

Somewhat warmer this afternoon and tonight than for previous 24 hours.

BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

Bond Sales For Day Due To Go Over \$50,000

The elements weren't at all cooperative, but Big Springers had concluded that there's nothing pleasant about war anyway...

With so many places issuing applications, it was next to impossible to arrive at a tabulation of sales at noon...

Things were building toward a climax for the afternoon, and at 2:30 a formal review by a large detachment of men from the Bombardier school was scheduled...

The day's sales total was off to a grand start through the impetus of a radio program Sunday afternoon...

Schools were busy taking bond applications during the morning, for the pep-ride was a real attraction to the younger Americans...

Both banks and the postoffice were having a land-office business, and the Coston Petroleum corporation offices—where workers were 100 per cent—reported a heavy volume...

Downtown bond-selling booths, manned by local club women in some fifteen stores, were doing a rush business...

As the day wore on, the number of streamers bearing the words "I've Bought My Pearl Harbor Bond—Have You?" increased in number on the laps of men and women hurrying down the street...

Tokyo Claims New Ships In Service

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts), Dec. 7 (AP)—The Japanese navy's official spokesman declared tonight that "a certain number of powerful battleships have been placed in commission"...

The spokesman, Captain Hideo Hiraldo, said in a broadcast to the nation on the anniversary of the war's outbreak that "aircraft carriers of unique construction, embodying experience gained since the outbreak of the war, in addition to cruisers and warships of other categories, have been completed one after another and have been commissioned."

Japan entered the war with at least 10 capital ships and nine aircraft carriers. Although she was known to have had considerable warcraft under construction, the announcement today was the first from Japan to indicate that new units had been commissioned...

"Jane's Fighting Ships" lists five battleships or more than 40,000 tons and three or four Chichibu-class vessels of 12,000 to 15,000 tons, which might serve as either heavy cruisers or pocket battleships, as under construction during 1941...

Hiraldo's announcement was one of a series from the capital today on the first anniversary of the outbreak of the Pacific war...

The Tokyo radio said that one battleship and three aircraft carriers were among 40 Japanese warships sunk during the year and Imperial headquarters listed other losses in manpower, shipping and aircraft...

"Today the Rising Sun flag and naval insignia is flying everywhere over the Pacific and the Indian oceans," Captain Hiraldo said. "One year ago who could have foreseen the situation as it exists today?"

A communique issued on the first anniversary of the conflict said Japan's losses in that war (including the fight with China) were 21,198 killed and 42,577 wounded up to Nov. 1 and 394 aircraft and 63 ships up to Dec. 1...

The radio subsequently issued higher figures for both ships and planes. It said 40 Japanese warships and 65 merchant ships were sent to the bottom, while 556 aircraft "dived into enemy targets or failed to return." In addition, 22 warships were reported damaged, among them one battle ship and two aircraft carriers.

Steer Cagers To Meet Bombardier School Quintet

The Big Spring high school Steer basketball team will meet a rather severe test at 8 p. m. today when it tangles with cagers from the 512th School Squadron from the Big Spring Bombardier School...

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT... Buy Christmas Seats

Heavy Battle Opens In Tunisia



CLAUDE WICKARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, who grew up on the farm and who believes bread is as important as bullets in winning a war, today was in complete charge of supplying the greatest food needs in American history...

Wickard Made Czar Of U. S. Food Program

President Roosevelt directed the 49-year-old Wickard yesterday to assume "full responsibility for and control over" the nation's food program, an undertaking that must reach unprecedented proportions next year in order to help feed the Armed forces, the Allies and liberated countries...

Navy Stops Taking Men

Don't get smart with the army recruiting service, boys, your big mouth might talk you into a pack. The temptation is great, no doubt, to walk into Sgt. Edwin Turner's sacrum in the postoffice basement and announce (secure in the knowledge that President Roosevelt has stopped all voluntary enlistments) boldly and loudly: "I want to join the army."

Six In Family In Armed Forces

Six spaces on the roll of honor to be created on the courthouse lawn for Howard county men in the armed services will have to be reserved for the sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Arnold...

Over 6,600 Japs Killed In Solomons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Japanese killed by United States soldiers and marines on Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons stood at 6,641 today—not counting thousands of Nipponese estimated to have been destroyed by sea action, artillery fire and air bombings...

Nazis Put Up A Stronger Resistance

Reds Claim Further Successes, However, On Many Fronts

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—A strong force of RAF bombers, striking after American and British airmen carried out their biggest daylight assault against the continent, continued the offensive to knock Italy out of the conflict with an attack last night upon one of the bottle-necks in the rail system through which the nazis sustain their weaker partner...

Axis Rail Lines Hit In Follow-Up To Big Raids

Air Power Is Loosed Against Nazi Territory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The German news agency DNB said there were killed and injured both at frequently bombed Karlsruhe and at Pforzheim, 16 miles to the southeast. The air ministry did not give the size of the raiding force, but its assertion that it was a strong one presumably meant that hundreds of bombers were used...

Action May Be Showdown In N. Africa

Tanks, Planes And Big Guns Brought Into Combat

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—A savage battle of tanks, planes and guns raged today along the southwest corner of the Tunisian triangle in what may be the supreme bid to thrust the axis out of North Africa...

An Allied war bulletin said the fighting erupted yesterday in the vicinity of Tebourba, strategic communications center 20 miles west of Tunis where the axis had been hurling strong assaults against British and American advance positions...



They'll Plan Assault—Maj. Gen. Carl Spaatz, left, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Army Air Forces in the European war theatre, has arrived in North Africa to serve as air advisor to General Dwight Eisenhower, (right) in planning a massive assault on the Axis sky fleet.

Ice Covers Area; Snow In Panhandle

Big Spring and area carried its thickest mantle of ice in two years over the weekend as snow and sleet swept through much of the top half of Texas...

Induction Of 38-Year-Olds Is Voided

Orders to a number of Howard county registrants over the age of 38 who had been instructed to report for induction on the next December call have been voided by President Roosevelt's Saturday ruling relative to the manpower problem, and all registrants affected by the executive order were requested to report to the office as soon as possible with their induction papers...

Flare-Up In Jap Center

MANZANAR, Calif., Dec. 7 (AP)—One Japanese was killed and nine wounded last night when soldiers, rushed by a mob of rioting Nipponese at the Manzanar relocation center, fired on the crowd, project director Ralph P. Merritt said today...

25th Anniversary For Brooks Field

BROOKS FIELD, Dec. 7 (AP)—This, one of the nation's oldest flying fields, will celebrate its 25th birthday tomorrow. Graduates or instructors of the field's earlier classes include such fliers as Lindbergh and Maitland; Unstead, the army's No. 1 test pilot; and pilot Harvis Chen, a member of the "Flying Tigers" and Doc Little, air commander in Africa...

Five Charged In Kidnap Case As Baby Returned

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 7 (AP)—Ten-month-old Daniel Scanlon, kidnapped at gun-point last Oct. 12, was back in his young mother's arms today and five Huntington, W. Va., were in Federal Bureau of Investigation custody charged in the abduction...

Ships Launched On Pearl Harbor Day

By The Associated Press On the first anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, America launched its newest aircraft carrier—the U.S.S. Bunker Hill—named for one of the most famous battles of American history, and elsewhere in the nation new launchings rose to a thunderous crescendo...

Aviation Schools For Women To Be Opened Feb. 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Five aviation training schools for enlisted personnel of the women's reserve are to be opened about February 1, the navy reported today. They will be located at Norman, Okla.; Memphis, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Lakeland, N. J. The Lakeland naval air station will train women in two schools, for ratings as aerographers mates and parachute rizzars...

