

# 1,500 Are Killed By Jap Bombs

## Jap Parachute Troops Landed In The Philippines

Washington.—Casualties on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu in yesterday's Japanese air attack will amount to about 3,000 including about 1,500 fatalities, the White House announced today.

The White House confirmed the loss in Pearl Harbor of "one old battleship" and a destroyer, which was blown up.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters declared today that two American battleships had been sunk, four others damaged and four heavy cruisers damaged at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, and Japanese parachute troops were reported to have landed in the Philippines as the two-day-old battle of the Pacific flamed over a vast area.

Great Britain formally declared war on Japan, allying herself with the United States.

Simultaneously, Australia decided to declare war as Japanese forces attacked the tiny British-mandated island of Nauru.

An Italian broadcast quoted Dornier as listing 33,100-ton U.S. S. Pennsylvania and the Oklahoma as the American battleships sunk. Two United States destroyers and two oil tankers were also reported lost.

The Tokyo announcement asserted that there were no Japanese losses in striking the heavy blows against the United States fleet at Honolulu.

While Americans waited for some word from Washington of the United States counter blows, the Japanese reported that 50 or 60 U. S. planes had been shot down in air combats over Clark Field, in the Philippines, and another 40 over Iba, 80 miles north of Manila.

Only two Japanese planes were acknowledged lost.

The Japanese also announced an agreement between Japan and Thailand for transit of Japanese troops through Thailand, presumably for an attack on British Malaya, site of Britain's great Far East fortress of Singapore, or British Burma. Both adjoin Thailand.

Japanese troops were reported to have landed at two points on the Gulf of Siam, far down the coast near Malaya.

An official British announcement at Singapore said Japanese war craft which landed troops at two places in British Malaya, near the Thailand frontier had been put to flight.

REPORTS EARLY TODAY  
Japan waged war against the United States with concerted attacks upon Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines in an effort to deaden nerve centers of American defense in the Pacific.

The United States fleet and scores of warplanes based in the Pacific joined battle with the attackers.

Heavy damage and great loss of life in Hawaii were reported by Washington officials after President Roosevelt had spoken by telephone with Governor Joseph B. Poindexter of Hawaii, who talked with the White House as a second wave of Japanese dive bombers, torpedo planes and pursuit ships swarmed in from the sea over Pearl Harbor and the city of Honolulu.

The army estimated on a preliminary basis that 104 soldiers had been killed and more than 300 wounded at Oahu. It was emphasized that these were military casualties and gave no indication of the extent of civilian dead and wounded.

Four Nippon Subs Sunk  
Six Japanese planes and four submarines were reported to have been destroyed in the initial stages of the Hawaiian fighting.

Canada immediately declared war on Japan and Britain sped swiftly through formal preparations last night to join her dominion and the United States in the defense of the Western Hemisphere. Costa Rica with Canada were the first to announce an official declaration of war on Nippon.

BANK PAYS IN FULL AND WITH INTEREST  
Watson, Mo., Nov. 21.—When the Watson Banking Company closed, depositors were told they would receive every cent due. They did.

The stockholders were promised they would get their money back. They did.

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## Japs Make Dastardly Attack On U. S. Possessions Sunday

# U. S. DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

### BILLIE CHURCH DRIVER Ronda Citizen Is Killed By Auto At Ronda On Sunday

#### Harvey Roberts Dies In Elkin Hospital From Injuries Received Last Night

Harvey Roberts, age 25, citizen of the Ronda community; died at 12:30 a. m. today in Elkin hospital of injuries received Sunday night when he was hit by a car on highway 258 at Ronda.

According to incomplete reports of the accident received here, the car which hit Roberts was driven by Billie Church, of Roaring River. Church did not see Roberts, who was walking, because he was blinded by lights of an approaching car.

Funeral services for Roberts will be held Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., at Ronda Baptist church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Scott Roberts, and one child. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, of Ronda.

It was not learned here whether or not any charges have been made against Church.

### AIRPORT CLOSED—Defense Council Here Busy With War Regulations

#### County Chairman McElwee Gets Instructions and Calls Meeting Of The Council

Wilkes County Defense Council today under instructions from Theodore S. Johnson, of Raleigh, director of civilian defense in North Carolina, began taking the necessary steps to carry out its duties under war conditions.

Attorney W. H. McElwee, chairman of the Wilkes defense council, today ordered the North Wilkesboro airport closed, according to instructions received from the state director, and asked that any person hearing or seeing planes report to North Wilkesboro police. Aircraft observers at various points were ordered to remain on alert.

The following telegram was received by Chairman McElwee by Director Johnson.

"PROCEED AT ONCE TO COMPLETE COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL ORGANIZATION. ARRANGE FOR MEETING LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL LATTER PART THIS WEEK BULLETIN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REACH YOU TOMORROW. NOTIFY AIRCRAFT OBSERVERS TO REMAIN ALERT PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM ARMY. CONTACT ALL AIRFIELDS YOUR COUNTY AND ARRANGE LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS."

Chairman McElwee said a meeting of the Council will be held tonight at his office.

### DENIES CHARGE—Beshears Resigns As Superintendent Of Prison Camp

#### Says He Is Absolutely Innocent of Charge In District Federal Court

Edd H. Beshears Friday submitted his resignation as superintendent of the Wilkes county prison camp.

Beshears said he was resigning because a charge had been placed against him in federal court, although he protested that he was innocent of the charge. He was indicted for perjury in federal court in connection with testimony in a commissioner's hearing in Winston-Salem relative to the

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### America United To Do A Job

The dastardly attack by Japanese military forces on United States possessions and troops in the Hawaiian islands, Guam and the Philippines causes The United States and allied interests to unite as never before in a common cause.

Now there is a definite objective to which all can strive unitedly for victory—that is the defeat of Japan.

The United States was on Sunday insulted as never before in the history of this great republic. Even while a special "peace" envoy was in Washington supposedly trying to iron out difficulties and preserve peace, Japan's despicable military forces were getting into position to kill.

Such action can be compared to keeping a person busy in his office while having someone to set fire to his home.

Japan's big mistake was in going to war with the United States and the way she entered the war is mistake number 2. Such treachery served to arouse and incite America to unprecedented action.

The immediate task for America is to defeat Japan. All other objectives now are secondary. It may take time, more time than some who do not know the situation would expect. But Japan will be ingloriously defeated and will never again be a world power. No one can attack Uncle Sam and exist.

Regardless of former opinions on foreign policy of this government, the people now stand as one, solidly determined to defeat Japan and to hold high the honor of America. There is no doubt about the outcome of this war and there will be no doubts. We have a job to do and will do it.

## MEET HELD HERE FRIDAY—Plan Expansion Of Boy Scouting In Northwest

### Outstanding



Miss Bettye Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley S. Hill, has been selected as the outstanding student in the North Wilkesboro senior class and is winner of the D. A. R. medal. The award is based on loyalty, patriotism, scholarship, leadership and popularity. She will represent this school in state competition.

## SUBJECT: "WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP AMERICA" Corporal Saylor Writes From Hawaii, Scene of Japanese Attacks On Sunday

Fort Ruger, T. H. November 23, 1941  
Editor of The Journal-Patriot  
North Wilkesboro, N. C.  
Dear Sir:

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank the editor and his co-workers of this paper, for publishing these articles of mine. I realize of course that they are not written as they should be, but I have tried to give you a faint idea of what we are doing and to describe to the best of my ability

### Alleghany And Wilkes Compose 1 of 4 Districts

#### Budget of \$15,000 Set Up for Program In Seven Northwestern Counties

Recently a survey of the Boy Scout movement in Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry, Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe, and Watauga counties, was made by a group of leading business and professional men, headed by Judge Hastings of Winston-Salem. This report recommends that all these counties have a challenging opportunity to organize on the Standard Scout Council basis and make Scouting and Cubbing available to at least 500 to 1,000 additional boys annually in this area.

At a meeting on December 2, 1941, of the Winston-Salem and a number of leading business men from Mt. Airy, Elkin, North Wilkesboro and Boone, plans were adopted to organize a Scout district committee for Surry county, one for Elkin-Yadkin, one for Alleghany-Wilkes, and one for Ashe-Watauga. In organizing these districts it will be necessary for the citizens of these

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## Congress In Session Today Makes Formal Declaration State Of War

### WAR NEWS HERE—Wilkes People United In Stand Against Japs

#### All Favor War and Ultimate Defeat of Japan; No Division Here

Wilkes county people today, whose forefathers were outstanding in the fight for freedom and whose more immediate ancestors fought valiantly in every conflict to defend liberty, are united against Japan.

Conversation everywhere was on the same topic—war with Japan—and nowhere today was there a dissenter from the consensus of opinion—that Japan should be thoroughly defeated as early as practical. No doubts about the outcome of the war were voiced anywhere and there was the generally expressed thought that the war will be carried to a successful conclusion regardless of time or cost.

The very few who might have been called "isolationists" or "non-interventionists" today were just as firmly denouncing Japan as those who had for months favored war against Germany and Italy.

At Mountain View school today the student body went to the auditorium to hear the address of President Roosevelt, after which they saluted the flag and gave the pledge of allegiance.

Wilkes draft board had one volunteer today. He was in such a hurry that the lady clerk did not get his name. He asked to volunteer and when he was informed that the next call was on January 16 (unless the date is changed) he said he couldn't wait. He announced his intention of going today to the recruiting office in Winston-Salem to enlist and immediately left the draft office, presumably on his way to enlist today.

Wilkes draft board number one received a call Friday for 15 men on January 16 and board number two 26 on the same date.

### IN WILKES COURT—Judge Sink Talks About Japanese

#### Expresses Complete Confidence In Ultimate Victory for U. S. and Allies

Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, in his charge to the grand jury in Wilkes court today, talked at length about Japan, where he spent some time earlier in life.

The jurist expressed the opinion that the Japanese have considerable strength militarily and cautioned people against expecting to defeat Japan in a few days. However, he expressed complete confidence in an ultimate and complete victory for the United States.

Court opened a two-weeks session today and began work on a lengthy calendar of more than 200 criminal cases.

The case of major interest is the murder charge against Jesse Ward, 20, of Roaring River, for fatally shooting Ora Jay Holder, Moravian Falls, on Main street here two weeks ago. Ward has been held in jail without privilege of bond following the death of Holder.

The battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack was March 9, 1862.

### First Wilkes Casualty



Theodore Church, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Church, of Purlear, was the first Wilkes casualty in the armed defense forces. Church, a marine, was killed in a Navy dive bomber crash at San Diego, California, Thursday.

### SEA, AIR, LAND—Several Wilkes Men At Scenes of Attacks By Japs

#### Wilkes Well Represented In Army and Navy Forces At Pacific Ocean Bases

The Wilkesboro and rural parts of Wilkes have many young men in the army and navy at posts in the Pacific, scenes of the first engagements in the war with Japan, which started Sunday when Japanese attacked the Hawaiian Islands, Philippines and Guam Island.

Highest ranking officer from Wilkes is Lieut.-Commander Ernest M. Eller, who sailed a week ago from San Diego, California, presumably to join the Pacific fleet at Hawaii. He sailed on the U.S.S. Saratoga, aircraft carrier. He spent the spring and summer months in London as assistant to the U. S. Naval attache, where he observed war conditions. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of North Wilkesboro.

Dr. John R. Bumgarner, who practiced medicine here before he was called into service as a first lieutenant in the reserves about a year ago, is serving in Sternberg General Hospital at Manila in the Philippines. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek.

In the army and stationed at Hawaii are many from Wilkes, including the following whose names were immediately available today: Luther Saylor and Baxter Davis, Schofield Barracks; Lihu W. Gudger in the air corps at Wheeler Field; Arnold Wingler at Fort Ruger; E. D. Watson of Summit, with the U. S. S. Helena at Pearl Harbor; Kermit Felts, of Union Grove, at army post in Hawaii.

GOAL  
Vance county has already reached the goals set up in the farm defense program for 1942, with 14 per cent of the farm families still to be seen, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. T. Richardson.

### Senate Vote Is 82 To 0 On The War Resolution Today

#### Many Lives Lost and Great Damage Done By Japanese Attacks Sunday

America's answer to air and sea attacks by Japanese Sunday and today was a declaration of war by congress this afternoon.

Already a state of war had been declared to be existing between Japan and the United States following the first of a series of attacks on United States outposts in the Pacific which took hundreds of lives of United States soldiers and civilians and did great damage.

The house of representatives and senate met in joint session at 12:30 today. Present were the members of the cabinet and the supreme court as President Roosevelt advanced into the chamber amid tumultuous applause.

He was presented by House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

The President solemnly told of attacks by the Japanese air and sea forces Sunday, even while a Japanese envoy was in Washington on the pretense of preserving peace in the Pacific.

On Japan he clearly placed the blame for the conflict and said that the United States in righteous might would win the victory.

He closed by asking congress for a declaration of war.

Following the address of the chief executive the houses met separately to act on the resolution declaring war. It was the same words, with the exception of substituting Japan for Germany, of the declaration of war in 1917.

The senate voted 82 to 0 in favor of the declaration of war. There are 96 senators but some were not present for the session.

In the house of representatives there was one dissenting vote to the declaration of war. She was Mrs. Rankin, of Montana, who also voted against the declaration of war in 1917.

Isolationists, including Representative Hamilton Fish, an army colonel in the reserves, and Senator Burton K. Wheeler, were emphatic in their remarks favoring war as an answer to the dastardly attacks by Japanese forces.

POES OF JAPAN INCREASE  
Earlier today Prime Minister Winston Churchill, of the British Empire, told the House of Commons that war had been declared on Japan. Because of differences in time, England beat the United States to the declaration by about four hours.

Last night Costa Rica and Nicaragua in Central America declared war on Japan. Today Cuba was expected to take the same action.

Canada has already declared war on Japan, as have Australia and the Dutch East Indies in the Pacific.

Japanese nationals are being held in custody throughout the United States and in other countries which have declared war.

Steps have been taken to prevent sabotage of industries, utilities and communications systems and in Pacific Coast states air wardens have been ordered to 24-hour duty.

FRUITS  
Edgecombe county farmers are practicing better orchard management so as to produce more fruit for the food-for-freedom campaign, reports C. M. Jackson, assistant farm agent.