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By GEE MCGEE

THESE TIMES ARE WAR TIMES

—I have been the operation of adjusting myself to the conditions that will obtain within 6 or 12 months from now. You, too, friends, if any, might as well undertake to do likewise.

I am learning slowly (but surely) how to walk. Due to automobiles and credit, I lost the art of using my nether limbs (commonly called legs) several years ago. I walked nearly half mile today, just a-seeing if I could.

I took up eating corn-bread and buttermilk yesterday for at least one meal a day, and I recalled that long ago, long ago—that all we had a day for two meals. Really and truly, cornbread and buttermilk plus nothing else—make a most delightful meal.

—I am sitting easier on my pants. I have only one good pair. This pair of pants being a twill design ought to last me for the duration. But if they fail me, please don't look back. My coat will possibly outwear the pants. In that case, double-patching will be in order.

—I have never felt that I was niggardly but having been brought up under hard conditions, I am possibly classed among the stingy. But I am sure that my stinginess bears down harder on me, myself, than it does on anybody else that looks to me for support. Anyway a quarter will have to do the work of a dollar.

—The old tires and tubes on our car must last as long as the war lasts, and all of us will get back on our feet again. It's going to be mighty hard for certain members of the family to have to perambulate whither-soever they might choose to go; but nobody is too old to learn.

—This war is not going to take the bread out of our mouths, but it's liable to take salad dressing, chicken and a la Newberg, caviar, t-bones, and many other delicacies off of our menu. This war is gradually soaking in: It won't hurt me to live up to its demands. I'll do anything and any way to help win it.

SOFT BREEZES FROM FLAT ROCK

—miss jennie veeve smith, our efficient scholl principle, is back in her harness and the scholl started off o. k. after the holidays. some sickness took place enduring this vacation, but it was amongst the few pupils who happened to have too much to eat. wherever heavy diets like liver pudding and hog jowls and porch chops were plentiful, the kids are still at home in bed with a doctor.

—mr. holsum moore broke his no. 1 resolution yesterday. a drummer tempted him, so his wife says. they met up at the cash and carry, and he let holsum smell a bottle of it and then begged him to taste it, and when he got a little of it on his tongue—he wondered how it would feel going down his throte, and one thing led to another till both him and the drummer got locked up. he has made a vow never to lok upon a bottle when it is red. he do not exactly love liker, but he says he do love its effects.

—little minnie chance, the baby darter of mr. chance, jr., gave a nice party at her house friday afternoon. she turned it into a movie party and took all 6 of her guests to the coun-

ty-seat to see a pitcher. she paid c5 and the paid c5 for the tickets, thus making her a fifty-fifty partner in the cause. her ma says the trip cost her nearly c50. onner count of the war she said such a waste of monney must stop. it was enjoyed by all. No eating refreshments were served the movie taken place of everything.

—mr. rev. will waite preached a patriotic sermon on sunday at re-hober. besides abusing sin a right smart, he said that we americans must learn how to get along on less than haff we are now consuming. he predicted that millions of folks would learn a-new how to walk within the next year or so. and that thousands of autos would be setting in the garages without tires and gas would not be allowed to run or be run. other things will soon know what war really means. he told his hearers that a feller would go to a stoar in a few weeks from now and find only about haff the things he calls for.

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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

War Production Board officials are relieved that America is meeting tire rationing with its chin up.

In addition to the rationing of new tires, it is anticipated here that re-treading will soon be rationed. For the consumer this means that the use of automobiles will become more and more infrequent as the war progresses. It means also that delivery services will be curtailed.

Of great concern to the Government and industry is the matter of how tire rationing will affect industrial workers—how many of them find their cars essential to get them to and from work. A survey of the nation's car-owners shows that driving is the most usual way of getting to work. Forty-five per cent of American workers (excluding farmers) drive to work or ride with someone else. Of the workers who normally arrive at their jobs by automobile, 73% stated that they could get there by some other means. This leaves

NOTICE!

To all members of the
Carolina Motor Club,
all AAA affiliates, and
all other auto owners
of Cherokee County

With tires being rationed, tire
thieves are getting active.

Last week Austin Arrant, of
Murphy, Route 2, left his car
parked on the highway, and re-
turned to find it stripped of all
four tires and two spares.

There is only one way to identi-
fy a stolen tire and that is by
the number.

These numbers should be regis-
tered. Then, in case of theft,
warning can be spread, thus mak-
ing it difficult for the thief to sell
them—and also easier for the po-
lice to recover them.

To help stop this theivery we
will register your tires, without
charge; keep a check on them,
spread the alarm, if they are
stolen, and then keep a look-out
for them.

We also will be glad to enroll
you in the Carolina Motor Club,
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ing if you have tire trouble.

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27% of the American workers with
an important problem to meet.

Businessmen here anticipate that
the industrial employee will be af-
fected in still another way by the
rationing of tires. They expect that
industry will resort to the staggering
of working hours in order to relieve
transportation shortages when car
and bus lines take over after the
autos quit.

Government agencies in this city
have been staggering the hours of
arrival, lunch and departure of their
employees for some time now. Traf-
fic officials feel that this system has
helped a good deal in relieving con-
gestion and shortages.

A bill requiring the registration of
labor unions, business and trade or-
ganizations with the Federal govern-
ment was introduced by Representa-
tive Vinson, chairman of the House
Naval Affairs Committee. More than
a year ago, a government report rec-
ommended registration of trade as-
sociations, but did not include labor
unions.

Mr. Vinson's committee, in the
course of an investigation into naval
defense contracts, found that the
wheels of progress had completed an
entire cycle. "The tremendous finan-
cial gains made by labor organiza-
tions during the period of the de-
fense effort," the Committee report-
ed, "and the vast amount of funds
and assets in their treasuries present
an astounding picture of concentra-
tion of wealth, a situation hereto-
fore usually associated with industry
and finance."

The success of the CIO and AF of
L national and local affiliates in
building up large treasuries, which
go unsupervised by any outside agen-
cy and are tax exempt, is a source
of some alarm here. The feeling is
aggravated by the shelving of the
House anti-strike bill in Senate
Committee. At first the reason given
for inaction was that industry and labor
ought to have a chance to settle
the question of defense strikes by
themselves. The President's manage-
ment-labor conference of several
weeks ago was the chosen medium.
The continued inaction is now ex-
plained on the theory that the new
War Labor Board should be given a
chance to prove its ability to handle
the need for uninterrupted war pro-
duction.

However, many Congressmen feel
that positive legislation is needed in
any event. The Vinson bill is re-
garded by those circles as an attempt
to legislate on one phase of an un-
desirable situation.

SMALL BUSINESS: What to do
about small business always gets a
rise at any gathering around town.
There's sure to be someone present
who is connected with the fifteen-odd
Government agencies which have
something more or less to do with
small business. Floyd B. Odium, small
business' champion, pulls no punches
when he sums up the situation by
saying: "I think everybody's job is
nobody's job."

The general consensus of opinion
in administration and business circles
is that small business has to have a
guardian appointed for it. These
some circles are looking to Produc-
tion Chief Donald M. Nelson to tack-
le the problem. Sources close to Mr.
Nelson anticipate that one of his first
jobs will be to coordinate the scat-
tered efforts to aid small business
and work out a plan to insure its
survival.

Mr. Odium's proposal is a new and
separate agency devoted exclusively
to the care of small business. This
plus a modified allotment plan, un-
der which one per cent of available raw
materials would be set aside for small
manufacturers, make up his prescrip-
tion for keeping small factories op-
erating on a reduced basis.

LABOR: "We'll wait and see" is the
present reaction here to John L. Lew-
is' proposal for merger of the A. F.
of L. and the C. I. O.

It is felt the proposal should have
come a long time ago. The fact that
it came from the chief protagonist
of the inter-union warfare, for it is
clear that everyone here from high
Government officials down to taxi
drivers on the streets welcome the
idea in principle.

Businessmen are pointing out the
irony of the situation. Faced with
answering charges of conducting
"business as usual in 1941," they have
pointed out that a good deal of valu-
able time was lost in jurisdictional
strikes between the C. I. O. and the

A. F. of L. in which business was
the unwilling victim.

A nation-wide poll of public opin-
ion indicates that a single national
labor organization would be welcome
to an overwhelming majority of the
leaders and the rank and file of both
unions.

Best of the 13 demonstration poultry
flocks for 1941 in Cabarrus Coun-
ty was that of Mrs. T. M. Query,
Harrisburg, Route 1, each layer in
that flock averaging 225 eggs dur-
ing the year.

J. C. Beddingfield, unit demon-
stration farmer of Crab Creek town-
ship in Henderson County, produced \$2,-
005.11 worth of vegetables on 15
acres last year through extensive
cultivation.



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