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tery?

No wonder people are more poised than ever before. With the FDIC, you can't lose your balance now.

means that all those yellow jerks better take notice.

## Hits Little Man

tailers throughout the country, requesting evitable. that the general price freeze order be re-

wide lag that has long existed between from whom the money is borrowed." wholesale and retail prices.

merchants will have to replace stocks at weapons to fight the Axis. present wholesale price levels and sell them at the prevailing March retail lev- Civilian Defense els. That means that the sale of many items would be made with no profit-and basis of original cost, not replacement cost, would take the worst beating.

It is difficult to exaggerate the potential effect of this on the country. The small store will be hit hardest and will go to the wall first-large retail organizations, with capital behind them, can last longer and can better adjust themselves to changing conditions. The tens of thousands of little retail businesses which are the backbone of the American private enterprise system are in danger of extinction. That is the immensely grave situation which confronts Congress and the OPA today.

### Shaking Public Morale

ONE cardinal principle of our kind of government is that public officials should treat the people with perfect frankness. American citizens are entitled to all the facts, except those which constitute actual military secrets. Are the American people being accorded frank- BETWEEN CHINA AND PERU ness? The gasoline and automobile situation raises this question.

. The American motorist is completely up in the air as to the future of car transportation. He has heard countless varying reports. He has read conflicting statement after conflicting statement from high Washington officials. He is told, on the one hand, that gasoline rationing is necessary because lack of various means of transportation makes it impossible to deliver normal supplies. He then hears that the storage tanks are running over SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS with gasoline even in rationed areas, and that civilian consumption is really being reduced in order to conserve tires and cars. Next he reads an official statement that the government may soon have to requisition his tires and his car. Before the ink is dry on that report, he hears over the radio that such drastic action is not contemplated. Then to top it off, the next news report from Washington says it is hoped that experiments now under

way will produce a tire that will keep the cars rolling, etc., etc.

The citizen is lost in a welter of confusion. He doesn't know whether he is going to have gas or even a car next week or next month or next season. He doesn't know whether the synthetic rubber and the rubber-reclaiming programs are going well or badly. And nothing is times, and they will come increaof indecision, because it undermines confidence in leadership and governmental fidence in leadership and governmental over the road we have traveled ceiling by the Office of Price Admanagement. .

pampered. They are sending their boys to reorganized, our warships and Far West, \$34.50 . . . These biwar and financing its cost to preserve li- our soldiers poised for action in cycles, as all other bicycles, will berty at home. They don't want to be every quarter of the globe and our war industries reaching out have pawned your typewriter you treated like children. They don't want to toward the President's goals in can get it back if you pay the House will attempt to force the be kept in the dark concerning matters tanks and planes and guns and pawn broker . . . OPA so intervital to their welfare. What they do want is for their government to tell them the Will cotton ever be so scarce that you is for their government to tell them the But it would be the most damcan't veil a metropolitan murder in mys- truth, explain the facts, adopt only poli- aging sort of folly if this pride cies which are in accord with true conditions, and stick to those policies.

### Bonds Fight The Axis

The American people will decide divide, now when our newly fash-Yes sir, the Yanks are coming, which whether or not the nation will be forced the point at which it can overto adopt and accept compulsory purchas- whelm our enemies-new is the ing of War Bonds. According to Secre-time for us to sacrifice as we tary Morgenthau, it will be necessary for us to buy \$1,000,000,000 worth of these months of war we are turning WPB estimates that the order rebonds each month. If we do that volun- out ships and weapons at a rate IT is reported that Congress is being tarily there will be no need for compulsion. If we do that voluntations are that must give Hitler and Hirohito nightmares. But if we are
to win the war and win it quick-

Some may wonder why the government ly keep up this rate. We must turn out ships and weapons even opened to public hearing to review the can't pay for the war simply by selling more rapidly. disastrous situation facing thousands of more bonds to banks. Secretary Morgen- There is a cloud on the producstores. On top of that, it is reported fur- than recently pointed out that excessively tion horizon. There have been ther, manufacturers are tremendously heavy bank purchases are inflationary, come again before we win, that concerned over the probable loss of dis- "because when commercial banks buy is the way of war and it cannot Government Bonds they do not pay for be helped, but we can heed their One can sympathize with the point of them with actual cash taken from their the downpour. view of government officials who believe vaults, but by placing on their books This cloud is the growing Signing of a grand alliance be- 13 percent of the country's manuthat the most stringent possible measures newly created deposits to the credit of The shortage of metals and materials. are necessary to prevent a ruinous price the government. When the government to close blast furnaces which inflation. But it is becoming evident that draws upon these deposits to pay for the work for war and every blast inflation. But it is becoming evident that draws upon these deposits to pay for the price freeze will literally dislocate goods and services it buys, the purchasthe price freeze will literally dislocate goods and services it buys, the purchassteel plates for cargo vessels, the effect of war edicts on the observation: "The future of thouand destroy a large part of the retail ing power of those to whom these pay- tanks for the front, and weapons people's thinking. The glorified business of this country unless adjust- ments are made is increased without any for our fighting men. ments are made to take care of the very decrease in the purchasing power of those cerns all of us. A part of the ans-

Increased purchasing power combined to the shortage of rubber — is of armed forces and post-war ob-The merchants who are writing Con- with a decreased supply of goods is the lect scrap. America's industry, drive has economic and political gress and the OPA are not asking for big certain road to disastrous inflation. The both war industry and that essen- aspects. The returns from this gress and the OPA are not asking for big certain road to disastrous inflation. The profits and a chance to profiteer. They government wants you to buy bonds with mains in the midst of war, have are simply asking the chance to price every nickel you can spare—and it wants done and are doing their part to trois. their goods at a level which will return you to deny yourselves luxuries so you see that every bit of scrap netal them sufficient profit to stay in business. can buy more. No man can make a better to the mills and furnaces and the If the current order stands as issued, purchase than the securities which buy processing plants.

Civilian Defense is a phrase about means to transport them. We that the sale of some items would have which we have heard comparatively lit- shall have to change our habits to be made at an actual loss. The public- tle since the first days of the present or eating and our name or traveling, we shall have to dress differspirited merchant, who cooperated with war, save in the newspapers as they tell ently and many of us must bethe OPA and priced his wares on the of efforts that are moving ahead in other come accustomed to a different 17 Eastern states contend that in-

> there is no longer a serious need for this, must not buy too much food at type of training. On the contrary, our one time, we must not waste situation here in Southport and at other food. Not only must we eat fresh points in Brunswick county is more pre- (there is enough tin in a sincarious than ever before.

> We do not know where the program of dispensable tin required for two army compasses) but we must civilians bogged down-whether it was try to find locally grown vegecaused by their indifference, or by their tables and fruits in order to cut leaders' inactivity. But the facts are that our trucking system. And we there are a lot of things we need to know must find substitutes for fish and in time of trouble that we are a long pork. There are plenty to be way from knowing now.

> And the best remedy we can think of ing this year-at least it doesn't is to get the Civilian Defense program look that way now. But look for back on the right track and keep it rol-

## **Shears And Paste**

As to the matters, which President Prado discussed with President Roosevelt, a very shrewd forecast was made by Dr. Samuel Johnson two hundred years ago. "Let observation with extensive view survey mankind from China to Peru." Between China and Peru lies the Pacific Ocean, an area rich in mankind and in -problems for the United States and its Latin good neighbors to the South.-New York Times.

In contemplating rearrangements of trade routes that airliners might bring about transportation experts have become aware of such things as that Chicago may prove closer to Europe than New York, that Seattle may be the chief jumping-off place for Moscow, and that the route from the United States to China and India may lie over the Arctic rather than the Pacific or Atlantic oceans.-New Orleans Times-Picayune.

# THE HOME

This is another one of those

bined effort-in our united fight. On the contrary, now is the time when we must consecrate every bit of energy to our task, now when we near the top of the ioned machine of war approaches have not sacrificed before.

ly, we must do more than mere-

such clouds before that they will warning, we can prepare against

wer to the metals shortage-and pact with Russia for coordination scrap, and everyone can help colligations. The current salvage

some of the things we may expect in the coming months, some of the ways in which we will be asked to change our lives so that war industry may have materials and there may be the of eating and our habit of travelsort of habitation for the dura-

Unfortunately, this does not mean that These things we must not do we must not hoard food, we fruits and vegetables to save tin gle tin can to provide the inthe load on our railways and on

> We won't have to ration clothfurther changes in style along the lines of those we have had already, in a further effort to save cloth for the Army and Navy. The wool problem grows more serious in the face of military need for wool and it is probable that we'll all wear a great deal nore cotton than we did in time of peace. Leather is a problem, too, although civilian shoe stocks are still adequate. There is one sure thing about changes in clothing, however, and that is that

they will affect everybody. The transportation shortage is going to hit the Eastern states in another way. The Eastern states are going to be short of fuel oil for exactly the same reason that they are short of gasbecause Axis subs have cut the tanker route from the Southwestern oil fields and the railroads can haul no more tank cars than they are hauling now. It will be difficult to get enough fuel oil the same time keep war factories and power plants going. Anyone in this region who is using fuel oil now and can shift to coal should do so right away. And buy the coal now—we may not be able to spare the cars to haul the coal by Autumn.

The needs of total war dredge War Production Board orders, for Treasury

ted women's footholds are bottoms of women's rubber gal oshes with rubber dots in them for decorative purposes istle is a Mexican fiber used as

substitute for jute and other fib-

Far East . . . osnaburg is a loose-

Navy and last month we were Use of tin for unnecessary civilian purposes will be cut another the Treasury has opposed this ten percent July 1, because of form of revenue. This is camurgent military and civilian needs paign year and many House paign year and many House largest United States cities soon on the revenue bill more for publess than two years unless fur- from the Ways and Means Comther steps are taken to save their mittee. . . After September 1, tires . After a little more than six efficiency won't be affected . . making light bulbs will save a pounds of bass, million packing animal food, rubber nip-

## WASHINGTON

oles, candy and window cards

WASHINGTON, June 17. tween this country, Britain and facturers, who is 1939 did 8% of Russia may have world-wide re- the volume of business, will be percussions, but it cannot over- shut down in the fall." shadow the concerns of our lawthe effect of war edicts on the observation: "The future of thoujunk collecting campaign launch-Here is a situation which con- ed This week apparently has more significance than the latest comstave off bankruptcy. Legislators from states where

no gasoline rationing has been felt are praying that the collection of rubber scrap will warrant the indefinite postponement of gasoline restrictions in these limitations of use of this fuel for transportation purposes is important as a tire conservation device. Sectional feeling is springing up as evidenced in Congressional debate. Spokesmen for the asmuch as tire-saving is the primary motive for gasoline restrictions, the sacrifices and burdens should be distributed equally without regard to proximity to sources of supply. On the other hand, the agents from states where gasoline is plentiful argue that it is wasteful to restrict the production of this motor fuel simply because transportation bottle-necks interfere with deliveries to Eastern consumers. They make the point that unlimited use of gas in areas where the supply is adequate will be met with voluntary reductions in mileage used by motorists as a mean of saving rubber.

Optimistic estimates are to the effect that the salvage campaign now underway will uncover between one and two million tons for the scrap pile. Calculations as to what percentage can be converted are not reliable. The average person overlooks that this rubber-saving program has a "catch" clause. Under Secretary of War Patterson reported that our own military needs supplemented by aid to United Nations will provide a heavy drain upon the rubber resources, With these agencies having first call it seems doubtful that the reclaimed and synthetic rubber will be sufficient for civilian needs. Army and Navy crude rubber requirements during the 21 months after April 1, 1942, will be 800,000 tone, compared with the U.S. reserve of 600,000 tons. Patterson is hopeful that synthetic output willmake up the difference. There is a wide gap between liberal estimates of civilians and the military officials. Army estimates of into the East to heat homes and the amount of scrap rubber that apartments next winter and at can be collected by a salvage campaign vary from 500,000 to 800,000 tons. Conscious of public indignation solons seeking re-election fully anticipate they will rise and fail on the condition of privately operated motor vehicles when voting is held next fall.

The House Committee on Ways and Means is about to report a up some strange materials from tax bill which hits the pocketbook the industrial seas . . . recent of nearly all wage earners. The Department will then instance, have dealt with istles, be faced with a dilemma as the waste waste, osnaburg, and "dog bill now drafted is not expected . . . dot- to raise

## - NOT EXACTLY NEWS

W. B. Keziah, who was bit by a snake weekers we used to import from the before last, and by an alligator last week, started off this week by being kicked by a horse . . . summer of 1940 we have spent And speaking of horse stories; the latest thrill \$30,615,000,000 on the Army and ride furnished by Smoky went to Emma Lou Harrelson, who went the whole way with her

The American people don't want to be proof of great accomplishment. Don't want to be proof of great accomplishment. Middle Zone \$22.50 and in the triever out at the Magnolia dairy farm . . . An-

while government fiscal experts

insist another two billions must

provided from taxes. The

gistered Toggenburg buck kid, the first bred that Dr. Roy has purchased since into the goat business in a mild way

"Paris Calling" is another of these ing, up-to-the-minute war pictures. It comes Wednesday and Thursday to Randolph Scott, who was stationed well during World War No. 1, in the . . . . They aren't even catching

1942. Text: Matt. 28: 16-20; Mark will be saving fats and greases, lic consumption in their districts gave His disciples a great comtoo . . . Most of America's milk than with any expectation of mission. Instructing them to "go trucks will be oft the streets in changing the draft as reported into all the world and preach the

tain iron or steel . . . There is from small plant operators and (Matt. 28: 20), and assured them going to be a lot of substitute employees, the Congress has en- that certain signs should follow material in electric light bulbs acted a law setting up a new Fedfrom now on, but WPB says their eral agency to encourage the dis- 18.) They were to carry the tribution of war contracts. Now Jesus message to men and womthe officials are wondering whet- en everywhere. They were to be WPB estimates that the order requiring the use of substitutes in the it will provide the answer to co-workers with God to secure quiring the use of substitutes in the it will provide the answer to co-workers with God to secure an urgent problem of little busi-40,000 ness. It is designed to assist the and the enrichment of human soof copper and 30,000 breaking down of large contracts ciety. In the Master's name they . . . WPB has so that smaller companies may should "cast out devils; they prohibited use of cellophane for participate. Philip D. Reed, of W. should speak with new tongues;

> official estimates "indicate of 184,000 manufacturing establish- response to the command of their approximately 24,000. whose sales in 1939 amounted to city of Jerusalem until they were four billion dollars, will be for- endued with power from on high 1st. If these figures are correct at Pentecost they became inced to shut down before October The implication of these business casualsands of small communities is de- their faith kindled rapidly and pendent upon the existence of soon ran across the Roman emthese private plants, and if they pire, sinners were converted, and cannot be preserved during the war and revived when it is over, a tremendous and imponderable ed the saints "in Caesar's housechange will occur in the structure hold" (Philippians 5: 22). of the social and economic life of America." It is small wonder the early disciples has not been that officialdom is pulling hard finished. For nineteen centuries

Watch the label on your paper, sage, have ordered their lives by

By GROVER C. PHILLIPS BENNETT, N. C. (Lesson for Sunday, June 28

16: 14-20; Luke 24: 49-53). After His resurrection Jesus gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15), He promised His continu-In order to still the protests ing presence to the end of ages them that believed (Mark 16: 17,,

P. B.'s Bureau of Industry they should take up serpents; Branches, and president of Gener- they should lay hands on the sick al Electric stated this week that and they should recover." The disciples made a gallant

Lord. They were to "tarry in the (Luke 24: 49). This they did, and, struments of God's energy and wisdom. Going out into a world

in which human life was cheap and in which God was almost forgotten, their lives of beauty, courage and power became a challenge to the noblest in manhood natural resources, and womanhood. The flames of Christian communities sprang up almost everywhere. Paul mention-The task Jesus committed to Jesus, supporting His cause

the new law to aid small plants individuals have caught the spirit kingdom in the lives of others of the Master and, being responsive to the challenge of His mes- and me! We must not,

His teachings and given selves to His service. Jesus is alive and at work in the today; invites us to conticaused the Christian more progress than been since then, and its propel ce is still felt in the li-

strong enough to bridge lives of the early Christians their fellowship. We live time when the human famil perhaps divided as never There are racial, national a mic and cultural differences

our relationship with Christ sh

and thus give us "the heather

a heritage" (Psalm 2:8)

pioneering on the frontiers of they will not be defeated Frie are you among the friends word and conduct and embis every opportunity to advance l Remember, He is counting of not fail Him!

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