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SINGLE ATOMIC BOMB WIPES OUT NIPPONESE CITY

Japs Struck by Awful Secret Weapon of United States; New Bomb Has Explosive Power of Old Bombs 2,000 Superforts Would Carry

Guam, Aug. 7—There is reason to believe tonight that the Japanese city of Hiroshima, hit by a single American atomic bomb, no longer exists.

This is despite the fact that men who participated in the actual use of the new weapon, could give no estimate of damage other than that it "must have been extensive."

But they did relate that the lone bomb struck squarely in the center of the industrial-military city of 343,000 on Southern Honshu in the Japanese mainland Aug. 6 (Pacific time) with a flash and concussion that brought an exclamation of "My God" from a battle-hardened Superfort crew 10 miles away.

More B-29s Ready
For following up on other enemy targets, there are more B-29s ready to carry more of the same awesome bombs. This was announced here by Gen. Carl S. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. army strategic air force.

Crewmen who carried the awful new bomb which is declared to have an explosive power the equivalent of bombs that 2,000 Superfortresses would have had to carry previously although they were far away, felt the concussion like a close explosion of anti-aircraft fire.

Col. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., of Miami, Fla., who piloted the Superfortress and navy Capt. William S. Parsons, of Santa Fe, N. M., navy ordnance expert, described the explosions as "tremendous and awe-inspiring."

"It was 0915 (9:15 a.m.) when we dropped our bomb and we turned the plane broadside to get the best view," said Capt. Parson. "Then we made as much distance from the ball of fire as we could."

Visual Impact at 10 Miles
"We were at least ten miles away and there was a visual impact even though every man wore colored glasses for protection. We had braced ourselves when the bomb was gone for the shock and Tibbets said 'Close flak' and it was just like that—a close burst of anti-aircraft fire."

"The crew said, 'My God!' and couldn't believe what had happened. 'A mountain of smoke was going up in a mushroom with the stem coming down. At the top was white smoke but up to 1,000 feet from the ground there was swirling, boiling dust. Soon afterward small fires sprang up on the edge of town but the town was entirely obscured. We stayed around two or three minutes and by that time the smoke had risen to 40,000 feet. As we watched the top of the white cloud broke off and another soon formed."

Details of the bombing were disclosed at a press conference attended by Gen. Carl Spaatz, who termed the new bomb the "most revolutionary development in the history of the world."

828 Attend Summer Summer School Here

With the second summer school term registration at Appalachian College closed, 828 students are enrolled, it has been announced.

The students come from 67 counties in North Carolina, and 13 other states. States with largest enrollment include Florida with 150, Georgia with 55, and South Carolina with 212.

According to college training and present college work, they are divided into the following groups: Those holding bachelor's degrees, 362; those also having master degrees, 46. There are 104 enrolled in the graduate school and 466 have no degrees.

The number of women enrolled is 764 and the number of men 64. A total of 168 colleges and universities are represented in the group.

The fall term at Appalachian will start on September 4, Dean Rankin states.

Church Missionaries From Africa to Speak

On Sunday night, Aug. 12, at 8 p. m., Dr. and Mrs. Barden, returned missionaries to Africa, will speak at Grace Lutheran Church. The program is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society of the church. All are invited to attend the service.

World's Tallest Hit



A view of the Empire State building, New York City, looking approximately northeast, with an arrow pointing to where it was rammed by an army B-25 bombing plane. The plane exploded on impact, starting fires resulting in 14 casualties and heavy property loss.

COUNTY TAX RATE REMAINS AT \$1.25

Budget Estimate Approved by Board of Commissioners is Published Today

The 1945-46 budget estimate approved by the board of county commissioners, and which is published today in compliance with the law, provides that the tax rate for 1946 will remain at the present level of \$1.25 on the hundred dollar valuation, based on an eight million dollar valuation.

The budget is based on receipts from all sources of \$196,300, which it is anticipated will be expended for the following purposes: General fund, \$36,090; health and welfare, \$15,950; debt service, \$48,300; school fund, \$59,900; social security, \$35,060.

The anticipated yield from the ad valorem tax is \$90,000, while poll taxes, tax penalties, court costs, licenses, state and federal grants, state intangible taxes, fines and miscellaneous receipts will account for the balance of the budget.

The statement published today by Paul A. Coffey, county accountant, gives detailed figures concerning the appropriations made for the conduct of the county's business as well as the source of the funds.

PFC. PAUL SWIFT KILLED IN FRANCE

Beech Creek Man Lost Life Last July According to War Received by Family

Pfc. Paul T. Swift, of Beech Creek, was killed in action in France on July 19, 1945, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift, have been advised by the office of the Adjutant General of the army. The official message said:

"The official casualty report states that your son died on July 19, 1945, in Chartres, France, as a result of a fractured skull. I sincerely regret that this message must carry so much sorrow into your home. My deepest sympathy is extended to you in your bereavement."

Pfc. Swift entered the army June 26, 1944, and had been serving overseas since November.

A brother, Pfc. Willis D. Swift, is now serving in Germany. The brothers had a fourteen-day furlough at the same time, but were unable to see each other after going overseas.

Tuckweller New Farm Agent in Ashe County

L. E. Tuckweller, for two and one-half years assistant county farm agent in Watauga, has resigned his position to become county agent in Ashe, and has entered upon his new duties. County Agent Harry Hamilton states that a successor to Mr. Tuckweller has not been procured.

Mr. Tuckweller, a native of West Virginia, came to Watauga from Clay county in February, 1943, and has since been prominently identified with the agricultural life of the county. His principal work was with the local demonstration farmers, but he did his share of all the work coming under the farm agent's office. Mr. Tuckweller was popular here, and there are many regrets that he found it advisable to enter an enlarged field of service.

LIST OF COUNTY TEACHERS GIVEN

More Than Seventeen Vacancies Exist on Teaching Staff of Schools at This Time

Superintendent S. F. Horton has released the following list of teachers who have been employed to teach in the county school system during the 1945-46 term. It is explained that there are 17 vacancies at this time, 11 of which are in the Boone schools.

The teachers so far employed are as follows:

District No. 1 Appalachian High
Herbert W. Wey, principal; Ruby A. Daniel, Martha Grey, Mary E. Madison, Harold C. Quincy, Cratis D. Williams, Mary E. Burton, Carrie W. Winkler.

Boone Elementary
John T. Howell, principal; Donald C. Thompson, Ray Moody, Marion H. Denton, Ella A. Beshears, Clyde Mae Goodman, Beulah Campbell, Ennis Roland Davis, Sallie P. Carson, Grace M. Council, Annie Ree Kittrell, Elizabeth Lord. Howard's Creek, Maggie E. Moretz. Rutherford—Chloe T. Story. Rich Mountain, Blanche B. Payne. Bamboo—Pearl J. Cowles, Helen E. Trexler, Lucy H. Storie.

District No. 2
Green Valley, Arlie E. Moretz, principal; Lola Mae Rowe, Mattie S. Norris, Louisa L. Miller. Winebarger, Olin G. Winebarger, Nell C. Greene. Riverview—Ola M. Greer.

District No. 3
Deep Gap, Dorothy F. Greene, principal; Annie S. Blackburn, Pearl Payne Dowling, Dorothy Farthing, Mabel H. Hollar. Castle, D. L. Bingham. Stony Fork, Marie Hamrick. Mt. Paron, I. J. Bingham. Elk, I. S. Miller, Eula C. Cowles, Elizabeth H. Irwin. Lower Elk, Ethel P. Triplett.

District No. 4
Blowing Rock High, Sarah B. Gaither, principal; Susie B. Cole, Imogene B. Barden, Beatrice C. Winkler. Blowing Rock Elementary, Billie G. Greene, Velma M. Cottrell, Alice Cade, Bessie S. Crawford, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Billie G. Cooke. Bradshaw, W. L. Trivette. Cook, Almedia Bingham.

District No. 5
Valle Crucis—Dessa T. Edmisten, principal; Ernie C. Triplett, Mary B. Glenn, Ola T. Thompson, Grace B. Campbell, Cleo Walker, Pansy K. Taylor, Sarah B. Horton, Maxie G. Edmisten. Grandfather, Floy Cannon, Mrs. Pearl R. Luttrell.

District No. 6
Cove Creek High, W. Paul Bingham, principal; Cynthia Stiles, Jennie Love, Virginia Dare Strother, Winnie T. Stokes, Phoebe E. Wakefield, Grace B. Mast, Elsie F. Morgan, Mattie H. Wilson, Sam W. Osborne, Ernest Hillard, Mrs. Sam W. Osborne, Anna Belle Bingham, Maude Spainhour. Cove Creek Elementary, Tom J. Moody, principal; Sarah Wilma Harmon, Blanche Stokes, Gladys M. Bingham, Anna Mae Sherwood, Dora S. Mast, Susie B. Henson, Ruth E. Sherwood, Ophelia Bingham, Ruth B. Mast.

District No. 7
Rominger, George Harmon. Presnell—Ruth W. Presnell. Kellerville, Ella Fae Phillips. Windy Gap, Henry Hagaman.

District No. 8
Bethel, G. E. Tester, principal; Russell Henson, Herbert Farthing, Allie R. Perry, Cleo Walker, Kathryn Sherwood, Leota N. Swift, Wilametta R. Norris, Alice Bingham.

District No. 9
M. B. Duncane, principal; Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, Ruth D. Roland Sue Wilson, Hazel F. Mast, Maude Williams, Reka W. Shoemaker, Kate H. Ellison. Pottertown, Vera B. Church. Pearle H. Greene. Watauga Colored—Bertha M. Neal, Lois L. Clement.

249,284 AMERICANS HAVE DIED IN WAR; CASUALTIES MOUNT

Washington, Aug. 3—Almost a quarter million American soldiers and sailors have died in the war—a total of 249,284.

Army figures announced yesterday by Secretary of War Stimson show 197,676 dead. The latest navy count of its killed is 51,219 for the navy.

Total casualties from all causes for both services are 1,060,727, or 1,885 more than the 1,058,942 announced earlier.

Army wounded are 570,766, missing 34,734 and prisoners of war 117,741. Navy wounded are 72,855, missing 11,611 and prisoners 3,756.

Local Man Survives Ship Sinking



Carl S. Lewis, seaman first class, right, of Boone, is pictured with a shipmate Coast Guardsman Normand D. Seigler, of Tampa, Fla., soon after the two were rescued from a coast guard-manned tanker, which had capsized in an advanced Pacific combat zone. Both had previously served in the Caribbean area. Seaman Lewis is a son of Mr. Charles L. Lewis, of Sherwood, and a brother of Mrs. Rob Rivers, of Boone. Relatives have been advised that he landed in San Francisco last Saturday, and expects to be home within a short time.

BUS DRIVERS TO BE GIVEN TESTS

Representative of State Highway Division to Qualify Drivers of School Buses

Mr. E. Y. Simpson, of the State Highway Division, will be in Boone Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, at 9:30 a. m., to give examinations to any new bus drivers or substitute drivers that should be certified before the opening of school, says County Superintendent S. F. Horton. All prospective drivers are notified to be in Boone on one of these dates.

On Friday, Aug. 24, at 10 a. m., the Boone, Valle Crucis and Blowing Rock buses will be delivered to drivers from the Cove Creek gymnasium, it is stated by Mr. Horton. The Bethel and Cove Creek buses will be delivered at 1 p. m. from the Bethel gymnasium. All Blowing Rock and Boone drivers are to meet Mr. Harrison at the county garage at 9:30 a. m., and be carried to Cove Creek. Cove Creek drivers are to meet Mr. Harrison at 12 m. and be carried to Bethel, Mr. Horton concluded.

Red Cross Knitters Are Urgently Needed

Mrs. W. M. Burwell, Red Cross chapter knitting chairman, is very anxious to secure at once a group of volunteer knitters to aid in making 133 v-neck army sweaters. Of the quota only 38 garments have been made, it is said.

Mrs. Burwell insists that the ladies of the county call at the Red Cross rooms at their earliest opportunity, and get the wool, so that the sweaters may be completed promptly.

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 N1, expire Oct. 31. P1 through T1, now valid, expire November 30.

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 E1, now valid, expire October 31; F1 through K1, now valid, expire November 30.

Sugar
Sugar stamp 36 expires Aug. 31.

Shoes
Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, now valid.

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.

PRESIDENT RETURNS

Newport News, Va., Aug. 7—The U.S.S. Augusta, bearing President Truman and his party returning from the Big Three conference at Potsdam, docked at Hampton Roads port of embarkation here today. The President and his party left immediately by special train for Washington.

STOCK, BURLEY GROWERS ASKED TO ATTEND MEET

Watauga County Farm Bureau Arranges Meeting for Growers of Livestock and Burley Tobacco in This Area, on Tuesday Night, Aug. 14

Mr. L. B. Mann, of the livestock division of the Farm Credit Administration, and Mr. Charles D. Lewis, director of the east central region of the AAA, will appear at a meeting sponsored by the Watauga Farm Bureau at the courthouse on Tuesday night, Aug. 14, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Mann will discuss the situation facing the producers of livestock while Mr. Lewis will speak on burley tobacco.

The meeting has been arranged not only for the farmers of Watauga, but for those of adjoining counties. In fact, all the farmers in the northwestern section of the state are invited to attend.

Mr. H. M. Hamilton, the county agent, is contacting other agents in adjoining counties with information as to this meeting.

Lions Club Committees Make Reports Tuesday

The Boone Lions Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening with an unusually good attendance.

Program for the evening was in charge of the program committee, A. R. Smith chairman. The following chairmen reported briefly on the plans for their committees for the year: Attendance, Joe Crawford; constitution and by-laws, T. M. Greer; convention committee, J. C. Cline; finance, Ralph W. House; education, C. H. Mock; publicity, Cratis Williams; military affairs, Lionel Ward; boys' and girls' work, L. H. Stout; citizenship and patriotism, Clyde R. Greene; civic improvement, Gordon H. Winkler; community betterment, Bernard Dougherty; health and welfare, R. K. Bingham; sight conservation and blind work, G. K. Moore; Lions education, J. C. Canipe; safety, Jas. H. Winkler; membership, W. M. Matheson; program, A. R. Smith.

Lion Smith distributed a program schedule for meetings during the next year. Each committee will have charge of at least one program. Four ladies' nights are scheduled. Guests present at the meeting were: Dr. L. R. Johnson, ex-tail-twister and present vice-president of the East Orange, N. J., Lions Club; Ray Manship, tail-twister of the North Wilkesboro club; Dr. Roy W. Morrison, of the University of North Carolina; Richard A. Holman, Buckner, Pa., Ray Estes, Wilmington; H. B. Caudill, North Wilkesboro; Rev. R. C. Gresham, D. D., Moultrie, Ga., and Lion Garrett Anglin, Forest City.

At a meeting of the board of directors after the dinner meeting was adjourned, sponsorship of a drive for collecting kitchen fats in Watauga county in order to assist in the war effort was accepted. A committee composed of Frank Payne, chairman, and Harry Hamilton and Grady Moretz was appointed. The committee plans to work through milk delivermen in the county. Local grocers will give two red points and up to four cents a pound for the waste fat, it was explained.

SCHOOL MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

Other Announcements Concerning School Opening Made By Supt. Horton

An administrative conference for teachers of the county is to be held in the auditorium of Appalachian high school Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 9:30 a. m., it is stated by County Superintendent S. F. Horton.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith and Miss Hattie S. Parrott of the division of instructional service, will direct the conference. Mr. Horton asks that all principals of the county schools meet with him at 1:30 p. m., for a round-table discussion of plans for the school year.

School Calendar
All schools are to open on Monday, Aug. 27, says Mr. Horton, and those desiring Thanksgiving or Easter holidays will make up the time lost by teaching on Saturdays.

All schools will close for the Christmas holidays Friday, Dec. 21, and reopen for the spring term Monday, Dec. 31. This calendar will bring the schools to a close on May 10.

All classified principals will report for work on Aug. 13, two weeks in advance of the regular opening of school. Their duties end Friday, May 24.

Janitors are to report for duty one week prior to the opening of school and complete the year's work one week after the close of school.

Paul Winkler Enters Insurance Office Here

Mr. J. Paul Winkler, who has recently resided at Newport News, Va., has purchased an interest in the Watauga Insurance Agency here, and is now in the office to render a more complete service to the patrons of the concern.

Mr. Winkler was advised to change climate as a result of injuries sustained while working at the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., where he was employed for three years. Prior to this time he was employed for 12 years by the Morganton Hosiery Mills, Morganton.

Rev. Walter K. Keys, pastor of the church, gave a devotional on "The God of Music." David Owens, of Charlotte and Blowing Rock, told the story of Grandfather Home for children, making special note of the fact that 50 boys who have been reared in the home are now in the service of their country.

This offering, given by the residents and summer visitors of Blowing Rock and vicinity, means much in the annual budget of the home. According to Mr. Owens it is hoped that the total of \$7,500 will be reached before all contributions are in.