

OCCUPATION JAPAN PLANNED

PARTY TAKEN ABOARD AFTER RENDEZVOUS OFF NIP COAST

San Francisco.—Adm. William F. Halsey's famed Third Fleet, under an air cover of 1,200 planes met a Japanese Hsion destroyer off the Japanese homeland yesterday and 21 Japanese envoys were taken aboard the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri, Halsey's flagship, to prepare for the first phases of the occupation.

Mutual Broadcasting Corporation Jack Mahon said the fleet entered Sagami Bay, which lies outside Tokyo Bay, at 10:22 a. m. Monday Tokyo time, (9:32 p. m. Sunday e.w.t.).

The spearhead of the fleet—Task Force 31 under Rear Adm. Oscar C. Badger, with a special marine landing force—was expected to enter Tokyo Bay late Monday or early Tuesday Tokyo time. The occupation of Japan, delayed by storms, was scheduled to start Tuesday with the landing of the marines at Yokosuka and naval air-borne troops at nearby Tsugi airdrome.



SGT. QUINCY PARKER ARRIVES FROM OVERSEAS

Sgt. Quincy Parker arrived Saturday to spend a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Claude Parker, after spending a year in service in France and Germany.

PVT. ELLIS NOW AT CAMP CROFT, S. C.

Pvt. Charles Lester Ellis, who entered the army July 25 this year, is now in training at Camp Croft, S. C. Pvt. Ellis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ellis, of Champion, and husband of the former Miss Margie Marley, of Champion.

CPL. ROSCOE C. BENTON NOW HOME ON FURLOUGH

Cpl. Roscoe C. Benton, who was recently promoted to his present rank at Boca Raion Field, Florida, is spending several days furlough with his wife, the former Miss Gaynell Ellis, and son, Jerry, at Champion.

PFC. ROBERT R. MILLER RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Pfc. Robert R. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Slade Miller, of Glendale Springs, is home on 30-day furlough after seven months service in France, Germany and other European countries.

EDDIE CAUDILL HOME FROM BAINBRIDGE, MD.

Eddie Caudill, hospital apprentice second class in the navy, has completed ten weeks of boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and is spending nine days leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caudill. He will return to Bainbridge Tuesday.

SEPTEMBER DRAFT CALL IS 63,000

Washington.—The army wants 60,000 new men each month for the present, regardless of whether Japan is occupied peacefully. The War Department said yesterday. At the same time Selective Service Director Lewis B. Howey said, September draft call would be for 63,000 men—50,000 for the army and 13,000 for the navy. The navy calls, he told a reporter, would represent a sharp reduction from the 25,000 to 30,000 men it had been getting. Before Japan began surrender negotiations the army was inducting about 80,000.

Froths of sheep raisers and lamb feeders have been declining because of increased operating expenses.

Now In Philippines



Pfc. Clint J. Wilcox has been traveling since he entered the Army November 24, 1944. He received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., had a ten-day furlough at home, went overseas from Ft. Meade April 5, landed in France, went into Germany, back into France, and sailed to the Philippines. A letter received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilcox, of North Wilkesboro, route two, stated he was getting along fine. His wife, Bertha, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Pardue, of Wilkesboro, route two.

Paper Collection Will Be Continued In N. Wilkesboro

Because the paper shortage did not end with the war, collection of waste paper by the town of North Wilkesboro will be continued, Mayor R. T. McNeil said today. The town truck will continue to collect waste paper at the homes on Wednesday, and those who have substantial quantities which they wish to move may call the town clerk's office at any time and a truck will call for the paper.

Large amounts of paper have been salvaged here since the town took over the scrap paper salvage business some time ago in order to give the people an outlet for their paper.

Successful Sale Of The Forester Farm

The farm owned by Mrs. F. D. Forester, Sr., and located east of this city between highway 268 and Mountain View was sold very successfully at auction Thursday.

Penny Brothers, of Greensboro, conducted the sale of the 169-acre farm, which was divided into small farm tracts. All tracts were sold to a number of buyers and the total was approximately \$13,000. The buyers were local people, several of whom state their intention to build homes on the lands purchased.

POTEAAT BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poteat, of North Wilkesboro, Route Three, are in service. Cpl. Coy R. Poteat, left, entered service in September, 1943. He has served 16 months in France, Italy, and is now in Germany. His wife and two small sons, Charles and Edward, are now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, of Union Grove. Glenn W. Poteat, seaman first class, right, entered service in June, 1943, and has had much sea duty in the European theatre. He returned to the States in June, spent a ten-day leave at home, returned to his ship and is now serving in the Pacific.

United War Fund Needs Continue After V-J Day

Bellef was expressed here by Mr. Gilbert Bare, chairman of Wilkes County United War Fund, that the work of the National War Fund will have to continue for at least one year after V-J Day.

President Truman has given two reasons, Mr. Bare said, why the world-wide caucus supported through the National War Fund should be carried on with an undiminished sense of responsibility in his radio address on the night of August 9, the President said: "Victory in a great war is not something you can win once and for all, like victory in a ball game. Victory in a great war is something that must be won and kept won. It can be lost after you have won it—if you are careless or negligent or indifferent. . . . Europe today is hungry. . . . as winter comes on the distress will increase. Unless we do what we can to help we may lose next winter what we won at such terrible cost last spring. Desperate men are liable to destroy the structure of their society to find some substitute for hope. . . . We must help to the limit of our strength. And we will."

"I think all would agree with the President," said Mr. Bare, "that the private relief agencies of the National War Fund have a task to do that is indispensable and unique in carrying to those who have suffered most a timely expression of sympathy and neighborly concern from the American people."

Further, Mr. Bare stated, we must remember that as long as our men and women are in the armed forces, we must keep the USO at their side. That job is not done until the last service flag comes down and the last GI has come home.

Softball Series To Begin On Tuesday

First Baptist and Wilkesboro teams of the church's league begin Tuesday evening a playoff series for the local softball championship.

The series will be for four victories and games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday evening, 8:30, alternating between the Smoot Park and Wilkesboro fields.

First Baptist won the first half title and Wilkesboro took the second half flag, making a playoff necessary for the local league championship. The games during the summer afforded much recreation for players and fans, and it is expected that much interest will be shown in the title series.

A 1,500-foot railway bridge is being constructed across the broad Po river by American Military Railway Service soldiers in the Mediterranean Theatre.

Baptists to Meet At Mount Carmel September 18, 19

Program Arranged For Two-Day Meeting Brushy Mountain Association.

Annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, which includes the Baptist churches of the Wilkesboros and all the western part of Wilkes county, will be held September 18 and 19 at Mount Carmel church on highway 18 between Moravian Falls and Boone.

T. E. Story, moderator, and J. F. Jordan, clerk, have released the program for the two-day event. In addition to local church leaders, several of the outstanding Baptists in the state will be on the program, which will have "Christian Education" as the theme.

The first day's program will open with devotional by Rev. C. J. Poole, followed by a business session. The Christian education report will be given by Dr. H. G. Duncan and discussed by M. H. Kendall. W. F. Payne will give the Sunday school report and the introductory sermon will be by Rev. S. I. Watts, of Boomer.

Rev. A. W. Eller will conduct devotional for the afternoon session. Rev. W. S. Luck will give the report of state, home and foreign missions and the discussion will be by Dr. David E. Browning. Mrs. R. N. Holland will give the Baptist hospital report and the discussion will be by Charles E. Parker. Rev. John L. Wells, Jr., will give the report on Allied Church League, which will be discussed by L. A. Martin. The afternoon program will close by a report by Rev. Howard J. Ford on "The Church and the Community."

Rev. Glenn Huffman will open the second day's program with devotional. Mrs. Andrew Casey will give the orphanage report, which will be discussed by Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville. Miss Lundy Hendren will report on Baptist Training Union and the report on Baptist literature will be given by Miss Florence Miller. Mrs. Lowell Spivey will give the report on the Baptist cooperative program. Officers will be elected and the final feature of the morning session of the second day will be a message by Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, on "The Church and Pastoral Relationship."

Rev. Ralph Miller will conduct devotional for the afternoon session. Mrs. George Johnson will give the Missionary Union report and discussion will be by Rev. C. C. Holland. Miss Madge Lewis will discuss associational mission work. Rev. C. J. Poole will give a report on the Pastors' Conference.

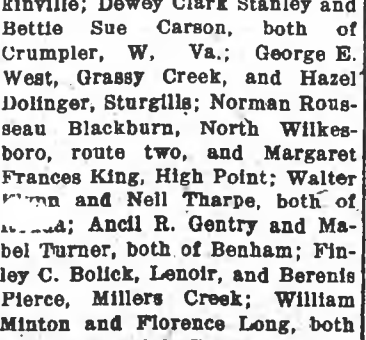
A history of Mount Carmel church will conclude the final program.

Marriage License

Marriage licenses were issued by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes county register of deeds to the following since August 10: James Franklin Church, Buck, and Fannie Mae Spears, Wilkesboro; Luin Gregory, Union Grove, and Judy Belle Hemric, Cycle; James Billings, Roaring River, and Virginia Ross, Benham; Fiddell Holloway, Lomax, and Mary Pevette, Wilkesboro; Willie Smith Crane, Purlear, and Opal Virginia Trivette, Brownwood; Elbert Craig, Moravian Falls, and Mary Anderson, North Wilkesboro; Ernest Souther and Gladys Johnson, both of North Wilkesboro, route three; James L. Pennell and Mary Hood, both of Boomer; Ulysses Sanford Groce, Jr., and Ruth G. Anderson, Yadinville; Dewey Clark Stanley and Bettie Sue Carson, both of Crumpler, W. Va.; George E. West, Grassy Creek, and Hazel Dolinger, Sturgills; Norman Rousseau Blackburn, North Wilkesboro, route two, and Margaret Frances King, High Point; Walter Brown and Nell Tharpe, both of Wilkesboro; Ancil R. Gentry and Mabel Turner, both of Benham; Finley C. Bollek, Lenoir, and Berens Pierce, Millers Creek; William Minton and Florence Long, both of Lenoir; Calvin Roten and Dare Stanley, both of Wilbar; Wesley York, North Wilkesboro, and Bessie Edwards, Glade Valley; Harold Berong and Ellen Dewill Lovette, both of North Wilkesboro.

Serves In France

A new modified cotton fabric that will not mildew or rot has been developed by scientists of the USDA.



Pfc. Harlie O. Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shepherd, of North Wilkesboro, route one, is now in Paris and is getting along fine. He has been overseas eight months and is expecting to come home soon.

Brothers Serve



Staff Sergeant Ishmael W. Laws has reported back to camp at Miami, Fla., after spending a 61-day furlough at home. He was a prisoner of war in Germany five months. Before going overseas he received training at Camp Adair, Oregon, and desert training in California and Arizona, and at Camp Carson, Colorado. Pfc. Edward O. Laws, who is serving in the marine corps, was home on furlough recently with his brother and has reported back to Barstow, California. He has been in service 3 1/2 years and spent 19 months in the South Pacific. They are the sons of M. F. Laws, of Boomer.

Graham Morrison Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meeting

Club Discusses Air Transportation In Meeting Friday Noon; Good Program.

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon had a brief discussion of air transportation needs here and enjoyed a humorous address.

Prior to the program Robert Morrison called attention to the news story in the Charlotte Observer, making Charlotte an air terminal. He asked that this community should do something to get on the air map. Richard Johnston, who was a guest of W. J. Carson, also spoke briefly, urging the community to make plans for air transportation.

Program Chairman Gwyn Gambill introduced Graham Morrison, of Lincolnton, who made a fine talk on the subject, "Relaxation." He stated in the outset that we all had been living in a great strain during the last four years and that it was very necessary that everyone relax. He pointed out that there are many ways of doing this, but that a person must select his means of doing it and proceed to do it.

The greater part of his talk consisted of humorous stories and jokes which were calculated to have a relaxation effect on his audience and the hearty response from those present seemed to bear witness of his success.

Guests Friday were as follows: Seaman Eddie Caudill, with Ed Caudill; Thomas Cooke, of Salisbury, and Rev. A. C. Waggoner, with Dr. John W. Morris; Jack Quinn, with A. F. Kilby; J. W. Gambill, J. B. Wilkins and Graham Morrison, with Gwyn Gambill.

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VICTORY MEETING VETERANS FRIDAY

Mrs. B. H. Richardson Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today at Round Hill church for Mrs. Sina Pevette Richardson, age 61, resident of Traphill township, who died Saturday. Rev. Charlie Richardson and Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the last rites.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her husband, B. H. Richardson; one son and six daughters.

Returns to U. S.



Pvt. Max A. Hamby, son of Mrs. R. W. Hamby, of Purlear, has returned to the United States from overseas where he was serving with the 656th Tank Destroyer Battalion. This unit, commanded by Lt. Col. John C. Meador, landed in England the last of December, 1944. It remained on the southern coast of England for almost a month. The unit moved across the English Channel in LST's to France. From this camp the battalion marched across France to Belgium to the vicinity of Liege, where it joined the 9th Armored Division.

On the 28th of February, 1945, the battalion moved through Aachen, Germany, and crossed the Roer river near Duren. Then as a part of the armored spearhead, it fought east to Remagen and the Rhine river. On the 7th of March, 1945, when the Ludendorff bridge was captured intact by First Army troops, "destroyers" from Company "C" were the first tank destroyers to cross the Rhine river into the bridgehead. The entire battalion crossed over to the east side of the Rhine river and occupied direct fire positions during the expansion of the bridgehead.

When the First Army broke out of Remagen bridgehead, the battalion rolled southeast to Limburg, then turned and raced north to Warburg, taking in stride all resistance it met. A short rest, and the long march on Leipzig began. The battalion pushed as far east as the Muldo river, where units from the 69th division took over and went on to meet the Russians.

After the Yanks and the Russians met, the battalion was assigned to the Third Army. It then moved to Welden, near the Czechoslovakian border. A week or two later the unit moved to Bayroth, Germany, where it began preparations for the return home.

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RATION NEWS

MMATS AND FATS: Red Stamps: Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2, expire August 31; V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, expire October 31; F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, expire November 30.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 86 good for five pounds, expires August 31.

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

American Legion Planning Special Gathering Here

Program Of Thanksgiving And Celebration Arranged For Friday Night.

Wilkes Post of the American Legion has planned a special meeting for Friday evening, August 30, at the American Legion and Auxiliary Club house for thanksgiving and celebration for the victory over Japan.

The meeting will open at eight o'clock and Legion officials have extended the invitation to include all veterans of World War I and II, all of whom are urged to attend.

A special program of interest to all veterans has been arranged for the meeting. Members of the Legion are asked to bring with them as many veterans as they can to the meeting.

The announcement issued by the Legion Post here today said: "All members of the American Legion and all other veterans of both wars are urged to attend this meeting for the purpose of giving thanks for the close of the world's most deadly conflict, and in token of esteem for those who so bravely fought."

Bond Goal Is Set At Eleven Billion

Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson last night fixed a goal of \$11,000,000,000 for the victory loan drive and announced the campaign will begin on October 15.

Of the total Vinson said, \$4,000,000,000 will come from sales to individuals and the remainder from other non-bank investors.

The goal for the sales of series E bonds, part of the individual goal, will be \$2,000,000,000. Vinson said the government will need huge sums by December to pay the cost of bringing troops back home, mustering-out pay, hospitalization, rehabilitation, contract settlement and other expenses incident to finishing the war.

The goal was set after conferences with state war finance committees, Federal Reserve System officials, the American Bankers Association, and insurance executives.

Mrs. Davis Dies At Age 93; Rites Held Friday at Pilgrim

Funeral service was held Friday at Pilgrim church for Mrs. Maliss Jane Davis, age 93, who died Wednesday at her home near North Wilkesboro. Rev. J. E. Hayes conducted the funeral service.

Surviving Mrs. Davis are two sons and one daughter, M. F. Carlton, Lorene, Va.; F. B. Carlton, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Frank Minton, Wilkesboro.

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The enemy negotiators landed in two green-crossed white planes, escorted by seven Allied fighters. The emissaries were headed by Lieut. Gen. Takazo Numata, Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Count Juichi Terauchi, commander of Japan's southern armies. They were met at Mingaladon airfield by Lieut. Gen. F. S. Tucker, acting commander of the Fifth Corps; Lieut. Gen. Sir Montagu Stopford, British 12th Army commander; Air Vice-Marshal Bouchier and Maj. Gen. C. W. Symes, commander of the Southern Burma district.

The Japanese saluted the British officers responded. The enemy envoys were loaded in a field station wagon and made a sweat-box ride over bumpy roads to their quarters.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS