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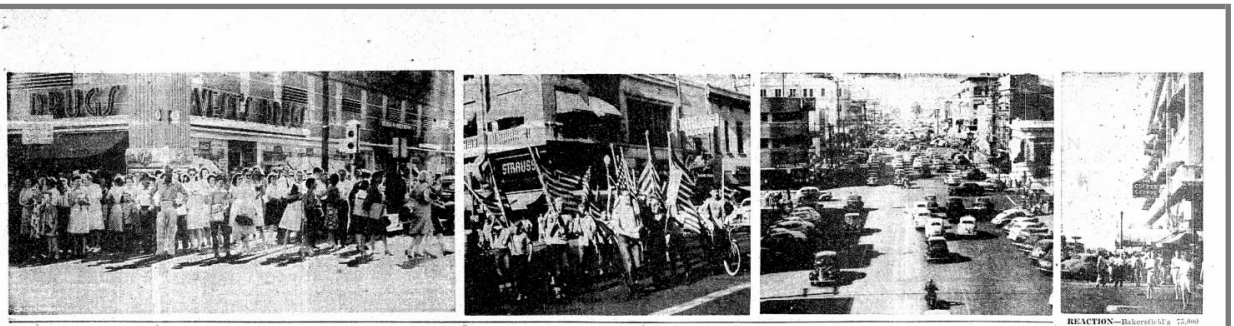

REACTION—Bakersfield's 75,000 citizens paid a spontaneous tribute to peace late Tuesday afternoon after President Truman announced that Japan had officially accepted the Allied surrender terms. Part of Bakersfield needs scurrying downtown to hail the end of the war, crowded the street corner at Nineteenth street and Chester avenue, left. Spontaneous parades, all with American flags and patriotic victory signs, similar to the boys marching on Chester avenue in the second panel, formed. Some of the sudden traffic congestion that hit downtown at 4 p. m. Tuesday was taken from the Clock Tower third panel. Tossing confetti, office workers showered the streets with shredded magazines and newspapers they had been saving for the news of the peace fourth panel.

PIPEFULS By JIM DAY

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Joyous Thousands Hail War's End

Kern Helps End Battle With Bonds

County Citizens Give $100 Million to Aid Axis Fight

Citizens of Kern county backed America's war effort from Pearl Harbor to the conquest of Tokyo with between $90,000,000 and $100,000,000 in bond purchases, a survey disclosed today.

Issued first by the government as defense bonds and stamps, Kern citizens bought $19,000 worth in eight days after Pearl Harbor, in a trickle which later became a torrent.

The war loans were launched in 1942 under the direction of the Federal Reserve Bank and Arthur S. Crites assumed responsibility for these. The first quota was easily met as was the second of $4,552,555 by passing into history with a $4,835,754 total.

War financing became one of the major home-front efforts of the war, and was organized by the United States treasury department. J. J. Wilt was chosen to head the permanent war finance committee in Kern county.

Wilt's Work Lauded

Results well justified the choice and Mr. Wilt's direction and the hundreds of volunteers who worked with him, made Kern county's war bond history one of the best in the United States. Constantly records made here led the rest of southern California in results.

Records kept by Mr. Wilt show that Kern county raised $7,216,613 in the Third War Loan, made $9,158,151 or 125 per cent in the Fourth War Loan; $11,386,802 or 119 per cent in the Fifth War Loan and $10,915,534 or 113 per cent in the Sixth War Loan and $13,431,856 or 156 per cent in the Seventh War Loan.

Individual Leaders

Many individuals stepped to the forefront and conducted one-man and one-woman campaigns born from deep conviction and patriotism. Sina Dunn of Taft and Steve Strelich of Bakersfield were oustanding examples of individual effort and patriotism in selling war bonds. Several million dollars worth of sales are attributed to Mr. Strelich.

Mr. Wilt was assisted in Bakersfield in the war loan campaigns first by S. B. Dillon, then Raymond Taylor, Henry Eissler and during the last campaign by Homer Gill.

Right hand to all the war financing in Kern county was Mrs. Robert Strauss, head of the women's division of war finance, whose organization throughout the county was a steady and ready channel for successful sales. Mrs. Strauss was responsible for setting up Victory House in Bakersfield, and while no accurate records have been kept, it is estimated that millions of dollars in sales were made by theh volunteer workers there.

Victory House

Victory House was the headquarters for the last four war loan campaigns and will probably be maintained in anticipation of the eighth.

Delano made itself prominent nationally by stealing headlines in two war loan campaigns by being the first city of its size in the nation to complete its war bond quota on the opening day of the national campaign.

Mr. Wilt said that although the war is over, there will probably be a victory war loan campaign as there was at the conclusion of World War I.

Lieutenant Henry C. Mack

Lieutenant Henry C. Mack, U. S. N. R., Bakersfield attorney and yachtsman, has returned to the city here and has resumed his private law practice after two and a half years active duty with the navy. Lieutenant Mack was stationed for approximately two years at Los Alamitos with the naval air technical training command and during the last six months of his service was with a carrier aircraft service unit.

Donald McCarty

After 28 months active service in the Pacific, Captain Donald McCarty is now on leave in California. Captain McCarty's wife came to Bakersfield to meet her husband after which they departed for a vacation at Carmel. Captain McCarty is the son of Mary McCarty of 1518 Bernard street. His service was in the Philippines.

Worth Larkin

It has been months since we have heard from Lieutenant Worth Larain here. Now we get a note from him which I quote in part:

I got out of the hospital (he was wounded) in March and returned to my outfit in Germany in April and went back to England on leave in June and then back to the outfit in July and thence into European civil affairs division and my present assignment—what I mean is that pictures can change so fast you wonder what it is all about.

My old outfit, the Twenty-eighth, or Bloody Bucket, and I do mean bloody, is on its way to the states and one may assume Japan.

(This outfit was caught in the Battle of the Bulge and participated in some of the hardest fighting of the entire war.)

This military government assignment is rather interesting. The way things stand I may get a look in at the war crimes trials in Nurnberg—only an hour's drive from here (Ansbach). It doesn't seem that they're kidding one bit about those trials. Our local court just put a couple of customers away for four and five years each for possessing pistols.

Fraternization, I suppose, is something of a pressing issue back home. Had to laugh the other day. The Stars and Stripes quoted the provost marshal at Frankfurt as saying that since the policy had been eased there hadn't been a single arrest for fraternization . . .

Batson and Stenson

In Kaiserslautern I ran into Milburn Batson, a Bakersfield lad who is with an APO on the way. I think he said, to Japan. Bennett Stenson, I hear, is now a CPO and expects to be rotated home one of these days. Maybe he's home now.

Gaylord Mole

For heroism in action against the Japanese near Mount Malabat, at Luzon in the Philippines, Gaylord Mole, son of Mrs. Goldie Mole, Buttonwillow, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Mole won the medal as his squad was raked by machineguns. He dashed through heavy Jap fire and brought back a wounded American to safety. He is a member of a front-line outfit of the Sixth Infantry Division mopping up Jap remnants in the Cordillera range of Luzon.

To Our Readers

Steadily increasing costs of publishing a newspaper make it imperative for the management to advance the subscription rate of The Bakersfield Californian to $1.00 a month, and on an annual basis to $11.00, paid in advance. The change will be effective Saturday, September 1, 1945.

The added cost represents a minimum advance to the individual subscriber, but it will prove an essential factor in the maintenance of the service of the paper in providing for the inevitable extension of that service in future years.

Oildale Rotarians Hear County Clerk

OILDALE, Aug. 15.—R. J. Veon, county clerk, spoke before Oildale Rotary Tuesday noon in Elliott Community hall. He discussed "Duties of a County Clerk." C. E. Roets was chairman for the day.

Orval C. Healy gave a vocational talk and Dr. F. C. H. Fowler won the stamp award.

Rotarian visitors were Andy Anderson of San Luis Obispo, E. B. Hecox of Taft; L. E. Flymale of Shafter and R. R. Witaker, Fred Wheeler, Harold Fox, C. A. Montgomery, Jack Cullton, Ken Vaughn and Henry Eissler of Bakersfield.

Raymond Auld Receives Star for Italy Combat

Corporal Raymond J. Auld, McFarland, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy. He served on the Fifth Army front in the Three Hundred Sixty-third Infantry Regiment of the Ninety-first "Powder River" Division. His mother, Mrs. Lurlie E. Morris, lives on Route 1, McFarland.

War Claims Lives of 462 Kern Men

Silent amid the tumult of a frenzied nation welcoming the return of peace, the families of 462 Kern county boys bowed their heads today and counted the cost of victory.

The cost was high—the lives of those 462 strongest and finest Kern county men who died on foreign soil in defense of their homeland. These men, who made the greatest sacrifice, were chosen from the ranks of 14,000 Kern men under arms today in the army, the navy, marine corps and coast guard.

To them, and to their families who know the grim meaning of war, is due an eternal debt of gratitude and a pledge that their death was not in vain.

Here are their names—names which today are written on neat white crosses in military cemeteries on every continent, and which will forever be written in the hearts of their countrymen.

Doubtless there are other Kern men whose death was not recorded in official war and navy department casualty lists. If so, The Californian is anxious to add their names to these following:

Jas. D. Abercrombie
Andrew W. Ackley
Loyd Agee
Warren Agee
Frank J. Amstinelli
Calvin O. Allen
Carl H. Allen
Fred Anaya
Robert L. Anderson
Robert R. Anderson
Dan Andreotti
Nicholas T. Angelos
Ralph Apalatea
Leroy Appling
Robert Arnold
Robert Arnold
William R. Asath
George J. Avila
Charles T. Baker
Earl Baker
William O. Baker
Lloyd C. Ballard
William Bandy
Robert Barber
Jack L. Barker
Fred A. Barse
Robert L. Barr
Lewis Batson
John W. Beauchamp
Marion L. Becking
Gordon S. Beecroft
Jack Bellamy
William M. Bohner
Sidney W. Bennett
John J. Benson
Hulbert R. Bing
Jarit G. Black
Kenneth Blair
Robert Blair
Bernard Bonavacca
Glen L. Bonebrake
Lester V. Bonkosky
Charles S. Bowman
J. T. Brannon
Raymond Bradshaw
Arthur F. Brandt
Arnold T. Bratcher
Robert Brown
Eugene R. Brown
Eugene Brown
Ronald M. Brown
William G. Brown
Loyd L. Bruan
Sidney L. Bsass
Dallas Buckner
Robert L. Buffington
Joel W. Burleigh
E. T. Burton
Dale C. Burrowaha
Marvin L. Busby
Leroy E. Cadle
Joseph Cadarlaria
Frank Calvillo
Esteban L. Carrillo
Manuel L. Casillas
Joseph Castenet
Robert Catanach
Chester M. Cerval
Rosa Chanell
Ernest Chavez
Harold Cox
Charles V. Crandall
Chas. W. Crockett
Carl T. Cross
Harold L. Curl
Joseph R. Davis
Charles B. Deakins
Genaro J. DeCarli
Jack Dennis
Lawrence Dennison
Jimmie R. Deskin
Dalmas Des Roches
Justin R. Dickson
John Doak
Kenneth Dodendorf
Jack C. Dorsey
John C. Dowerton
Leroy Doubler
Richard Dozier
Orval E. Drapeau
Robert E. Duff
Jesse L. Dunn
John F. Dunn
William D. Durgy
A. B. Dyke
Jack Dyke
Jack Eaton
Robert Edwards
Gordon Eggleston
Sidney Eggleston
Sidney Eggleston
Mike J. Eichert
Jack Elias
Hahnemon J. Feld
Jack Fell
Clarence Fore
William Fox
Jack Fowler
Simon A. Francis
Francis L. Franer
Robert M. Frazier
Wilmer Frazier
Edward Freeland
Jack Freeman
Darwin H. Frisbie
Lupe M. Gallegos
Gene Gamble
Alonzo Garcia
Lester Gatlin
Forrest C. Gees
Roy D. Gibbens
D. H. Gibbes
Jesse L. Gilbert, Jr.
Charles Gelfrich
Grady Gossell
H. G. Graham
Jesse L. Graham
William E. Graham
Doris E. Graf
Jesse Grimes Gritta
L. Glenn Griffith
Geo. D. Grigsan, Jr.
Ted Grawoid
Paul Hall
Max R. Hall
William O. Hall
Jack Hamilton
Louis Hankins
Edgar T. Harder
Rollin F. Harter
O. W. Harmon
William Harmon
George W. Harper
David Harrington
Frank A. Harris
Jack Harris
John R. Harwood
Hardy Hendrick
Jesse Lee Hess
Raymond C. Hatton
Marion H. Henning
Ray Herbert
R. C. Hicks
Ralph W. Hicks
Richard L. Higley
Leo H. Hilliard
Leo H. Hilliard
William O. Hobbs
Donald Hodge
Robert J. Hopkins
Ellen E. Howard
Wayne Howard
Jack Howerman
James L. Hughes
Charles Hunsaker
Charles Hussell
John S. Ireland
Edward L. Lawson
Hugh H. Jacks
Hilmer E. Jackson
James N. Jackson
Orlando Jackson
Otto L. Jackson
Ray L. Jackson
Max A. Jay
James B. Jenkins
Henry Jensen
Gordon Jewett
James E. Johnson
Lloyd K. Johnson
Robert L. Johnson
Robert Jones
John M. Richardson
Willis J. Richer
Leland R. Ricker
Charles Rigdon
Louis A. Rivas
Harold Roach, Jr.
Charles Rogers
Charles Rogers
Harold L. Rose
Ralph Rosenberg
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