

NEW LIBRARY IS DEDICATED

Suffern Building Is Turned Over to Community Use At Village Ceremony

The new Suffern Free Library building at Washington Avenue and Maple Street was dedicated yesterday afternoon, more than 200 persons attending the ceremonies.

Henry von L. Meyer, Sr., a member of the board of directors, was chairman and presented a number of speakers including Miss Helen Wanamaker, president of the board, Frederic G. Melcher,

DID YOU KNOW?

The ceremony dedicating the new building, on Maple Avenue, of the Suffern Free Library, with more than 200 persons in attendance, occurred on the afternoon of December 7, 1941.

On the East Coast, radio broadcast reports of the Pearl Harbor attack, which occurred in the morning, didn't break until late in the day, and many newspapers carried their first detailed reports the next day, as in this December 8, 1941 issue of the Journal News.

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EXTRA **The Journal News** **GREATEST NEWSPAPER**

ROCKLAND COUNTY'S

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1941

PRICE THREE CENTS

U. S. DECLARES WAR

Rockland Moves to Take Active Part In World War II

DEFENSE FOR ENTIRE AREA IS UNDERWAY

Many County Boys on Duty
In Islands Bombed
By Jap Planes

AIR RAID POSTS MANNED
Police and Firemen Ready
For Emergency Calls
at Any Time

Co-Ordinate Rockland's Defense!

NINE COUNTY MEN IN HAWAII

Parade List Shows Many Drafted With 8th Coast Artillery

Rockland County has at least one of the nine in Army and Navy and in the United States Army, Navy and Coast Guard. The county has in its ranks many of the men who are now fighting in the Pacific. The county has in its ranks many of the men who are now fighting in the Pacific. The county has in its ranks many of the men who are now fighting in the Pacific.

SENATE, HOUSE ACT SWIFTLY

Declaration Follows Close on Heels of President Roosevelt's Victory Pledge

The United States today declared war on Japan. By a vote of 82-0, the Senate followed President Roosevelt's request and declared war on Japan. The House followed suit, voting 416-0. The declaration was made at 1:02 p. m. that a state of war exists between this country and the Japanese Empire.

The Theater of the War and the Islands in the Pacific

This map shows the Pacific Ocean with the United States, Japan, and various islands. The map is titled 'The Theater of the War and the Islands in the Pacific'.

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Gair Employees Send \$25 Checks to Men in Service

Christmas Cash Is Distributed From Contributions to Plant Fund

Three Injured In Smashup at Central Nyack

LODGE HOLDS ITS MEMORIAL

Franklin D. Roosevelt At 48 Centuries

1,000 Americans Killed in Hawaii

2,000 More Wounded in Japanese Attacks, Roosevelt Reports

BRITISH DECLARE WAR ON JAPS

Thailand Succumbs to Invasion, Hiro- hito May Invoke Pact to Get Ger- man and Italian Aid

President Demands Congress Declare War Now on Japan

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Editorial

All Of Us Are In This War Right Now

We here in Suffern and Ramapo can do our part, and there is every indication that we will.

Each and every one of us can find something to do and the important thing right now is to start doing it.

There are many opportunities for service. The defense council and the Red Cross offer obvious outlets for our energies, but there are innumerable other ways to help.

We can all cut out waste, for one thing. We can save paper and scrap metals. We can keep cool and check idle rumors which so often prove harmful.

Particularly, we can dig down deeper into our pockets. Those who can't give dollars can give dimes, and those who can't buy defense bonds can at least spend something for defense stamps.

We are going to need a tremendous lot of money to fight this war, and we might as well make up our minds right now to give and give until it hurts.

The Red Cross already has sent out an appeal for more funds.

Ramapo has been asked to raise \$7,500 in addition to what already has been contributed in the roll call drive, which, by the way, is still below expectations.

OLD NEWSPAPERS

A WINDOW INTO THE PAST

Did you know that Rockland County has had 22 newspapers, many of them covering a specific town or village?

The image to the left is a screen capture of an editorial published on December 11, 1941, just days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when the people of Suffern, like all Americans, were reeling in a state of shock about what had happened, uncertain and anxious about what the new year might bring for the nation.

This editorial is from the Ramapo Valley Independent, a newspaper that covered Suffern, Sloatsburg, Hillburn, Mahwah, Viola, Tallman, Monsey, Tuxedo, Sterlington and Ladentown.

Compelling editorials like this one, in addition to fascinating, colorful local stories covering the day-to-day life of the village, are a unique window into Suffern's rich history.

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Rockland Newspapers

City and Country

Clarkstown Courier

Independent Advertiser

Journal News

Nanuet Life

North River Times

Nyack Evening Journal

Nyack Evening Star

Orangetown Telegram and The Pearl River Searchlight

Our Town

Pearl River News

Ramapo Valley Independent

Rockland County Journal

Rockland County Leader

Rockland County Messenger

Rockland County Times

Rockland Independent/Leader

Rockland News

Rockland Sentinel

Shanks Villager

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