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## Another Kind Of Hero

"Don't bother me; I'm too busy." That's what an employee in one American factory said to a visitor who wanted to congratulate him on the record he had made for speedy and accurate work. He was too busy for praise—too busy helping to turn out the war material that our country so urgently needs.

Throughout America today there are plenty of others like him—men and women who with their work are helping the United Nations to make a gallant stand for liberty in every part of the world. Many of them have perfected new techniques that speed up war production. Many others have developed ways of saving vital materials, ways of using substitutes. All of them are giving their knowledge and their skill to Uncle Sam's main job of winning the war.

They don't often make the front pages, these people. Yet their work is one of the reasons behind the rapid increase in industry's output of war materials. Together with the men who plan our war production and manage our war plants, they are the heroes on America's factory front.

## What To Remember

Remember Pearl Harbor! That seems to be the slogan of this World War number.

Of course, we shall remember that the Japanese there launched a treacherous attack without warning while agents of their government were supposed to be negotiating for peace in Washington. The treachery of the attack which plunged this nation into the war will be remembered and avenged.

But let us not forget why the Japanese attack was successful. It was lethargy on the part of men in high positions of responsibility who seemingly were unable to calculate what the Japs would do. It was sleepiness on the part of our army and navy officials. It was their underestimation of the strength, ability and downright viciousness of the enemy.

While our forces were complacently doing nothing at Pearl Harbor, the valiant Dutch navy of the East Indies was already out and ready for the fighting to begin. General Douglas MacArthur's forces in the Philippines were on the alert. The Japs did not pull a Pearl Harbor success there. These are things we should remember along with the Japanese treachery. We should remember that we are dealing with snakes which do not give a warning before they bite and the only remedy is to be on the alert at all times, regardless of where they may be or where we think the enemy may be. This state of being alert should apply to all civilians as well as the armed forces. It will take an alert citizenship as well as alert military forces to win this war quickly as it should be won.

## Those Good Old Days

Remember when every housewife bought from the iceman and cooked in iron pots and pans? When old folks were convinced that the automobile was a reckless invention and nearly everyone walked to work? Looking back toward those misty years at the turn of the century, some of us are apt to call them the "good old days" and feel sorry that they passed. Actually, however, they haven't passed entirely. In many respects those old days are certain to be like the new days coming up in the months that are just ahead.

As our factories turn out more and more mountains of war materials to supply the needs of freedom, more and more of the comforts we've taken for granted are going to disappear from our stores and from our lives. Metal articles ranging all the way from electric refrigerators and washing machines to pins and needles are going

ing to become scarce as the war continues. Many changes are going to occur in the way we live and work.

As our standard of living goes back toward that of the old days—as we begin doing without many of our wonderful modern industrial products—this much becomes apparent: those days may not have been so good as people thought they were. Modern industry has made our new days so much more comfortable and convenient.

Yet the old days were good enough for our parents and our grandparents—good enough for all those who came before and changed a wilderness continent into a mighty nation. Our forebears managed and more than managed with the resources at their command. Today it's not too much to expect us to do the same temporarily. Even with the shortage we must accept, our standard of living will still be higher than it was in those old days. And after the war, when our factories can turn all their productive skill to the manufacture of peace time goods, it will once again be higher than anything the world has ever known.

## Borrowed Comment

TO THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA  
(Elkin Tribune)

We are mindful, Governor Broughton, of the urgent burdens on your shoulders in these trying days; we know that important issues continuously claim your attention and take up your time. But it appears that one matter quite important to this community and to this entire section has been crowded out.

We are referring, of course, to the matter of opening up the State-owned lime rock properties in Yadkin county, to make available to the farmers of this section the soil-conditioner which is so essential, and which now they are having to transport considerable distances at equal considerable costs.

Nearly four months ago this paper was pleased to announce on authority of the highway commissioner of this district that "Governor J. M. Broughton has instructed highway officials to investigate immediately the feasibility" of starting such operations. It would seem that more than three months is stretching the term "immediately" right considerable, particularly when the matter had been given serious consideration before, by other highway officials and chemists whose analyses of the rock deposits on the property convinced that the products available there are suitable for road construction as well as for farm soil fertilization and improvement.

Once before, under another administration, the farmers of this section were pepped up by what they considered dependable news that this lime deposit would be developed and made available to them. It didn't eventuate.

It is the considered opinion of outstanding business men here that this project is practical, and that as a result of its development the agricultural assets of this section would be increased; farm leaders subscribe to the crying need of limestone, at a more reasonable cost, and others who have given the matter thought are convinced that instead of the State allowing this property to remain unproductive it ought to be put to work.

This paper thinks that those who are interested themselves in the matter ought to be told something definite, one way or the other. If the decision is to be an adverse one, we think they are due to be told why. True there may be some obstacles in the way of opening up this project at this time—yet what time could be more important to the farmers than the period immediately ahead, when they will be called on to produce, produce, produce? Limestone will greatly help them to produce, and it does seem so unfair that they must pay heavy transportation costs, when what they need is right here at their backdoor, benefitting nobody under the sun.

Our people don't want to seem impatient, Governor, but they'd tremendously like to know what is the State's decision about this important matter. A decision, yes or no, bolstered by reasonable reasons, would remove much speculation that may or may not be unjust.

Having been represented as authorizing an immediate investigation of this matter, we feel that you will be as anxious as the rest of us to receive a report from the highway officials. You alone can get it without delay.

After noting the theft of \$100 in money from a Kansas City grocer, we can understand now just what "cold cash" means. The grocer had secreted it on a cake of ice in his refrigerator.—St. Louis Globe.

# Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

### EXPLODING RUMORS

It seems to be our job to explode a few of the worst rumors as they float around. Just put this current rumor in the interest of morale and if you have any rumors you want busted just send them to us. We are specialists in that line.

The latest nasty rumor we have heard concerns Japanese treatment of American prisoners. First of all, we admit that the Japanese have made charges, but just what the rumor said they have done. But for the benefit of any relatives of Americans who may be held prisoners we want to brand the rumor as false.

It has been told that the mother of an American who is a prisoner in Japan received a letter from him, in which he said that the prisoners were being treated well and that everything was lovely and for her not to worry. There was a postscript, so the rumor goes, which told her to tear off the stamp and save it for him until after the war. When she took off the stamp there was written: "They have cut our tongues out!"

Now let us examine this rumor in the light of facts. There is no mail between Japan and the United States (the two countries are at war—in case you haven't heard it) Disregarding that fact, we discount any story which would put a real American in the light of deliberately giving his mother something extra to worry about.

Knowing by reports how Japanese have treated Chinese prisoners, we say that the Japs are mean enough for almost anything. But it will be likely in progress of the war that some (we hope not many) more Americans will become prisoners and for the benefit of their relatives we are glad to point out the flaws in the above quoted rumor.

### WHO MAKES RUMORS?

Rumors float around here like nobody's business (which they really are) and we are made to wonder how some of them get started. The rumor factory here must be working four eight-hour shifts per day for eight or nine days per week.

On Saturday afternoon we went in the capacity of a reporter to the hospital to check the story of the man who was stabbed in the neck near Tenth street. There we got a direct report from the surgeon who dressed his wound that he was doing all right and that he would recover if no complications arose.

We went directly from the hospital to a point near the scene of the stabbing. There two men were discussing the altercation and one of them said that Carlton was stabbed and had died.

Erroneously thinking that our correct information might be appreciated we opened our mouth and put our foot in it by saying that Carlton was not dead and would perhaps get along all right.

The man who said Carlton was dead resented our saying that he was not dead and said he knew that he was dead.

Whereupon we said: "All right, then, he's dead. Have it your own way," and we walked away sadder but wiser.

### WHAT NOT TO DO

The government has put out instructions of just what to do in case of air raids. The Wadesboro Messenger carried the following list by a defense worker who made up his own:

- (1) As soon as the bombs start dropping, run like the dickens. (It doesn't matter, as long as you run like the dickens). Wear track shoes if possible—if people in front of you are slow, you won't have any trouble getting over them.
- (2) Take advantage of opportunities afforded you when air raid sirens sound the warning of attack, i. e.—(a) If in a bakery, grab some pie or cake; (b) if in a tavern, grab a bottle; (c) if in a movie, grab a blonde.

(3) If an incendiary bomb is found burning in a building throw gasoline on it—you can't put it out anyhow so you might as well have a little fun. If no gasoline is available, throw a bucket on it, and lie down—you're dead.

(4) Always get excited and holier bloody murder. (It will add to the confusion and scare the mischief out of the kids).

(5) Knock the air raid wardens down if they start to tell you what to do. (They always save the best seats for themselves and their friends anyway).

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This the 22nd day of January, 1942.  
J. F. GREGORY,  
Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. J. F. Gregory.  
EUGENE TRIVETTE,  
Attorney for Administrator. 2-26-6t(1)

## Local Democrats To Attend Meet

Winston-Salem, February 18.—Wilkes county Democrats, headed by J. H. Roussau, of North Wilkesboro, are expected to take part on February 23 in Winston-Salem in what party leaders today described as "the greatest demonstration of political loyalty and harmony in generations of Democratic Party history in Northwestern North Carolina."

The Washington Day Dinner, honoring the great First President who laid the foundation of American democracy, will bring Winston-Salem in addition to a number of outstanding national party leaders.

Senator Francis M. Brown of Michigan will make the principal address. Also taking part in the program will be Richard J. Reynolds, treasurer of the Democratic National committee and mayor of Winston-Salem, members of the North Carolina official delegation in Washington, and State leaders.

Characterizing Senator Brown as "one of the Democratic party's most stalwart warriors and capable speakers," State Senator Gordon Gray, who is Washington Day Dinner chairman for this area, said that all who attend and hear his address are certain to be challenged by vital issues of the day.

## Army Bomber Hits Unwary Nazi Sub

New York.—An American patrol bomber, screened by a driving rainstorm, pounced on an unwary enemy submarine and so accurately bombed it that its loss was considered most probable. It was announced yesterday by the army air force.

Corporal John J. Duffy, 21, of Philadelphia, engineer member of the twin-engine aircraft's crew, said the submarine "evidently didn't expect anybody out on such a bad day and was trying to make speed on the surface."

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## Pension Aid Poor Aspirant, Senator Says

Washington.—A last minute plea to retain legislation granting annuities to congressmen so the "poor man" will be able to enjoy a "public career" in the Congress of the United States" yesterday temporarily attracted plans for an immediate Senate vote on repeal of the controversial pension bill.

The appeal came from Senator James M. Eastland (D), New York, after Senator Francis Maloney (D), Connecticut, called for repeal of the legislation because "many people in the country have temporarily lost faith in the Congress—and that faith must be quickly restored."

Public Faith Is Issue  
Maloney explained he had voted for the pension because he thought the provision was sound, but added that while he still believes annuities are justified, a more important issue now confronts Congress. That issue, he said, is prompt restoration of public faith in Congress, which "must be above suspicion if democracy is to function properly and the war effort to be efficiently carried on."

As the Senate appeared on the verge of voting on the repealer, Maloney made his appeal. Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley (D), Kentucky, said the issue undoubtedly will be brought to a vote this week.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

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