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The Home Front

The President gave the signal and America's war production machinery, already rolling, switched into high gear. Today we are moving at constantly quickening speed along the only sure highway to victory—the hard and rocky road of self sacrifice.

There's not a one of the whole 130,000,000 of us, probably—man, woman or child—who won't have carried some part of the burden of this war before it is over, before the Japanese are slapped back onto their own islands and disarmed, before Hitler and his stooge Mussolini and their followers—willing and unwilling—have been made harmless. Expressed in terms of cold cash, the huge 1942 program for tanks and guns and planes and ships will cost more than \$400 for every citizen of these United States.

So far the crisis in materials needed for this vast production program has been reflected chiefly in the nation's auto salesrooms and auto supply stores. So far it's been primarily a matter of cars and tires.

But already other changes are on their way, changes which will be reflected in the products displayed on the shelves of tradesmen in thousands of towns and villages when present stocks are exhausted.

Take clothes, for one thing. Clothes are going to change. They are going to look different, and they are going to be different, too. That's because we are cut off from sources of wool in Australia and New Zealand, and because so much wool is needed for military uniforms. There's from 40 to 50 per cent less wool available for civilian uses this year and it's going to mean that overcoats probably will be made out of a mixture of virgin wool and re-used wool, and that coats will be shorter and trousers skimmer, and an end, for the duration, of the "two-pants suit."

The vital need for more and more alcohol to make explosives is going to change the formula of lots of things on your drugstore shelves. Not things you need when you're ill, but things like toothpaste, and perfume, and a great many cosmetic products. The Office of Production Management has ruled that no more alcohol may be used in the manufacture of such products after April 1.

To date, despite tremendous lend-lease shipments to Britain, there hasn't been any real shortage in any foodstuff. Nearest approach to a shortage is in sugar, because much sugar is made of cane, and sugar cane molasses has been largely used to make alcohol. The OPM has ordered distillers equipped to make alcohol from corn or grain to use these materials exclusively. At the same time the Office of Price Administration ordered an upward adjustment in the price ceiling above refined and other "direct consumption" sugars, a maximum price advance of 20 cents a 100 pounds. This isn't expected to have any immediate effect on retail prices, because retailers now are selling sugar acquired at lower prices. When present stocks are exhausted, however, retailers will have to pay higher wholesale prices to replenish their supplies.

The OPM suggests a variety of ways in which dairy operators and milk distributors may overcome shortages. Dairy men can't buy new trucks for home deliveries, but they are urged to repair old equipment, just as the farmer has been urged to have his old farm machinery repaired. The OPM suggests that deliveries be made every other day and that duplication in milk pickup routes be avoided in order to conserve rubber and machinery and, incidentally, gasoline. Containers are going

to be a problem, OPM suggests campaigns to salvage used bottles, a reduction in the variety of container sizes offered the consumer.

The sweeping drive to conserve metals for war production continues, with lead—the raw materials for bullets—latest on the list headed by copper and steel, tin and aluminum. Just as iron and steel priorities meant far fewer refrigerators and no pleasure autos at all; just as tin priorities are working changes in everything from cans to many articles customarily found at the five and dime stores; so with restrictions on the use of lead for civilian purposes.

The lead order, effective April 1, will even be felt in the undertaking business—no more lead may be used in caskets or in casket hardware. No more lead, either, for automobile body solder, for ballast or keels of pleasure boats, for foil or ornamental glass or regalia or badges or emblems. Nor for statuary and art goods, toys, tennis court markers. Lead may not be used in bats (as weights), or in clocks, decoys, dresses, golf clubs and jockey saddles.

America's force of war workers must be doubled or trebled to meet the Victory production program and women must play a larger part in war industry, says Sidney Hillman, OPM's Associate Director. . . . The OPM has prohibited use of methyl (wood) alcohol in manufacture of anti-freeze compounds. . . . You'll probably be putting something containing ethyl alcohol or isopropenyl in your radiator. . . . Paper manufacturers were warned by OPM against building up excessive inventories. . . . Paper pulp is a real wartime military necessity, it's used in making pasteboard containers for small arms ammunition. . . . The OPM is campaigning for waste paper salvage. . . . Canadian paper mills are planning to increase newsprint prices. . . . The OPA conferred with representatives of the American publishing industry, which gets 75 per cent of its newsprint from Canadian mills. . . . Director of Defense Transportation Joseph B. Eastman says military needs for iron and steel constitute a particular danger to the trucking industry. . . . If trucks can't be replaced the burden carried by the railroads may grow heavier. . . . Our railroads are doing a job, Mr. Eastman said, and they're helped by a public which realizes that first things come first.

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Borrowed Comment

HONORING HANK

(Winston-Salem Journal)

Hank Greenberg, renowned Detroit Tiger outfielder, is no Sergeant York, because he has had no opportunity to capture a nest of machine gunners singlehanded. But the sporting world rates him as a "swell guy" whose patriotism and courage are not wanting and he has been singled out by the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers Association for special recognition at the organization's annual dinner in February.

Greenberg deserves recognition on two counts. When the Selective Service called Hank's number he responded without a murmur at a time when many men of lesser importance, minor executives in small firms, were pleading or persuading others to plead in their behalf that they were necessary to their firms and that they could not be replaced. While baseball cannot be considered necessary to the country, Greenberg was necessary to baseball. His salary was larger than the President's.

Entering the service was a tremendous sacrifice for Greenberg, not only because he was making big money, but because a ball player must capitalize on his youth. He has only a few years in which he can hope to keep in the game. Hank is at his peak now. A few years out of the game can mean the ruin of his career.

But that is not all the story. After Pearl Harbor, Hank, who had been released from his unit, because of the 28-year age limit, announced that he would rejoin the Army at once and that he was "through with baseball for the duration."

If the military forces of the United States were filled with men of Hank Greenberg's caliber we would feel that the "outfield" would be ably covered.

Three Year Course At Wake Forest

Wake Forest. — High school graduates who desire to obtain a college degree in three years before beginning military service, may register at Wake Forest College in January, June or September, according to plans effected by officials here today.

The action was taken in response to appeals of government officials for colleges to accelerate their offerings and supply early college trained men to staff the greatly expanded air corps and two-ocean navy.

More than 100 students now enrolled at Wake Forest interviewed a government recruiting officer here today looking to entering the air corps or navy as prospective officers immediately upon graduation from Wake Forest. They are taking the prerequisite courses here now and it is contemplated that they will be allowed to graduate before being inducted into service.

About 50 high school graduates are expected to enter college here at the beginning of the second semester, January 26, and some 200 high school seniors who will receive their diplomas in the spring will register here June 9. There will be another group, of course, who will begin their college careers on September 8 when the fall semester opens.

The college catalog has been re-written, giving emphasis to those courses which will best equip Wake Forest men to serve during the present emergency.

This action conforms to an urgent recommendation made last week at the Baltimore conference of government and university officials of the United States.

MILITARY HONOR FOR SPANIEL PUP

Camp Barkerly, Texas. — Meet Butch, the youngest master sergeant in the country. Butch is a five-months-old spaniel pup and he won his rating at the age of one month. His headquarters are with the Service Company of the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry, Forty-fifth Division.

REPORTS ICELAND NEEDS HOT DOGS

Portland, Ore. — What Iceland needs is not a good cigar—but a good hot dog stand. That's the opinion of Marine Private James I. Smith, stationed on the frigid isle, who says the food is fine but "a good old American hot dog" would look awfully good.

Medical Students Get Commissions In Army Reserves

Third and fourth-year students in acceptable medical schools and first-year internes may obtain reserve commissions in the army or navy and then will be permitted to complete their medical training, including one year of internship, before being ordered to active duty, Brig. Gen. J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, has advised all local boards in the state.

Such medical students and internes may be deferred by their local boards in Class II-A pending receipt of their commissions, General Metts said but all who are eligible for a commission and do not apply may be considered for classification in Class I-A, if they are not deferred for other reasons and are found physically qualified for general military service.

Third and fourth-year medical students and internes who are rejected after applying for commissions, and also first and second-year medical students and those registrants who have been accepted as students in a medical school, may be deferred in class II-A as long as their school officials certify that they give indication they will become qualified medical practitioners, General Metts said. He emphasized, however, that no group deferment is permissible under the law and that each case must be decided by a local board on the facts concerning the individual registrant involved.

Medical students and internes accepted by the army are given commissions as second lieutenants pending graduation when they become first lieutenants in the Army Medical Reserve Corps. Those accepted by the Navy are commissioned as ensigns until graduation when they become lieutenants (junior grade) in the Navy Medical Reserve Corps.

CIVILIAN TIRE QUOTA 400,000 IN JANUARY

The office of Federal Price Control Administrator Leon Henderson estimated that under the rationing system now being set up "less than 400,000 new tires may be purchased for civilian use in the United States and its possessions during January." Normal sales in recent months—4,000,000 tires.

PARKING METER USED BY COWBOY

Amarillo, Texas. — A cowboy who dropped the bridle reins over the metal post was the first person to use the city's new parking meters. Workmen are busy installing the parking meters.

Last Months Japs Capture Tarakan, But Not Oil Wells

Washington. — General Douglas MacArthur's stubborn resistance against Japanese forces pounding at Bataan Peninsula raised hope last night that he may be able to wage delaying warfare for practical weeks—if not months.

Some experts—viewing the tactics of the "fox of Luzon" as a possible counterpart of General Francis (Swamp Fox) Marion's Revolutionary War strategy—considered it entirely possible that if MacArthur can "hole up" in the jungle fastnesses of Bataan he might even hold out until the offensive tide turns.

All this, they acknowledged, depends upon maintaining communications between Corregidor fortress and Bataan.

Aside from its primary function as a barrier to Manila Bay, Corregidor now may be serving another vital purpose—supply house for MacArthur's army. Deep within the labyrinths of the island fortress are believed to be huge stores of military material of every kind.

The wise wife knows it isn't good for her husband to lose every argument. So she encourages him to find fault with things outside the home.

Not Oil Wells

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies. — Tarakan, off northeast Borneo, has fallen to a Japanese assault of overwhelming power, but the one prize for which the invader had paid so heavily in ships and planes and men—the island's oil—is still many a month out of his grasp, the Dutch announced last night.

Almost simultaneously with the disclosure of the N. E. I. command that the small Tarakan garrison had been overrun by the vastly superior forces and that only a tragic few of its men had reached the Borneo mainland alive, it was established that the Dutch had meant business when they warned the enemy that it would be easier to come for the island's riches than to take them away.

A youngster was being taken, somewhat unwillingly, for a stroll by a do'ing uncle and aunt. "Hello, Bobby!" called an acquaintance. "Is that your father and mother?" "Naw," was the sour retort. "That's my convoy."

MARLOW'S MEN'S SHOP

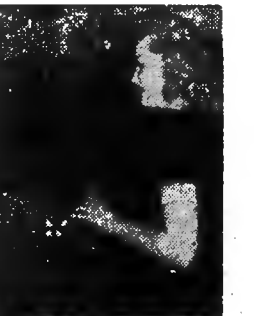
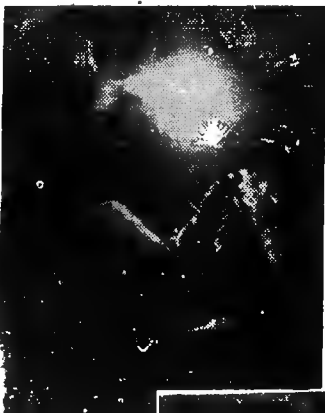
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