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### The Meaning Of War

The meaning of war is at last breaking through a mist of selfish pleasure, business-as-usual and downright indifference.

First, the seriousness of the rubber situation has been pointed out in clear, ringing tones, accompanied by timely warnings. There are, to be sure, numbers of "C" cards doing business on Sundays and reaping the fruits of the savings effected by others, but the meaning of war is gradually grinding its way into our minds as friction grinds away the treads of our tires.

Then there is a report from down in little Dare County telling about the return of a soldier's body from the battlefields, directing a cold challenge to us to exert every effort and do every thing possible that the lives of others might be saved and that others may not have made the supreme sacrifice in vain.

We have a way of counting the missing air-men today and forgetting the count tomorrow. In addition to the loss of human life, there is another loss that is challenging our ability to finance the all-out fight. According to an official report from Canada, the cost of training a pilot under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is estimated at \$20,000 and the cost of other members, such as observers, wireless operator air gunners and others, is calculated at \$22,000 each.

Coming closer home we are experiencing labor shortages in nearly every field of endeavor. We see our young men leaving in large numbers. We are being warned about taxes, and we are told to expect sacrifices.

What more will it take to wake us up? What more will it take to make us realize that it is our duty to support the war program in every way possible?

Surely, the meaning of this war should be well understood by now. Then, why are we waiting to be forced to recognize that meaning? If we are to wait until we are forced to stop riding and whiling our time away, it is quite possible that we'll be stepping the goose step to Hitler's tune.

### Helping Win The War

Here is what your War Savings Stamps and Bonds will buy for the U. S. Army:

- Ten cents will buy 1 set insignia.
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- One dollar will buy 1 arm splint.
- Six dollars will buy 1 anti-tank shell.
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- Nineteen dollars and thirty-six cents will buy one 81-mm trench mortar shell.
- Three hundred and seventy dollars will buy 17 surgical beds.
- Five hundred dollars will buy 1 motor trailer.
- One thousand dollars will buy 1 reconnaissance car.
- Fifteen thousand dollars will buy 1 pontoon bridge.

One dollar and a half in War Savings Stamps pays for a first aid kit.

Two dollars in War Savings Stamps is what one blanket costs.

### Expand The Program

The schools of this nation have a wonderful opportunity to help relieve the serious situation we now find ourselves in and to cushion the future for a tremendous shock that is certain to follow the present debacle. The school program should be expanded, and in addition to teaching the little ones how to figure and earn, let the schools teach them the importance of saving, and let them know that it is good to recognize the principles of fairness.

The schools will fall down on the job if they do not stress the importance of saving now for the proverbial rainy day in the future. The dimes and nickels from the approximately 6,000 school children in Martin County would make an impressive showing if they were converted into war stamps and bonds. With the aid of the parents, the schools can do much toward ousting the reckless spending program that's holding so many down by the neck today and substituting for it a policy that will prove beneficial to our nation today and to ourselves at some later date.

The schools of this county, state and nation have never had a greater opportunity to accomplish something than the one now before them. Not only is there a demand for a greater interest in things scholastic, but there is also a demand for a greater recognition of thrift, basic principles and the other foundation stones that go to keep a great nation great and to help maintain peace once peace is established.

### It All Depends On Me!

By Ruth Taylor.

The other day a friend who had just returned from England showed me a poster he had brought back. The background is a stormy sky, through which the sun has broken to illuminate the figure of a woman standing with outstretched arms, her hands grasping the hands of others on each side. The other figures are not shown—just the hands. Beneath is a strong chain of single links, emphasizing the feeling of uncountable thousands holding hands. Across the poster is the line, "It All Depends on Me."

I have felt very humble ever since I saw that poster. This was no challenging "It's Your Job. It's Up to You. This Is Your War." This was a confession of personal faith, a recognition of personal responsibility. And it has made me think.

Am I facing the fact that this is my war? It is my way of life that is at stake. I would not want to live in a world that denied those simple virtues in which I believe, freedom of conscience and speech, the right to worship my God according to my own belief, the sanctity of the home, the freedom of the individual, the honor of the pledged word, the governing of action by right rather than might. This is my way of life. If it is to be retained, it all depends on me.

Am I working where I can be most useful in this, my war? Am I shirking the job that I should do because it is tedious, or because it will interfere with my accustomed routine? Am I serving in the place where I can be of most good? I must make the most out of my working strength and time, for—it all depends on me.

Am I mobilized for this, my war? Or am I clinging to non-essentials? Over and above my job, have I assumed my proper responsibility as a citizen in my own community? Have I streamlined my life, made wise use of my time, and conserved my health? Am I putting all my resources to work? Am I taking care to conserve that which I have, to give up that which can be used for war-effort and am I buying no more than is absolutely necessary, in order that my dollars may help fight the battle? Money and goods are needed. This is a total war—and it all depends on me.

Am I keeping a soldierly self-control? Am I seeing to it that the whispered rumor stops when it reaches me? That I do not pass on any divisive thought? Am I living my faith? Am I, who talk of the glory of democracy, holding out a friendly hand to my neighbor, keeping from my heart and mind all prejudice and hatred toward any one, regardless of class, creed, or color? Am I putting into daily practice the ideals to which I give lip allegiance? Only in this way can democracy endure—it all depends on me.

I cannot close this self-searching with a moral—but only with the prayer, in the words of the Psalmist, "Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not." It all depends on me.

Eight dollars in War Savings Stamps will buy two steel helmets.

### THE WIND IS WHISTLING AMONG THE (S)PINES

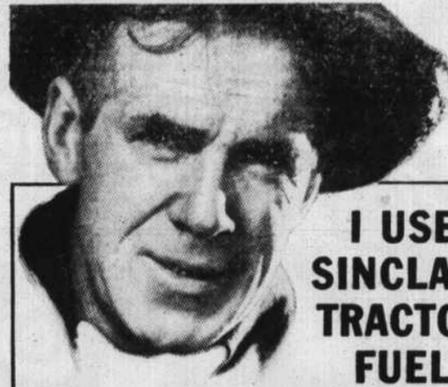


### The 39th Week Of The War

**Purchase of War Bonds**  
The Treasury Department announced sales of War Bonds in August totaled \$697,255,000 in bonds through the ten per cent payroll savings plan, compared with 18,000,000 persons and \$200,000,000 in July. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced State War Bond quotas for September, totaling \$775,000,000 for the country.

**Taxation and Profits**  
The Treasury Department recom-

mended to Congress a reduction in individual income tax exemptions to \$500 for each dependent. The Treasury also proposed a ten per cent tax on consumer spending and high penalty rates for luxury spending. At the request of Congress, the Treasury outlined a sales tax levied against the retailer who would pass it on to the consumer. War expenditures in August were \$4,900 million, more than three times greater than the amount spent for National Defense a year ago. Income payments to individuals in July were 21 per cent more than July 1941 and were at the record annual rate of \$114 billion a year, the commerce department said.



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