

Rejoice as Germany Surrenders May 7, 1945

Schools And Stores Close To Help Celebrate Victory Over Germany

Churches Open For Silent Prayers Of Thanksgiving

(May 10, 1945)

Mount Pulaski and community "jumped the gun" on V-E Day, along with war correspondent Kennedy (who by the way is still in the 'doghouse') and had their solemn observance of this most significant event Monday.

The breaking of the news of the unconditional surrender of Germany came blaring out of radios early Monday morning and while no official announcement had been made by either General Eisenhower or President Truman, the report that the East was giving way to wild demonstrations, and then our own county seat at Lincoln went off "half-cocked" at 9 o'clock, was all that was needed to stampede some of the local business men into prodding those in charge of the observance here, into "getting on the band wagon".

Church bells and the fire siren heralded the event at 11 o'clock and schools were immediately dismissed, business houses closed their doors and at 1:00 o'clock a special observance of thanksgiving and praise was held at the high school, which was largely attended despite a heavy down-pour of rain which kept many away.

The observance was in charge of Revs. Ray O. Zumstein, F. E. Neumeyer and J. Wayne Staley.

Hymns of praise and thanksgiving were intermingled with the prayers of the ministers, with the high school band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Churches in the city were opened during the day and evening and many went there for quiet prayer and meditation. There was no hilarity or boisterous celebration of the event—just a calm and solemn attitude that while one major enemy was overcome, another yet remained to be conquered before our boys could all come home.

GAS RATIONING IN WORLD WAR II

(Nov. 19, 1942)

Car owners will do well to remember that they must register this week end to get their gas ration books.

Principal Lloyd L. Hargis, who is in charge of registration, states that motorists must comply with the following rules before they can secure their ration book.

You must have your state motor vehicle registration card. Bring the serial number of your five tires.

You cannot register if you have more than five tires. You must dispose of the extras.

FIRST SUGAR RATION SIGN-UP NEXT WEEK

Retailers, Cafes, Churches, Etc. To Register

(April 23, 1942)

On April 28 and 29, 1942, all retail and wholesale dealers who sell sugar and all commercial users of sugar, such as restaurants, bakeries and confectioneries, must register in order to secure future sugar allotments.

Those in Mount Pulaski area will register at the township high school in the Agriculture room, where registration for Selective Service was held. Principal Lloyd L. Hargis will serve as chief registrar or "School Site Administrator" and some of the other high school teachers are registrars.

REGISTRATION IN COUNTY FOR SUGAR RATIONING

(June 4, 1942)

Registration for sugar for canning will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, at the 12 registration centers in Logan county, according to an announcement made Monday afternoon by E. H. Lukenbill, county superintendent of schools.

ROMAN BERTSCHE WRITES OF CAMP LIFE IN AFRICA

January 30, 1943

Dear Friends:

I hope this letter finds all of you in good health. I'm located somewhere in North Africa. I like it fine here, but miss my many friends. This continent is such a jinks as far as I am concerned. The natives are very queer. Very good beggars and their living conditions are filthy. They live in grass huts, no heat or furniture. Well, in plain English they live like hogs.

The French are much different — at least clean. We have quite a time trying to understand French. We almost have to make the articles we want to buy, trying to make the clerks in the stores understand what we want. Autos are scarce here — no gasoline. They operate from charcoal burners and aren't much success. Carts and bicycles are found here by the hundreds. Pack donkeys and camels are used to transport products to the city.

The city where I am located is beautiful. The buildings are all rock and cement and all colors. There isn't much industry of any kind here, except rock and cement works.

The land is very rolling and plenty of rock to be found. Not much agriculture here either except for small truck farms. Farm power being the oxen, camel or donkey. Oranges are sure plentiful and we get our share of them. The fruit and crops grown here are gathered in the winter months when they have moisture to produce such. In summer the land is bare as a cement sidewalk. There isn't any timber and trees are very scarce. Metal of all kinds is scarce. They have no fences and what they have are stone walls.

We are living in the field in small pup tents, four men per tent. Haven't been inside a building since I left the States. We have no lights except candles or flashlights. But even though we don't have modern conveniences, we do have our share of fun with the hardships. All our needs are issued to us free. We really have no need for money, here. The boys in the armed services sure have all they need — plenty of food at least, and clothing enough to keep us warm. So, you see, we aren't suffering much.

Well, friends, my candle is getting shorter and shorter and I'll soon be in the dark. I wish each and every one of you could see this country — of course, in peacetime. Well, for now, I must say goodbye. Wishing all of you the best of luck. I'll be seeing all of you soon, I hope.

Pfc. Roman Bertsche.

20-45 MEN ASKED TO REGISTER FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE

(March 12, 1942)

All male residents of the nation, who have not as yet registered for Selective Service, and have attained their 20th birthday on or before Dec. 31, 1941, and who have not attained their 45th birthday on or before Feb. 16, 1942, will wend their way to various places of registration thruout the nation, on Monday, Feb. 16, 1942.

Chief Registrar, Principal L. L. Hargis, has announced the following in charge of the registering: Ben Ely, Mrs. May Schroth, Mrs. G. Wilson, Robert Rothwell, Mrs. Frances Turner, George Meister, and Albert Horn, Ellis Downing, Marshall Ridgeway, Barbara Phinney, Wilbur Stoll, Harry Sisk, Albert Dillsaver and Mrs. Claude Buckles.

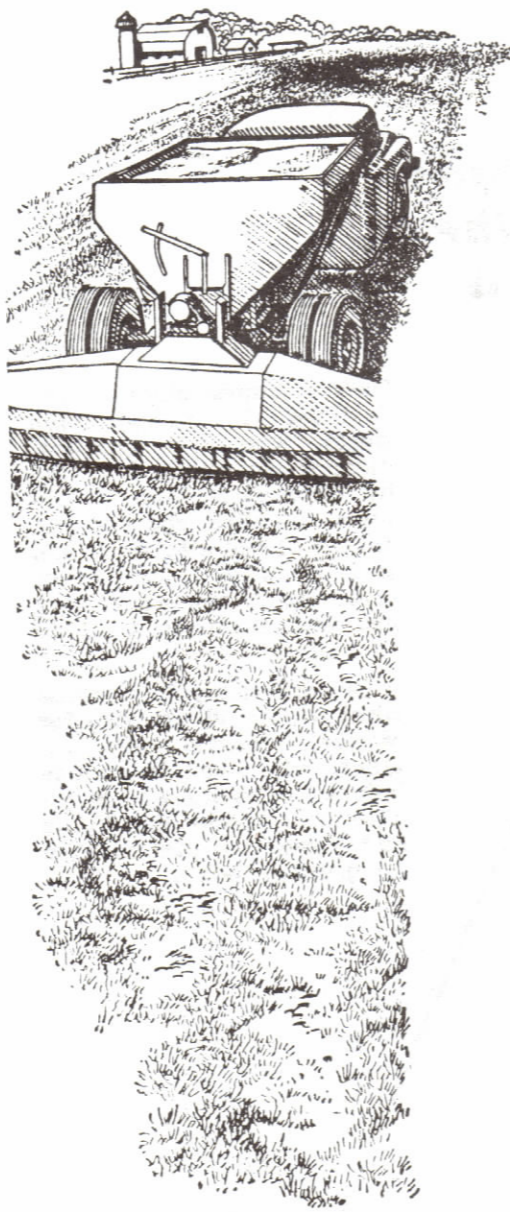
Plan to be in Mount Pulaski as often as you can during Sil-Tennial Week, July 22-29, 1961. You will meet a lot of old friends.



THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY SCENES that took place on August 15, 1945 when a giant Victory Parade was held in Mount Pulaski celebrating the surrender of Japan on July 14. A spontaneous

parade was held on Tuesday when word reached here of the end of the war. Germany had surrendered May 7. —Times-News Photo.

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