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U. S. TROOPS WILL LAND IN JAPAN ON NEXT SUNDAY

Nips to See Greatest Array of Military Might Ever Assembled When American Troops Start Occupation Operations; Japs to Surrender by Aug. 31

Manila, Aug. 22—Allied airborne troops will start the occupation of Japan Sunday, the Nipponese government announced yesterday, and American sources said the Japanese would see the greatest display of military power ever assembled off a foreign country.

The Japanese imperial headquarters and imperial government in a joint communique said the airborne troops would land at Atsugi airfield 20 miles southwest of Tokyo, with ships and transports in the Yokosuka area at the mouth of Tokyo bay.

Domei, the Japanese agency, broadcast the communique within 24 hours after Emperor Hirohito's surrender envoys returned to Tokyo from their conference at General MacArthur's headquarters at Manila. MacArthur remained silent on occupation plans.

The communique said that air operations would be started over Japan Saturday, with the airborne landings Sunday and the entry early Monday of "two allied fleets" on Sagami bay, outside Tokyo bay, with "one unit entering Tokyo bay if conditions are favorable."

MacArthur already has announced that the formal signing of surrender terms will take place in the Tokyo area by August 30.

Until the surrender is signed, calling for Japanese troops to lay down their arms, there remained the possibility of Nipponese military hotheads attempting to obstruct the occupation.

The Jap communique said that "in order to avoid any strife arising from this landing," Nipponese armed troops would be withdrawn "as promptly as possible" from the landing area to the south of Tokyo.

First areas to be occupied were listed in the communique as "a portion of the mainland around metropolitan Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, Yamanashi and Shizuoka prefectures."

Meanwhile, fighting in Manchuria has virtually ended, with Russian forces in possession of nearly all cities and strategic points. Jap troops were surrendering to Soviet units in Karafuto, southern half of Sakhalin island, only 26 miles above the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

But the Japs continued sporadic operations along the 300-mile southeastern Burma front, and in one instance British planes were forced to break up a Nip force which had surrounded guerrilla units.

The fact that Tokyo jumped to the microphone with the occupation announcement was plain evidence that Lt. Gen. Takashiro Kawabe, leader of the Jap emissaries to Manila, reported MacArthur's plans and demands to top-ranking officials within a few hours after his return to Japan.

There was no official confirmation here on the Jap announcement of the occupation schedule, but the Nipponese emissaries were given the precise landing dates before they left Manila. So if Tokyo's broadcast was not absolutely correct, it nevertheless was pretty close.

19 ARE SENT FOR ARMY INDUCTION

Watauga's Latest Quota of Men Leave for Induction into the Military Service

Nineteen Watauga county men were sent by the local selective service board last week to an army post for induction into the army under the federal draft law. The names of those going follow:

Dean Bruce Carroll
James Seldon Wright
Edward Douglas Herman
Ralph Harbin Henson
Jasper Grant Presnell
Clyde Eli Harmon
Roger Goldston Hayes
Spencer Robert Eggers
Ford Hollars
Tom William Miller
Glenn Hagaman Tugman
Fred Lewis McLean
Raleigh Dean Wilson
Claude Watson
Charles Lindberg Michael
Richard Edward Parlier
Blaine James Shook

To Conduct Revival



Dr. Carey Barker, one of the south's outstanding evangelists, who will conduct the annual revival meeting at the First Baptist Church here, beginning Sept. 2 and continuing through Sept. 16.

SGT. NOAH J. GREER DIES IN KENTUCKY

Zionville Man Succumbs to Brief Illness at Fort Knox; Rites Held Sunday

Sgt. Noah J. Greer, Jr., 23 years old, died at Fort Knox, Ky., on Aug. 15, from a sudden illness.

The remains were returned to the home at Zionville, where rites were held Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. C. Canipe, of the Boone Baptist Church, was in charge of the services, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Graham, of the Methodist Church. Burial was in the Zionville cemetery.

Mr. Greer, who was a son of the late Noah J. Greer and Mrs. Greer, of Zionville, had been in the army about two years, and prior to that time had been employed as a civil service worker in Washington, D. C.

He is survived by the widow and one small son, who were residing in the vicinity of Fort Knox. A sister, Mrs. Carolyn Greer Harrison, of Zionville, also survives.

JACKSON NAMED ON SCHOOL BOARD

Former Legislator Takes Place of Late Dr. Deaton on Education Board

Tom Jackson, of Meat Camp township, has been approved by the state board of education as a member of the Watauga county school board to take the place of Dr. W. A. Deaton, who died recently. Superintendent S. F. Horton states, Mr. Jackson will likely be sworn in on the first Monday, it was stated.

Mr. Jackson, who represented Watauga county in the state house of representatives in the 1943 session, was formerly a teacher in the county schools, and for a time was connected with the Watauga county board of charities and public welfare.

Prospect of Oil in Zionville Area Noted

Mr. D. M. Wilson, of Zionville, has placed on display at the Democrat office some stone, which he states is oil shale, and which geological examination indicates to him, came from the vicinity of petroleum deposits.

Mr. Wilson states that he found evidences of oil on his farm ten years ago, and that he plans to develop the possibilities when conditions are favorable.

Wildlife Club To Meet at Fish Fry

The Watauga County Wildlife Club will hold a fish fry and meeting at Horton's camp on Winkler's Creek Thursday evening, Aug. 23, it is stated by Dr. R. C. Busted, president of the sportsman's organization.

A casting contest will be held for juniors and adults, with prizes being given to winners in each class.

Baptist Association To Meet Next Week

The Three Forks Baptist Association will meet with the Boone Baptist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 29. Each woman who is a member of this church is asked to bring a basket of food for lunch each day.

R. A. DOUGHTON DIES SUDDENLY AT SPARTA HOME

Governor Doughton Was Leader in the Public Life of Mountain Area and of State; Had Served 13 Terms in Legislature; Was Lieutenant Governor

North Carolina's "grand old man of the mountains," Rufus A. Doughton, died unexpectedly at his home at Sparta Friday. He was 90 years old.

"Governor Rufe" had just eaten breakfast with his family and was reading his morning paper when the fatal attack struck him. His health had not been good in recent years but there was no warning that the end was near.

Doughton, older brother of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, had a record of public service reaching far back into the last century.

He had served 13 terms in the North Carolina legislature, was lieutenant governor, state revenue commissioner, a district highway commissioner, and chairman of the state highway commission.

He played a leading role in the good roads movement in this state which came to fruition under the governorship of Cameron Morrison when North Carolina set the pace for the south and most of the country, by embarking upon a \$50,000,000 paved highway program.

As a member of the legislature, Doughton introduced the bill to create the system and led the successful fight for its adoption.

Doughton started his career as a lawyer in Sparta. He went to the legislature in the 1880's and by 1891 he was speaker of the house. From 1893 to 1897 he presided over the senate as lieutenant governor.

After creation of the state highway commission he represented this district, and he was instrumental in having good roads brought to this previously isolated region of the state, sometimes referred to as "the lost provinces."

Later came his service as revenue commissioner and highway department head.

In addition to his public career, Doughton was active and successful in law and business affairs, and was an outstanding civic leader in his home community. He was, among other things, president of a chain of banks in the northwestern part of the state.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Parks Doughton; a son, Kemp Doughton, now a Baltimore lawyer, and a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Thomas of Sparta. In addition to Congressman Doughton, his survivors also include a brother, Frank, of Laurel Springs, and two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Carson of Sparta, and Mrs. Miller of Laurel Springs.

Funeral services were held at the Sparta Baptist church at 11 a. m. Sunday, with burial in Shiloh cemetery.

Thomas C. Norris Dies at Boone Home

Thomas C. Norris, age 59 years, died on Aug. 13, at his home on Boone Route 2, from a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted on the 14th, at the graveside in the Jont Brown cemetery, by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Mr. Fox.

Surviving are the widow and the following sons and daughters: Miss Virginia Norris, of Newton; Mrs. Wilson Bryan, Boone Route 2; Robert, Gene and Brenda Ann Norris of the home.

MacArthur To Receive Pipes From Local Plant

David P. Lavietes, president of the D. & P. Pipe Works, recently mailed to General Douglas MacArthur three of his Trapwell briar pipes, which were hand-made in the Sparta plant of the local concern.

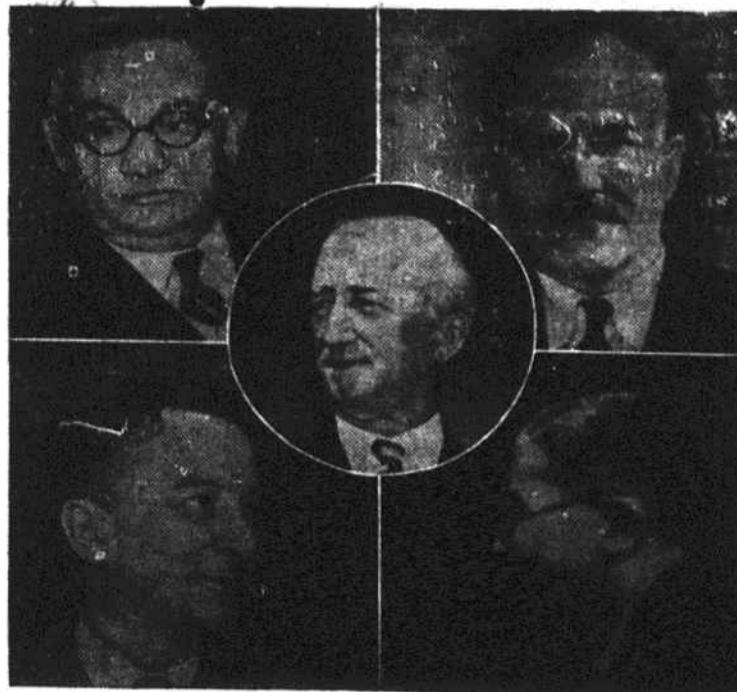
The pipes which were carved from rhododendron burl, are fashioned along the lines of the corn cob pipes, which are most often used by General MacArthur.

Closing Exercises at College Friday Night

Appalachian State Teachers College, at its summer commencement Friday evening, Aug. 24, will confer degrees on 31 students, representing 19 counties in North Carolina and the states of South Carolina and Georgia.

Dr. Roy W. Morrison, of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the address at 8 o'clock.

New Council To Write Peace Terms



A council was set up at the Potsdam conference to write the final peace terms governing the defeated Germans as well as the Japs. Ernest shows James F. Byrnes, U. S. secretary of state; upper left, Ernest Bevin, English foreign minister; upper right, Vyacheslav Molotov, Russian foreign minister; lower left, George Bidault, French foreign minister, and lower right, Wang Shik-chieh, Chinese representative.

BLOWING ROCK BUYS PARK SITE

Coffey Property Bought; To Be Recreation Park as Memorial to War Veterans

A realty transaction was consummated Saturday at Blowing Rock which will vitally affect the future of the town as a resort center.

For several years negotiations have been under way, under which the town acquired what is known locally as the Coffey property.

Former Mayor G. C. Robbins was instrumental in getting this movement under way and he with the aid of the town council, the Chamber of Commerce and the residents—both local and seasonal—worked untiringly to bring this to a reality. The property has a 400-foot frontage on the main street and extends back to and around part of Mayview Lake, with a total area of approximately seven acres.

Mayor J. H. Winkler, in announcing the consummation of this important transaction, states that the town plans, with the possible aid of interested people, to develop this area gradually into a modern recreational park, as a memorial to the men and women of this section who have served the country in World War 2.

Miss Matheson Is New Assistant Home Agent

Miss Betty Matheson has been appointed assistant home demonstration agent for Watauga county. She is the daughter of Ross Matheson, of Conover, and graduated in May from Flora McDonald College with a B.S. degree in home economics.

Miss Matheson was on the cabinet at college for two years and was also a member of a number of clubs. She was worked for the past two summers for the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina as a daily vacation Bible school teacher.

Stallings Fishing Contest is Under Way

The bass fishing contest annually conducted by B. W. Stallings, local jeweler, has started, and Dr. R. C. Busted is leading in the senior division, with Robert Busted, Jr., ahead in the junior division. Billie Crawford entered the first bass in this year's contest.

A complete list of prizes will be carried in a later edition of The Democrat.

SHOE RATIONING LIKELY TO END IN TWO MONTHS

Washington, Aug. 19—Shoe rationing is expected to end in two months at the outside and may be lifted within two weeks, it was disclosed tonight.

This prospect that still another civilian necessity soon may drop from the ration list came as the nation enjoyed its first day of unrestricted Sunday driving since early in the war. "Fill 'er up" was the watchword as hundreds of thousands motored to beaches, mountains and other long-unattainable retreats.

Highways were jammed for the first time in three years.

HUNTING RULES RELEASED HERE

Squirrel Season Opens September 15th; Other Information For Hunters

County Game Warden Walter Edmisten has just received a copy of the regulations for the 1945-46 hunting season, and below is given information concerning the open season on such game as is hunted in Watauga county:

Opussum, raccoon, Oct. 15 to Feb. 15. No limit.

Opussum, raccoon, mink and muskrat, trapping, Dec. 1 to Feb. 15. Quail, Nov. 22 to Jan. 10.

Rabbit, Nov. 22 to Jan. 31. 10 per day.

Squirrel, Sept. 15 to Dec. 15. Limit, 6 per day.

Fox squirrel and boomer. No open season.

Ruffed grouse, Nov. 22 to Jan. 1. 10 per season.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday, and in all cases of conviction under the state game law, the court shall require a surrender of any hunting license then held by the person so convicted.

Some increases are noted in the license fees this year. The new schedule follows: Non-resident hunting, \$15.75; state resident hunting, \$3.10; county resident hunting, \$1.10; combination hunting and fishing license, \$4.10; guide's license, \$5.25; non-resident trapper's license, \$25.25; state resident trapper's license, \$3.25; county resident trapper's license, \$2.25.

George E. Hayes, 75, Succumbs After Long Period Failing Health

George E. Hayes, aged 75 years, well-known citizen of Meat Camp township, died at the home on the 12th, following a long period of impaired health.

Funeral services were conducted from the Three Forks Baptist Church on the 14th, by Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and interment was in the cemetery in the Sands neighborhood.

Mr. Hayes, who was a son of the late Wyatt Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, was reared in Watauga county, where he spent his entire life. He was a splendid citizen and held in the highest esteem by the people of this section.

Surviving are four sons: Thomas Hayes, Lloyd Hayes and Oscar W. Hayes, of Boone, and Luther G. Hayes, of Royal Oak, Mich. Mrs. Hayes died about three months ago.

Blowing Rock School Opening Is Delayed

The Blowing Rock high and elementary schools will open this year on September 10, at 9 a. m., it is announced by Mrs. Sarah Gaither, the principal, who explains that the delay is occasioned by so many of the older children being employed in connection with the resort business at Blowing Rock.

The Blowing Rock district schools, however, Penley, Bradshaw and Cooke will open on Aug. 27, it is stated.

RATIONING STOPS ON GASOLINE AND SOME FOOD ITEMS

Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Fuel Oil and Other Items Lifted From Ration List Quickly Following Surrender of Japs; Some Rationing Still Exists

The OPA, acting speedily upon news of the Jap surrender, ended rationing on gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves, and promised the earliest possible removal of every other item on the ration list.

Civilians, bent on pleasure or business can now order up a full tank of gas and OPA said it does not care if they use their "A" and "B" ration books to light cigars. The petroleum administrator for war, Harold L. Ickes, said: "Ample quantities" of gasoline are available immediately. That goes for heating and fuel oil, too, and high-test gas will soon return.

OPA Chief Chester Bowles said it was too soon to predict when all buying restrictions will end. He said that meats, butter and everything will go off the ration list "the minute we hear that supplies are anywhere near big enough to go around."

Price controls, meanwhile, were lifted on "luxury" furs, jewelry, low-cost toys, cigarette lighters, pipes, some sports equipment, clothespins and notions.

Bowles asked the 5,500 local ration boards to stay on the job for the present. "We will continue to need their help at least until meat, tire and shoe rationing can be eliminated," he said.

OPA said rationing of meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes, tires and other commodities will continue indefinitely until military cutbacks and increased production can balance supply and demand.

Rationing of tires, which early in 1942 started the nation on the ration program, is expected to end quickly. Automobile rationing will be continued temporarily, for the first new cars off assembly lines.

BANK DEPOSITS NEAR 3 MILLION

Remarkable Growth of Boone Bank is Cited by Cashier W. D. Farthing

Deposits at the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank have now reached the sum of \$2,900,000, and Cashier W. D. Farthing states that there is every indication that the goal of three million dollars will have been reached by the first of October. Since June 1, deposits have increased to the amount of \$200,000 per month.

Mr. Farthing states that loans are very low considering the huge deposits, and points out that the bank could, at any time, pay all deposits subject to check, certificates of deposit, and one-half of the savings accounts without forcing the collection of a single note. He further states that money is available on sound loans, and refers to the federal guarantee of \$5,000 for each depositor. He points out that anyone skeptical of the government guarantee, should know if the government should ever reach a condition where the depositors couldn't be paid, the value of the currency would vanish at the same time. Of course, he insists that the notion of a bankrupt nation is utterly absurd.

Eggers Gets Summary Of Legislation of 1945

Representative S. C. Eggers has just received from the Institute of Government a 64-page issue of Popular Government, summarizing the legislation of the 1945 general assembly with particular reference to cities, towns, counties and state departments.

It is explained that a copy of the edition is being mailed to each city and county official in Watauga county, and Mr. Eggers' letter states: "It will be a favor to us if you will call attention to this fact in your local newspaper and urge local officials to read it to acquaint themselves with legislative changes affecting their powers and duties."

Memorial Service For Bertram G. Leake

There will be a memorial service for Bertram G. Leake at the Methodist Church at Valle Crucis, on Sunday, August 26, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.