

You Read It First In The News

In Charlotte, City of 100,399, Nearly Everybody Reads The News

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1941

Section Two

RUSH OF VOLUNTEERS JAMS CHARLOTTE RECRUITING OFFICES



THE PRESSES ROLL—J. E. Dowd (right in the top picture), editor of The News, and Pressman L. M. Phelps are seen checking over the first copy of the extra edition of The News which was put on the streets of Charlotte yesterday afternoon soon after the first flash of war with Japan came over the wires. Below, a Charlotte family reads the first news. They are Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McCray of 161 Huntley Place and their daughter and son, Eugenia and Mac. The McCrays eagerly read the war news as it was published by The News. Thousands of Charlotteans grabbed for the war extra as fast as the papers came off the press. (News staff photos).

Troops Are Quartered At Armory

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FLOCK TO JOIN COLORS—Responding to the call of country, young men flocked to the Navy Recruiting Station here today to enlist. As soon as possible, a part of the crowd on hand when the station opened today is shown above grouped around Chief C. L. Rhinehart. (News Staff Photo).

Scene Is Remindful Of First War

Largest Crowd At Naval Office

By REED SABBATT Charlotte News Staff Writer Not since April 7, 1917, date of American entrance into World War I, has there been an enactment of today's scene at the recruiting stations here. Red-blooded young men, many of them still in high school, responded to the country's call of danger, and when the recruiting offices here opened this morning, they already were there clamoring to offer their services—their lives, if need be.



News War Extras On Street In Jig Time Starting From "Scratch," The News Has First Edition of Extra Out at 4:40

Charlotte read the first word of the Japanese war yesterday afternoon in The Charlotte News. And there's a story behind that. At 4 P. M. while the bombers were still coming over the newspaper boys rushed out with wild shouts of "War! War!" in great crowds of people on the street who hurriedly snatched at papers faster than they could be delivered.

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Meanwhile, Charlotteans grim and defiant went about preparing the city against any possible acts of sabotage. Detailed information from authoritative sources was strictly restricted, in keeping with the provisions of the Federal anti-sabotage and espionage act of 1917, which military authorities announced now are in full effect upon civilians and members of the armed forces alike.

The first shock and surprise of the world-shaking announcements of the Japanese attack today were being overcome today by Charlotte's populace indignation and resentment against the latest aggression by the dictatorship was intense in Charlotte and hundreds of citizens expressed their anger in almost unmitigated terms. The Japanese movement to warfare in the Pacific.

The precautionary activities of the military and civilian authorities here were started quickly and soon were in full effect. All officers and men of the Charlotte Army Air Base were ordered to return immediately to their posts of duty.

Heavy guards were placed by civilian law enforcement agencies here to guard the power producing plants of the Duke Power Co., the essential activities of railroads and the vital points of communication.

Charlotte police were guarding the city's major highways, bridges and a half dozen before the Secretary of War called upon the military authorities to watch against acts of sabotage.

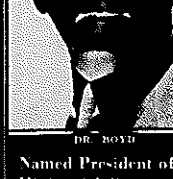
Chief Joyner said that these precautionary measures will be carried out until further notice. Additional preparations for strengthening the Department's protection were launched and all equipment, including trucks and jeeps, being carefully checked.

A conference of the police agencies was held to coordinate the various measures which are being taken.

Hong Kong, 11 A. M., following day. Singapore, 11 A. M., following day. London, 3 P. M., following day. This roughly, it will be seen, that when it is daylight here it is night in the Orient, our dawn is their dusk and vice versa. The Honolulu, 11 A. M., following day. Manila, 1 A. M., following day.

Dr. Boyd Is Elected

Named President of Ministerial Group



Dr. Charles M. Boyd, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, was elected president of the Charlotte Ministerial Association here Monday afternoon at the monthly meeting held at the YMCA.

The president is swinging the pendulum in one direction.

January Draft Quota May Stay Unchanged

Local Draft Boards Not Looking For Any Immediate Increase in Demands

Increased manpower demands and 38 Negroes on Jan. 21 to be through the Service process.

NO OFFICIAL WORD. We have no official word but we assume that larger quotas will not require any Federal action.

There is no interest in Mexico, but officers were the officials statement that there would be no market cancellation of deferments except, of course, that of Class I-B, single men between the ages of 28 and 35.

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Harris Is Appointed

Will Serve While Burnside Is Away



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Yule Concert Plans Made

Top-Flight Soloists Forming Chorus

Charlotte's top-flight soloists once a year do a thing that is unusual here—unusual anywhere—forming themselves into a choral organization for one night and sing the best-loved songs of the Christmas season.

The Yule Concert will be held at the Charlotte Community Center on Tuesday night Dec. 18.

Clocks In Orient Are Ahead Of Those Here

American now must go through the mathematical process of adjusting to new time zones as the war proceeds in the Pacific.

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No Japs Live In County

A check of the alien registration book at County Court House today revealed it did not contain the name of a single Japanese in Charlotte or Mecklenburg County.

Paint, Paper Firm Will Operate Here

Pan-American Leases Building At 314 S. Tryon Street Through Carson

The Pan-American Wall Paper and Paint Co. of the nation's largest manufacturers and wholesalers of wall paper and paint has leased for a period of three months the Wilson building at 314 S. Tryon Street.

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Santa Claus Needs Help: The Empty Stocking Fund

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Sequel Events of One Year Ago Today

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