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## RUIN IS HEAPED ON JAPAN AS BIG PLANES HIT

### America's Greatest Air Smash at Japan Spreads Ruin as 2,000 Superforts Blast Targets in Industrial Areas; Honshu Area Hit

Guam, July 25—America's greatest air smash at Japan spread ruin from Kure navy base to Nagoya Tuesday as 2,000 or more Third fleet carrier aircraft, B-29s and supporting planes blasted targets from dawn to late afternoon.

At least three warships were hit at Kure, Nippon's largest navy base, situated on the Inland sea.

The main nest of the Kamikaze corps flyers, also at Kure, was strafed and bombed.

Then the more than 1,000 carrier planes ranged widely over southwestern Honshu. They brushed aside opposition, shooting down at least one of a dozen Jap fighters.

The record force of more than 800 B-29s from the Marianas attacked the already burned and battered cities of Osaka and Nagoya with 4,000 tons of demolition bombs.

Vice Adm J. S. McCain's carrier force of Admiral Halsey's Third fleet, prowling the coast of Japan into the third straight week, steamed in by night for the attack.

The first planes, starting the great field day for American air might, were launched in clear dawn. The carriers, in order to strike at Kure, probably were no more than 100 miles off the mainland island of Shikoku.

All throughout the morning and the afternoon the carriers continued to launch attacks. The B-29s hit their Nagoya and Osaka targets, the latter 165 miles east of Kure, around noon. They encountered no fighter opposition and only moderate anti-aircraft fire.

## CEILING TO BE LIFTED SOON

### Minor Commodities Are to Be Lifted From Ceiling Soon, the Government Says

Washington, July 24—The government tonight outlined a program for removing price control from minor commodities "to clear the decks for speedier handling of reconversion programs."

Announced jointly by the Office of Economic Stabilization and the OPA, the program sets up procedures for eliminating price ceilings under specific conditions.

"Among the 8,000 commodities and services now under price control are some items for which ceilings soon will no longer be necessary," Price Administrator Chester Bowles said.

He added that it is "essential for us to clear our decks in OPA, and streamline our procedures to permit speedy decisions" in the task of reconverting industry from war production to manufacture of peacetime goods.

## Memorial Service For Theodore Ward To Be Held Sunday

Memorial service will be held Sunday, July 29, at Willow Valley Church for Theodore Payne Ward, seaman first class. The service will begin at 2 o'clock.

The ministers conducting the service will be Rev. J. C. Canipe and Rev. Will Cook. The American Legion will also have a part in the service.

Seaman Ward was killed in action in the Okinawa island fighting. There were 41 others killed at the same time, when their ship was attacked by nine Jap planes. Considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy before they were killed. One of the planes shot down crashed into their ship, causing the death of 42 seamen.

Seaman Ward died of blast concussion.

## Deposits Reach New High at Local Bank

Deposits at the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank this week reached a total of approximately \$2,700,000, according to Cashier W. D. Farthing. This represents a gain of about \$100,000 since publication of the condition of the bank as of June 30 of this year.

The French academy says that 2,796 languages are spoken on earth.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

R. G. FARTHING, gunner's mate first class, U. S. Navy, who has been on duty in the Pacific for several months, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Farthing, of Valle Crucis.

PFC. J. V. CAUDILL, JR., is spending a 30-day leave here with his wife and daughter, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Caudill, Sr. Pfc. Caudill, a machine gunner, fought in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. He has been awarded three combat ribbons, good conduct medal and the Presidential unit citation. He will report to Fort Bragg for further assignment.

CLAUDE MINTON, SR., of the navy, arrived at a hospital in Oakland, Calif., July 12. Seaman Minton has been on active duty in the Pacific aboard a destroyer since last November. He took part in the invasion of Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and was taken ill about the middle of April.

T-SGT. DELL RICHARDSON is spending a few days with his parents in Boone, en route to Langley Field, Va., for further duty.

CHAPLAIN JAMES SHERWOOD, who has been in Germany, Czechoslovakia and France for the past four months, has been spending a few days with relatives in the county. He delivered an address at Cove Creek Baptist Church, of which he is a former pastor, Sunday morning and at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday night. He reports for further duty to Camp Atterbury, Ind.

PFC. LLOYD PENNELL, who has been on active duty in the European theatre of war for the past eleven months, is spending a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Pennell, of Boone.

CELLE M. WINKLER, seaman first class, of the U. S. coast guard SPARS, is spending a ten-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Winkler, at Shulls Mills. Miss Winkler has been stationed at the coast guard supply depot in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Jersey City, N. J., for the past year.

PFC. ROY L. MORETZ, of Boone Route 2, has just been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the Japs in the Philippine liberation campaign. Pfc. Moretz, who previously was awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge for service in Dutch New Guinea, is a veteran of three campaigns. He served with his unit in the recent drive through the mountains of Central Luzon which was climaxed by the capture of Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines. Pfc. Moretz, who is a member of Company K of the 123rd infantry regiment, entered army service on Dec. 12, 1942. After serving in the Hawaiian Islands and New Guinea, he has been in the Philippines since February.

PFC. HENRY O. MORETZ, of Boone, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth army front during the Italian campaign. He serves with the 346th field artillery battalion, 91st "Powder River" division. Moretz, a member of an artillery liaison team drove forward under heavy German artillery fire to repair a broken communications wire, the citation related. Working under direct enemy fire.

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## Ration Guide

**Processed Foods**  
T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, now valid, expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1, now valid, expire August 31; D1 through H1, now valid, expire Sept. 30; J1 through N 1, expire Oct. 31.  
**Meat and Fats**  
K2 through P2, now valid, expire July 31; Q2 through U2, now valid, expire Aug. 31; V2 through Z2, now valid, expire Sept. 30; A1 through J1, now valid, expire October 31.  
**Sugar**  
Sugar stamp 36 expires Aug. 31.  
**Shoes**  
Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3, in Book Three, continue valid indefinitely.  
**Gasoline**  
A-16 coupons valid through Sept. 21. Each car owner must write his license number and state on each gas coupon as soon as it is issued to him. Mileage rationing record must be presented when applying for all passenger car gasoline rations.

## BIG JAP SHIPS ARE SUNK BY YANKEE FLEET

### Thirteen Nipponese Warships Sunk or Damaged in Daring Raid of MacArthur's Bombers; 350 Planes Take Part in Raid on Shanghai Area

Manila, July 25—More than 350 Far East air force bombers and fighters of all categories returned to Shanghai Sunday after a four-day lull to sink or damage 13 warships and freighters and crater three major airdromes.

General MacArthur's communique today, announcing the strike 36 hours after Tokyo had acknowledged the raid, listed a destroyer, a 3,000-ton freighter transport and a smaller freight definitely sunk; a destroyer escort, two submarine chasers, a 10,000-ton freighter-transport and six freighter-transport aggregating 27,000 tons probably sunk, and much small shipping damaged.

First line combat planes of both the Fifth and Seventh air forces, based on Okinawa, took advantage of the first break in weather since July 12 to drop bombs ranging from 20-pound fragmentation dusters to 1,000-pounders on shipping and airdromes.

Three large fires and several smaller ones licked over parked Jap aircraft caught on Kiangwan air center by flights of Liberators. Invader attack bombers hit Tachang and Tinghai airstrips at buzzing level, spewing countless fragmentation bombs over dispersal areas and buildings.

There was no interception. Tokyo claimed seven U. S. aircraft were downed by anti-aircraft fire.

## CHINESE TROOPS ATTACK KWEILIN

### Chinese Troops Battle Into Area of Former 14th U. S. Air Base in Daring Foray

Chungking, July 24—Chinese troops, sweeping toward almost isolated Kweilin from the south, have battled into the outskirts of the former U. S. 14th air force base of Yangso and are laying siege to the Jap-held stronghold, the Chinese high command said tonight.

Chinese artillery 13 miles northeast of Kweilin opened an artillery bombardment of Lingchan on the enemy garrison's escape route to central China in an effort to prevent a Japanese withdrawal, headquarters reported.

Elsewhere in China, a communique said, the Japs had launched a sweep south of the Yangtze river to protect Tokyo's vital transcontinental corridor from Korea to Hong Kong, and bitter fighting reportedly continued along China's invasion-vulnerable coast west of Formosa.

## Much Canned Food Is Given To Orphanage

More than \$1,000 worth of canned food was donated by the people of Watauga county to the Thomasville Orphanage last year, according to Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director of the Three Forks Baptist Association, who states that jars are now available for canning this year's food crop for the orphanage. All those interested in providing food for this cause should apply at the Farmers Hardware and Supply Co. for jars.

Following is a list of the value of food contributed last year by the different Baptist churches of the county to the orphanage:

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Beach Valley     | \$ 45.00   |
| Beaver Dam       | 45.00      |
| Bethany          | 60.00      |
| Bethel           | 6.00       |
| Boone            | 9.00       |
| Brushy Fork      | 9.00       |
| Cove Creek       | 25.53      |
| Howard's Creek   | 23.00      |
| Laurel Springs   | 28.88      |
| Meat Camp        | 71.83      |
| Middle Fork      | 9.00       |
| Mountain Dale    | 90.00      |
| Mt. Calvary      | 43.00      |
| Mt. Lebanon      | 17.00      |
| Oak Grove        | 30.00      |
| Pleasant Grove   | 3.00       |
| Poplar Grove     | 62.25      |
| Proffitt's Grove | 27.00      |
| Rich Mountain    | 22.50      |
| Rutherford       | 6.00       |
| Tabernacle       | 33.00      |
| Union            | 52.50      |
| Willowdale       | 54.00      |
| Willow Valley    | 70.25      |
| Zionville        | 165.00     |
| Zion Hill        | 27.00      |
| Total            | \$1,044.51 |

## Auto Device Aids Limbless



An American soldier who comes out of the war minus an arm or even two legs and an arm, will be able to drive an automobile. He can have his car tailored to meet his particular requirements, thanks to devices assured by Society of Automobile Engineers and the army's surgeon general's staff.

## War Ration Book No. 5 Will Be Be Distributed During December

War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools in December, Chester Bowles, administrator of the office of price administration, announced yesterday. At the same time, the new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued.

Distribution will take place at school houses or other public buildings throughout the nation from December 3 through December 15. OPA district offices will fix the exact time for each local area. The new "A" gasoline books will go into use December 22, and War Ration Book Five will be used soon after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing shoes.

The new all-purpose ration book will measure 5.11 inches by 2 1/2 inches. Over all, it is exactly one-half the size of the present ration books, and contains just half as many stamps as were in Book Four—192 stamps in Book Five as compared with 384 in Book Four. The stamps in the new book, however, will be the same size as the stamps now in use.

Housewives will find the new "small check book" style ration book much more convenient to carry and handle.

At the current rate of making stamps good—five red and five blue stamps at the beginning of each month—War Ration Book Five can

last, if needed, about 15 months.

One hundred and fifty million copies of Book Five are now being printed. The cost of printing and shipping to distribution centers will be approximately \$750,000.

The book will contain 48 red stamps numbered from 11 through 58 for use in the meat-fats program. There will be 48 blue processed food stamps, also numbered from 11 through 58. There will be 12 sugar stamps, numbered from 23 through 34, and 12 shoe stamps, numbered from 11 through 22.

The book will also contain 72 "spare" stamps—24 of them green stamps numbered from 35 through 58, and 48 of them brown stamps numbered 59 through 106. These spare stamps will be available for use in extending the life of the book to approximately 15 months if needed.

The last full set of five blue stamps in War Ration Book Four will become good on Sept. 1. The final set of five red stamps will be validated a month later, on Oct. 1.

## The New "A" Book

The new "A" gasoline book, the third issued under rationing, will differ from the present book only in color. The book will contain five sets of coupons, six coupons to a set numbered A-18 through A-23. Each set of six coupons will cover a different validity period. The first set—the coupons numbered A-18—become good December 22.

## Blowing Rock Business Building Changes Hands

Blowing Rock, July 25—One of the most important real estate transactions of the season has just been made, involving the sale of the so-called postoffice building, by Andrew Nelson, of Lenoir, to Miss Ann Coffey of Blowing Rock.

The building in addition to housing the postoffice, on which there is a long lease, also includes the Watauga Grill and Lodge which has been operated by Miss Coffey for several years. In addition to the other facilities taken care of in this building it also serves as the bus station for the Queen City Trailways, which service has also been handled by Miss Coffey.

Miss Coffey plans to continue the operation of the grill and lodge, which she has so successfully handled heretofore, and the service of the bus company will continue to be housed in the building and under the direction of Miss Coffey. The considerations for this property was not divulged.

## Japs Have Only 5,000 Airplanes

Washington, July 24—Vice Admiral A. W. Fitch expressed the opinion tonight that the Japanese have only about 5,000 combat planes left.

"Not many," he commented, "when you recall that the Japs lost over 4,000 planes around Okinawa."

LIEUT. E. E. GARBE of the Naval Training Base at Milton, Fla., is spending a 15-day furlough with his family in Boone.

## OAKBORO LUMBER PLANT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

### Lenoir Plant, Owned by Boone Business Men, Suffers \$40,000 Damage in Blaze; Hope to Have Plant in Operation Within 60 Days

Lenoir—More than \$40,000 damage was inflicted on the Oakboro Lumber Company plant two and a half miles north of Lenoir early Tuesday morning of last week when a fire of undetermined origin swept through the main building.

The Lenoir fire department answered an alarm, called in by telephone, at 1:22 o'clock Tuesday morning, but the roof of the main building, housing the planing mill and other woodworking machinery, was falling in when the truck arrived, according to A. Y. Cottrell, assistant fire chief.

Water was pumped from a creek and the fire was prevented from spreading to the office and the main section of the lumber yard where more than a million feet of lumber was stacked.

One box car and its load of lumber was completely destroyed while a second was partially burned.

Fred A. Long, who with Dewitt Barnett and Lester Carroll own the concern, said that the damage was more than \$40,000 partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Long stated that the plant will be rebuilt immediately on the same site. He said that new machinery would be available soon and that operations would not be curtailed entirely because of the fire.

Lenoir firemen fought the blaze until 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, preventing the spread of the fire to the office and the main part of the lumber yard. Water was pumped from the creek on both sides of the fire, Mr. Cottrell said.

Mr. Carroll states that his firm will keep buying lumber as in the past, and that he expects to be able to have the plant rebuilt within 60 days.

## BLOWING ROCK TO STAGE HORSE SHOW

### Annual Event to Be Held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4; Snyder Heads Group

The Blowing Rock Horse Show Association announces the following officers for the 1945 season: J. Luther Snyder, president; Lloyd M. Tate, vice-president and general manager; Mrs. James Coker, III, secretary; Mrs. J. F. Cannon, treasurer.

Final plans have been completed for this year's show, which will be held at the horse show grounds in Broyhill Park Friday, August 3, at 2 p. m., and on Saturday, Aug. 4, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The classes are already well filled and some of the outstanding gaited horses and hunters and jumpers of the south will be shown. There will be six classes in the five-gaited division; six classes in the three-gaited division; 12 classes in hunters and jumpers; four walking horse classes and seven miscellaneous classes.

The annual horse show breakfast will be served at the Mayview Manor on Saturday at 12 o'clock and there will be a gala horse show ball at the Country Club Saturday night.

## OPA to Lower Ration Points on Beef, Lamb

Washington, July 23—A little more meat for American dinner tables was in prospect tonight as OPA prepared to lower beef, veal and lamb ration points for the August ration period.

The disclosure followed reports from several areas of improved civilian meat supplies and signs of slight further increases in the early autumn.

Reductions of one or two points a pound on steaks, roasts and other cuts of beef probably will be announced Wednesday and made effective July 29. Lamb and veal points will go down as much and perhaps slightly more.

Pork will be omitted from what officials described as the "fairly general" point reduction, because the marketing of live hogs has continued slow. Mutton has a zero point value because there is so little of it that rationing is not considered worthwhile.

## 481 ENROLL FOR ASTC SECOND TERM

Four hundred and eighty-one students are in attendance at the second term of summer school at Appalachian State Teachers College, Dean J. D. Rankin announced this morning.

Dean Rankin said the second term enrollment was 80 percent of the first, which is the highest percentage in the history of the summer school at the local college.

The enrollment for the term last year was 382. Additions to the faculty for the second term includes Dr. Roy Morrison, of the University of North Carolina, in the graduate school, and Miss Helen Jules, of Morris-Mann-Lincoln school, New York city.

## Noted Pianist To Appear at College On Saturday Night

The number two lyceum number of the artist series for Appalachian College second term will be given on Saturday night, July 28, at 8:00 o'clock.

The artist is Mr. Ralph H. Robbins, professor of piano in McMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill. After years of training in America, and three years abroad, he devoted himself to concert work and to teaching. This is the fourth time he has been on the Appalachian artist series.

The college community and the public is cordially invited to attend the concert.