

Christmas Edition

THE DANBURY REPORTER

Established 1872

Volume 66

Danbury, N. C., Thursday, Dec. 11, 1941 * * * *

Published Thursdays

* * * * Number 3,614

Into The Breach! Into The Breach!

"The game's afoot,
Follow your spirit and
this charge cry
God for America, England
and
Democracy
—A paraphrase of Edward V. at Harfleur.

Like a panther that steals upon the sleeping lamb in the darkness of the night, Japan attacked the United States in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and at Manila, P. I., and other outlying American possessions, just before dawn Sunday morning.

Attacked even as Japanese ambassadors were discussing peace terms with Secretary Hull at Washington.

The Jap bombing planes appeared at a great height over the city without warning, dropping death and destruction.

The damage in American ships was very serious. One American battleship, the West Virginia, was sunk. Another the Oklahoma, was set on fire. A destroyer blew up. Many other vessels were more or less damaged.

Probably 2,500 soldiers, sailors and civilians perished.

The attack was stealthy, treacherous, fiendish, a stab in the back.

The news coming in by radio stunned and infuriated the nation.

President Roosevelt immediately called an emergency session of the congress, which met at noon. He addressed the body in a short message, calling for a declaration of war against Japan.

Within a little more than an hour, suspending all rules that might impede, both the house and senate had passed the resolution empowering the President to use all the resources of the nation to prosecute the war against Japan, and to exact revenge for the dastardly and cowardly act of the Asiatic Kingdom.

Never before in the history of the government was witnessed such unity and patriotism, the vote being 470 for war and one against.

The one dissenting voice was raised by Miss

Rankin, the lady member from Montana.

Republicans vied with Democrats in pledging support to the President and the administration in upholding the honor and safety of the country in this hour of its greatest humiliation and peril.

Among the strongest speeches delivered were those of Republican leaders Joseph Martin and Ham Fish.

From all over the nation poured messages of wholehearted support. Ex-President Hoover pledged his unqualified approval of the determination to fight for America. Even John L. Lewis and Chas. H. Lindbergh swung into line and endorsed the program of victory.

In the meantime at all recruiting points of the country volunteers swarmed for enlistment to defend and battle for America and democracy.

ASHES OF ROSES

Shakespeare said the evil that men do lives after them.

The American First Committee is dead, but the effect of the damage it did to American defense and to American morale is apparent. It will take time to overcome it.

The isolationist Senators and Congressmen have awakened from their dumbness and are now swinging into the procession of all-out war against Japan and the Axis.

But the ill preparedness of the United States at this solemn and perilous hour is due to their propaganda which proclaimed no danger to America from the bandits overseas.

It has been more than two years since a reluctant isolationist Senator, in his opposition to appropriations for defense, said in a speech in the Senate that America ought to build 2500 warplanes by 1942.

At that time this newspaper—this country newspaper—published an editorial in which it was demanded:

"Build 100,000 of the finest bombing planes NOW. Commandeer all automobile plants that

will not undertake this program. Let no more automobiles be manufactured until we have this security.

Copies of this editorial were sent by some of our friends to Senators and Congressmen.

But our editorial was not regarded seriously. The advice went off at the right oblique and was lost in space.

There was no danger. If Germany could not cross 60 miles of water to reach England, how could she ever cross oceans to reach America. We were the strongest and most isolated country in the world. Those who agitated super-preparedness were war mongers.

That was the supercilious reasoning of the appeaser and the isolationist.

Congress went off to sleep again, snugly and snugly, with Pollyanna dreams.

But now when the tide around Hawaii turns crimson with the blood of American mothers' boys, the roses in the hearts of the Pollyannas turn to ashes.

INTO THE BREACH! INTO THE BREACH!

Remember Pearl Harbor.

For every American boy who died in the cowardly and unwarranted attack, let a dozen heathen brutes answer with their lives.

Countless thousands of volunteers rush to the colors in every recruiting station in America.

Those who fell in defense of liberty and our right to live in our own way, will be avenged.

The answer to the Jap blitz will be planes, planes, planes, and more planes. Huge flying fortresses with power and speed, to reach their goals.

Let the steel factories of America go on 24-hour and 7-day labors, until the colossal industrial power of this nation reaches the zenith of production.

Then blast down the bamboo cities of those yellow devils, and hunt their warships to their doom.

Wipe out the pagan seat of government and burn its nest with incendiary bombs.

In no other way can they and Hitler—their sponsor—understand.

MICA COMPANY BUYS OUT PEPPER

INJUNCTION SUIT ENDS WITH COMPROMISE—MRS. MATTIE JOYCE SUES ELLINGTON AND PEPPER AND THE MICA COMPANY.

The injunction suit at Rockingham court this week before Judge Armstrong ended in a compromise.

The Stokes County Mica Company which had been restrained from operation of the mines by an action entitled F. F. Pepper vs Stokes County Mica Co., ended the litigation by buying out Pepper. Now Mrs. Mattie Joyce, widow of Alex Joyce, has filed a complaint against A. J. Ellington, F. F. Pepper and the Stokes County Mica Company.

TO HOSPITAL

Boly Tuttle, business man of Walnut Cove, was carried to Winston-Salem hospital this week.

Secretary Of Navy Commends Press

Nov. 27, 1941.

To the Publisher:

With the insertion of the Navy's ninth advertisement for recruits the schedule is completed for the present, and I wish to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for your splendid cooperation. The home town press has fully lived up to my expectations.

We could hardly have chosen a more difficult time for the test in your state because it came at the height of the harvest season when thousands of our prospective recruits were so vitally needed at home. However, hundreds of these fine boys will have read the Navy's story in your advertising and news columns and will be in a receptive mood now that the harvest is over. I know you will help our recruiters to turn this widespread interest into additional applications.

The home town paper has a long

life and pulling power. We are still receiving coupons from the first advertisement. I believe we shall feel the results of this campaign for months to come, and that when the Government's fiscal year closes on July 1, 1942, your state will be in the forefront of the states that have gone over the top.

Very truly yours,
FRANK KNOX,
Sec. of the Navy

TREE SET TUESDAY ON THE SQUARE

The evergreen tree which the Fine Arts Club of Danbury is dedicating Friday, Dec. 19, in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Taylor, was set out Tuesday on the southeastern corner of the courthouse square.

The public is invited to attend the program which will be held in the courthouse auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Taylor was president of the Fine Arts Club.

Stokes To Participate In Red Cross Fund For Emergency Relief

(Reported)

Norman Davis, national president of the Red Cross, has advised L. H. van Noppen, Stokes county Red Cross Chairman, that the district composed of Stokes, Forsyth, Davie and Yadkin counties is asked to raise \$75,000 as an emergency war relief fund to care for the victims of this terrible conflagration.

Everyone will be asked again to do their part.

85,000 NAZIS KILLED IN RETREAT FROM SOVIET RUSSIA

Moscow radio reports are that 85,000 German troops have been killed during their retreat from Soviet soil. The report also adds that the Russians have recaptured 400 towns and villages.

James B. Joyce was here this week from Winston-Salem.

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF U. S. JAP NAVIES

The comparative strength of the United States Navy and that of Japan, according to the latest figures, is as follows:

UNITED STATES	
Battleships	15
Aircraft carriers	4
Cruisers (heavy)	17
Cruisers (light)	14
Destroyers	217
Submarines	87
JAPAN	
Battleships	11
Aircraft carriers	7
Cruisers (heavy)	13
Torpedo boats	12
Cruisers (light)	23
Destroyers	105
Gunboats	1
Submarine chasers	2
Submarines	57

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN DEC. 19 FOR STOKES SCHOOLS

The Stokes county schools will close for Christmas December 19. Classes will be resumed Jan. 1st.

CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT

Here's a convenient table you can keep near your clock. To find the time in:

Honolulu—Subtract 5 1-2 hours from Danbury time. (For example, at noon here it's 6:30 a. m. in Honolulu.)
San Francisco—Subtract three hours from local time.
Rio de Janeiro—Add two hours.
Lima, Peru—Same as here.
Yokohama—Add 14 hours.
Hong Kong—Add 13 hours.
Manila—Add 13 hours.
London—Add five hours.
Moscow—Add seven hours.

R. A. ELLINGTON, MADISON DRUGGEST IN HOSPITAL

R. A. Ellington, father of A. J. Ellington, local attorney, is ill in a Winston-Salem hospital. Mr. Ellington is the proprietor of the Out-Rate Drug Store of Madison.

Poor Print