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CITY OFFICIALS PLAN DRIVE TO PROMOTE SAFETY

**Traffic Lights to Go On Again
in Effort to Help Traffic Situation; Fines to Be Imposed
On Careless Drivers**

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler states that his office is planning vigorous action against traffic law violators which have become rather prevalent on the streets of the city since war's end, and the lifting of the gasoline rationing. The traffic lights which were dispensed with during the war, are being turned on again, and warning is given that those violating the laws will be fined.

Since people have grown unaccustomed to the use of the stop lights, Mayor Winkler says, all publicity should be given, so that motorists may not run through a red light and endanger the lives of those who have the legal right of way.

Laws regulating the parking of automobiles, the speed at which they may be driven in town, etc., are to be rigidly enforced, says Mayor Winkler, and fines will be imposed. He urges the full co-operation of the public in order that Boone may be made a safer place in which to live.

Safe Driving Contest
The mayor states that each week following the inauguration of the drive against traffic violators, one driver will be chosen who has been outstandingly careful, and will be designated the safe driver of that week, and given a reward.

Soliers With 45 Points Will Not Go Overseas

Washington, Sept. 4—The army gave guarantees tonight to an estimated 665,000 older soldiers and men with high discharge points that they won't go overseas.

And another 1,100,000 eligible for immediate discharge won't go over, or can come home if they already are abroad.

From now on, the army ordered, no one will be sent abroad who:

1. Had 45 or more points as of May 12.

2. 37 years old.

3. Is 34 to 36 years old, inclusive, and has a year's military service. In these categories, war department officials said, are about 665,000 men now in the United States.

No WACs will be sent overseas, either.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins At Red Cross School

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins have returned home after spending 10 days attending the National Red Cross aquatic school at Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C.

Mr. Watkins received certificates in advanced work in first aid, life saving and water safety, boating and canoeing, while Mrs. Watkins received certificates in advanced first aid, with basic certificates in life saving and water safety, canoeing and boating.

Mr. Watkins has attended this school for three terms, while Mrs. Watkins attended for the first time, being sent as a representative from the Watauga county chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are planning to give a first aid course in October.

Triple A Dairy Checks Should be Cashed Now

Farmers in Watauga county should make sure they haven't misplaced any dairy production payment drafts. If they find any such checks that haven't been cashed, W. W. Mast, chairman Watauga County AAA committee, asks that the drafts be cashed promptly to help simplify the Commodity Credit Corporation's bookkeeping.

Calling attention to the difficulty of keeping accurate records under such a nationwide program, Mr. Mast said that a recent report showed that over 32,000 dairy drafts issued before November 1, 1944, were still outstanding on June 30, 1945. This means that some farmers have cashed somewhere—perhaps forgotten—thousands of dollars worth of ready money.

Almost two million farmers participated in the dairy program last year. It would seem profitable for anyone who has forgotten whether he cashed his last dairy production payment draft to do as Mr. Mast asks, and "take a look around."

Killed in Action



THOMAS KENNETH MAST

DIES IN ACTION OFF JAP COAST

**Native of Cove Creek Section Loses
Life Aboard Destroyer of
Third Fleet**

Thomas Kenneth Mast, seaman first class, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mast, of Bowie, Maryland, and grandson of the late J. S. McBride and Mrs. McBride, formerly of Cove Creek, was killed in action aboard the destroyer Borie, operating with the third fleet off Japan, on August 9. Kenny had been on Pacific duty since last November, and had participated in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions.

He was born on Cove Creek July 25, 1925, and lived there until 1930 when his parents moved to Maryland. He attended public and high schools in Maryland and when inducted into the service on October 4, 1943, he was employed at the Greyhound bus terminal in Washington, D. C.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Barbara, and a brother, Curtis.

Shirley Brown 8, Is Injured When Struck by Auto Here

Shirley Brown, 8 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, of the Rich Mountain section, was injured Saturday afternoon when struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Ted Cook, a soldier, of the Bamboo section.

Information is that the child dashed into the street in front of the vehicle driven by Mr. Cook and that the accident couldn't have been avoided. The car was in low gear at the time, it is said, and moving perhaps ten miles an hour. The driver was absolved of any blame by investigating officers.

The little girl suffered a fracture and dislocation of an ankle, and was taken to a Charlotte hospital. Without complications, it is believed the injury will not result in permanent disability.

GOVERNMENT PLANS HOUSING PROGRAM

Washington, Sept. 4—The government is set to lead a building boom with a \$100,000,000 public housing program for low-income families.

Projects already blueprinted, and financed through the Federal Public Housing authority, are ready for builders in a hundred communities from coast to coast.

They are designed to accommodate 25,000 families. The monthly rent will average about \$20 a family.

In Pacific Area



E. J. Norris, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norris, Boone Route 2, is serving in the Pacific. He entered service in July, 1944, and trained at Camp Peary, Va.

JAPS SIGN PAPER BRINGING END TO GLOBAL CONFLICT

**Unconditional Surrender of Nippon is Formally Accomplished
Last Sunday, Marking First
Defeat in Jap History and
Ending Biggest War**

Japan surrendered formally and unconditionally to the allies Sunday in a 20-minute ceremony which ended just as the sun burst through low-hanging clouds as a shining symbol to a ravaged world now done with war.

The solemn ceremony, marking the first defeat in Japan's 2,600-year-old semi-legendary history, took place aboard the mighty battleship Missouri in Tokyo bay with 12 signatures which required only a few minutes to affix to the articles of surrender.

Surrounded by the might of the United States navy and army, and under the eyes of the American and British commanders they so ruthlessly defeated in the Philippines and Malaya, the Japanese representatives quietly made their marks on paper which ended the bloody Pacific conflict.

War Ends Officially
That horrible war, which had entered its eighth year in China and had raged for nearly three years and nine months for the United States and Great Britain, was finally and officially at an end with complete victory for the allies.

On behalf of Emperor Hirohito, Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signed first for Japan. He doffed his top hat, tinkered with the pen and then firmly affixed his signature to the surrender document, a paper about 12 by 18 inches.

Signs American Copy First
Shigemitsu carefully signed the American copy first, then affixed his name to a duplicate copy to be retained by Japan.

Following him, Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, of the Japanese imperial general staff, sat down resolutely, and scrawled his name on the documents as if in a tremendous hurry. A Japanese colonel present was seen to wipe tears from his eyes as the general signed. All the Japs looked tense and wary.

General MacArthur was next to sign, as supreme allied commander, on behalf of all the victorious allied powers.

MacArthur immediately called for Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright of Bataan and Corregidor and Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Percival of Singapore to step forward.

These two defeated allied commanders, now savoring their hour of triumph, stepped up, and Wainwright helped MacArthur to take his seat.

MacArthur signed the documents with five pens. The first he handed immediately to General Wainwright, the second to General Percival. The third was an ordinary shipboard navy issue pen. MacArthur then produced a fourth pen, presumably to be sent to President Truman. Then he completed his signatures with a fifth, possibly a trophy to be retained by himself.

They were followed by serene-faced Admiral Nimitz, who signed on behalf of the United States. Next came China's representative.

General MacArthur acted as a brisk master of ceremonies. He made a brief introductory statement before the Japanese signed, then called upon each nation's signer in turn to step forward.

The United Kingdom's signature was followed by that of Soviet Russia. Quickly in turn, Australian, French, Dutch and New Zealand representatives signed in that order. The scene in Tokyo bay was largely obscured by clouds which hung fairly low amid the surrounding hills. Flags of the United States, Britain, Russia and China fluttered. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

Christmas Mail Month Decreed by Governor

Raleigh, Sept. 4—Governor Cherry today proclaimed September 15 to October 15 as Christmas mail month for the armed forces.

"The people of North Carolina," he said, "are urged to mail their gifts during that period to relatives and friends of the armed forces who may still be overseas by Christmas. Citizens generally are urged to choose all gifts wisely, wrap all packages securely and use the latest address in all cases."

The dates he named were those designated by the war department and post office department as Christmas mail month.

Picks Up Passengers On the Fly



Coastguardsman Bradley Van Brunt of Milwaukee, Wis., seated in sling, is being raised into the helicopter from a speedboat, proving that it will not be necessary for helicopters to stop for passengers, but can pick them up on the fly—if the passengers are willing.

103 Years Old



J. E. LUTHER

J. E. Luther, 103 Will Be Honored On Next Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 9, the Gap Creek Baptist church, at Deep Gap, will have a celebration which few, if any of us will ever have the opportunity to attend again.

This event is to celebrate a man's 102nd birthday, and this is a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this birthday celebration in honor of the oldest man in northwestern North Carolina, Mr. Elihu Luther, who has spent many years of his life in this section.

Mr. Luther will be very happy to see and welcome the citizens of Northwestern North Carolina on this day. There will be plenty of good singing furnished by a choir from Stony Fork Baptist church and a choir from Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Dinner will be served on the ground. There will be addresses by many outstanding men of the state. The program will begin at 10 a. m. and continue throughout the afternoon.

Milton G. Shearer Notes 90th Birthday

Lenoir, Sept. 4—Milton G. Shearer, for many years a familiar figure around the Caldwell county courthouse, where he served as magistrate, today is celebrating his 90th birthday.

Born on Sept. 4, 1855, near Boone in Watauga county, Mr. Shearer moved to Lenoir from Collettsville 48 years ago. All members of his immediate family were in Lenoir over the past week-end for a visit with him and Mrs. Shearer and helped him celebrate the event.

Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Shearer of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blair, Miss Elizabeth Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Vann B. Stringfield, of Thomasville.

Mr. and Mrs. Shearer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 1944.

The Commodity Credit Corporation will make payments to any person who sells sheep and lambs to legally authorized slaughterers for slaughter, according to the USDA.

In order to have early spring onions next year, it is necessary to plant seed or sets sometime during the fall, advise horticulturists at State College.

BLOWING ROCK ROAD IS FIRST

**Commissioner Says Road From Lenoir to Resort Will Be Built
Soon as Possible**

J. Raymond Smith, district highway commissioner, in an address in Lenoir last Friday, stated that the prospects are bright for completion of the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway as soon as material, machinery, supervisors and men are available.

In praising the new highway commissioner of the state, Hon. A. H. Graham, Mr. Smith said that Mr. Graham would back the desire of the governor for the completion of the long proposed farm to market roads as soon as possible.

"Road projects in this area, so very ably planned by V. D. Guire, whom I succeeded as commissioner of the district, will be carried out just as soon as possible," Mr. Smith added.

NEW TERM STARTS AT APPALACHIAN

**Enrollment at College Expected to
Be 25 Per Cent Above a
Year Ago**

Registration for the fall term at Appalachian College started this morning, and information coming from the office of Registrar H. R. Eggers is to the effect that all the women's dormitories are full, and that 75 reservations have been made by men, as against only 30 a year ago.

Although definite estimates were impossible this morning, college officials confidently expect that more than 500 will have been enrolled when regular classroom work begins. There were 400 last year.

Local OPA Office Is Now On 40-Hour Week

The local OPA office is now operating on a 40-hour week, and the office henceforth will not be open on Saturdays. On the other five days the hours will be 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Visits Parents



Pfc. Paul J. Carroll entered the army in March, 1942, and during his 17 months overseas he spent 12 months as a prisoner of war of the Germans. He was liberated at the close of the war in Europe, and has recently spent a 60-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carroll, Route 1, Boone. He is now at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., waiting for further assignment.

LOCAL FOLKS JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF END OF WAR

**V-J Day is Greeted Locally With
Impressive Program, as Many
Gather to Offer Prayer and
Thanksgiving for Victory Over
Last Enemy**

Boone celebrated V-J day fittingly as soldiers of both World wars, business men, ministers of the town, and civic leaders paid tribute to the members of the armed forces, and offered thanks to Almighty God for the victory He had brought to the arms of this nation.

The program, which was carried by the American Legion, was planned out on the lawn of the postoffice building, and several hundred residents of the city and county gathered along the streets to hear the addresses and take part in the meeting.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler had charge of the first portion of the program and delivered an address, in which he pointed to the fact that the "tasks of peace are quite as arduous as the problems of war," lauded the men of Watauga county for their valor and patriotism, and voiced optimism over the willingness of America to provide for them the place to which they are entitled in the peacetime era.

S. C. Eggers, representative from Watauga county, who gave two sons to the service, one of whom is missing in action as a result of a disastrous B-29 flight over Japan, spoke feelingly of the war and its impact upon the nation, and expressed the hope that the nation would not again revert to the paths leading to war as was the case following the end of the fighting in 1918.

William R. Lovill, former mayor and senator, who has two sons in the service, spoke briefly, while Clyde R. Greene, likewise the father of two lads in uniform, and president of the State Merchants Association, spoke of the 250,000 men who lost their lives, and asked for a united effort for lasting peace.

Dr. Amos Abrams was introduced by Mayor Winkler, and reviewed the part Appalachian College had played in the global struggle. Nine hundred men, said Dr. Abrams, who once attended the college and walked the streets of Boone, took up arms, and of this number 35 paid the supreme sacrifice. Dr. Abrams read the names of those who were killed in action, gave the places their deaths occurred and their home addresses. Taps were sounded as he concluded.

Mayor Winkler then turned the program over to Mr. Beach Keller, adjutant of Watauga Post, American Legion, and head of the local employment service. Mr. Keller paid tribute to the men who went to the battle front, and likewise to those who manned the factories and produced the weapons.

Mr. Elihu Luther, Confederate veteran, 103 years old, the last survivor of the Civil war armies in Watauga county, was recognized by Mr. Keller, and roundly cheered by the audience.

Mr. Albert Watson, Spanish war veteran, spoke briefly of the conflict of the nineties, while W. C. Greene, veteran of World War 1, was heard. Mr. Greene announced the celebration at Gap Creek Church next Sunday for Mr. Elihu Luther. L. B. Swafford, local businessman, who was injured in the fighting in Germany, praised the home front and stated that "it provided the goods, we just delivered them."

A number of veterans of the present war who happened to be in town were recognized. Lionel Ward, Legion service officer, spoke, and Commander H. S. Steelman made a talk. Coach R. W. Watkins, former field director of the Red Cross, told something of his work, and Rev. E. F. Troutman, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, was heard.

The different ministers of the town offered prayer and Scripture readings, while an excellent musical program was supplied by the Boone High School Band.

1st Cavalry to March Into Tokyo Saturday

San Francisco, Sept. 4—The U. S. first cavalry division will begin the occupation of Tokyo Saturday morning, Sept. 8, Gen. Robert Eichelberger of the 8th army, announced today (Tokyo time), CBS Correspondent William J. Dunn, reported from Yokohama.

Dunn said he had just returned from Eichelberger's headquarters, where the 8th army commander made the announcement.