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**THEORIES DON'T CHANGE FACTS**

The farm situation is a number one domestic problem, for after all everyone has to eat. The draft rulings have at last officially recognized this fact. The question now is how much damage has been caused by delayed decisions, that cannot be corrected this season.

To get increased milk production, once the supply has been depleted, requires several years. Cows must be milked and fed regularly, and anything that interferes with that, as has been the case for some months past, depletes supply, or prevents an increase.

Farm wages have increased until they are prohibitive on most small farms where a major part of the milk comes from. All the theorizing in the world and planning from swivel chairs will not change these facts. Fortunately, the small farmers working through their marketing cooperatives, are at last making themselves heard. Otherwise, this country would be in a bad way for its milk supply right now and in the future. The same applies to most all other food and feed supplies.

**ALL IN SAME BOAT TODAY**

The buyers of merchandise today have no conception of what the storekeeper has to comply with in order to supply their needs. Take the case of a typical country store. The people for miles around depend on that store for their daily necessities. The storekeeper works throughout the day, and then additional hours into the night keeping track of ration stamps, and endless rules and regulations. Almost every move he makes is under threat of fine or jail sentence for a mistake. Thousands of stores are actually going out of business to the real hardship of many communities, simply because the operators cannot stand the strain involved.

Chairman Patman of the House committee on small business, has ordered an investigation into all phases of the issuance of orders and regulations by the OPA. He says: "Conditions are forced upon retailers and wholesalers which do not comply with the provisions of the Emergency Price Control Act."

It is to be sincerely hoped that every effort will be made to lighten or simplify the present complications surrounding retailing—not for the retailers alone, but for the consumer, who is the worst sufferer as thousands of necessary stores are forced out of business due to sheer physical inability to meet the complications of operation.

**TAKING CRISIS IN STRIDE**

It is refreshing to see signs that business men, in spite of the oppressive dictatorial atmosphere that of necessity pervades our lives at the present time, still have a wide streak of good old-fashioned imagination.

For example, the retail distribution industry has felt the effect of ironhanded control far more than most of us. Business men in that industry have lived very close to government dictatorship for months. The goods they handle are doled out as if to shipwreck victims lost at sea. The question of price is decided at the helm of government. But if the retail stores are any criterion, the merchants are taking the crisis in stride.

The stores are wholeheartedly helping the government in every possible way to get a disagreeable job done in the shortest possible time. The initiative of management is directed toward making the controls formulated by government a practical reality. In the field of food, they carry on extensive nutrition efforts. Bulletins are issued periodically by the National Association of Food Chains which show how to make food more palatable and go farther. These bulletins are compiled with brevity, clarity, and imagination. They emphasize nourishing foods and the recipes are designed to fit war cupboards. The instinct of the good business man to efficiently serve his customers is evident in these culinary messages to housewives. As long as this instinct exists, the future holds promise. The public should cooperate.

**WHILE THE BOMBERS ROAR**

Twice within a generation it has been tragically demonstrated that the days of sailing ship isolation are gone forever. Wars are no longer bound by mountains, climate nor seas. The last echoes of isolation have been drowned in the roar of the bombers.

With recognition of the fact that isolation is an impossibility and that this country cannot shut itself off from future wars no matter where they may occur, it becomes a matter of sheer self interest to help prevent wars. The surest way to prevent war is by taking a hand in world affairs and stimulating international trade. Only through trade can the prosperous and fruitful world envisaged in the Atlantic Charter be realized.

In the United States, the machinery for bringing about expanded trade is already in existence. In the words of Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles: "It consists of the Trade Agreements Act of 1934, renewed in 1937 and 1940, under which the President is authorized,

**OUR DEMOCRACY**—by Mat

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**AMERICAN HEROES**

BY LEFF



Lt. Clarence Lipky, United States Air Force, from Great Neck, L. I., was one of the first Americans to participate in the bombing of Germany and the occupied countries. Forced down over enemy territory, Lt. Lipky is now in a Nazi prison. To free this American soldier, as well as guarantee your own future liberty, buy Second War Loan Bonds with every cent not needed for the essentials of living.

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Some farmers cull their laying flocks once or twice a year. T. O. Minton of Champion, Wilkes County, culls his 23,000 laying hens about every two weeks.

Cats and dogs may be kept in apartment houses, according to a rule in a Kansas town. They ought to get real radical and include children, too.

Since there is a serious shortage of protein feeds, all cottonseed and other oil meals should go for animal feeding at this time.

**CHANGES DISTRICT MANAGERS**

Rumford Chemical Works, Rumford, Rhode Island, has named Robert T. Hackett as District Sales Manager in charge of the Richmond District to succeed the late W. Carlisle Burton. A native of Richmond, Mr. Hackett joined the Rumford Chemical Works as a salesman for the Baking Powder Division in 1922. Mr. Hackett is assum-

ing his duties immediately with headquarters in Richmond. He will have charge of sales of Rumford Baking Powder and Health Club Baking Powder in the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Some people buy old furniture and others achieve the same end by raising a family.

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ized, by procedure and within the limits stated in the Act, to enter into arrangements about tariff rates, quotas, and the like with foreign governments, and to proclaim the changes in American rates necessary to carry out our part of the agreements."

The Act must be renewed in June or we will have in effect served notice on the world that we expect to take no part in efforts to establish lasting peace; that as far as we are concerned peace objectives are words—nothing more. After victory, if we follow the path of isolation, we can retire to raise another crop of youngsters in time for World War III. Along with our imagined isolation, we will have depression and bankruptcy. Our great productive capacity will avail us little without worldwide channels of distribution. And industries which don't produce, don't supply jobs or taxes. The wreckage of our tanks, planes and ships will be scattered in every corner of the world. Our men will be there too, those who didn't come back. We will be "safely" at home with a war debt of several hundred billion dollars, minding our own business until the next war comes along.

Is this what Americans expect of the future? They will get it unless they make up their minds once and for all to swim with the rest of the world toward peace and sanity. At best it will be a long pull, but there is no better way to begin while the bombers' roar is still in our ears, than by wholeheartedly urging renewal of the Trade Agreements Act.

Women in our war industry wear slacks, which indicate they are not slackers.

If your garden plot is large enough, demand will make it possible for you to raise not only vegetables, but a few dollars.

Now is the season when one day a fan's swell ball club wins and the next day his rotten team loses.

It may be common this summer for the stockless woman to meet the shoeless man.

A couple on the west coast were married by telephone. That's one way to get along.

Girl babies learn to speak before the boy babies, says a speech expert. Meaning they get the first word, too.

It is expected that the air will be full of pleasure planes after the war. With traffic directed by helicopters.

A girl with a gun robbed a man in Chicago. Since when did they have to use guns?

If the liquor shortage gets worse, the first rose of summer will be coming in about the time the last nose goes out.

More than 100 babies were entered in a baby show in Florida—much to their disgust.

With the arrival of moonlight summer nights, coat lapels will be getting that school girl complexion.

Folks in the country will appreciate gas rationing this summer. Relatives won't be able to drop in.

If the neighbor's chickens get in next-door gardens this year, some people will be foolish enough to chase 'em back.

No tank runs, no ship sails, no plane flies without cotton as a part of its equipment or structure.

Petrified clams and oysters have been discovered in North Carolina in deposits more than 30,000,000 years old.

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