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With confidence in our armed forces — with the unbounding determination of our people — we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God.

—Roosevelt's War Message

### Star-News Program

- To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory.
- Public Port Terminals.
- Perfectured Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities.
- Seaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island.
- Extension of City Limits.
- 35-foot Cape Fear River channel, wider Turning Basin, with ship lanes into industrial sites along Eastern bank south of Wilmington.
- Paved River Road to Southport, via Orton Plantation.
- Development of Pulp Wood Production through sustained-yield methods throughout Southeastern North Carolina.
- Unified Industrial and Resort Promotional Agency, supported by one county-wide tax.
- Shipyards and Drydocks.
- Negro Health Center for Southeastern North Carolina, developed around the Community Hospital.
- Adequate hospital facilities for white.
- Junior High School.
- Tobacco Warehouses for Export Buyers.
- Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina.
- Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

### TOP OF THE MORNING

He is dead who sees nothing to change, no wrong to make right;  
Who travels no new way or strange in search of the light;  
Who never sets out for a goal that he sees from afar  
But contents his indifferent soul with things as they are.

EDGAR GUEST

### Must Do More

During the first four days of the rubber salvage campaign 50 tons were collected in Wilmington. In the same period, collections in the New York metropolitan area amounted to 248 tons.

New Yorkers gave about five times as much as Wilmingtonians, which is not so hot, considering that New York's population is somewhat more than a hundred times larger than Wilmington's.

On this showing the people of Wilmington have just cause for gratification. Yet we must not be content with what we have done. Rather we should find in the record incentive for doing more.

There is no reason to believe that the city and county have been drained of all scrap rubber. Probably there are more tons in the hands of owners than have been turned in at filling stations. We will have real reason to be proud of our final record only when every piece of rubber which is not serving a useful purpose has been added to the nation's pool.

It is not only a matter of civic pride that should prompt every resident to give up such rubber as they possess. There is a selfish reason, too. If the gross amount of scrap rubber on hand after this campaign is insufficient to meet the war needs of the country, the government will most certainly consider a program of confiscation through which we will be only too likely to have to put up our automobiles until a new kind of wheel has been developed.

For the present we are asked only to turn in our worn-out tires. Unless they create a stockpile large enough to offset the loss in rubber imports we probably will have to give up the tires now on our cars.

If we really want to continue driving our motor vehicles it's up to us to see that rubber to meet war needs is forthcoming.

**A Heavy Handicap**

Submarine sinkings in Western Hemisphere waters have not only disrupted our own coastal shipping. They have placed a heavy handicap upon the export and import business be-

### EDITORIAL

## Just Goes "Glub"

Some months ago the Star, in these columns, told of experiments in New Zealand and actual tests in Russia for extinguishing fire bombs with the least possible damage to property.

Because the Wilmington defense against fire bombs had been built around the custom in England, which was to dump sand on the bombs, and this new method contradicted the principle that water, save as a spray, only increased danger, it was considered too revolutionary to accept.

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### One Year In Russia

It was one year ago today that Adolf Hitler crossed the Russian frontier to launch his drive for the conquest of the Caucasus, with its rich oil fields, of Moscow the Russian capital, of Leningrad the northern Russian center, of all the vast natural resources and industrial production of the Soviets.

The invasion was in violation of the allegedly inviolate pact of friendship to which Hitler had committed himself shortly before his attack on Poland.

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They could fight in blizzards, being hardier than their enemies. Steadily they pressed home the advantage, regaining some of the territory wrested from them in the first headlong attack of the Nazis.

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## Crimea Doesn't Seem to Pay, Either!

The revised program follows exhaustive experiments by the OCD, by which it has been established that the bomb merely goes "glub" when thrust into water.

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As for playing a stream of water directly on the bomb it is explained that the fire-fighter, if protected, may safely approach to within 15 or 20 feet of the bomb and turn the hose directly on it.

The understanding is that the whole process will be dealt with in forthcoming lectures conducted by the Wilmington Defense Council.

### WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

**BY JACK STINETT**  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—The capital hasn't lost its sense of humor, here is, for example, the story of Leonard Herman, Department of Agriculture clerk, who for two years has been the cause for a lot of leg-pulling among the agriculture experts.

Every year, the department employees get up a pool on the wheat referendum vote; each employee who participates chipping in for the privilege of guessing what percentage of the farmer votes will be for continuation of the wheat control program.

One of the better yarns circulated is that which Rep. Luther Patrick, the Alabama man, was defeated for reelection tells on himself. Explaining that while other congressmen like to relax by fishing, hunting or playing golf, he enjoys most going over to one of the radio stations and doing a little broadcasting.

It took a young War Production Board attorney to prove to his elders that the WPB is bound around with far too much red tape.

### EDITORIAL

## As Others Say It

**SCHOOLS IN WARTIME**  
It seems to be agreed that the disruption of school life in Britain has promoted juvenile delinquency.

Washington has become cluttered with too many publicity shows. Davis will have to shake them out and create a coherent organization to replace the bedlam.

Lonely on her rock in the Rhine, the Lorelei sat, so Heine's poem tells us, sad in her seclusion.

You have two extremes to reconcile. Production men are naturally anxious to tell of the big things that have been achieved.

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"You Don't Have to Exercise!" by Peter J. Steincrohn, M. D. (Doubleday, Doran; \$1.50.) The sight of a middle-aged man or woman deliberately forcing himself through 6 sets of tennis or 36 holes of golf nauseates Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn.

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## The Literary Guidepost

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## Interpreting The War

**Fall Of Tobruk May Mark Opening Of Very Critical Summer For Allied Nations**

By EDWARD E. BOMAR  
Wide World War News Analyst  
The Tobruk disaster appears likely to mark the opening of an extremely critical, perhaps even desperate, summer for the United Nations cause.

A preliminary to the Nazis' main onslaught in Russia, the sudden loss of the Libyan stronghold will stir uneasiness over the stability of the entire Mediterranean-Middle East flank.

With this due recognition of the grimmer aspects of the war picture as it appears at the moment, it is possible to state some guarded reassurances as to the immediate prospects on the important North African front itself.

The considered judgment of competent military authorities is that despite the blow the defenders have sustained, Egypt and Suez are probably not in great danger at present from Rommel's drive.

At or near the Egyptian border, the British now hold the strongest defensive line in North Africa, including presumably the Halfaya pass area which last year was an Axis strong point.

Eastward from the border, the defenders enjoy shorter lines, railroad transportation denied the attackers, and presumably their margin of aerial superiority.

TELEVISION is going to be tough on contract bridge players. You can't play for a grand slam and watch a night ball game at the same time.

Bowlegs are said to be a sign of courage. Well, we've noticed most bronco busting rodeo riders have 'em.

Zadok Dumpkopf points out that just when the rubber horse-shoe really comes into its own we lack the rubber.



### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

## Raymond Clapper Says: Roosevelt Appointment Of Davis Wise Choice

By RAYMOND CLAPPER  
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Whether there is to be any material increase in the amount of war news given out here will depend upon President Roosevelt, who hitherto has favored a rather tight lid.

In appointing Elmer Davis as head of the new Office of War Information, the President has made the ideal selection. He has found a man of the highest competence and prestige.

There must be some middle ground in most of these decisions which goes neither to the extreme of blurring out what might help the enemy nor to the other extreme of suppressing facts that might encourage our side and discourage the enemy.

That is where Davis comes in. To be effective he must know fully what is going on, know all the considerations involved, know what is coming up.

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