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## Haywood Ready To Help Win War

### County-Wide Patriotic Rally Set for 15th

#### Dundreds Plan To Attend At Court House

Mayor Francis Will Deliver Address At All Patriotic Organizations Co-Sponsors.

A patriotic rally to be staged at the court house on Monday at 7:30 o'clock gives promise of the most colorful and occasion held in the county since the day back in November, 1918, when the news of the armistice was received.

The program is being sponsored by the following patriotic organizations: American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, State and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Groups assisting will include the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club and League.

Mayor Francis is scheduled to deliver the main speech of the evening. W. H. F. Millar will serve as emcee. Rev. J. Madison, pastor of the First Methodist church will give the invocation. All the ministers of the county have been invited to sit on the program.

The crowd is assembling at the court house high school band will play a number of selections, later part of the program. M. H. Williams, superintendent of the schools will lead in the singing of the flag.

Rev. J. Harden Howell will officiate at the State Guard. Rev. R. Williams, chairman of the Red Cross roll call, will present the roll call.

#### Cross Roll Call Lacks 41 Of Goal

A quota of \$1,200 set for the Red Cross chapter in the annual membership drive has not been reached, according to Rev. Malcolm Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, serving as chairman.

State there has been turned over to the workers \$1,155.59, leaving \$44.41 to be raised before the drive is completed.

Williamson stated yesterday that the drive would continue until the \$1,200 goal was reached, at which time the community would be urged to make up the balance.

#### Examination Of License Plates Picks Up 100 In Past Week

Monday and Saturday were marked by considerable activity in the examination of 1942 motor vehicle license plates, according to Miss Geneva Williams, who is in charge of the office.

License plates were received on Monday and Miss Wines stated that any farmer wishing to use such plates or desires information regarding the requirements should stop by the office which is located in the Masonic Temple.

#### 300 Haywood Preachers, Teachers, Farmers To Gather Tonight; Will Discuss "Food For Defense" Work

##### Speaks Tonight



W. M. LANDESS, of the agricultural relations division of TVA, will address Haywood preachers, teachers and farmers at the armory here tonight.

#### Corpening Heads Agricultural Workers Council

Wayne Corpening, county farm agent, was elected president of the Agricultural Workers Council, of Haywood county at a dinner meeting held at the Gordon Hotel Monday night.

Others who will serve with Mr. Corpening are, J. C. Brown, vice president, and Miss Katherine Winston, of the Farm Security office, secretary.

The group is composed of all persons in the county working under the department of agriculture.

#### Albert Abel Elected Master Of Masonic Lodge Friday Night

Albert Abel was elected Master of the Masonic Lodge here at the annual election of officers at a meeting on Friday evening.

Others who will serve with Mr. Abel are W. H. Owen, senior warden; Joe S. Davis, as warden; R. H. Gibson, treasurer, and C. B. Hosaflook, secretary.

On Friday night at the Masonic Temple election of higher officers of Waynesville chapter, 68, Doric Council 120, Waynesville commandery 31 will be elected.

#### Defense Council To Meet Friday

A special meeting of the Haywood defense council will be held Friday night, upon call of Wayne Corpening, temporary chairman.

The meeting was called to discuss plans for coping with the national emergency. The meeting will start at 7:30 at the court house.

#### District Scouter



CARLTON PEYTON was named chairman of the Haywood Boy Scout district Tuesday night. Mr. Peyton, with 17 years experience in Scouting, succeeds William Medford, who held the post two years.

#### Carlton Peyton Head Of Haywood Scout District

The need of the qualities which are fostered by Scout training under the conditions which face our country today was stressed by

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#### Reaction Of Haywood Citizens To War Vary

Cognizance of the fact that the local people were taking the declaration of war with Japan in a very serious manner and were expressing their desire on all sides to give all aid to meet the great emergency that has been thrust upon the American people, The Mountaineer contacted a number of persons on their reaction to the situation. The following answers were given to the question:

Commander Henry Lee—Retired U. S. Navy—"Whether this country wanted war with Japan or not is now besides the point. We are in it. Japan's unwarranted and perfidious attack on our fleet at Pearl Harbor has seen to that. Now that we are at war, we have no alternative but to pursue it relentlessly with all the resources at our command and that the outcome will result in ultimate triumph for our arms, none but the most consummate pessimist can doubt.

"It is difficult even for the trained military mind to conceive the grand strategy in mind, we must avoid becoming unduly depressed over temporary local reverses and contrarywise, unduly elated over local successes.

"The ultimate aim must be kept in mind. It is doubtful if we can win by naval blockade alone. Let us, therefore, not be surprised at the launching of a high expeditionary force. Above all let us keep up our courage and high morale.

Major J. Harden Howell—"I agree thoroughly with the sentiments expressed by Senator Wheeler."

W. R. Francis—"We are confronting the most serious situation that this country has ever known and it is incumbent on us all to support the government both with our services and our money, in order that the sea pirates may be stopped at the earliest possible moment."

Mrs. R. L. Coin—"I hope I will be able to take it, with a son in the service on the West Coast it comes so close to me. I am trying to think

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#### Local Draft Board Receives 7th Call For Selectees

The local draft board has received its seventh call for men, which is the 21st call sent out by the government.

The order calls for 20 men to leave here on January 5th for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into the service.

Since the declaration of war with Japan a number of the local boys have volunteered their services, and the office has also received a number of inquiries relative to the different branches of the service.

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#### \$500 Worth Of Tobacco Lost By Fire In Iron Duff

The barn of V. R. Davis in the Iron Duff section of the county was destroyed by fire around 7:00 o'clock Tuesday night.

Five hundred dollars worth of tobacco belonging to J. R. Caldwell, was lost in the blaze, which is said to have started in the roof, the cause unknown.

The buildings nearby were saved from the flames by neighbors who rushed to the aid of Mr. Davis.

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#### People Stunned By Sweeping Jap Attacks Sunday

Citizens Anxious To Do Their Part During This National Emergency.

Haywood with the rest of the world was stunned by the sudden turn of affairs that threw this country into active participation in the great conflict that is consuming the major countries of the globe.

Sunday many families who habitually spend the afternoon riding for miles, sat at home intent on every word that came over the radio about Japan's attack on Hawaii. Many did not sleep that night; many had little sleep, and the majority sat up until the small hours trying to get the last word.

The places open on Sunday on Main street where they have radios were packed during the afternoon and late into the night, with persons crowding about eager to learn what was taking place.

Monday was marked by little business activity. Everybody seemed absorbed in the tense situation. It lay like a pall over the entire community, and yet except in the magic swiftness with which rumors circulated, there was no hysteria. Everybody seem to think it was inevitable and that they must try to take it on the chin.

By late Wednesday the community had more or less settled down to acceptance of the grim reality, with a deep realization of the gravity of the situation. A matter of fact attitude toward the possibility of a long duration was noted in conversations here.

Naturally there has been deep concern expressed on all sides over

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#### Text Of War Talk Made By Roosevelt

The text of President Roosevelt's war message to congress follows:

To the congress of the United States:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the secretary of state a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes

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#### Sutton On Way To Job In Pearl Harbor

Eugene Sutton left here last week for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he would take a job as time keeper on a government project. He wired relatives here Monday that he was in Salt Lake City, Utah, "going on."

#### The Mountaineer To Be Published Tuesday And Friday Next Week

Following a custom of many years, The Mountaineer will issue two papers next week.

The first issue will go to press Monday afternoon for early Tuesday morning delivery.

The second edition of the week will go to press Thursday afternoon, and be delivered early Friday morning.

The following week, The Mountaineer will issue the regular Christmas edition, which has proven popular during the years. This edition will go to press at noon Tuesday, the 23rd, and all papers mailed by three o'clock. There will be no other edition during Christmas week.

#### Government Rules Must Be Observed In Tobacco Cards

Errors are being made in the 1941-42 burley marketing tobacco cards, according to the county farm agents office, that will result in delay in payments of checks to the growers.

The government has very strict rules relative to the marketing of burley tobacco, and they are printed in full on the cards, but are not being recognized as they should, according to the authorities.

The county agents are instructing the farmers not to turn their marketing cards over to pinhookers or buyers, other than warehouse floor salesman, unless the

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#### The Treasury Says War Needs Money!

The United States Treasury Department has asked publication of the following message:

"WAR NEEDS MONEY!"

"It will cost money to defeat Japan. Your Government calls on you to help now.

"Buy defense bonds or stamps today. Buy them every day, if you can.

"But buy them on a regular basis.

"Bonds cost as little as \$18.75, stamps come as low as 10 cents. Defense bonds and stamps can be bought at all banks and post offices, and stamps can also be purchased at retail stores.

"The Mountaineer urges all Americans to support your Government with your dollars."

#### War With Japan Touches County

Rumors of every nature were current in Haywood the first three days of the war with Japan. This newspaper spent several hours yesterday checking on some of them, only to find them "idle talk."

Monday noon, when President Roosevelt addressed a joint session of Congress, business was literally suspended for the duration of his address, so interested were citizens to catch every word.

One aviator, now serving his country, and who expected to spend Christmas in Waynesville, wired his brother Sunday night: "The Party Has started, won't see you Christmas."

Several people dragged to work Monday after listening to latest

radio reports until early Monday morning. Many stayed up all night, they reported.

A number of business places installed radios in order to keep in touch with the latest developments. Large maps of the Pacific were near at hand for some and listeners traced the reports of troops landings and air raids as the news flashes came in.

Haywood is well represented in the Pacific area. A number of men are on the west coast, several in Hawaii and also the Philippines.

Old and young talked war. Many had their pet versions which they repeated to every group, but there was one thing on which all were in accord—"A solid front for America."

DERE SANTA

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