

CONGRESS DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

British And United States Ships Sunk In Pacific War Zone

NAVY CALLS CAROLINIANS

Need For Men Between 17 And 49 Urgent In This War

FRANKLIN, Dec. 9.—The United States is at war and the need for men in America's fighting Navy is urgent, today asserted Lt. Comdr. McFarland W. Wood, officer-in-charge of Navy recruiting in the Carolinas.

"Carolians have always been foremost in defending this country in time of war and I am sure the people of these two Southern states will not fail to respond now," he declared.

"During all the wars in America's history, the men in North Carolina and South Carolina have joined the colors to fight off attackers, and a quick, large muster of recruits is expected from the Carolinas to help defend the nation in this time of crisis.

"The Navy is relaxing its physical standards to enlist men between 17 and 49 years of age in the regular Navy and Naval Reserve. Men with physical defects will be accepted if the defects can be corrected after entrance into service. Applicants who have been previous physical rejections or who think they might be rejected are asked to contact their nearest recruiting station.

"All active men between the ages of 17 and 49 may now take a definite step toward defending America by applying at Navy recruiting stations in North Carolina at Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Salisbury, Asheville, New Bern, Wilmington, or in South Carolina at Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Florence, Charleston.

The Raleigh recruiting station and the 11 sub-stations over North and South Carolina have gone on full war-time footing, with all recruiters being placed on 24-hour call.

Famous Bear Hunter Speaks In Lion's Den

The Lions at their regular dinner on Monday night were entertained by two interesting speakers—one a young man who had seen more of the world as a whole than any member of the audience, and the other a gentleman in his sixties who knows more about the surrounding mountains than nearly any other living man in Western North Carolina.

The former was Richard Johnson, who is at home for a brief visit after a trip around the world on a freighter carrying lend-lease war supplies to the war zone of the Red Sea; the latter was Mark Cathey, famous bear hunter who has killed 57 bears in his life and is still going strong. He plans to go on a bear hunt this weekend.

Mr. Cathey who has served as a guide for many who were not as experienced as he, recounted several humorous incidents of these "tenderfeet" while on hunting trips. His account of the bear hunt on which he killed the largest bear he has ever seen furnished thrills for his listeners.

Mr. Johnson related interesting incidents and pictured conditions as he saw them on his voyage from New York to Capetown and up the east coast of Africa to the bombed harbor of Suez, through the Indian ocean to Singapore, and home through the Panama canal.

P. T. A. To Meet Monday Evening

The Franklin P. T. A. will meet on Monday evening instead of 7:30 o'clock of the usual hour in the afternoon so that fathers as well as mothers can attend the meeting.

A Christmas program has been arranged with music and carols led by the Franklin Choral Society, whose music is always a treat to local audiences. The Rev. J. L. Stokes will speak on the subject, "Growth in Responsibility", followed by a round table discussion. This is one of a series of the year's program on the subject of "the needs of our children." Refreshments will be served by the hospitality committee.

Roll Call

Reports Coming steadily; Quota In Sight

The following additional Red Cross memberships for town and county are hereby acknowledged by the Roll Call chairman, Rev. Philip Green, Mrs. H. E. Church, Franklin chairman, and Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, chairman of rural area. The last are listed according to communities.

"Reports are coming in steadily, with the quota in sight," says the chairman.

"A few more reports are to come in and some of the workers are continuing to collect more memberships", Mr. Green stated yesterday, so that the complete report of amount raised cannot be made until next week.

The full quota of 900 memberships will be reached, Mr. Green stated.

Franklin Mrs. T. T. Hall, S. R. Griffin, Harley R. Cabe, Rev. Philip L. Green, Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. Annie S. Neal, Mrs. Mary B. Angel, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, T. T. Love, Miss Nora Moody.

Cartoogechaye

Miss Annie Slagle, \$2.00. Erwin Patton, \$2.00; Mrs. H. E. Freas, \$1.25; Mrs. Carl Slagle, Chas. W. Nolen, Carl Slagle, R. H. Slagle, Mrs. Fred Slagle, Gilmer Setser, Mrs. Bud Ledford, Norman West, Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Miss Alice Slagle, Miss Amanda Slagle, Harold Waldrop, Mrs. Harold Waldrop, Mrs. Joe Setser, Earl Harrison, Mack Setser, Mrs. Lee Waldrop, Mrs. Jeff Enloe, Mrs. Horace Hurst, Mrs. Henry Slagle, Miss Ruth Dixon.

Otto By Mrs. Blanche Parrish

Ben Crow, Cornelia, Ga.; Howard J. Bell, Sylva; Zeb Cansler, Mrs. Blanche Parrish, P. D. McDoris, Asheville; M. R. Daniel, Seneca, S. C.; Mrs. Arlene D. Hawkins, Catherine F. Henry, Myrtle V. Norton, Blanche V. Howard, Mrs. Joyce J. Cagle, J. J. Mann, Claude Cabe, Youell Bradley, Mrs. H. C. Fouts, Norman Cabe, W. H. Grace, Lyman, C. S.; Charlie Gray, Spartanburg, S. C.; Dave McClure, Mrs. Lucy Bradley, Frank Norton, Joe Bradley.

Donations: Greenlee Holden, Jack Sease, Canaro Bradley, Roy Cabe.

Burningtown

Nina T. McCoy, Miss Marie G. Roper, Mrs. Grady Duvall, Miss Gertrude Clampet, Mrs. Walter Gibson, Walter Gibson, Mrs. Robert Parrish.

Tellico

Tellico Sunday school, \$1.50; Intermediate class, \$1.00; Mrs. Robert Ramsey, \$1.00.

Cowee-Harmony

Mrs. Weaver Gibson, Donations, Mrs. Will Holbrook, Mrs. Carroll Reynolds, Mrs. Myrnie Reynolds, Joe Gibson, J. E. Allen.

Holly Springs

Mrs. Earl Justice, Donations: Mrs. Ed Byrd, Miss Nellie Deal, Mrs. Harve Cabe, Mrs. L. A. Berry, Mrs. B. W. Justice, Mrs. R. E. Pattillo, Mrs. J. R. Franklin.

Ellijay

Walter Young, J. E. Taylor, Oscar Adams, Robert Henry.

Beck Creek School

Sam A. Bryson, Mrs. Fred Moss.

Cullasaja

Mrs. Irene Bryson, Homer Stuman.

Pine Grove

Mrs. C. W. Henderson, Hester Woods, Nettie E. Henderson, T. T. Henderson, Mrs. T. T. Henderson.

Utah Construction Co., Nantahala

F. A. Gister, Grady Garrison, Aaron Pinkus, S. E. Bittner, Geo. Wurst, Charles A. Blackburn, F. L. Bruer, Mrs. Max Hollis, R. P. Montieth, Ed Creamer, C. L. Adam, Hollas Clark, Mrs. J. E. Morrison, Mr. Smith, Mr. Richard, Walter Hodgins, Harold Dixon, Wesley Pendergrass, Chub Gregory, S. J. Sparks, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Stoddard, Wayne Wilson, H. F. Davis, Mont Sutton, Willard Kitchen, Nathan Dockley, Charles Ballard, Lee Brendle, Mr. Katron, Lib Cabe, Grady Bulluz, Mrs. Wood, Claude Bridges, Mr. Young, Carl Owenby, Arnold Duvall, Sam Millstop, Ralph Parker, Dewey Patterson, Mrs. S. E. Bittner, Ross Davis, Mrs. Ben Arg, E. W. Price, Ray Wilson, Jim Teagle, Spenser (Continued on Page Six)

Roosevelt's Message to Congress

These are the words of President Roosevelt's war message to congress:

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 it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine islands.

Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounded determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The White House, December 8, 1941.

Christmas Seals

Sale For Fighting T. B. Reported To Date

O. F. Summer, principal of the Highlands school, county chairman of Christmas seals, reports that the sale of seals has almost reached the full quota assigned to the county. W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin school, and chairman of the town of Franklin, has reported the sum of \$56.73 and Highlands \$34.69; a total of \$90.42 to date.

"We hope to oversubscribe our quota of \$100 and sell at least \$125 worth of seals," said Mr. Summer. The seals have been sold largely by the school children who deserve appreciation for their interest and efficient work. Seventy-five per cent of these funds goes to relieve sufferers from tuberculosis in Macon county and for supplies for patients as well as preventive work carried on under the supervision of the county nurse.

Town Board Require Proper Parking Of Cars

At the regular meeting of the Town Board held Monday night, December 1, Chief of Police, C. D. Baird, was instructed by the board of Alvermes to enforce the parking regulations. Automobiles may be parked for one hour only between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. between the courthouse and the postoffice on Main street. Also cars are to be parked parallel with the curb in the spaces marked in this area.

Within the next few days the parking spaces will be remarked. The general public is urged to comply with this regulation and those who receive tickets will realize that the police department is only doing its duty.

Bank

Has Moved to New Home Formal Opening Later

The Bank of Franklin was able to move on Saturday from temporary quarters they have occupied since the fire on November 10, 1940, and opened for business in its new building on Monday morning.

The formal opening, which was planned for this week will have to be postponed until the furniture and other equipment arrives, Henry Cabe, cashier, stated Monday. The difficulty in obtaining shipments of material due to defense priorities has already delayed the completion of the building for several months. However, the business of the bank is being carried on as usual in the new quarters.

House Approves Fontana Dam Fund

The House has given its approval to a \$25,000,000 appropriation to initiate, which provides for starting the work on the Fontana dam, which will be a \$50,000,000 project. The measure will have to pass the Senate before work can begin.

Public Health Nurse Will Arrive Monday

Miss Katherine Shuford, of Clinton, newly appointed county public health nurse, will arrive Monday morning, December 15, to take up her duties.

The pre-natal clinic will be held in the public health office at 1:30 o'clock on Wednesday, December 17.

Mrs. Ellis Clarke Soper has returned from New York City, where she spent a week visiting friends.

Nation Prepares To Meet Deadly Assault By Enemy

ALL BLACKOUTS ARE LIFTED

Nantahala Co. Notes Lifting Of Restrictions By OPM

The Nantahala Power and Light company received word from OPM on Friday, December 5, that all blackouts and curtailment by power users had been lifted, also restrictions of use of power by industrial users, according to a local official of the company.

Recent rains have replenished the power supply which for many weeks had been threatening the defense output on account of the prolonged drought.

It is announced that the only reservation left is that large power consumers are required to continue read their meters every Monday morning and report to the Franklin office.

Criminal Docket

Rather Light For This Term Of Court

While the criminal docket for the December term of court is rather light several minor cases concerning larceny, drunkenness and assault have been tried. Fred Hastings charged with assaulting Mabel Liner Rickman with a deadly weapon was found guilty and sentenced to serve two years on the roads.

R. L. Mashburn, Vick Franks and Ed Guffey who were tried concerning the taking and receiving of stolen property, knowing it to be stolen, from the Duncan Motor company, were found guilty. Mashburn and Franks received a sentence of 12 months while Guffey was sentenced to serve two years.

Sam Panther, an Indian, charged with driving drunk and who had a wreck damaging several cars on Main street in Franklin, was sentenced to serve 12 months on the road.

After being found guilty of starting an affray in the neighborhood of Gillespie Chapel Grady Watts, and Ernest Watts were fined \$50 and one-third the court costs. William Hodgins faced with the same charge was also required to pay one-third the court costs.

Several cases to be tried this term of court may be postponed until the next term court due to the absence of a court stenographer. Miss Lassie Kelly, who serves in this capacity and who is recovering from an appendix operation, was taken critically ill shortly after court opened Tuesday morning.

Due to Miss Kelly's illness the civil docket was also postponed till next term of court.

Mrs. Womack Dies In Tennessee

Mrs. Eva Crisp Womack, wife of Floyd Womack, died at her home in Lenoir City, Tenn., Saturday following an illness of about three weeks.

The body was brought to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crisp, at Cullasaja on Sunday. The funeral services were held Monday morning at Sugarfork Baptist church. The Rev. George W. Davis, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Bradley, of Barker's Creek.

Mrs. Womack made her home in the Sugarfork community most of her life. She joined the Sugarfork Baptist church and later moved her membership to Lenoir City.

Surviving are the husband; five children, Betty, James, Joe, Junior, and Bobby Womack; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Crisp, of Cullasaja; four sisters, Mrs. Lula Teems, of Higdonville, Mrs. Homer Stuman and Mrs. Lizzie Tyler, of Cullasaja, and Mrs. Nisa Guest, of Franklin Route 4, and three brothers, Ed, Fred, and Frank Crisp, all of Cullasaja.

Recruiting Stations Packed As Men Flock To Volunteer

The radio flashed the news around the world early Sunday afternoon, December 7, that Japanese warplanes had made deadly assault on Honolulu and Pearl Harbor.

Three hours later the Japanese government declared war on the United States and Great Britain.

Since that time wave after wave of Japanese bombers have borne destruction to U. S. and British possessions. Landing on Luzon island of the Philippines is reported. Guam, Wake and Midway islands may by this time be occupied by the enemy.

Losses Heavy

Losses in the Hawaiian Islands are reported to be heavy. Many American soldiers and sailors, also civilians, have been killed and loss of planes and ships heavy. More than 3,000 killed and wounded, a battleship, a destroyer and smaller craft destroyed are some of the known losses. A U. S. transport carrying lumber was sunk in mid-Pacific Sunday.

Admittedly, the navy has been dealt the heaviest blow in its history.

Two British warships, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse are reported sunk off the coast of Malaya.

Over 350 casualties have been reported from the Philippine Islands. Fierce fighting is reported in British Malaya.

Congress Acts Swiftly

Congress acted on Monday after the President's speech to the joint session, asking congress for a declaration of war. The vote was unanimous in the Senate and except for the negative vote of Jeannette Rankin of Montana, who voted against war with Germany in 1917, was unanimous in the lower house.

In his first report to the nation on Tuesday night the president acknowledged Japan's extensive successes but denied Japan's boast that she was master of the Pacific.

Planes reported over San Francisco caused the city to test its blackout while the entire west coast prepared for air raids.

Recruiting stations all over the nation have been packed since Monday. Record enlistments are reported as the nation calls more men to service in Army and Navy.

U. S. planes are reported scouring the Pacific for enemy craft.

Canada, Great Britain and a number of the Latin-American countries have already declared war on Japan.

Stamey Child Fatally Burned

Lamar Stamey, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stamey, was fatally burned at their home in Clayton, Ga., on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. The child caught fire while playing, and was burned over almost his entire body besides inhaling the flames. He was brought to Angel hospital immediately by his father, who is well known here, as the driver of the Merita Bread truck, and is in Franklin daily. Death came in a few hours, and the body was taken to Clayton for burial. The sympathy of many friends in this community is with the bereaved parents.

Bookmobile Schedule For Next Week

Monday, December 15, Watauga, Holly Springs. Tuesday, Cartoogechaye, Wayah Road. Wednesday, Georgia road, Sealy. Thursday, Iota, Burningtown, Oak Dale, Olive Hill. Friday, Clark Chapel, Hickory Knoll, Tesenta.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil McCollum announce the birth of a son, Thomas Hanson, at the home in Franklin on Sunday, December 7,