

V-J Day In Lexington

Unlike V-E Day Lexingtonians took to the street to express their delight at the Japanese surrender. The citizens of Lexington paraded downtown with signs, noise makers, and extra editions of the paper.



In an attempt to keep things from getting out of hand, as soon as the news broke all of the downtown bars and liquor stores shut their doors.

“Apparently, many thoughtful citizens had anticipated this and made provisions in advance which enabled them to get into what they considered the proper condition for celebrating. Almost all of them, however, were just happy and noisy, but well behaved”

-Lexington Leader August 15, 1945

Local churches held services in honor of the end of the war. Several of the churches were so overcrowded that they had to add services to accommodate everyone.

Federal and state offices, along with many business, banks, and manufacturing plants closed in celebration.

