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Led Jap Conference



Lt. Gen. Richard E. Sutherland, chief of staff to General MacArthur, presided over groundbreaking sessions with the 16-man Jap surrender arrangement delegation, after their arrival in Manila.

JAP SURRENDER SIGNING SUNDAY

Mighty Battlewagon Missouri Enters Tokyo Harbor; to Be Scene of Formal Surrender

Manila, Aug. 29—General MacArthur flew north today on his way to make a triumphal entry into Japan Thursday. As a plane carried him to Okinawa, the mighty battleship Missouri entered Tokyo Bay where next Sunday Japan's surrender will be signed aboard her.

Admiral Halsey rode the 45,000-ton dreadnaught into the bay while sea and airborne forces were poised for large scale occupational landings.

The unfolding of MacArthur's master plan for the powerful occupation pointed toward the historic surrender signing Sept. 2 aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Airborne troops raised the Stars and Stripes at Atsugi airfield, southwest of Tokyo, which they are preparing for the arrival Thursday of MacArthur and thousands of troops in air transports from Okinawa.

While advance third fleet units rode at anchor in Tokyo Bay and mighty battlewagons began to join them from nearby Sagami Bay, a pending fleet movement from the Aleutians were disclosed.

Observers at Adak assumed that Vice Admiral F. J. Fletcher's cruisers, destroyers and carriers, getting set to move west, would take part in occupation of northern Japan—for which Gen. MacArthur as yet has made no announcement.

As the large scale occupation operations scheduled for Atsugi and Yokosuka to the south of Tokyo, impeded, an Associated Press correspondent aboard a Liberator over Tokyo reported that a deathly stillness gripped that metropolis. Japan's defeat plainly was written in its ruined sectors, said Spencer Davis.

At Okinawa, Associated Press correspondent Richard Cushing reported American planes will begin evacuating 6,125 prisoners of war, largely American, from two camps within 10 miles of Atsugi tomorrow. His report reemphasized American determination to achieve such releases simultaneously with the occupational movements.

Eighteen miles northwest of Yokosuka, 150 airborne troops who landed yesterday and became the first foreign conquerors to set foot in Japan in modern times, rushed to get Atsugi air field ready for tomorrow's arrival of General MacArthur and 7,500 armed sky troopers from Okinawa.

Ration Guide

RED SAAMPS

Q 2 through U2, now valid, expire Aug. 31.
V2 through Z2, now valid, expire Sept. 30.
A1 through E1, now valid, expire Oct. 31.
F1 through K1, now valid, expire Oct. 31.
F1 through K1, now valid, expire Nov. 30.
L1 through Q1, become valid Sept. 1, expire December 31.

SUGAR

Sugar Satmp No. 36, good for 5 pounds, expires, Aug. 31.
Sugar stamp No. 38 becomes good Sept. 1; expires Dec. 31.

SHOES

Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, now good.

CHESTER CHOSEN HEAD OF LOCAL RETAIL GROUP

Manger Bek's Store Named President of the Boone Merchants Association; Grady Tugman is Vice-President

W. W. Chester, popular manager of the Bek-White Company store, was named president of the Boone Merchants Association at a meeting of the directors held last week. Mr. Chester received the office without opposition, to succeed J. E. Clay, whose term of office had expired.

Grady Tugman, of the Watauga Hardware, was elected vice-president, while Mrs. Ruby Ellis was retained as secretary and treasurer. The following standing committees were named:

Transportation—Russell D. Hodges, chairman; C. M. Wilson, Mr. Welch, J. C. Cline, R. W. Colvard.
Legislative—Clyde R. Greene, chairman; B. W. Stallings, Bob Agie, Milton Greer.

Finance—G. K. Moose, chairman; Dennis Townsend, D. M. Edmisten, Bert Ellis.

Special promotion—D. L. Wilcox, chairman; Mrs. Goodman, Alfred Adams, W. H. Gragg.

Membership—S. Grady Tugman, chairman; L. T. Tatum, C. C. Triplett, Dr. Mock, Mrs. Lewis Reese.

Association planning board—Guy Hunt, chairman; Kenneth Linney, Owen Little, Cecil Miller.

SLOGAN CHOSEN FOR UNITED WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

"Be Generous in Victory" is the slogan chosen for the United War and Community Fund campaign which will be held in October with a national budget of \$115,000,000 set to finance the Red Cross and other allied organizations, according to Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., general chairman for the campaign in Watauga county.

Mr. Hamilton explained that national headquarters said victory over Japan does not signify immediate end of the work of member agencies with the exception of the American field service. Programs of USO and USO-camp shows will continue until demobilization is an actuality and work will be maintained at a high level for men in the forces of occupation. United Seamen's service will also have to continue its work while the merchant fleets are engaged, and no immediate change in the budget of foreign relief agencies are in sight, Mr. Hamilton said.

Prizes Are Announced In Bass Fishing Contest

Mr. B. W. Stallings has given out the following list of prizes which will be awarded at the close of the bass fishing contest on November 25:

Senior division: 1. \$25 war bond, given by B. W. Stallings; 2. \$15 cash, Watauga Wildlife Club; 3. \$10 fishing tackle, Parkway Co; 4. hunting shoes, June Russell; 5. sport shirt, Bek-White Co.

Junior division: 1. life insurance policy, Frank Payne; 2. wool sweater, Hunt's Department store; 3. Scout knife, Western Auto Associate store.

As formerly, the bass caught must be taken to the City Market, weighed and officially registered in order to compete. The bass season has been poor thus far, it is said, but fall usually provides the best angling, and a number of entries should be made soon.

Four Auction Sales To Be Held On 6th

Four auction land sales will be held in the county on Thursday, September 6, it is announced by Z. A. Robertson & Co.

The sales will start at 10 a. m. when the Laurence Moody 7-room house on Cove Creek will be offered to the high bidder. At 10:30 a. m. the Roy Brown property near-by, including 5-room house and two acres of land will be sold, while at 11 a. m., 84 acres of the Ples McGinnis estate near Vilas will be offered. At 1:30 p. m., the same day the 240-acre farm of Clyde R. Greene, in Meat Camp township, near Boone, will be auctioned.

Complete details concerning these properties will be found in the advertising columns of this newspaper today.

Heads Retailers



W. W. CHESTER

OLD GLORY FLIES OVER LAND JAPS

Nips Smile and Courtesy as Big Transport Planes Produce Excitement

Okinawa, Aug. 28—The first American flag to be raised in occupied Japan fluttered up the radio mast at Atsugi airdrome at 12:10 p. m. (Tokyo time) today.

Col. John H. Lackey, Norfolk, Va., pilot of the first American occupation plane to land in Japan, said the crews of three communications planes of the fifth U. S. army air force tied the flag to their radio mast and ran it up under a bright, midday sun.

The flag hung briefly then fluttered out in a light breeze while 150 airmen and more than 200 Jap military police, civilians and photographers waved.

Airmen found the Jap soldiers swarming over the airfield eager to help the towering men from America occupy their homeland. They were all smiles and courtesy, reported the fliers, who returned here from Atsugi tonight.

HALSEY MAY YET RIDE JAP'S HORSE

Admiral Carries Saddle on Missouri. With Which to Ride Hirohito's Steed

In Tokyo Bay, Aug. 29—Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey triumphantly entered Tokyo Bay today aboard his flagship, the mighty battleship Missouri, as thousands of American and British bluejackets and marines stood by to make the first seaborne occupation of prostrate Japan.

Halsey, at last at the end of the long trail, which began at Pearl Harbor, stood on the bridge of the 45,000-ton battlewagon as it steamed into the bay at 7:08 a. m. Japanese time (6 p. m. est) joining Rear Admiral Oscar C. Badger's task force 31 which had blazed the trail yesterday.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, sun-tanned Texan who commands the Pacific fleet, was scheduled to arrive in the Tokyo area some time today. Nimitz, flying from Guam, will hoist his five-star, admiral of the fleet flag on the mainmast of the new battleship South Dakota.

Aboard the Missouri with Halsey was a silver-mounted saddle from Reno, Nev. It was sent to Halsey to use when and if he mounts Emperor Hirohito's white horse, according to his frequently-expressed intention.

Community Cannery to Be Open Next Friday

The Boone Community Cannery will be open to the public next Friday, it was announced first of the week. All persons in this vicinity who wish to do canning, should come to the cannery on this day.

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

All sheep and lambs sold on or after Aug. 5 to a legally authorized slaughterer are eligible for the subsidy payment. Applicants for payments should have a certification signed by the slaughterer that the sheep and lambs were purchased for slaughter attached to their scale ticket before presenting to the AAA office for payment.

The Stars and Stripes carried by the armies of the North During the last years of the Civil War had 36 stars in the union.

BOONE MAN IS NEW STATE COUNCILLOR OF JUNIOR ORDER

Clyde R. Greene, Long Active in Affairs of Fraternity in State, Gets Highest Office Within Gift of Order; Other News of Meeting

Clyde R. Greene, local hardware merchant, and for 19 years a leader in the affairs of the Junior Order in this community, was unanimously elected state councillor of the organization at the convention held in High Point last week.

Mr. W. H. Gragg of Boone, member of the board of trustees of the Junior Order Home, placed the name of Mr. Greene in nomination, and paid glowing tribute to his worth as a Junior and as a citizen. No opposition to his candidacy developed.

Mr. Greene is a charter member of the local Junior Order council, which was founded 19 years ago, and has held every office in the council. He has served as district deputy for District No. 3 for several years, and was vice-councillor of the state organization.

The convention appropriated \$5,000 for organization work in the state, and decided to hold the next convention at High Point on Aug. 22-23, 1946.

Following the convention Messrs. Greene and Gragg went to Lexington to attend the meeting of the board of trustees of the Junior Order, and were privileged to dine with the 215 children being cared for there. A budget was approved appropriating \$92,000 for the operation of the home during the ensuing year. Mr. Gragg is a member of the committee on buildings and grounds, which includes maintenance of present properties at the institution, as well as plans for new construction.

Roy A. Harmon of Elk Park, was named a member of the law committee at the state convention, while Henry Hennessee of Morganton, was elected inside sentinel.

TROUT SEASON CLOSES FRIDAY

Number of Streams Yet Open for Bass Fishing; Penalties of Law Cited

The trout fishing season officially comes to an end on August 31, it is announced by County Warden Walter Edmisten, who states that bass waters still remain open to public fishing. Open waters are: New River down from H. Neal Blair's; Watauga River from the high bridge below Shulls Mills down; Cove Creek and Elk. Fishing in any other stream will constitute a violation of the law.

Mr. Edmisten wishes to emphasize that those convicted of any game or fish law violation must surrender their license for the remainder of the season, and cannot buy another during the season. Conviction on a second offense will carry a 30-day jail sentence. These are new regulations made by the state board and will be enforced strictly, Mr. Edmisten says.

Final War Loan Drive To Begin October 29

Washington—The eighth and final war loan drive—the "Victory Loan"—will begin Oct. 29, with a goal of \$11,000,000,000. Four billions will be for individual purchasers—two billion of that in "E" bonds—and seven billion will come from other non-bank investors.

Secretary of the Treasury Vinson made the announcement and noted that although the present treasury balance is "large" there have been "enormous obligations incurred in the achievement of victory, including those for materials and ammunition already delivered and used." These, he said, will drain the treasury balance quickly and additional funds will be needed early in December.

"The aftermath of war carries grave responsibilities that must be met," Vinson said in his statement announcing the new drive. "A substantial army and navy must be maintained until order is restored throughout the world. The cost of contract settlements, bringing our forces home, their mustering out, hospitalization, care, and rehabilitation will be great and will require large sums for which we must plan now."

Heads Junior Order



CLYDE R. GREENE

LEGION SPONSORS V-J CELEBRATION

Plans Being Made to Have Parade, Speeches Next Monday, Celebrating Victory

Howard S. Steelman, commander of Watauga Post, American Legion, announces that plans are being formulated to stage a parade and V-J day celebration next Monday, in line with a request of the State Legion department that celebrations be held at that time. The truce agreement with Japan is to be signed on Sunday, it is believed.

Plans for the celebration have not progressed sufficiently to give very many program details, but it is stated that a parade will feature the day, and that other organizations in the county are to aid the Legion in mapping a rousing celebration. Tentative plans call for holding the meeting on the postoffice lawn, where representatives of three wars will speak, together with a representative from the large number of civilian war workers in Watauga.

The celebration starts at 1 o'clock. The State department notifies Mr. Steelman that if the signing of the surrender documents is postponed, local Legion posts can, in their discretion, postpone their victory meetings.

Seventy Per Cent Tokyo Homes Hit By Yankee Bombers

San Francisco, Aug. 25—Sixty-three percent of Tokyo's population and more than 70 percent of its homes were slashed away by American bombing raids, the Domei news agency said today in a broadcast received by the Federal Communications Commission.

Of a pre-war population of 6,400,000 only 2,400,000 now remain in the capital; and of 1,300,000 homes only 370,000 to 380,000 still stand. The cut in population was attributed to "decentralization, evacuation and removal of homes."

Japs In Mass Hara-Kari Before Emperor's Palace

New York, Aug. 25—The Tokyo radio said today that Japanese people were committing hara-kari "in large numbers" before the imperial palace. The broadcast, beamed in Japanese to North America, was radioed by the FCC.

"Everything is dark and gloomy" in Japan today, the broadcast related, although Japanese authorities are "hoping that allied occupation forces will be welcomed peacefully."

The people, "in deep sorrow and gloominess, cannot realize they've been beaten," a Tokyo commentator, Isamu Inouye, asserted.

"The people are hypersensitive. Previously several hundred Grumman came over dropping bombs. Now they come over dropping anything."

"Groups are committing hara-kari before the imperial palace in large numbers. This feeling isn't understood by the allies, or the Western nations. This spirit is deeper than they can fathom. The government is seeking to pacify the country."

"Transportation is in a confused state. Homes are leaking with rain. Everything is in dire straits. The Japanese have no baths. Livelihood is very sad. The typhoon has devastated our gardens. Health conditions are bad—the Japanese are tasting defeat."

SUPERIOR COURT WILL CONVENE ON MONDAY, SEPT. 17

Judge Allen Gwyn to Preside Over Two Weeks Term; Small Number Cases on Docket, Says Clerk; List of Jurors Given

The regular fall term of Watauga Superior court will convene on Monday, Sept. 17, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding.

Austin E. South, clerk of the court, states that there are only 25 cases on the criminal docket, which will likely be tried in about a day and a half, and that 50 civil cases are calendared, comparatively few of which will likely be disposed of.

The criminal indictments, which have approached a new low level, are mostly for driving automobiles while intoxicated, but there are three cases involving the larceny of autos, it is said.

The Jury

Following is a list of those summoned for jury duty:

J. E. Clay, Boone; Brown Miller, Blue Ridge; Newton Eller, Beaver Dam; Rufus Ward, Laurel Creek; Alvin Cannon, Laurel Creek; Frank Culler, Meat Camp; Ben H. Moody, Blowing Rock; Ralph M. Church, Boone; Joe Wilson, Beaver Dam; Jim Cook, Elk; E. L. Grogan, Bald Mountain; W. G. Eggers, Watauga; W. L. Glenn, Laurel Creek; Clayton Moretz, New River; A. H. Craig, Blowing Rock; Charles Icenhour, Blowing Rock; H. A. Greer, Cove Creek; E. F. Sherwood, Brushy Fork; J. Frank Wilson, Brushy Fork; Guster G. Ward, Laurel Creek; Berlin J. Greene, Blowing Rock; W. A. Proffitt, Meat Camp; Stanley Critcher, Blue Ridge; A. W. Hodgson, Meat Camp; Monroe Harmon, Watauga; Andy A. Wellborn, Stony Fork; C. M. Proffitt, Meat Camp; David Presnell, Laurel Creek; W. R. Johnson, Beaver Dam; Arlie B. Eggers, Beaver Dam; Carl Hollar, Blowing Rock; Geo. B. Wagner, Stony Fork; Walter C. Michael, Shawneehaw; Chester L. Smith, Boone; Frank Hodges, New River; W. H. Greene, Meat Camp; Paul Gragg, Blowing Rock; McClure Elrod, Boone; J. Ernest Vanhoy, New River; Bob Yates, Watauga; Clyde Tester, Shawneehaw.

Second week: Wade Hampton, Blue Ridge; J. A. Young, Blowing Rock; Dayton Ward, Laurel Creek; John C. Wilson, Meat Camp; W. R. McGuire, Shawneehaw; Lee Earp, Watauga; J. M. Burkett, Cove Creek; Chester A. Greer, Cove Creek; Ralph Jones, Blue Ridge; W. C. Miller, Meat Camp; W. R. Richardson, Boone; Ben W. Farthing, Laurel Creek; E. E. Earp, Watauga; Elmer Miller, Blue Ridge; Lloyd Miller, North Fork; Russell Warren, Beaver Dam; Reese Lookabill, Meat Camp; Stanford Harmon, Watauga; Will D. Harmon, Beaver Dam; Roscoe Millsaps, Beaver Dam; D. S. Ray, New River; Nathan Hicks, Laurel Creek; Clint Miller, Meat Camp; John T. Howell, Boone; R. C. Holder, Blue Ridge; A. H. Hodges, Boone; Richard J. Greene, Meat Camp.

O. W. Osborne Dies From Brief Illness

Mr. O. W. Osborne, 78 years old, died in Watauga Hospital last Wednesday from a short illness. On the previous Saturday "Uncle Bud," as he was familiarly known, suffered a paralytic stroke, and was taken to the hospital, where no hope for his recovery was entertained.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by Rev. G. A. Hamby and Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in nearby Hine cemetery.

Mr. Osborne, who was well-known in this area, was born and reared in Ashe county. He married Miss Mattie Nelson, who died four years ago. To them were born six children, two of whom survive: Brad Osborne, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. McKinley Costner, Sparks, Md. Fifteen grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Osborne joined the Methodist church in early life and remained a member until death.

Job Jumpers Warned By Selective Service

The local selective service board reminds registrants in the 18 to 25 age group that they are still subject to provisions of Section 622.22-2, and that if they leave employment for which they have been deferred, without favorable determination from their local board, they will be placed in a class available for service.