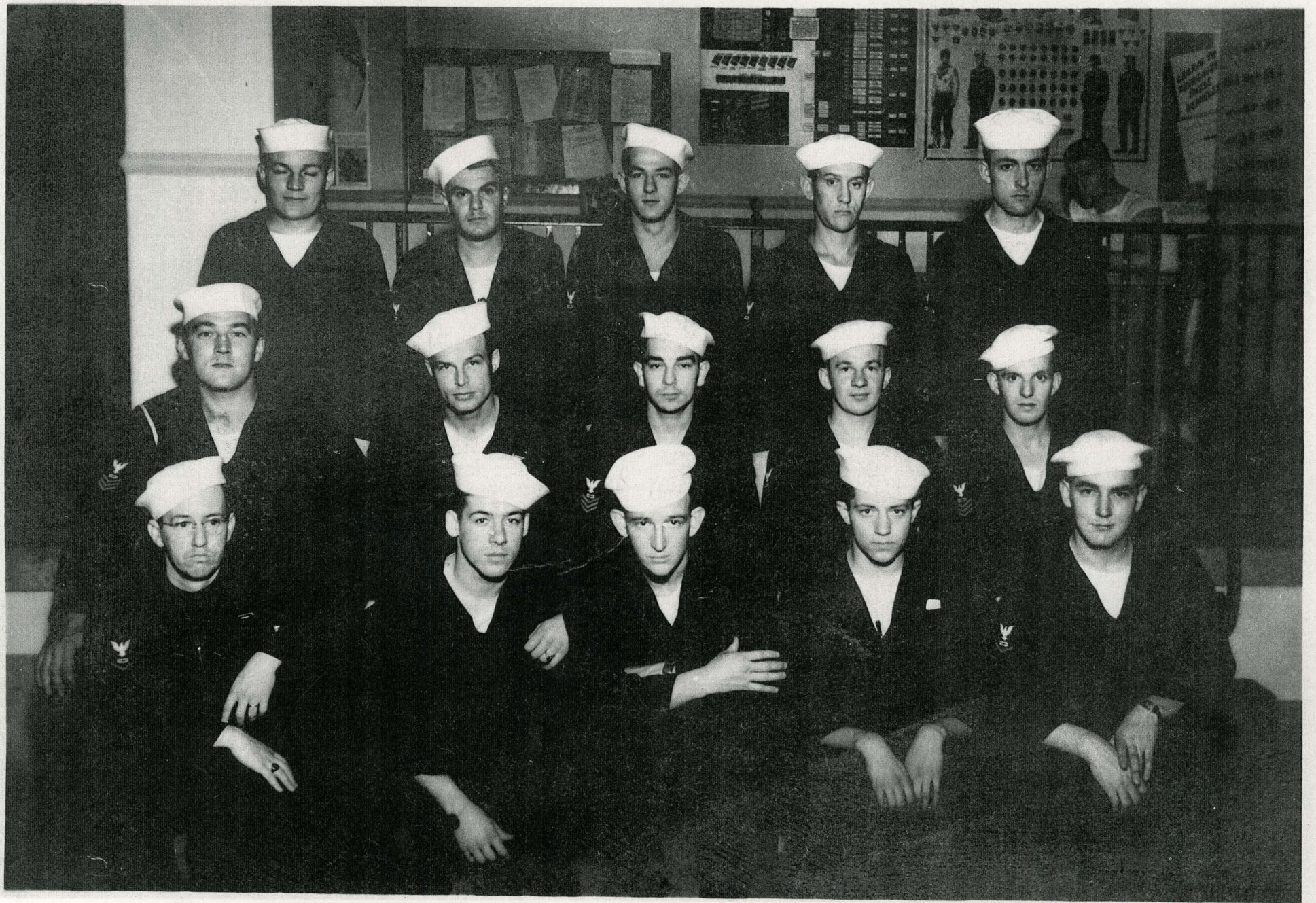


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WAR FRONT COME  
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SOME OF THE FIRST GROUP  
OF SAILORS TO ARRIVE AT  
MSC'S NAVAL TRAINING STATION  
JUNE 1, 1942

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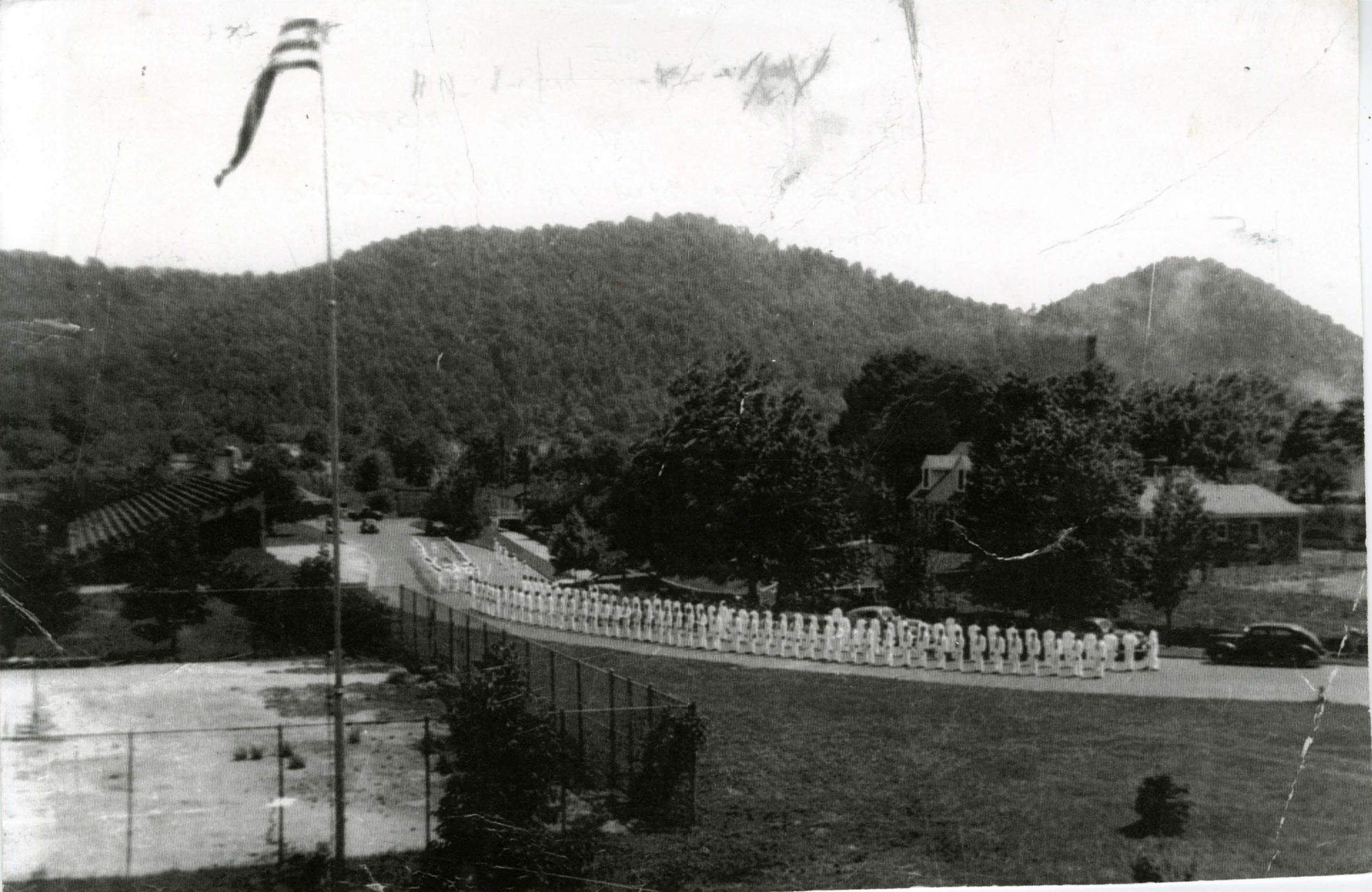
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MOREHEAD KY







**Staying Afloat**  
The Navy at Morehead State dur





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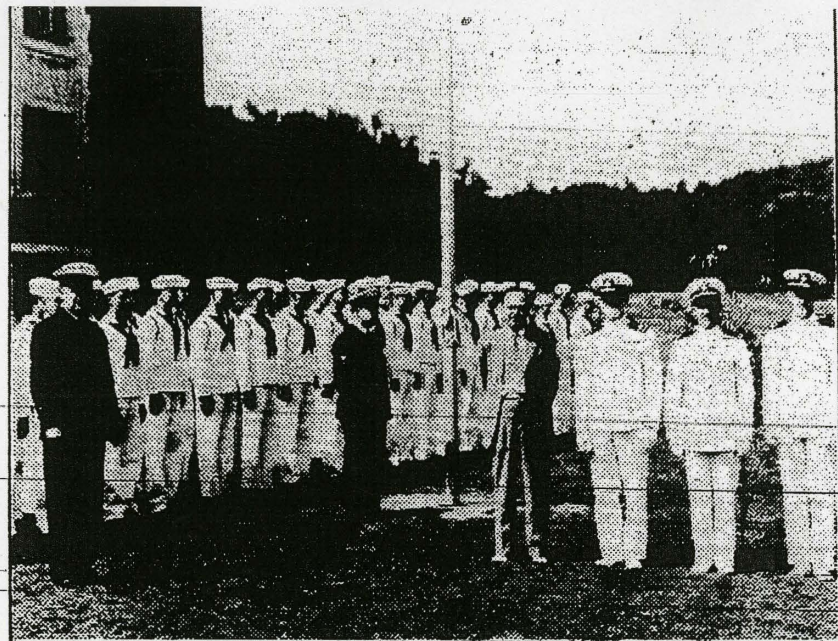
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**Pictured above are Navy officers and personnel, and President W. H. Vaughan, of M.S.T.C., who participated in dedicating services last July**

**Charles Fraley Taking**  
**Special Signal Course**

Technical Corporal Charles E. Fraley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fraley of this city, has been enrolled in a special course of instruction at the Signal Corps school at Camp Murphy, Florida. Corp. Fraley was selected for this specialized training on the basis of his aptitude.

**Summer School At**  
**Morehead College**  
**To Begin June 9th**

**Second Term Is Scheduled**  
**To Open July 19**

Summer school sessions will begin at Morehead State Teachers College on Wednesday, June 9, following a short vacation at the completion of the regular quarter term the end of the previous week. The summer school courses will be conducted in two five and one-half week terms, the second of which is scheduled to open on July 19.

According to the accelerated program of concentrating college work to prepare students to assume wartime positions sooner, the summer classes will meet on the average twice the number of times of meetings in regular quarterly sessions. Most scheduled courses may be completed within a five and one-half week term.

**Drexel R. Wells**  
**Receives Promotion**

Promotion of Drexel R. Wells, of Morehead, to the rank of Sergeant in the Army Air Corps was announced at San Juan headquarters of the Antilles Air Task Force.

Entering the Army on January 9, 1941, at Fort Hayes, Ohio, Sergt. Wells joined his present unit on December 9, 1941. He now is a flight engineer at one of the Dutch West Indies air bases guarding the vital approaches to the Caribbean area.

Sergt. Wells was born on October 16, 1921, in West Liberty, Ky., and formerly resided at 441 East Main street, Morehead. He attended Breckinridge Training School, Morehead State Teachers College and an Air Corps technical school at Chanute Field, Ill.

Men of the Antilles Air Task Force, of which Sergt. Wells is a member, are stationed on small tropical islands which form the gateway to the three Americas. Here they perform their duties on palm fringed air bases, near Caribbean coastlines of white beaches and blue waters and in the lush tropical jungles of South America.

Antilles Air Task Force planes fly endless patrols over an area six times that of Texas and extending from the western tip of Cuba to the jungled coast of South America.

**Trained Over 1,700**  
**Bluejackets**

The Morehead Naval Training School celebrates this month the first anniversary of the establishment of Bluejackets on the campus of Morehead State Teachers College for electrical training. In the year since the first officers set up their offices at Morehead College, more than 1,700 sailors have been sent to the Morehead campus for sixteen weeks of electrical training, according to figures from the local Navy offices.

Lieutenant Commander George Walker, captain of the Morehead unit, was the first man stationed here, in June of last year, and the staff of officers now numbers fifteen, including one WAVE. Besides the enlisted men and officers, there is also a large staff of petty officers who are connected with general administration of the Navy program.

The Bluejacket groups complete their intensive training in four months at Morehead, and upon their graduation new groups are sent in to replace them. Four divisions are in training simultaneously, with one group graduating monthly.

While in training here, the sailors spend approximately a hundred hours at their jobs, including five hours a day in classroom instruction, one hour weekly of military drill and two of Naval indoctrination, three hours of tests, and additional physical training, guard duty, and such. All electrical instruction is given by teachers supervised by the college, and includes mathematics, physics, shopwork, and wiring, and physical education and other phases, are in charge of Navy personnel.

Upon completion of their courses here, high ranking men in the graduating divisions are given ratings as electricians' mates, third class, on the basis of scholastic standing, conduct, and ability for leadership. Other graduates are sent to sea as strikers, with opportunity to win ratings while on ship.

Lieutenant William Elliott, education officer of the local Navy staff, said that approximately seventy-five per cent of the men trained here have won their third

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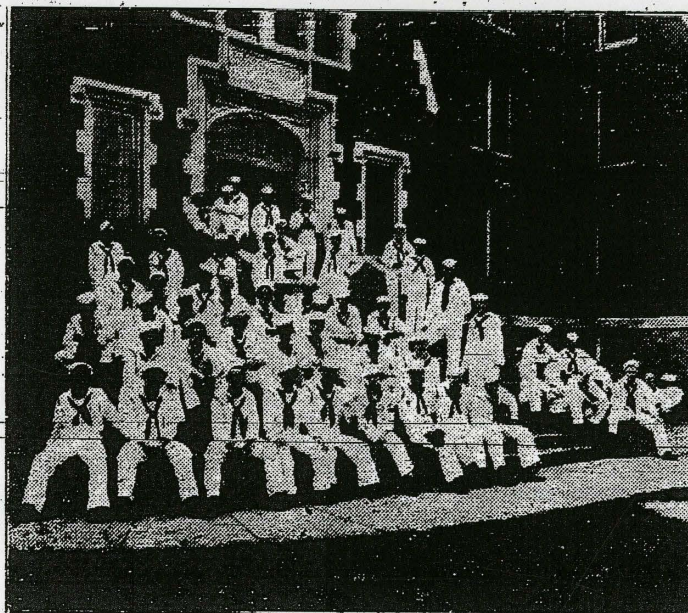
# Farm Notes

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bed but more often they will set the plants back from a week to 10 days. The canvas should be removed before the bed is dusted. The flea beetle can be controlled by dusting the bed with either of the following dusts:

1. A mixture of 1 part paris green, 5 parts lead arsenate and 4 parts hydrated lime. Apply this mixture at the rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a pound to a bed 200 feet long and 9 feet wide.

Dust the bed with 1 per cent rotenone at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound to a bed 200 feet long and 9 feet wide. The first mixture may be purchased at Morehead already prepared in any quantity you desire. Rotenone can be bought. However, the percentage rotenone has been reduced until it is almost impossible to purchase 1 per cent. Farmers should inspect their beds every other day until planting time.



The Bluejackets pictured here were the first group to receive training at the Morehead school.

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## Anniversary---

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class ratings, and that over ninety per cent have graduated. About thirty per cent of the graduates of Morehead Naval Training School have been sent to further advanced training in Naval warfare from here, he said.

Included in the more than 1,700 men stationed here have been Bluejackets transferred from Naval bases at Great Lakes, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia; Samson, New York; Jacksonville, Florida; Newport, Rhode Island; and San Diego, California.

## Wakefield Urges Public To Preserve Young Wildlife

### Heavy Fine To Molest Wild Game

Those people who are making fishing, camping, or hiking trips into the woods and fields of Kentucky are requested, by S. A. Wakefield, director of the Division of Game and Fish, to leave the young animals and birds in their native abodes instead of picking them up to bring back to town with them.

No more than most human mothers do the fond maternal parents of wildlife babies like to have their infants fondled or kidnapped by anyone, especially by persons who know nothing about the care and feeding of children, Wakefield pointed out. With many of the choice outdoor areas over the state being used by picknickers and fishing parties, some persons will, almost without any ef-

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No. 2—Effective May 2, 1943

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### Hunting License Issued By S. E. "Scorch" Mutter

If you haven't your Japanese license for hunting those yellow rats, you should get them now. You don't have to carry these license on your person as you do other animals. You may frame it and hang it on the wall at home or at the office.

These license are issued by S. B. "Scorch" Mutter, proprietor of the Cottage Cafe. Call and get yours. They are free.

### American Legion To Sponsor Passion Play Fri., June 19

#### Motion Picture To Be Shown At College Auditorium

For the first time in history, the public may now see the famous Passion Play, as given in Oberammergau and Friburg, in a talking motion picture, which will be sponsored in this community by the Corbie Ellington Post 126, of the American Legion.

The moving picture version of this great drama will be shown in the College auditorium, Friday, June 19, at three separate showings: two evening shows and a matinee.

For the gigantic \$800,000 spectacle, greater than any Hollywood epic, a complete set of special motion picture sound equipment will be brought to Morehead. An expert projectionalist travels with the equipment and the latest type of screen will be used.

A cast of thousands of actors render hundreds of awe-inspiring scenes filled with stark reality, for one hour and forty minutes of sensational entertainment. Scenes such as Christ being crucified, the nails being driven in his hands and the mob crying out for his blood. Pilate washing his hands of the guilt, Judas betraying the Savior with a kiss, and hundreds of other unforgettable Bible scenes are shown in this, the greatest dramatic production ever filmed.

Admission at all times will be twenty-eight cents for adults and nine cents for children. Proceeds derived from this Legion-sponsored event will be used to help in the charity work that the Corbie Ellington Post endeavors to render from time to time. The money is for a very worthy cause and those seeing this motion picture golgotha will be repaid a hundred-fold in unsurpassable entertainment.

## College Turns Over Facilities to Navy At Formal Ceremonies

### Lieutenant-Commander Walker Officially Accepts Dormitories And Portion Of Science Hall

The United States Navy officially commissioned a part of Morehead State Teachers College Monday as a training unit for ship electricians.

On the spacious grounds fronting Men's Hall, Lieutenant-Commander George Walker accepted Thompson Hall, Men's Hall and portions of the science building, gymnasium, swimming pool, cafeteria and other facilities on behalf of the navy when it was formally tendered by President William H. Vaughan.

### Carroll D. Alcott Addresses M. S. T. C. Graduating Class

#### Radio Commentator And Newspaperman Speaks On War

There can be nothing half-way about this war with Japan. Carroll D. Alcott, authority on the Far East, told the graduating class of twenty-six at Morehead State Teachers college Tuesday night "Total defeat or total victory are the only things the Japanese understand about deciding the final outcome of war. One either wins decisive victory or total loss. There can be no half-day point such as peace by compromise, nor can the loser expect any favors from Japan," he said.

Alcott is a newspaperman of sixteen years experience and a radio commentator. He was one of ten Americans and Britons ordered out of China two years ago by the invading Japanese. Because he was living in the International Settlement of Shanghai, then controlled by Americans and British, he refused to leave at the time.

"The Japanese must be given a thorough beating because any other kind of peace would be regarded by the Japs as weakness on our part and they would prepare again, to fight us again," Alcott as-

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Declaring that "President Vaughan and his associates have very ably met this situation and have prepared a curriculum which meets the Navy's requirements," Commander Walker said he felt confident that "the men graduated from this school will be equal to or better than the best of other schools giving similar training."

Pointing out that the colleges of the nation are equipped to render a distinct service to their country, President Vaughan said that "Morehead College has enlisted for the duration. We are not content that our students and graduates should fight and work, but Morehead is joining with everything in its power.

"Morehead girds itself for its greatest effort. We have the dual responsibility of serving the military and the civilian needs of a great people. We accept the challenge with full knowledge of its magnitude and genuine determination to pursue it to the end."

Preceding Dr. Vaughan and Lieutenant Walker on the program, Harlan Powers, city attorney, officially welcomed the naval school to Morehead. "We are honored by being chosen as one of twenty schools in the United States, and on behalf of the city we extend a bountiful welcome with a pledge that we will do everything possible to make your stay a pleasant and profitable one."

The bluejackets paraded from Thompson Hall to Men's Hall before the ceremony. The proceedings were climaxed with an official order by Commander Walker for the raising of the flag.

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DIATRIBES ON PSYCHOLOGY

Humor Is A Funny Thing But A Smart Man Will Learn No Other

### Foxton Man Convicted Of Setting Forest Fire

# Navy Officially To Christen New School Here, August 21

## Governor Johnson, John Brooker Accept Invitations To Appear On Program

Captain E. A. Lofquist, Chief of Staff of the Ninth Naval Training District will deliver the principal address at the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the New Naval Training School (Electrical) at the Morehead State Teachers College, according to Lieutenant-Commander George Walker, commander of the local school.

Governor Keen Johnson and John W. Brooker, superintendent of public instruction, have also accepted invitations to be guest speakers on the program, which is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p. m., August 21.

Ceremonies will include military maneuvers by both battalions of bluejackets on the drill field at Jayne Memorial Stadium. Speaking portions of the program will be held in the College Auditorium.

Intensive rehearsals are being conducted regular drill periods with passing in review and other maneuvers being emphasized.

Captain Lofquist, who will deliver the dedicatory address, has had a wide and colorful Navy career, both ashore and afloat. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy, has seen service on various types of Naval vessels, and as executive officer aboard the S. S. Great Northern, made six wartime crossings of the Atlantic in the ship which established a record for the fastest round trip between New York and Brest, France, during World War I. His activities ashore have been equally varied and colorful. He has served as instructor in the department of navigation at Annapolis, helped to establish the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, during the World War, and was drill officer and executive officer at the Naval Training Station at Goat Island in San Francisco Bay. All the foregoing activities are but a part of his extensive service since graduation from the academy in 1907.

Complete official program of the ceremonies follows:

- Christening Naval Training School (Electrical)
- Morehead, Ky. Aug. 21, 1942
- College Auditorium 1:00 p. m.
- John W. Brooker, Chairman, Board of Regents, MSTC, and superintendent of Public Instruction . . . . . Presiding
- Address: "Adjusting the State's Educational Program to the Needs of its Nation at War." Governor Keen Johnson.
- Music:
- Address: Captain E. A. Lofquist USN Chief of Staff, Ninth Naval District.
- Music.
- Military maneuvers at Jayne

### Trade-To-ly Night

Head Board of Trade regular monthly session, August 17, at the home of Valtz, on the corner of and Wilson Aven-

meetings had been in a large cafe-teria, so the special attention to the meeting place. Members are urged to be present for an excellent meal and important business ses-

### Of Farms 7 Lots To Be re, Aug. 22

and Auction Company, Kentucky, will hold an auction sales in and ahead on Saturday, beginning at 10:00 a.

sale of the day will be an arfield, where the lots will auction off the acre farm belonging to the Haney.

lock in the afternoon, day, they will sell the property, located at 15th avenue, in More-

the Jayne sale, the Curt Hutchinson on of Fairbanks avenue of Street will be sold, est bidder and best

and other valuable e given away at both afternoon sales.

persons may obtain information from Mr. Clifford, in Morehead, am D. Cecil, Hazel tucky, or from the ction Company, Win-tucky.

### Registration Citations August 17, 18, 19

on of industrial and users of sugar for the end October allotments exclusively on Mon- 17; Tuesday, August nesday August 19. At time a bonus for July may be secured where d.

three days, canning will be suspended in ndle the huge task of the above mentioned before the Rationing domestic users to bear d the dates, because it e possible to issue canning e 17th, 18th and 19th. umber six and number expire Saturday, Aug- there is no way that redeemed if barred by



GOV. KEEN JOHNSON

### County Agent And Group Of Farmers To Attend Field Day

The County Agent, Dan Brame and the agricultural teacher, Mr. Wilson, will attend the annual Field Day program of the Robinson Agriculture Experiment Station at Quicksand, Kentucky, Saturday, August 15. A group of Rowan County farmers including Mr. Allard Hall, W. H. Adkins, J. M. Perkins, George Brown, Henry Eldridge, J. A. Adkins, J. A. Lewis, George Ellington, Delmer Padget, C. B. Turner will also attend. The program includes inspection of corn plots, rotation plots, sorghum demonstrations and permanent pasture experiments. Visitors will take their lunch and after dinner they will inspect the orchards, dairy and poultry experiments. If others are interested in attending Field Day, they should contact the County Agent at the courthouse.

### Bernice Clark Resigns As Instructor Of Home Economics At MSTC

Bernice Clark, of the home economics department, will leave Morehead State Teachers College at the end of this term to take a similar position at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana. Miss Clark has been a member of the faculty here for the past two years.

Before coming to Morehead, Miss Clark was working on her masters degree at the University of Tennessee.

Miss Clark will take up her new duties at Ball State Teachers College on September 8.

### Rowan Raises USO Quota Of \$700.00

The people of Rowan County should be complimented on their record established during the recent U.S.O. drive for funds. The quota for the county was \$700.00, all of which has been raised, according to Dr. J. D. Falls, chairman of the drive.

It is interesting to note that no other county adjoining Rowan was given a quota exceeding \$350.00. Records of Rowan County's citizens in giving generously to previous worthy causes was in all probability responsible for Rowan County's higher quota, which USO officials were confident the citizens of this county would readily meet.

### 4 Rowan Countians Take Radio Courses At Lexington, Ky.

#### School Being Operated In Connection With Army Signal Corps

Four Rowan County men, Phillip E. Bradley, Ernest Jayne, Lee C. Martin, and Clarence E. Nickell, all of Morehead, are in training as radio technicians at the Fayette County Vocational School, Lexington.

Selected and employed by the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army, the men are devoting all their time to the training offered by the Vocational schools. During their first training, they received \$85.00 a month. As advanced trainees, they are receiving \$120.00 a month.

These, and the more than 5,000 other men now in radio training in twelve vocational schools of the state, are learning to construct, operate, and maintain all types of

# Morehead Independent

"ONE OF KENTUCKY'S GREATER WEEKLIES"

MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 17, 1942

## Star To Install September 22

Morehead Chapter, No. 227, will hold their installers, Tuesday evening, 22, at 7:30, in the Ma-

lected at a meeting on an evening are: Mrs. Myrtle May, Worthy Master; Will Holbrook, Worthy Secretary; Roy E. Cornette, Patron; Mrs. Myrtle Cornette, Secretary; Mrs. Elsie Lee Cornette, Treasurer; Mrs. Martha Cornette, Conductress and Mrs. Johnson, Associate Con-

ductress. The ceremonies will be held for Tuesday evening, September 22, with Mrs. Grace Bellamy as Installing Officer.

Members are urged to be present for the installation ser-

## Farmers Plan To Cover Crops

### Prevent Erosion and Wasting of Farmland

Rowan County farmers are planting new cover crops for the first time this year. Barley is being grown as a substitute for clover and crimson clover used because they will build up the nitrogen supply in the soil. Balboa rye is being planted on these 12 farms because it is more pasture than any other crop. Fulwin winter wheat yield more oats than any other variety known in Kentucky.

County farmers are sowing cover crops this year for the first time because they find that these crops prevent soil erosion and leeching, furnish a large amount of pasture when cut, and help build up the

soil. Other farmers are growing to seed wheat, rye, balboa, fulwin oats, barley, crimson clover and vetch, in order to

## Navy School To Graduate Forty Electrician Mates

### First Ceremonies To Be Held At Local Training Station

Morehead Naval Training School's first graduation exercises, at which 40 men will receive diplomas and ratings as electrician's mates fitting them for sea duty in Uncle Sam's Navy, will be held Saturday morning in the college auditorium at 9:30.

Navy certificates and ratings will be awarded the men by Lt. Comdr. George Walker, commanding officer.

The graduating first division have completed a 16-week course in electrical theory, laboratory procedure, tool instruction, mathematics and naval indoctrination. The next class, scheduled to graduate about a month from now will consist of almost 150 men. The school now has four divisions and a total enrollment of 490 men working toward petty officer ratings intended to make them fit for active duty at sea aboard all kinds of naval craft.

Tentative plans for Saturday's graduation ceremony include short talks by Pres. W. H. Vaughn of the college and Commander Walker. In addition, an informal farewell party for the sailors is being planned.

## U. S. Jury Clears Kroger Grocery In Morehead Blast

### Caskey's Plea For \$55,000 Turned Down By District Court

A verdict in favor of the defendant, the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, which was sued for \$55,000 in connection with the Caskey Hotel gas explosion at Morehead, was returned Saturday in Lexington.

Before the jury retired to consider the case, Judge Mac Swinford instructed them not to return a verdict in excess of \$40,000. The jury deliberated about an hour.

The damage suit was filed by Alf C. Caskey, the hotel owner, who sought to prove negligence on

## Leola Margaret Caudill Accepts Position As Army Hostess At Fort Knox

Miss Leola Margaret Caudill, daughter of Mrs. Lyda Messer Caudill of this city, has recently accepted a position as Army Hostess at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and assumed her duties there this week.

Miss Caudill has spent the greater part of her time since graduating from college in social welfare work, having been connected with the Lexington, Kentucky, Young Women's Christian Association and the Fayetteville, North Carolina, Y. W. C. A. - U. S. O. combined organizations, in the capacity of physical education director and hostess.

Miss Caudill is a graduate of Morehead College and has done work toward her Master's Degree at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

## Johnson Optimistic About Gridiron Prospects For 1942

### Says Eagles Will Be a "First-Class" Squad After First Game

Coach Ellis Johnson, of Morehead College, did a complete "about-face" today when asked about the 1942 prospects for his Eagle football combination. Johnson, who usually "sings the blues" when asked for an opinion on season prospects, was most optimistic and predicted that he would have a first-class contingent of gridiron material as soon as his freshmen, who will comprise a large portion of this year's starting lineup, have undergone and recovered from the "buck-fever" accompanying the first game of varsity competition.

The Eagles have just completed the first two weeks of practice, with two workouts daily, which have been devoted largely to toughening-up exercises and general instruction in the fundamental techniques of blocking, tackling and ball handling. The squad is not large enough to hold a scrimmage from which definite conclusions can be drawn, but this year's team will undoubtedly be one of the fastest and heaviest squads in recent Eagle history. Only 25 men are out, including thirteen freshmen.

The line, which is big and fast

## Farmers Club Hears Haggan Outline Farm Conditions

### J. M. Butcher Discusses AAA Program For Coming Year

The regular monthly meeting of the Rowan County Farmers Club was held Friday night. Nineteen members were present to hear the program pertaining to farm life in Rowan County.

H. C. Haggan, of Morehead State Teachers College, gave a talk on the changing conditions on the farm. He pointed out that farmers need to adjust their business to fit the present situation and also be prepared for any change that might come.

The changes in the A. A. A. program for the coming year were discussed by John Butcher. Mr. Butcher stated that more effort is being made in the program to have a greater production and at the same time conserve and build up the soil fertility.

The Rowan County Farmers Club was organized to promote agricultural education in Rowan County. The club meets on the second Friday night of each month. Any interested farmer or business man is invited to attend the meetings and also to join the organization. Dues are only 50 cents per year.

The committee in charge of the program is composed of H. C. Haggan, Glennis Fraley, and Arthur Caudill. A membership committee consists of the following: Dan Brame, Ray Wendell, John Butcher, and Sam Litton, Jr.

The next meeting will be Friday night, October 9, at the Public School at 8:00 o'clock.

## College Enlisted Reserves To Be Called To Army

### Students In More Than 1,000 Colleges and Universities Are Affected

Because of the "exigencies of war," Secretary Henry Stimson announced this week the War Department's intention to call to active military duty all college student members of the Army Enlisted Reserve as they reach the

## Dougherty N Coach, Physi Education In

Richard "Feet" Dougherty, named by the Board of Education the position of coach and instructor of physical education at Morehead State for the school year 1942-43. Mr. Dougherty is a former Morehead State football player with the class of 1936, a popular player on the Eagles varsity foot-

## P. T. A. F Managers Morehead,

### Meeting Was Fi To Be He

For the first time in the history of the organization, the Ninth District P. T. A. F. Managers of the Morehead Chapter met with the Superintendent of Schools, Morehead, Friday night, September 11. It has been the custom to hold meetings in Ashland, but that a meeting of this nature should be held here should emphasize the importance of the organization in Rowan County and the capable leadership of the chapter.

Those present at the conference were: Mrs. O. B. S. Ky., Vice-President; Messer Caudill, Secretary-Treasurer; Ashland; Boyd C. Mrs. Oral Fraley, County Chairman; Rice, Morehead; man, Mrs. C. P. Flemingsburg; E. Davis, Fleming; man of the Spearman; Elwood Lewis, C.

At the meeting made for the Parent-Teacher Association will be held at Fleming, Pikeville, October 6; Pikeville, October 6; Pikeville, October 9.

## Morehead Coll Fall Quarter, 1

Morehead State College will begin the 1942-43 school year on September 21, with

# Navy Nine Blasts Clearfield, 5-1

The Naval Training School baseball team steamed up to the Clearfield Ball Park last Sunday, September 20, and subjected the Clearfield Eagles to one of the heaviest bombardments of the season, according to an official announcement released this week.

The Navy inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, scoring 5 runs, 9 hits, and making one error during the encounter. The Eagles counter-attacked with one run, four hits and no errors.

Lewis, pitching for the Navy, found his "firing range" early in the conflict, and the tide of battle ran heavily against the enemy from the outset. Caliendo came in for a "direct hit" which was good for two bases, with two men on, to break up the ball game after Mills had tripled and scored on a single by Schuler. Schuler's fielding performance was outstanding.

Batteries: Navy — Lewis (p), Baier (c); Clearfield—Fugate (p), Vinson and Fannin (c).

It is no military secret that the Navy is planning an engagement with the Maysville, Ky., baseball club, Sunday, September 27. The game is being widely advertised and a large crowd is expected to attend. The following Sunday, the Navy plans to play a Fort Knox team or a team of outstanding players from or in the vicinity of Lexington, at Lexington, Ky.

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## More Rowan County Babes

### Boys—April

April 9. William Dale, Phillip Mabry, Landle Lee, James W. Parker

April 17. John Edward, Jr., John E. Smith, April 18. Calbert, Henry Crose, April 18. Kenneth Ray, Howard C. Hall, April 18. Ronald David, Sherman T. Conn, April 19. William McA., Orville J. Brown, April 23. James M., James O. Lambert, April 29. Irvin G., Sam Plank, April 30.

### Girls—April

April 5. Dabnie Ann, Hobert Blevins, April 9. Janet Rae, James C. Lewis, April 12. Barbara Sue, Wyatt Trent, April 16. Norene, Kacie Jones, April 16. Joan Carol, Leo Lambert, April 19. Linda Joan, Willie E. Bragg, April 20. Arlene, Allie W. Barker, April 20.

### Boys—May

Geo. Brooks, George B. Dickerson, May 8. Vernon Lee, George McCleese, May 9. Billie R., Jules Pennington, May 10. Douglas J., Jeff Hunter, May 10. Michael D., Leonard L. D. Stevens, May 14. Donnie Lee, Charley V. Sloane, May 17. Henry T., Russell Eldridge, May 22. Russell R., Russell M. Johnson, May 23. Osker B.H erbert Bowman, May 25. Roy Wayne, Earl D. Alexander, May 30.

### Girls—May

Pauline, George L. Conley, May 2. Lila Tennie, John Bashford, May 9. Shirley James, George Kelly, May 11. Mary Elizabeth, Ottis Watson, May 19. Olive Frances, Chester Logan, May 23. Dolores, Bennie Baldrige, May 24. Mary Frances, Arthur Little, May 28. Fay, Amos Fraley, May 30.

Sharon Lee, ames T. Caut, May 31.

## Olive Hill Clubs To Entertain For Naval Students

Olive Hill civic organizations will sponsor a Valentine Party Saturday, February 12, at the local U. S. O., in honor of the Fifth Division. Olive Hill becomes the first neighboring town to come to the Morehead U. S. O. to act as host to the Service men of the M. S. T. C. Naval Training Station.

This party is for the outgoing division and the people of Olive Hill are planning to serve homemade cakes and punch to approximately five hundred.

Those sailors present will be allowed to compete for the free telephone call which will be awarded to the lucky winner. There will also be a prize for one of the girls present. The Morehead Junior Hostesses, the visiting Olive Hill Hostesses and the Navy Wives will be eligible for this contest.

Miss Miriam Oppenheimer is general chairman for the arrangements for the Olive Hill Group. Miss Mary Frank Wiley is the general chairman for the work which is being done by the Morehead Junior Hostesses.

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## PREVENT FIRES

REMEMBER THESE RULES:



Crack out your smoke

BUY - WAR - BONDS



B BASEBALL

NAVY BASEBALL TEAM

Morehead State College had no baseball team or football team during WW II. But the Navy Training School did <sup>while at Morehead,</sup> ~~fielded~~ a baseball team.

In the second hardball game of the season for the Morehead Naval Training School, the sailors opened up their big guns and sank Mt. Sterling for the second time 6-0. It was rather like the Battle of Midway following up Coral Sea.

The opposition had very little chance to do any damage to the Navy team as Lewis and Heed pitched airtight ball to limit the opposition to one hit. In hitting the Navy was once more powerful. The hitting attack was featured by Johnson's two doubles out of three chances. O'Toole's double and single and Mill's triple. The whole appearance of the team was great. They appeared for the first time in their new uniforms and looked like a well organized team.

The next the big game of the season was scheduled to be played at Clearfield, when the Navy tangled with the Clearfield Eagles, an independent semi-pro team.

The patriotically inclined, ~~we~~ ought to root for the Navy; ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~bold~~ <sup>bold</sup> community minded ~~we~~ ought to root for the Clearfield Eagles.

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The Mountain Creek news

# THE ROWAN COUNTY

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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1942.



We pledge Allegiance to  
the Flag and to the Coun-  
try for which it stands.  
**ONE NATION, Indivisible.**  
with **LIBERTY and JUSTICE**  
for **ALL.**

## Americans All

primarily a Salute to y. On Wednesday of k the first of what is to be an almost con- stream of sailors ar- Morehead. Continuous for the duration of the noon Wednesday the sailors were well settled Thompson hall home. e, apparently getting acquainted. They were ly very much at home head.

ing from the remarks y both officers and men Morehead Naval Training there is not a man who it think that Morehead a little more than "All And quite naturally not us will fail to agree.

we published the notice se who have sons in the that they might obtain icky sticker for display in window, there has been demand for them. Mr. in charge of recruiting, has left some at the lo- ective service office and ve some at the News of- so. We will be glad to hem out to the families s in the Navy.

dentally, we received a from the Louisville Of- f the U. S. Navy Recruit- rvice, which we are proud s on to you, about the ar- nd picture we ran for the Here's the letter, which ns itself.  
ville, Kentucky, May 27.

## Captain Evans Gets Advanced to Rank Of Major

A message received by Mrs Eldon Evans will bring pleasure to all of Morehead. The message announces that Captain Evans who is on duty in the Panama Canal Zone received his second promotion, and now holds the rank of Major in the United States Army.

Major Evans went into the Army two years ago having the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was sent to the Canal Zone, and has been there since that time.

Mrs. Evans and her two children returned from Panama after the outbreak of hostilities in December and is making her home here.

## Pearl Harbor Day Observed By Navy

Remember Pearl Harbor?

In that case it is not a slogan but a question. The U S Navy is asking the question and in answer they hope to give during planning a suitable answer during the week between May 31 and June 7—this week.

They are not planning on saying it with flowers, but with enlistments and on June 7, expect to administer the oath of service in the Navy to thousands of youth in a Nation-wide ceremony, thus demonstrating just seven months after Pearl Harbor that America does not forget, that America will not forget Pearl Harbor but will go all out to avenge that stab in the back.

Remember?

At 7:55 a. m. Honolulu time, last December 7, the first enemy bombs were dropped at Pearl Harbor. That unforgettable hour is equivalent to 2:25 p m

## College Dedicated To Naval Service

In an impressively short ceremony held in front of Men's hall Monday afternoon, the U. S. Navy commissioned the Morehead State Teachers College as a training unit for naval electricians.

Lieutenant Commander Walker, on behalf of the Navy, accepted the halls, the Science building and other buildings on the campus, after President W. H. Vaughan had formally offered their use to the prosecution and the winning of the war.

President Vaughan in tendering the facilities of the college for the use of the Navy said that he was proud to be able to feel that this college is taking a vital part in the program of winning the war and the "Morehead has enlisted for the duration. We are not content to offer our students and our graduates to fight and to work, but Morehead is joining with everything in its power.

"Morehead girds itself for its greatest effort. We have the dual responsibility of serving the military and the civilian needs of a great people. We accept the challenge with full knowledge of its magnitude and genuine determination to pursue it to the end."

Commander Walker, in re-

sponse thanked not only the college authorities but the citizens of the community for the wonderful cooperation and friendly spirit shown. He predicted that "the men graduated from this school will be the equal of or superior to any graduated from any other school in the nation."

Commander Walker closed his acceptance by reading his orders as Commandant of the Morehead Naval Unit and ordered the colors raised. The bugler sounded "Colors," the color guard raised the flag, the boat swain piped the watch, and the ceremony was ended. It was the first really military display ever held in this city and as such attracted a crowd which would have been larger had more notice been possible.

The program was in charge of the executive officer, Lieut. Emil Caliendo who introduced Harlan Powers representing the city of Morehead. Mr. Powers extended a sincere welcome to the officers and men of the Navy. He stated that we as a community have been honored by being one of twenty schools in the nation selected to serve in this capacity and that the community as a whole will cooperate to the fullest extent to aid in carrying out the program.

## Ken Maynard Will Appear In Person On June 9th

Ken Maynard who comes to this city on Tuesday, June 9, for a personal appearance with his wonder horse Tarzan at the Trail Theatre, was the only western star who clung to his ideals when the changing standards of pictures cast the western temporarily in the discard. It is largely due to his faith in out of door pictures that the western is back in favor, with a stronger appeal than ever.

He was born in Mission, Texas, and learned to ride when a boy on the ranches. He became the star rider and roper with Ringling Brothers circus before the movies won him.

He has collected many cowboy songs and stories which are dying out and put them into book form. Many of the songs are being sung in his talking westerns.

Legion Auxiliary To Meets Friday Night

## Imperial Cleaners Move To New Building

The Imperial Dry Cleaners have moved from Snyder avenue to the new building on Railroad street next door to the old Citizens Bank building.

The new building was built especially to house the Dry cleaning establishment by its owner, Mr. John Will Holbrook who invites his customers to visit them in their new home.

The Imperial is equipped as well or better than any other cleaning and pressing shop in this section of the state, with new and modern machinery to take care of your needs. Since the flood, Mr. Holbrook has replaced practically every piece of machinery in the place, and has bought only the best and newest equipment.

## USO Reaches More Than Half Of Goal

## Harry Goldberg Open Stock Reducing Sale Friday

After reading the announcement made in the Rowan County News last week in regard to the limit placed by the Price Administrator on the amount of stock permitted on hand after July 1, 1942, Golde's Department store decided to do something about it. Mr. Harry Goldberg, owner of the store found that, in order to meet requirement, he must reduce his stock, either by passing the excess on to his customers or by returning it to the manufacturer. He chose to give his customers the benefit of the opportunity to buy at a real saving while the stock is fresh and complete. In this issue of the News, Mr. Goldberg announce the opening of this money saving opportunity, an opportunity to buy summer merchandis at the start of the summer at prices that usually prevail in fall clearance sale.

Uncle Sam says the good must go, and Golde's gives you the advantage.

And the opportunity.

## Carroll Alcott Addresses Graduates

Carroll D. Alcott, news commentator from the WLW new room, world traveller and porter who spent sixteen years in Shanghai before it was ally occupied by the Japs a who is perhaps one of the best informed men on the Far East today, addressed the commencement crowd which packed auditorium of the Morehead State Teachers College Tuesday night. Fresh from his year sojourn in the Orient, Mr. Alcott impressed on his hearers that "total defeat or total victory are the only things Japanese understand. They must either be complete or loss total. There are no halfway measures possible... perhaps by compromise is not to thought of," said Mr. Alcott.

The Japs must be given thorough beating and the peace must be severe. It is the only thing the Japs understand. any other method is pursued it will only give them an opportunity to begin preparation for another war of conquest.

He advocated maintaining

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CAMP PEARL HARBOR  
THE MOREHEAD NAVY, WW II  
9/21

**MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE & PLACES**

~~THE MOREHEAD NAVY, WW II~~

THE NAVY COMES TO MOREHEAD / 11 WW II

BY

JACK D. ELLIS

"THE SOUND OF BATTLE WAS IN THE LAND" (JEREMIAH 50:22)

QUESTION: WHAT IN THE WORLD BROUGHT THE NAVY TO MOREHEAD?

ANSWER: FOUR MEN IN A 1939 CHEVROLET WITH FOUR GAS RATION BOOKS, AND TWO SPARE RE-CAPPED TIRES – HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENED:

SHIPS AND SAILORS URGENTLY NEEDED

The sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, devastated our Navy. The nation urgently needed to quickly increase military man-power and industrial strength. That meant more ships had to be built and men had to be quickly trained to operate them. During that era, the Kaiser Shipbuilding Company, and others, began rapidly building seagoing vessels called "Liberty Ships." They were needed to transport men and materials around the world. The factories also began rapidly building battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers. It was then the military leadership of generals and admirals turned to the nation's colleges and universities for help. The U.S. Navy resulted in a Navy base being established in what could be considered one of the most unlikely places in the world - within small college towns of Michigan, Kentucky, and Missouri.

In the spring of 1942, the enrollment at MSC dropped dramatically. There was talk of closing the college for the duration of the war. It was then President William Vaughn and Dean Warren Lappin visited a northern Michigan College that had just opened a training facility on their campus to train Navy electricians. When the Dean and President returned, they discussed it with Morehead Mayor

N.E. Kennard, faculty, staff and decided MSC could do as well as northern Michigan. Therefore, they prepared to go to Washington, D.C. to apply for a Navy Training Program.

~~more TRIP TO WASHINGTON BRINGS NAVY TO MOREHEAD~~  
On a windy March day, President Vaughn, Dean Lappin, Mayor Kennard and City Councilman Frank Laughlin loaded into a 1939 Chevrolet sedan and headed east on U.S. 60 to Washington, D.C. In those days gasoline was rationed and rubber was scarce. But they were prepared with four gas ration books and two spare recapped tires.

They met with Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and former U.S. Congressman from Louisa, Kentucky. The Honorable Judge took them to the Pentagon and introduced them to the Secretary of the Navy. The rest is history and Morehead State College became one of 20 such Navy bases *during WWII.*

On May 4, 1942, the first unit of 10 officers and men that made up the ships company arrived, and soon electric laboratory equipment began arriving. William "Hony" Rice, MSC Buildings Supervisor, and engineer by training, worked with the Navy staff setting up the electric lab in the basement of Thompson Hall.

The first group of sailors began to arrive on June 1, 1942. Many local citizens were at the railroad station to greet them. The 50 sailors arrived dressed in their white Class A uniforms. They were met by their section officer, and were ordered to line up beside the train and called to attention. They were ordered to

march off in columns of two. But as they marched past the powerful coal fired steam locomotive, it belched ~~and~~ a shower of black smoke and cinders down on the men all dressed in their Class A white uniforms.

SOON SAILORS EVERYWHERE

They were the first class that would complete the four months course. One month later, 100 more sailors arrived for the second of the four months classes. The next month 150 more arrived for their four months course in electricity. After that 150 new Navy trainees landed in Morehead each month for a four month program of studies. Therefore, when the Navy Training School was at full capacity, there were 600 sailors in the program at Morehead State College, with

150 graduating each month. When the men completed their program they were ready to go on board ships <sup>and become a productive member of the crew</sup> as an electrician mate 3/C. <sup>There were the sounds of "Up - Two, Three, Four" as the sailors counted cadence and marched through the gates to campus and community. They would also have close order drill with rifles</sup> It was a condensed program of studies. MSC was on the quarter system, and

on the football field

a semester of work was condensed into four months. (This writer was sent to West Virginia University, July 4, 1944, into an engineering program of the Army - AST.) Believe me, that program was difficult and demanding as was the MSC Navy Program. In those programs students had little time for anything else.

Lt. Commander George Walker, a veteran of thirty-one years of Navy experience, was in charge of the Morehead Base. Their offices were in Men's (Mays) Hall. The ships company of forty men included nine commissioned

officers and a compliment of petty officers and specialists. <sup>that</sup> The commissioned <sup>officers</sup> included: Commander Walker, Executive Officer, Callender, <sup>one a</sup> full complement of Petty Officers and specialists including <sup>an</sup> education officer, ships service officer, <sup>3</sup> doctor and dentist.

MOREHEAD NAVAL TRAINING STATION DEDICATED

The formal dedication of the Morehead Training Station was held in Jayne Memorial Stadium August 21, 1942

Here are some of the things I did not mention to him. The first 600 sailors arrived at the Morehead Navy Training Station on ~~May 5, 1942~~ <sup>June 1</sup>. The Station was dedicated Friday, August 21, 1942, <sup>in</sup> at a grand ceremony at Jayne Memorial Stadium <sup>ON</sup> at the College campus.

That day was recognized as one of the biggest days in Rowan County history. It most certainly made Morehead, Rowan County and the region feel they were <sup>very much</sup> a part of the war efforts. Almost everyone in Rowan County attended this dedication ceremony, because one would have been considered un-patriotic had they not been there. <sup>and many from beyond the county</sup>

<sup>like the Army and do not attend.</sup> <sup>COMMANDER</sup> ~~Captain~~ E.N. Lofquist, of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago was the keynote speaker. He emphasized that Morehead would help build Navy men out of American raw materials." Others who spoke that day included <sup>as well as Commander Walker of the new Morehead Navy Base</sup> U S Senators (and later Vice-President) Alban Barkley, Governor Keen Johnson and MSC President William Vaughn. (Each local speaker emphasized how thankful they were to be just a small portion of America's war efforts.)

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~~officers included the commanding officer, executive officer and a full compliment of petty officers and specialists. Also included were an education officer, ship's service officer, supply officer, doctor and dentist.~~

*Page 4 HERE* *CHRISTMAS 1942 IN "BLUE" (white?)* *(Now Gate Thompson Hall)*

Dormitory space was provided for the blue jackets in Thompson Hall and

Men's (Mays) Halls. By Christmas 1942, both were filled to capacity with blue

jackets. ~~Their mess hall was the College cafeteria, where they were provided with~~

food much better than any ship's galley. The ship's hospital was located on the

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when the first graduation

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Navy certificates and ratings were awarded by the men by Lt. Commander George Walker, commanding officer.

The first unit to graduate completed a 16-week course in electrical theory, laboratory procedure, tool instruction, mathematics and naval indoctrination. The next class, scheduled to graduate a month later consisted of almost 150 men. The school then had four divisions and an enrollment of 400 men working toward petty officer ratings intended to make them fit for active duty at sea aboard all kinds of naval craft.

The graduation ceremony included short talks by President W.H. Vaughn President of the college and Commander Walker. In addition, an informal farewell party for the sailors was held in the college cafeteria.



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MORE LATER ABOUT THE NAVY IN MOREHEAD.

~~READ MORE ABOUT WWII IN JACK ELLIS' PATRIOTS & HEROES OF WWII~~

USO ORGANIZED IN MOREHEAD

The United Service Organizations were established throughout the world - wherever American military personnel were stationed. Morehead quickly made plans to establish a USO in Morehead.

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USA COMMITTEE FORMED

The USO committee of Rowan County held its initial meeting in the faculty dining room of the college cafeteria Monday evening of this week. Dr. J.D. Falls, chairman of USO in this county, discussed the purpose and plans of USO. After discussions of the various phases of the campaign war fund, it was decided that the next meeting would be held in the courthouse Monday evening, May 18 at 8:00 o'clock. The program at that meeting was to explain to all the citizens who wish to attend the purpose of the USO.

That meeting opened following a parade by the college band, under the direction of Professor M.E. George. Next the band assembled on the courthouse lawn for several patriotic numbers. The crowd then proceeded to the courthouse for the remainder of the program.

Mayor N.E. Kennard gave a brief welcoming address and introduced the chairman, J.D. Falls, who presided.

The following speakers made four minute addresses: President Wm. H. Vaughn, Mr. C.P. Caudill, Mr. Claude Vencil, Rev. B.H. Kazze, Mrs. Claude Keller, Rev. A.E. Landolt, John Rose, and Dr. G.C. Banks.

← Following these speeches, the program was turned over to Commander Walker who expressed his appreciation for a USO in Morehead.

He began by saying:

*Morehead & Co. Community & Aid Billions Working Together  
Satisfied the Department  
Navy Dept. - Men and Women  
Community Service and Skill*

*Morehead*

We, in the Naval Training School, who are still so preoccupied with the problem of organizing the school to meet the Navy's requirements, have a tendency to overlook the part the residents of Eastern Kentucky are paying in that organization.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the officers and especially the men of this school to extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks, to those residents for all they have done and are doing to entertain our men in their leisure hours.

The problem of providing recreation, entertainment and desirable social activities for such a large number of men in comparatively small town is a serious one, but one which is being met by the citizens of Morehead and Rowan County. Mt. Sterling, Ashland and Lexington are also taking an active part in this problem.

As is usual when a large number of service men are assembled, certain undesirable elements appear to prey upon these men. The best way to meet this problem is for the substantial and respectable citizens to provide social activities which will be more attractive to our normal American youths than the dubious pleasure offered by these harpies.

It is my great pleasure to assure you that this is being done in a most satisfactory manner. Week after week, reports come to my attention of the good times our men are having each weekend. That these reports are not exaggerated is

substantiated by ~~an~~ almost total absence of reports concerning men getting into trouble or mischief while on liberty.

MEN UNDERGO ACCELERATED TRAINING

The men sent to this school are undergoing a very intensive course of training in electricity to prepare them to go aboard ships in our fleets and immediately fit in the ship's organization and to put their training to good use.

Because of war conditions, it has been found necessary to reduce the time available to train these men to less than two-thirds the time taken during peace. <sup>time training</sup> In spite of this, the men are actually getting more technical training than ever before.

This means, though, that they must put in long hours of intensive study in order to meet the required standards. The old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is truer now than ever before, and to keep the men from getting "fed up with the training, wholesome recreation away from the military atmosphere of the school is essential. To provide an opportunity for affording this recreation is an extremely important part the civilian population can take in the total war effort. ~~How well~~ you people have met your responsibility along these lines, I ~~have already mentioned above.~~

However, this problem of affording recreation must not be considered a one-way affair. Plans are now under way for our men to provide special recreation programs. It is planned to make many of these programs open to the public in an attempt on the part of the men at the school to repay in some small part the many

*the many courtesies you have extended to them //*

*Naval Training Program*

The Morehead ~~Navy~~ brought this community closer together as we became more a part of the war effort. That was especially true <sup>when you would see</sup> as 500 sailors marched <sup>in</sup> in full dress uniforms down College Boulevard with weapons <sup>at</sup> their shoulders. That got the attention of everyone. You would hear the cadence called loud and clear:

~~He~~ 2-3-4 as they marched to classes, to chow, to physical training and swimming.

They practiced water lifesaving techniques in the nude at the College swimming pool.

A local USO was organized where the sailors could go and get refreshments, food, music and entertainment. Other towns around, especially Olive Hill, would sponsor events for the Navy at the Morehead USO (United Service Organization).

One of the local problems was finding housing for the families of married Navy personnel. There was an acute shortage of housing, not only in Morehead, but everywhere in the country. One of the functions of the USO was to help find housing for married sailors and their families. Those men always knew some would not survive the war. They were not morbid about it, but always realized there was the big IF in their lives.

SAILORS REMEMBER MOREHEAD EXPERIENCE

Commander Walker lived across the street from then Janis Caudill on Second Street. Lt. Colliendo <sup>(on aide to Commander Walker) and</sup> his ~~aide~~ and his lovely bride lived across the street from this writer. I recall a blue jacketed driver came every morning in a staff car and picked up Lt. Colliendo <sup>and</sup> and brought him home each evening. But many

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Moreheadians opened their homes to visiting families of married sailors. Many of <sup>those</sup> the men did not survive the war. Many who did brought their families back to Morehead for a visit after the war. ~~But~~ Morehead became much more widely known because of the Navy Training School and their contributions to the war effort.

(12) Morehead and nineteen other colleges in the United States <sup>were</sup> ~~have been~~ approved as training centers for men for the Navy. The Navy Department will use ~~the~~ facilities of the college to train electricians and <sup>in Morehead</sup> will establish a school with a capacity of 600 men. The first arrived June 1, 1942.

The college received about \$600,000 annually from the Navy Department to cover instruction, board and dormitory facilities.

Morehead State Teachers College has granted the Navy Department use of most of the new science building, one of the largest college buildings in the south, and in addition, <sup>the</sup> Navy <sup>war</sup> trainers were granted use of the auditorium, gymnasium, Jayne Stadium and Senff Natatorium, which houses an excellent swimming pool.

A The college theatre, closed after a controversy over its operation was reopened for the exclusive use of the Navy.

(A) Thompson Hall and Men's Hall were used as quarters for the Sailors. With double deck bed bunks, the two buildings have a capacity of 600. Later, it was said, quarters for upward of 1,000 could be provided by using triple deck beds. They ate in the college cafeteria.

The college was required to employ twenty new instructors. Dr. Vaughan, president of the college, said the institution would continue to offer teacher college courses.

Dean W.C. Lappin, Dr. W.C. Wineland, Prof. L.A. Fair and W.H. Rice spend Monday ~~visiting a similar school in Detroit and after their~~ investigation, returned to Morehead satisfied that the local school could furnish as good or better facilities than the school they visited.

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*THE FLEETS IN*

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*In every report in the nation the slogan "The Fleets in" was known that the Navy Warback in town. But in the landlocked Morehead of Kentucky*

~~In seaports, the slogan, "The Fleets In" had much deeper significance than it ever had in an inland town like this city. But Morehead soon became very Navy minded.~~

*slogan in*  
"The Fleet's In" was a welcome word to most towns on the seaboard. *But*  
~~It was also a welcome sound in Morehead. The "Fleet Came In" on Wednesday, May 24, 1942, when fifty of the six hundred men who would be training here as electricians arrived. They began arriving two weeks earlier when Lieut. Commander Walker, Lieutenant Caliendo, Chief Spaulding and Chief Tolliver and the 40 MEN MAKING UP THE ship's company began to arrive.~~

*whole heartedly*  
Moreheadians readily welcomed the sailors to their community, *and* they were proud of the fact that their city and college was selected among the colleges of this nation to help serve our Navy, and they believed it united them in the war effort.

For that reason Morehead extends to each sailor from Commander Walker down to the last seaman, a hearty and sincere welcome, *and* We hope *we* you will *make them* make our city your home. And may the slogan, "The Fleet's In" in years to come, be one of which we and you can look back with pride and a continued feeling that the best traditions of the Navy were not only lived up to but highly developed during your stay in Morehead. *this landlocked community*

Welcome: Ship's Company.



**MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE & PLACES**  
**THE MOREHEAD NAVY, WW II**  
**BY**  
**JACK D. ELLIS**

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N.E. Kennard, faculty, staff and decided MSC could do as well as northern Michigan. Therefore, they prepared to go to Washington, D.C. to apply for a Navy Training Program.

On a windy March day, President Vaughn, Dean Lappin, Mayor Kennard and City Councilman Frank Laughlin loaded into a 1939 Chevrolet sedan and headed east on U.S. 60 to Washington, D.C. In those days gasoline was rationed and rubber was scarce. But they were prepared with four gas ration books and two spare recapped tires.

They met with Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and former U.S. Congressman from Louisa, Kentucky. The Honorable Judge <sup>took</sup> ~~got~~ them to the Pentagon and <sup>introduced</sup> ~~directed~~ them to the Secretary of the Navy. The rest is history, and Morehead State College became one of 20 such Navy bases.

On <sup>May</sup> ~~March~~ 4, 1942, the first unit of 10 officers and men that made up the ships company arrived, <sup>and soon</sup> ~~some~~ electric laboratory equipment began arriving. William "Hony" Rice, MSC Buildings Supervisor, and engineer by training, worked with the Navy staff setting up the electric lab in the basement of Thompson Hall.

The first group of sailors began to arrive on June 1, 1942. Many local citizens were at the railroad station to greet them. The 50 sailors arrived dressed in their white Class A uniforms. They were met by their section officer, and were

(Mays) Hall. The ships company of forty men included nine commissioned officers and a compliment of petty officers and specialists. The commissioned officers included the ~~commanders~~ <sup>COMMANDING</sup> officers, executive officers and a full compliment of petty officers and specialists. Also included were an education officer, ship's service officer, supply officer, doctor and dentist.

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A full quota of 600 sailors was stationed on the campus of MSC. They were undergoing an intensive electrical training course under the direction of members of the college staff. Morehead College was on a quarterly bases instead of a semester calendar, and the blue jacketed Navy students were undergoing a sixteen week intensive electrical course designed to prepare them for shipboard service as Electricians 3/C. Following completion of their 4 month program sent to those men were selected from various naval bases throughout world. the nation and shipped to Morehead for the program.

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MOREHEAD MEMORIES: PEOPLE & PLACES  
MOREHEAD'S SAILORS GET THE GIRLS  
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"Who so findeth a wife findeth a good thing." (Proverbs 18:22)

This story is written in anticipation of the program honoring WW II veterans at the Morehead Conference Center Thursday, September 20, 7-9 p.m. Plans are to spotlight the Morehead Naval School at Morehead State University during WW II. Hundreds have been invited. ~~There was a man-~~ Today I'm writing about the man-power shortage during WW II. power shortage in America during WW II. That was evident with all the men in the country between ages of 18-36 subject to military service unless they were in a vital industry, farming, had many dependents, or had physical deferment. But the term "man-power" shortage took on new meaning as the vital statistical data showed during the war years.

FEWER MARRIAGES - WIDER AGE DIFFERENCES

The shortage of able-bodied men was reflected in the reduction of marriage licenses across this nation and in Rowan County. ~~Rowan~~ County Clerk Vernon Alfrey reported there was a one-third reduction of marriage licenses issued in Rowan County during the war years, as compared with the pre-war years. Not only ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> there fewer marriages during the war years, but there was a much wider age difference between brides and grooms. In the pre-war years of 1940, ~~The~~ <sup>bride</sup> average age of a ~~bride~~ and groom was between 18-24.

But in 1944 at the height of WW II, the age difference between the age of a bride and groom was much greater. Eg: husbands: 46, 38, 52, 71, etc., while the brides ages were listed as 21, 26, 28 and were probably even younger. *since age verification was seldom required.* But the grooms were getting older and the brides were getting younger. The older men were in great demand as potential marriage partners while the younger men were on the war fronts around the world.

That gave new meaning to a popular song at that time by the Andrew Sisters: entitled, "They're Either Too Young or Too Old." Some of the lyrics went like this: "They're either too young or too old. They're either too gray or too grassy green. What's good is in the Army, what's out can never harm you, because they're either too young or too old." However, the marriage market was about to improve in Morehead with the arrival in 1942 of the Naval Electrical Training School on the campus of Morehead State College. Because over a 2 ½ year period, it brought about <sup>4500</sup>~~45,000~~ lonely sailors to Morehead.

*SS SINGLE SWILORS FIND BRIDES IN MOREHEAD  
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The marriage statistics ~~from that era were about to become~~ "skewed" as single men of marriageable age from all over the nation came to the local Naval Base. Many Morehead marriageable maids soon became brides of those men.



MOREHEAD MAIDS MEET MEN AT USO

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Patrick lived in the shadow of the Morehead

Naval Base right next door to what is now Lappin Hall (Science Building)

on Third Street. They had <sup>four</sup> ~~three~~ lovely and talented daughters. (Also, one

son but this is not about him.) The daughters were Janet, Alice, ~~and~~ Carol, <sup>and Nancy.</sup>

When the Sailors landed in Morehead, father Oscar would not allow his daughters to fraternize with the sailors. But they were allowed to go out and watch them as they marched down the Boulevard to their classes. However, one day his youngest teenage daughter, Janet, had a minor accident riding her bicycle on campus, and a couple of sailors brought her home. After that incident, Mr. Patrick changed his mind about the Sailors and invited some of them to his home and to church at the First Baptist Church. (Yes, many of the sailors would attend local churches while they were in Morehead.)

It was during that time that Carol, his oldest daughter, met the dashing officer Lt. George C. Hall, a native of Virginia and a graduate of Virginia Tech. He soon won her heart and another Morehead beauty married a sailor stationed in Morehead. They have four children and Carol is still living in

Ohio, but George passed away a few years ago. <sup>Carol's sister Alice kept in touch with one of the Sailors stationed in Morehead who was later assigned to submarine duty. But he was killed in action. It would be</sup>  
Davy Carlson was a Navy Electrician I/C assigned as an instructor at

the Morehead Naval Training Base. He came in May 1942 with the first group of staff to arrive, and like many others, was not very happy at being

*Handwritten note:*  
Davy Carlson was assigned to the USO at Morehead Naval Training Base. He was a very popular man and was very well liked by the sailors. He was killed in action while serving on the submarine USS Gato (SS-315) on 10/10/44.

assigned to Morehead. But during WW II, you went where you were assigned and the Michigan native came to Morehead never realizing he would remain here the rest of his life.

*U.S.O. - A HOME AWAY FROM HOME*

Like many of the sailors here at that time when they were off duty, they would visit the Morehead U.S.O. It was located on Main Street across from the Greyhound Bus Station and Restaurant (corner of College Blvd. and Main Street). The "GOBS" would often come in and enjoy refreshments, music and dancing. It was there that young Davy Carlson

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from Michigan met a young college co-ed from Sayersville, Kentucky. Her name was Fern Salyers and she was a student at MSC living with her older sister Opal and her husband Fred Cassity. (Later during WW II Fred ~~would~~ *was* sent to the Pacific as an infantry sniper.)

After a brief courtship, the sailor from Michigan married the auburn haired beauty from Kentucky. They have one daughter, Dr. Rosemary Carlson, presently a professor at Morehead State University. Davy Carlson came to Morehead with the Navy in 1942 and remained here the rest of his life. He was an expert electrician and worked at many of the homes, businesses, and University buildings in Morehead.

## "SCATTERGIA" A NAME NEW TO K.Y. HILLS

Eugene Carmen Scattergia from Brooklyn, NY was a sailor assigned to Merenod. When he got off his trip? one saw them both he thought now in his words get here. But "Scat" and he was popular with the local girls. One night at the Merenod USO "Scat" met Chloa Clay a beautiful dark-haired beauty and a classmate of his in the States. They dated until "Scat" was shipped out into the Atlantic aboard the USS Lloyd. But they decided not to get married because of the uncertainty of those times.

They wrote to each other regularly until the war ended. "Scat" was then discharged in California and on his way back to Brooklyn stopped in Merenod, and she and Chloa were married in Nashville, Ky, and Chloa began her life in Brooklyn. They had two daughters, one of which came back to college at Merenod and worked in the Courier-Carroll Library.

Sadly Chloa died in the 50's and is buried in the family cemetery in Carter County. Chloa's brother James Clay, a Berea Alum and prominent Lexington attorney told this story that years later when "Scat" was approaching death he called him and asked to be buried in the Carter County Cemetery. Of course James said yes. Now we can go to visit their graves in Carter County with names such as Clay, Carter, Johnson, Thompson at the Scattergia. He wonders what people think about this that name got there. Now you know!

Read more about Morehead in war and peace in Jack Ellis' Books:

**MOREHEAD MEMORIES, KENTUCKY MEMORIES and  
PATRIOTS AND HEROES.**

MORE ABOUT MOREHEAD'S NAVAL BASE LATER.

In the 1980s while on a vacation in Boston, Massachusetts, this writer and Janis got hopelessly lost. While stopped at a gas station, a lady got out of the car behind me and said, I see you're from Rowan County, Kentucky, and she said she was from Elliott County and was a student who had married a sailor from Boston. <sup>at Morehead College</sup> After much reminiscing, she led us to our hotel.

Over the years many of the more than 4,000 sailors stationed here during WW II have returned to visit this place. Many brought their families to see where their Dad was stationed. <sup>or grandfater</sup> A couple of years ago the grandchildren of one of the sailors stationed here made the trek back to where their grandfather was stationed.

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SOON SAILORS EVERYWHERE

They were the first class that would complete the four months course. One month later, 100 more sailors arrived for the second of the four months classes. The next month 150 more arrived for their four months course in electricity. After that 150 new Navy trainees landed in Morehead each month for a four month program of studies. Therefore, when the Navy Training School was at full capacity, there were 600 sailors in the program at Morehead State College, with 150 graduating each month. When the men completed their program they were ready to go on board ship as an electrician mate 3/C.

It was a condensed program of studies. MSC was on the quarter system, and a semester of work was condensed into four months. (This writer was sent to West Virginia University, July 4, 1944, into an engineering program of the Army – AST.) Believe me, that program was difficult and demanding as was the MSC Navy Program. In those programs students had little time for anything else.

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CHRISTMAS 1942 TO "BLUE" (JACKETS) CHRISTMAS  
Dormitory space was provided for the blue jackets in Thompson Hall and

Men's (Mays) Halls. By Christmas 1942, both were filled to capacity with blue jackets. Their mess hall was the College cafeteria, where they were provided with food much better than any ship's galley. The ship's hospital was located on the third floor of Allie Young Hall and the canteen and barber shop were located in the basement of Thompson Hall. (This writer's uncle, a civilian employee, was in charge of the canteen, barber shop, and laundry in Thompson Hall.)

FROM RIGID TRAINING SCHEDULE TO SHIPBOARD  
The blue jacketed sailors (wearing white in summer) marched to their class

in the Science Building (Lappin Hall). The College Administration Building was in what is now Rader Hall. The basement of Thompson Hall was also where the electrical laboratory was located. The sailors drilled on the athletic field; exercised in the gymnasium, and practiced lifesaving techniques in the swimming pool.

They also had regular required study periods in the Johnson Camden Library. The blue jackets were kept on a rigid schedule of 40 hours of class work and supervised study per week in addition to all the above activities. ~~Needless to say, when they got shore leave on Saturday afternoon until Sunday at 12:00 midnight, they would usually let off a little steam.~~



By Christmas 1942, the citizens of Morehead and Rowan County were deeply involved in the war effort with 600 sailors stationed on campus in the electrical training school.

Following completion of their four month program, those men were sent to various naval bases throughout the world.

Many of the top students in each graduating class were sent to advance training that prepared them for submarine warfare, amphibious warfare or mine-sweeping. Those men were selected on their basis of academic studies, conduct, and leadership skills.

*THE MEN GOT OFF STEAM ON WEEK-ENDS*

Although the sailors were kept on campus in some aspect of their training all week long, they were given liberty from 12:00 noon Saturday – midnight Sunday. Morehead was “wet” in 1942. Beer and whisky was sold at liquor stores, restaurants, pool rooms and other establishments throughout the city. However, the “Shore Patrol” (Navy’s own Police Patrols) was very visible and usually kept the sailors under strict control.

*In addition of the USO-*

One of the favorite places for the Navy Trainees to “hang out” while on liberty was the Greyhound Bus Station and Restaurant located at the corner of Carey Avenue and Main Street. They could get a good meal served with beer and jukebox music.

*SIDE-SHINE  
BOYS*

Melvin Frank Laughlin, son of the owner of the Greyhound Restaurant shared this account. He was about 12 years old at the time and his job at the restaurant was to keep plenty of beer bottles on ice. (They did not sell beer on tap.) The beer bottles would get wet in the ice and the labels would slip off easily. The sailors discovered they could stick the labels on their billfolds and throw their billfolds on the ceiling and the labels would usually stick on the ceiling. It got to be a contest with them and they became very proficient. Mel's job on Sunday morning (no beer sold on Sunday) was to scrape the Schlitz, Hudepohl, etc. labels off the ceiling of the bus station.

The USO was also a favorite place of the Navy men to hang out. BUT NO BEER  
MORE LATER ABOUT THE NAVY IN MOREHEAD.

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PATRIOTS & HEROES OF WWII.

# Second Navy Group to be Graduated

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The first full-sized class of Bluejackets to graduate from electrical training school at Abrehan College will have

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Oct 29, 1942

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