

V-E Day in Lexington

Lexingtonians did not burst into celebration upon “Victory in Europe” Day.

“ The job is only half finished and let’s postpone our celebration until the Japs are licked.”

-Lexington Leader May 8, 1945

Many businesses did close to honor the day, including city hall and the courthouse. Banks, theaters, pharmacies and schools remained open.

A city-wide church service was held at Central Christian Church, with ministers from several denominations participating in the service. Prayers were offered for permanent peace and for the families of those that gave their lives for their country.

“This is a time of solemn remembrance and sober rejoicing” stated Reverend Leslie R. Smith, Central Christian Church.

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