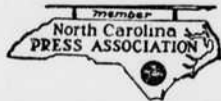


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"GOD HELPING US"

● ● The President of the United States has asked this country to set aside this New Year's Day as a day of prayer for divine guidance in a world at war.

By that act, the President has stamped this nation as a Christian nation, made up of people who realize in their hour of trouble that there is only one great refuge of power and strength.

For our hour of trouble is at hand. We stand to lose all we hold dear. We have been a weak, lazy, pleasure-seeking people. We have been a sinful people. Now has come the time of repentance and the time to do better. Knowing now we cannot gain our selfish desires alone, the President tells us to pray for guidance and strength to meet the dark days which lie ahead. He knows we cannot go that way alone; he knows we cannot win the war and win the peace unless we are prepared to face and to conquer the evil things of this world. When the President concluded his recent address to the nation declaring a state of war, he did not tell us we would win. He did tell us that "God helping us" we would win.

1942 will be a gloomy year, a busy year, a year of girding the loins. We are not yet ready and for that shortcoming we must suffer during the months ahead. It is altogether fitting that the first day of 1942 be set aside as a day of prayer, not for victory over our enemies, but for victory over our own selves, our own past weaknesses, in order that we may be fit to fight.

If the officers and men at Pearl Harbor were caught napping, caught "with their hair down", having "a good time", that fateful Saturday night and Sunday morning, who can blame them for what happened? We back here were just as guilty. We, too, had forgotten God. We think our President had something like this in mind when he set the New Year Day as a national day of prayer. He knows that we can win the war and the peace which follows only with "God helping us".

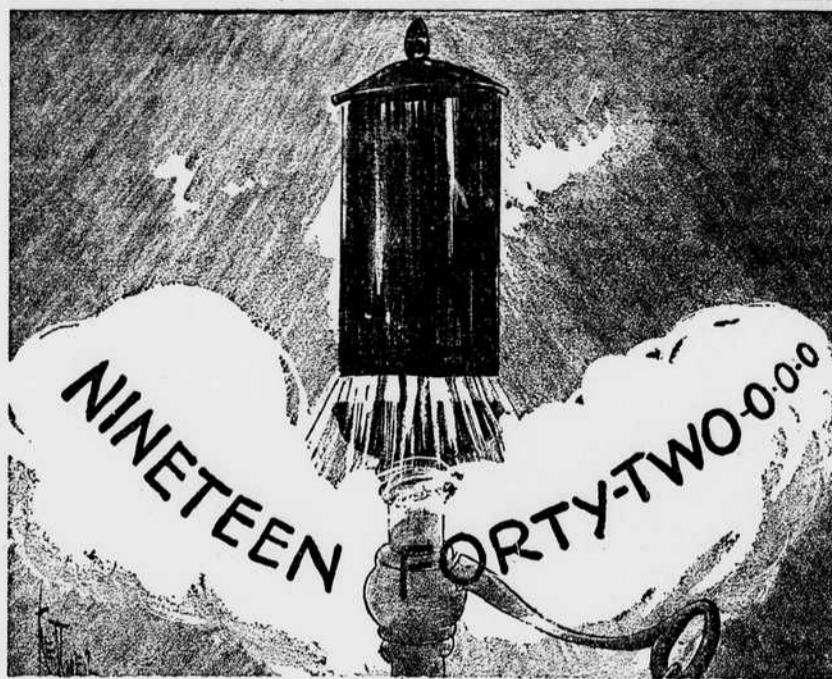
WHAT FACES US IN 1942

● ● We might just as well look the facts in the face. We have always prided ourselves on being able to whip anybody in the world. Was it just idle boasting and bullying? Here is what faces every man, woman and child in America in 1942:

We do not have enough airplanes, not enough aircraft carriers and battleships, not enough ships to carry men and munitions and supplies, not enough trained fighters for planes, battleships, transports, not enough of anything to fight an offensive war against nations which have prepared while we played.

When you hear anybody say: Why don't we do this or why don't we do that, just answer them

An Industrious New Year to You



with the question: What have you been doing for the past five years; have you been getting yourself ready to fight a world war?

The fact facing us all in 1942 is that we are unprepared for war and it will take everything we have all during 1942 to get us ready to even start a war.

You can gripe about not being able to buy auto tires if you want to. 1942 will bring you many more surprises of things you will not be able to buy.

Winston Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" is not an idle phrase. It is what England has undergone. It is what we must undergo here in 1942. Question mark in the rest of the world today is: Can Americans take it?

THE ARMORY

● ● Roanoke Rapids has a new armory which will be ready for the New Year. This armory is the home station of our own boys, volunteers in the armed forces of the nation. Many of them will be back with us when that building is dedicated at the beginning of this new year and they will be welcomed back by relatives and friends who saw them all when that first shovel of dirt was dug by our great Governor.

There are evidences that WPA has made mistakes in the past but in the armory at Roanoke Rapids there stands a testament of pride which proves that WPA has played a splendid part in preparing this country to care for its people.

This armory will not only serve as the headquarters for our own soldiers, but it will also serve as a part time gymnasium where our boys and girls will learn to grow strong of limb and strong in the spirit of clean sportsmanship. It will serve as a gathering place for our people where all will feel at home.

Roanoke Rapids, now a city, has never before had a place big enough to take care of big gatherings, conventions and the like. In the Armory it has accomplished these ambitions.

Dedication services during the day Friday will be followed by a dance on the spacious floor at night. Money made from this Rotary Club dance will be used to furnish our soldier boys with a recreation center at camp. When the war is over, all will be sent back to this Armory; all will be sent back home.

Tired of all this war news and war editorials? Why, the war has just begun. There is nothing else of real importance. We are at war. Tired so soon?

A few friends gave Jimmy Sears a going-away supper. Jimmy is a young reserve officer. When he was not called for active duty, Jimmy wrote the War Department and asked why. Intelligent, trained, willing, patriotic, James Sears is what

America needs. And for every Jimmy who wears the uniform it takes 20 back home to keep him supplied with what he needs to win the war. Twenty doing double duty and no overtime pay. The boys in uniform don't get overtime pay.

Not all of us can do glorious things. Every one of us can do his daily job a little better than ever before for life must go on. The one who fills his own job and that of the man next to him who has gone away is doing his part too.

5th Columnists in America might be called the low C's: the Cheats and Chiselers.

Time, as always, will tell.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. In a payroll-allotment plan, is an employee committed to purchase any stated amount of Defense Bonds—say, \$100, \$300, or \$500 worth?

A. No. The payroll-allotment plan is part of the voluntary Defense Savings Program for encouraging the public to save systematically. An employee may drop out of a payroll-allotment plan at will. There is no compulsion.

Q. Where are Defense Savings Stamps on sale?

A. At post offices, most banks, savings and loan associations, great numbers of stores. Look for the sign: Defense Savings Stamps on Sale Here.

NOTE.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

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