Pearl Harbor Raid, 7 December 1941

Remembrance of "a Date which will live in Infamy"

Westfield at War

With the first shock of Japan's surprise attack over, Westfielders find themselves, like other Americans, settling down calmly to the serious business of waging war. There is discernible a feeling almost of relief, that at last the uncertainties, the endless debates, as to whether it is war or not, are at an end, and we can all concentrate on the one great objective.

If the events of the past few days have taught us anything, it is that anything can happen. And it is obvious that it is no longer possible to declare war first and prepare afterwards.

What if we had not now a large army already partly trained? What if we had not built airplanes, ships and tanks? On the other hand, what if we had not allowed inefficiency, indifference and strikes to slow up our production? We may be devoutly glad for such preparedness as we have, and terribly regretful that it wasn't better.

Elsewhere in this week's Leader is evidence that Westfield's Defense Council is ready for any emergency. Maybe we will never have an air raid such as sensational radio reports simulated Tuesday. However, after Sunday, who can say for sure? At any rate, as the State Defense Council points out, New Jersey, as a vital industrial center, is especially vulnerable. The refineries and factories surrounding Westfield would be a logical target for enemy bombs, and even more likely to suffer from sabotage. For such explosions and tragedies as occurred in the last war in this vicinity, Westfield is ready.

One of the heartening reactions has been the flood of volunteers to join the local defense units. Only a small percentage of residents are at present members of these units. Eventually, no doubt, a way will be found to use every eager hand.

Speech and Hearing Associates, the premier provider of hearing aids in Northern and Central NJ, will be hosting a "Hearing Health" open house Monday, December 8th through Friday, December 12th.

Note, RSVP is required, space is limited – please call to reserve your spot!

Join us during our Open House and receive:

- Complimentary Hearing Screening and Consultation
- $100 OFF the purchase of a pair of premier hearing devices
- 30-Day Risk-free trial / Same-day fittings
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Dear Doctors,

I can hear! I can hear!

I just wanted to drop a quick note to thank you all for your help in bringing my left ear back to "life". As I was driving to work after getting fitted for the hearing aid, I put on my directional to make a turn and began to hear a "click, click, click". For a second I was puzzled as to what that noise was... until I realized it was the clicking from the turn signal, which I haven't heard in ages!!! Working on the phone is certainly less of a strain and watching TV, without having to adjust the volume back and forth, is much more enjoyable.

With warm regards,

Tom M.