

Excerpts TakenRATIONING

What is rationing? Rationing is not starvation or shoddy goods; it is a government plan for dividing fairly the supplies we have among all who need them. It is not un-American; the earliest settlers of this country pooled their precious supplies and gave them out to every one on equal basis. It was an American idea then, and it is an American idea now to share when supplies are not plentiful.

Dan Johnson

HEALTH, THE FIRST
STEP TO VICTORY

Securing the materials for paving the way to victory and health may be easily purchased at the cheap cost of eating the right foods, acquiring the proper amount of sleep, and engaging in clean recreation at all times.

The fact that Uncle Sam calls his people to arms against the aggressors of the world is no sign that he still doesn't mean for the citizens of this nation to consider their health as the key to victory and the disease of their bodies as an open door to the enemy.

M. Liles

From ThemesDEMOCRACY

Democracy is more than a political term; it is a faith, a way of life. Democracy means freedom of speech, of religion, and of the press. Democracy means to people in other countries freedom from tyranny and slavery; peace for this world and the world of tomorrow.

We hope that democracy may survive in this land where there is a beacon of hope to these lands where the lights have temporarily gone out.

Jean Vick

MUSIC, HIS FIRST LOVE

After being crippled in a train accident, Josef Schirmer, believing that no audience would wish to listen to an artist who hobbled onto the stage with the aid of a crutch, withdrew to the mountains to live again with his friends, the trees, and the hills. To keep loneliness from creeping upon him Josef, when he first came back to the mountains, began making violins. As the year slipped by, the old man became an excellent violin-maker, for his love for music went into every instrument he made.

To produce a fine garden and to have a good herd of goats came to mean as much to Josef as had once the performance of a brilliant sonata. Yet, whenever music impelled him, the hills served as an audience for his concert, soft and melancholy at the beginning, but always ending on a gayer note. While tending his goats on the mountainside, Josef composed three dances, "Twilight", "Dawn", and "Moonglow".

For seven years no one had ventured to the top of the mountain where stood the cabin of the musician. Now, there sat a quiet, little man trying to convince Josef that all Vienna wanted again to hear his music. Josef then showed him the exquisitely carved violin, his masterpiece. There were on the back three tiny initials, the initials of the great violinist who had been searching for him seven years. Yes, Josef, once more able to walk without the crutch, was to present the gift to the great lady and to thrill again the city with his music. S.M. Farmer