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# U. S. DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN MONDAY

## First Three Days Of War Are Filled With Serious Reverses To United States

President Roosevelt Warns Nation To Dig In For What May Prove To Be A Long Drawn-Out War; Final Victory Assured, He Says

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON U. S.-ENGLAND

Airplanes Drop Out Of Sky At Dawn And Attacked Pearl Harbor And Other Points Without Warning

So far today, the third since war struck suddenly at United States outposts in the Pacific early Sunday, news of naval and military activities has been disappointing to newspaper readers and radio listeners alike, for in addition to numerous unconfirmed reports of Japanese successes there was the confirmation by the Japs that the Prince of Wales, mightiest battleship in the Pacific area, and the battle cruiser Repulse, had been sunk.

Other unconfirmed reports persisted that somewhere off Malaya the Japanese and United States navies is locked in the mightiest sea engagement of all time, and Americans waited with mingled hope and fear for an authentic report of this encounter, if it really is in progress.

From the tone of the President's talk Monday night, and from the reaction to it in Italy and Germany it appears likely that there will be an open declaration of hostilities at any moment.

President Roosevelt warned the American people to dig in for a long, hard war. He admitted that the treacherous onslaught by the enemy had placed this nation's naval forces at an early disadvantage, but he promised his people to prosecute the present war to final and complete victory.

Although there have been reports of enemy planes over several West Coast cities and one or two false reports of enemy bombers over cities of the eastern seaboard, up to the middle of this afternoon there had been no confirmed attack upon the American mainland.

## Numerous Cases Before Recorder

Five Cases Disposed Of In Recorder's Court Here Monday by Judge Walter M. Stanaland

In Recorder's court here Monday five cases were disposed of before noon before Judge Walter M. Stanaland.

John D. Stanley was found guilty of reckless operation and was given 90-days on the roads, judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of $100.

George Marshall was charged with breaking and entering and larceny, but the Recorder remanded the case to the magistrate who sent it up.

Sam Burris was found guilty of possession and manufacturing whiskey. Judgment was with held until December 29, the defendant to post a justified bond of $500 for his appearance.

Archie Wilson pleaded guilty to charges of forcible trespass and

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## Pastor Baptist Hospital Speaks

Bolivia Baptist Church, Woodrow W. Robbins, pastor. Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, will be the guest speaker at Bolivia Baptist church, Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Every young person in the Brunswick association is cordially invited to attend.

At the same time, officials want to have the B. T. U. members know the things that are to be done for this coming year, from the standpoint of the associational work, every church is urged to send its young people for this service at Bolivia.

## No Reports Recieved Of Brunswick County Boys

Several Boys From Southport And Brunswick County Are Reported To Be In Danger Zone

Although several Southport and Brunswick county boys were in the Hiwaiin Islands and the Phillipine Islands Sunday when the Japanese opened warfare on the United States, no word had come through up until early today concerning their safety.

Stationed at Hickam field was Walter Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones of Southport, and also in the army at that location was Curtis Varnum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Varnum of Supply.

Bryant and Frank Potter, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, are on a ship in the Pacific, and it is reported that Conrad Lott of Leland was aboard the West Virginia, reported sunk during Sunday's onslaught. Miss Aline Williams, member of the school faculty at Shallotte, also has a brother who was aboard the West Virginia.

There are several other boys from the county stationed at points in the Pacific, but whose names and approximate locations are not available.

## Defense Chairman Urges Vigilance Of Observers

Special Instructions Are Being Prepared for Defense Councils And Important Steps Will Follow

MEETING OF LOCAL BODY HERE TODAY

Likely That Volunteers Will Be Called Upon To Make Contribution Of Personal Service

W. S. Wells, chairman of the Brunswick county defense council, Tuesday issued a warning to all civilian aircraft warning observers in Brunswick and adjacent counties to be on the alert to take to their posts upon instructions from the Army.

The warning to the plane spotters was issued upon instructions from Theodore S. Johnson, state director of civilian defense.

Mr. Johnson also wired Chairman Wells that special instructions for the defense council were being sent from Raleigh and to arrange for a meeting of the council to put them into effect.

The defense council was also instructed to arrange for police at airports in the county to see that the Civil Aeronautics board ruling grounding all pilots until further notice was carried out.

So far no detailed instructions for organization and work have been received; and a meeting of volunteers will not be arranged until instructions are forthcoming, since the air raid warning system will probably be the main function of the Brunswick county volunteers who are prepared to function in that capacity at a moments notice.

A meeting of the defense council is being held this afternoon at the courthouse.

## First Ship Is Launched Sat. At Wilmington

Largest Crowd Ever To Visit Wilmington, On Hand For Launching; Many Notables Present

WILMINGTON, Dec. 8—To the cheers of 15,000 spectators, many of whom were from Whiteville and Columbus County, the noise of a dozen whistles and the wild scream of a siren, a great blue-gray ship slipped into the glass-smooth Cape Fear River at high

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## CCC Enlistments Set For Tuesday

Colored boys of Brunswick county between the ages of 17 and 24 may apply at the Brunswick county welfare office for enrollment Tuesday in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Applications must be made before then.

There will be a quota to be filled with white youths during the second week in January.

## Survey Complete For New Bridge

It is understood that all preliminary work of surveying and estimating on the new road and bride to Fort Saswell has been completed by the State Highway Commission. An immediate step will be the calling for construction bids, letting of the contract and the beginning of the work.

District Highway Engineer Vance Baise stated last week that this road had priority with the authorities in Washington. As such it is an immediate and emergency measure.

It has been stated from unofficial sources that a dredge or dredges will construct the causeway. The bridge will cross the inland waterway a short distance below the yacht basin.

## Navy Needing Clerical Help

Announces Vacancies Exist For Typists And Stenographers With Opportunity For Rating

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 10—Navy Headquarters for the Sixth and Seventh district issued a call here today for men between the ages of 17 and 50 who are qualified as typists, stenographers or both typists and stenographers.

The Volunteers will enlist as yeomen with ratings offered depending on professional qualifications. Men who enlist in this branch of the service receive from $60 to $99 per month depending on their rating and are providing living quarters and meals, or additional allowance if not stationed on a naval reservation.

Volunteers must be in good

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## Brunswick Lady Passes Sunday

Mrs. Mina Meares Died Sunday In Dosher Memorial Hospital After Being Brought There In Serious Condition

Mrs. Mina Meares, wife of the late T. K. Meares of Shallotte, died Sunday evening at Dosher Memorial Hospital in Southport after being brought there in serious condition earlier in the day.

Mrs. Meares is survived by five children, Agnes, Thurston, Hobson, Kelton, Josephine and Judy; and by three sisters, Mrs. P. M. Blanton, Mrs. S. B. Ward, Mrs. Eston Hewett, and three brothers, Walter, Adrian and T. L. Long.

Funeral services were conducted at Beulah Baptist church on Monday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Gore and burial was made in the Meares family cemetery.

## Plans Completed For Meeting Of Tax List Takers

Only One Change Made In Organization In Charge Of Listing Property For Taxes Last Year

JORGENSEN IS TAX SUPERVISOR

Commissioners Also Appointed H. T. Bowmer Special Deputy In Compliance With F.B.I. Request

In their session here Monday members of the board of county commissioners appointed list takers for the 1942 listing of property for taxes.

W. F. Jorgensen again will serve as tax supervisor, and the following persons who have been named to work in their respective townships will meet with him and the board of county commissioners here Monday for a conference preliminary to beginning work on the second day of January.

The list takers are M. B. Chennis, Northwest; L. J. McKeithan, Town Creek; Mrs. W. S. Davis, Smithville; Lucian Fulford, Lockwoods Folly; Mrs. S. J. Frink, Shallotte; Robert S. Milliken, Waccamaw.

Another important act of the board Monday was to name H. T. Bowmer special deputy sheriff for the Southport area. This action was taken at the request of Sheriff Dillon L. Ganey, who said that it was the wish of the F. B. I. In addition to the usual fees allowed for performance of duties, Bowmer will receive $20.00 per month from the county for expenses.

## New Demonstration Club Organized

An organizational meeting of a new Home Demonstration Club was held recently at the home of Miss Lilian Collins. Members present voted to call their organization Cape Fear Club, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Henry Smith, president; Mrs. Lawrence Galloway, vice-president; and Miss Lilian Collins, secretary.

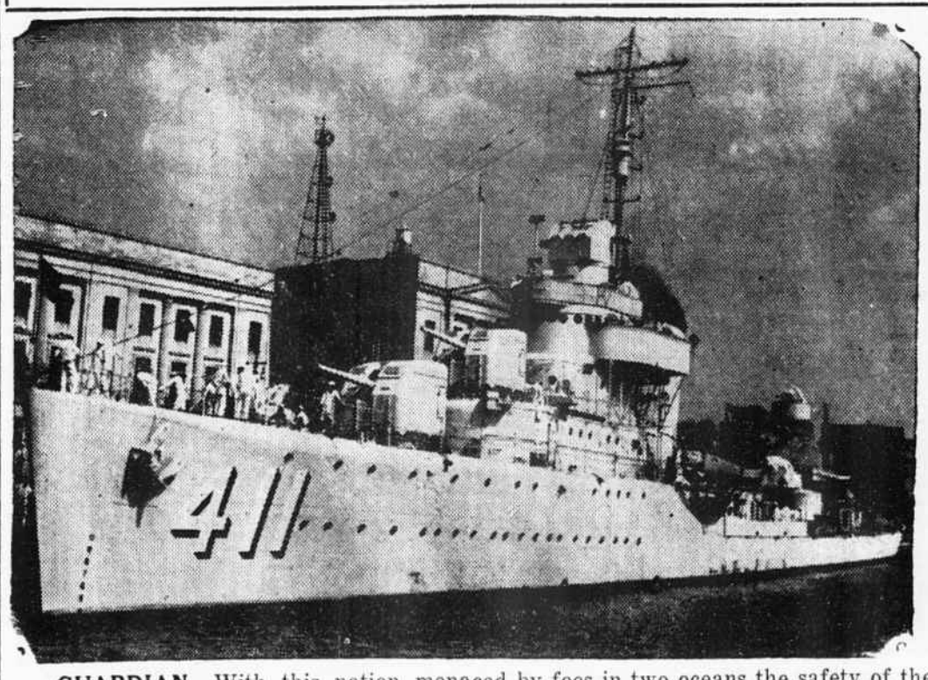
In addition to the officers, Miss Genevieve Eakes, home demonstration agent, and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Herman Smith, Mrs. Thompson McCracken, Miss Ethel Bogie, Mrs. Lawrence Galloway and daughter, Mrs. Joe Ramseur and children.

Mrs. Stephen Harrison was hostess to the club at its first regular meeting. Following the lesson and discussion of business, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the following ladies: Miss Eakes, Mrs. Thompson McCracken, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Farmall, Mrs. Lawrence Galloway and two sisters of the hostess.

## Dredge Working On Base Basin

The Howell, government pipeline dredge, has been busy for the past few days dredging out the yacht basin at Caswell Section Base. Several Southport men are in her crew.

IT'S UP TO THE NAVY



GUARDIAN—With this nation menaced by foes in two oceans the safety of the United States and her citizens now as never before in history rests in the hands of her naval forces. Above is shown a destroyer which paid a good will call to Wilmington several months ago.

## Leland Citizen Dies Saturday

Funeral Services Conducted For Christopher B. Chadwick Tusday Afternoon

Funeral services for Christopher Bryan Chadwick, 57, who died suddenly at his residence at Leland early Saturday morning, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Yopp Funeral home in Wilmington with the Rev. J. D. Withrow officating. Burial was in National cemetery.

Mr. Chadwick was a member of the Orient Lodge, A. F. A. M. and the American Legion.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. H. Rouse, of Greenville; and three brothers, J. J. Chadwick, of Trenton, R. L. Chadwick, of Hickory, and I. S. Chadwick, of Leland.

Honorary pallbearers are Dawson Jones, D. G. Ellers, G. R. Ennis, J. E. Lewis, G. F. Ganey, J. W. Willetts, W. R. Paden, G. C. McKeithan, H. T. Lewis, C. C. Robbins and K. B. Dresser.

## Move Office Of Farm Security

Word has been received that the office of Frank Page, field supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, will be moved from Wilmington to the building housing the office of the county agent at Supply.

## NYA Project To Be Continued Here

The local NYA project is still going on, despite recent drastic curtailment of funds. The local class for clerks and stenographers has been cut from 20 to 16, but some of the more advanced students have been able to secure permanent, remunerative employment.

## Sand Bed Proves To Be A Hot Spot For Campers

A group of Wilmington young folks spent Saturday night and Sunday camping out in the sand dunes on Bald Head island and it appears that W. B. Keziah of the Brunswick Chamber of commerce was the hero of some novel bed making.

The party arrived at the island too late to be choosey about a camp site; besides they were having too good a time to care much about what sleeping arrangements they mould have. It had rained hard a couple of days before and the sands were wet, however, there was plenty of dead cedar stumps, fallen wood and wreckage of ships. A roaring fire soon dried out the immediate vicinity of a small sand dune, against which the camp was pitched.

The sand dune was too small for adequate protection from the wind, which was blowing briskly from southwest. To make matters worse, the wind shifted to the north at about midnight, and it was exceedingly sharp and piercing out there in the bleak dunes.

It seems that Keziah got to sleep at midnight, a very late hour for him. He managed to sleep soundly and awoke very refreshed at three in the morning, his usual hour for arising. By prearrangement, it was his turn to keep the fire going and stand duty to prevent an invasion from the Japs.

His first problem was not long in discovery. Two girls, lately from California, the daughters of the aviation corps Colonel at Camp Davis, had found hard going. They had a blanket between them and were huddled together as near the fire as possible to keep from

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## U.S.O. Hut Completed And Ready For Duty

Major R. M. Cowan, of Salvation Army Will Come Here As Director Of This Recreational Unit

SEVERAL LOCAL PERSONS NEEDED

Committee Appointed To Serve As Trustees For Building And To Accept It From Government

The U. S. O. hut in Southport has been completed and a date will be set for its dedication just as soon as furniture can be secured.

In response to requests of H. M. Willetts, head of the U. S. O. program in this area, and Lt. Specs of the Quartermaster Corps, Chairman W. S. Wells of the Brunswick County Civilian Defense Committee has appointed Brunswick County Recreational Defense Committee to receive the building and to serve as building trustees.

Mrs. L. C. Fergus was named chairman, and to serve with her will be L. T. Yaskell, S. B. Frink, J. J. Loughlin, John D. Eriksen, W. S. Wells, ex-officio member, and Mrs. H. T. St. George.

It has been definitely settled that the building will be turned over to the Salvation Army, and that Major R. M. Cowan will come here from Shore Acres at Wrightsville Beach to serve with Mrs. Cowan as director.

It is understood that a hostess, librarian, housekeeper and janitor will be hired locally.

## Hunters Get Two Bucks In One Day

A Brunswick county deer hunting party, with G. B. Lewis doing the deer driving, got a 9-point 200-pound buck hunting near Town Creek Monday morning. They also got a good sized young straight-prong buck.

Mr. Lewis stated yesterday afternoon that parties with whom he has been hunting have killed 18 bucks this season. Rod Sellers got one of the animals killed Monday and Barney Lewis brought down the other.

## Final Red Cross Report Coming

Roll Call Chairman Says Complete Figures Will Be Available For Publication By Next Week

Still unable to make a final report on this year's Red Cross Roll Call, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., roll call chairman, said Tuesday that with one community and one school in the county still unreported, this year's membership total has exceeded that of last year.

Also unaccounted for are the efforts among the colored schools of the county this year. Supervisor Helen Stephens has been conducting this drive and it is believed that the results of her efforts among those schools will add materially to the final report.

Next week a full list of members will be published in The State Port Pilot.

## Aged Resident Passes In Town

James Edward Smith, Sr., Claimed By Death Following Extended Illness Monday; Buried In Beaufort

Funeral services for James Edward Smith, Sr., 75, who died at the Dosher Memorial hospital in Southport Monday, were held Tuesday at 3 o'clock from the Beaufort Episcopal church with the Rev. McConnell officiating.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Knights of Harmony, Carteret Lodge No. 2 and for 15 years was tender of the port-lights in Southport before his retirement.

He is survived by one son, J. E. Smith, Jr., of Southport, and one sister, Mrs. Noe, of Beaufort.

Pallbearers were members of the Knights of Harmony. the cortege left Harrell's Funeral Home in Southport Tuesday morning at 9:30 for Beaufort.

## Legion Members Are Coming In

Local Post Has As Many Members As It Did Last Year And Is Within Four Of Quota

Enrollment in the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion has mounted to 48, according to announcement this week by District Commander R. C. St. George. This equals last year's total enrollment, and is only four members short of the quota assigned the local post.

Several years ago the record enrollment for the local organization was set when 54 members were secured. Post Commander Chas. M. Trott and the district commander are determined to surpass that figure this year.

Of the members enrolled thus far 26 have been secured through the efforts of District Commander St. George and 20 through the solicitations of J. J. Loughlin. Both men qualified for silver stars when they reached 10 memberships and received a ticket to the annual go-getters banquet. By securing a total of 20 members each they have become eligible for gold star awards.

## Cotton Growers Vote Saturday On Referendum

Is Up To Growers Of This Commodity as To Whether Restrictions For Production Shall Be Withdrawn

VOTING PLACES IN COUNTY LISTED

Voting In Brunswick Expected To Be Very Light As Few Farmers Grow Cotton Now

Cotton producers—land owners, sharecroppers, and tenants alike—will flock to the designated voting spots of this county Saturday with a privilege still enjoyed by an appalling few farmers of the world.

The polling places will be Waccamaw township-school building; Shallotte township-Grissettown; Lockwoods Folly township-county office; Smithville township-Midway station; Town Creek township—Winnabow postoffice; Northwest township—Phoenix.

The occasion is the referendum in which cotton producers the South over are expected to again undertake the Federal marketing quotas and the loan program under which they have operated for the past four years to a degree that supplies are finally moving within range of demand.

Any farmer who produced cotton in 1941 is eligible to vote on the 1941 issue. Ballots will be cast at community voting centers. Farmers may learn from their county agent's office or from their county of community AAA committeemen where to vote.

Local farmers are sometimes confused by the maze of economic prinicple behind the orderly marketing systems which they approved for several commodities including cotton, tobacco, wheat, and peanuts. However, regardless of whether the producer is able to unscramble the dynamics of supplies, demand, exports, war effects, and all the sundry factors bearing on the cotton situation, there is no confusion about price—the one economic baby which cries louder than all the rest when farmers are making up their minds. For cotton raisers have averaged better than 17 cents a pound this year and have almost finally realized coverted parity, a process gained slowly but surely during these past four seasons in which they have operated under the benefits of quotas and the loan program.

DECIDING FACTOR

The price factor is the key to public opinion on the farm front. It is the basis for one qualified observer's recent statement that "there is little reason to believe that farmers will reject a program which has finally brought them a decent price for their cotton."

SAFE AT HOME

Ernest Vitou, who has spent much of the past year on merchant ships in the Pacific, returned here this week to visit his mother, Mrs. Annie K. Vitou.

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| High Tide | Low Tide |
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| **TIDE TABLE** | |
| **Thursday, December 4** | |
| 7:41 a. m. | 1:35 a. m. |
| 8:05 p. m. | 2:20 p. m. |
| **Friday, December 5** | |
| 8:14 a. m. | 2:14 a. m. |
| 8:42 p. m. | 2:58 p. m. |
| **Saturday, December 6** | |
| 8:48 a. m. | 2:50 a. m. |
| 9:21 p. m. | 3:33 p. m. |
| **Sunday, December 7** | |
| 9:25 a. m. | 3:24 a. m. |
| 10:04 p. m. | 4:08 p. m. |
| **Monday, December 8** | |
| 10:05 a. m. | 4:00 a. m. |
| 10:51 p. m. | 4:45 p. m. |
| **Tuesday, December 9** | |
| 10:51 a. m. | 4:39 a. m. |
| 11:42 p. m. | 5:27 p. m. |
| **Wednesday, December 10** | |
| 11:44 a. m. | 5:29 a. m. |
| ..... | 6:20 p. m. |