

The protection of America demands also the protection of her forests. Of our total continental land area of about 2,977 .-000 square miles, nearly 31 percent (911,-000 square miles) represents area whereon organized forest fire protection is necessary. In this country as a whole about 75 per cent of this area-needing-protection is now receiving some measure of organized protection; for the State of North Carolina alone this figure is about 70 per cent. Much of this present protection, however, cannot be considered adequate; in North Carolina, for example, available funds for State protection of non-Federal lands now average about-1 3-4 cents per forest acre per year whereas adequate protection requires about 4 1-2 cents,

During the past ten years forest fires in North Carolina have caused average annual damage estimated at about \$1,325,-000, according to State and Federal Forest Service data. This tremendous annual waste is preventable. It is a matter of grave concern in normal times; in these times of national crisis it is vital.

The Forest Production Industries-abso lutely dependent upon the forest-play a vital role in National Defense. Twentytwo'items on the Critical List are made of wood or wood porducts. Such items as battleship decking, motor torpedo boats, structional sections for training planes. boxes and crates for bombs and shells, are made of wood. Timber products provide most of the defense and defense industry housing.

One of the biggest carpentry jobs of all time was begun in September. 1940, when the U.S. Army called upon the building industry to supply housing for 1 1-2 million men. The lubber industry delivered more than 2 billion board feet of lumber to over 60 Army Camps in 6 months.

The State Forest Service now owns and operates about 90 forest fire lookout towers and some 900 miles of telephone line in its fire detection system. Most of these towers, and particularly those within 75 miles of the coast, are already actively included in the growing network of Aircraft Warning Observation Posts. Such towers represent ideal "spotting" posts for aircraft, whether friendly or hostile. Forest Service 'phone lines, being largely in isolated areas, or along secondary roads, are ofbjected to more than their share of "insulator-shooting." Such vandalism now might easily represent the difference between prompt telephoning reporting of suspicious aircraft over our coast and untold delay in such reporting, During these times of alertness along our Atlantic seaboard we cannot afford to tolerate the dense canoply of forest fire smoke which has afflicted those coastal areas so often in the past. Such a smokescreen, extending as it often has even for some miles out to sea, might well constitute an invitation to some hostile action. Forest fires-and their smoke-must be obolished. The finding of the U.S. Forest Survey show conclusively that the South's timberlands are understocked. "With adequate fire protection and good forest management, the growing stock in many localities in the South could be doubled in two or three decades," say officials connected with the Survey. North Carolina has become the leading State in the nation in the manufacture of ood furniture, and the leading State in he East and South in the manufacture of r. But in order to retain and capie upon this position we must protect out the forest fire evil and see to roper cutting practices on our ain become the invariable rule.

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vohs of the U.S. will have a useful life of only 1 to 50 years; 24 percent a life of 50 to 100 years; 21 percent a life of more than 200 years. Woods burning and unwise forest cutting are powerful contributing factors toward this dark picture.

One of the outstanding developments affecting forestry in the South during the period, about \$150,000.0011 of new capital has been invested in this region in the form of new pulp mills or aditions to old ones. Notrh Carolina has shared in this development. Obviously, these pulp mills are every bit as dependent upon an adequate and lasting wood supply as are the sawmills.

The answer lies in forest protection and wise and scientific forest management. Since 1776 we, the American people.

have logged, manufactured and shipped enough forest products to build 50 million homes, 12 million farms, 2 million schools and libraries, 600,000 churches, 400,000 factories, and to create billions of newspapers, magazines and books. These institutions we have fashioned from our trees. The forest will continue to provide the raw materials for this American sort of program-if we will give it adequate protection and wise treatment.

Keep It Clean!

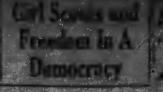
We've got to fight more than the Axis today. We must even fight a part of ourselves-the part that believes rumors, for example, and passes them on to others. For unfounded stories can sometimes be as destructive as fifth columns.

Recently we've heard a lot about shortages. Aluminum, rubber, sugar-the list is growing, and some of us see shortages all around us. Like the traditional old you. You do not take off a dress maid, we even look under the bed at night to see what isn't there. We must remember that we still have more than enough of best to give it good care. many products. And we must stop believing and spreading rumors about imagined scarcities. Here's a case in point.

A short time ago many women began to believe that American soap companies wouldn't be able to supply us with enough soap. Some who live in rural areas began certain part of a continent with hunting up the old iron soap buckets their mothers had used years ago. They started to make their own soap. In doing so they began to hamper America's war effort, and the War Production Board is now asking them to stop, because valuable glycerine is lost when soap is made at home.

Glycerine, it seems, is a by-product of commercial soap manufacturies doing war work, the soap companies are stepping up their production. They're working so hard to make glycerine that the tables are turned and soap is almost a by-product of their thirtieth anniversary of Girl efforts now. The cart's before the horse, this time, and it's even helping to pull!

Winning the war is going to be a huge job, and we must all do our part. As this job, and we must all do our part. As this story shows, we can sometimes do that in, In Coast Hospital simple ways-just by not making soap, for example, and by saying "no soap" to ru-



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training in effisionship in their years—thirty years on March 12, Baying Association of Noria to be stact, and the reason for Carolina paid over a dollar a min-the excellence of that training is mite for haspital sharpes insurement. Headline species was Ralph 6. Morris, mational councils of who with oth-screerpts from the Girl Scott was disclosed hear to day by its subscriber during 1941. Handbook on the subject: Some people think that a citi-sep is any person who has the right to express his option and service organization, which is incorporated right to express his option and service organization, which is incorporated right to express his option and service organization, abows \$577-the ballot: in other words, by votins. But really every person ity at a dimissions totaling 143.53 around the things he does every day determines whe he is a good citizen is one who is useful has been paid to North Carolina as we had, has been paid to North Carolina as and bas been paid to North Carolina and the timing taken and the minis of the timing the start as and the minis of the timing the start as and the timing the total as a start as a start and the timing the start as and the timing the start as and the start as a start as and the timing the timing the start as and the start as a start as and the start as a start as and the start as and the timing the start as and the start as and the timing the start as and the start as a start as and the start as a start as a start as a start as and the start as a start as and the timing the start astart the start as and

tions. You hear a great deal about "freedom", "my country",

ocracy", and so on. . . Perhap you could think of "freedom" Perhaps should, mean that the members are free to give opinions, make suggestions, and to take responsi-bility; to vote for or against plans that are considered troop affairs . . . No girl should be held back by other girls and not given a chance to advance in troop activities. Each girl should understand that the majority opinion is the one to ablde by in doing

have consideration and respect.

above you may find freedom and munity value of the work we democracy in a troop. In the bave been accomplishing. same way you must help your

In the expression, "my coun-try", the word "my" is a possessive pronoun . . . It is generally understood that you can take sive pronoun care of a thing that belongs to and throw it on the floor If you have a little animal that you call "my dog" you do your

When you say "my country" you should understand that it is yours and deserves your care and protection. Remember that "my country" is not some great figure that stands over you with a stick and tells you what to do. This is simply a way of referring to a people, trees, flowers, birds, mountains, and lakes whose fupeople. ture is in the hands of every person living in it.

Some people have more chance or greater ability to help this country to grow to usefulness than others, but everyone has some chance to help, no matter how small it is.

With the fundamentals of good citizenship so simply and yet so forcefully and elopently ex-pressed, it is easy to understand why Girl Scouts are good citizens. Congratulations to them on the Scouting, and long life to them. .

Tom Mooney Dies San Francisco, March 6 .- Thom-Looney, ure, who served 23 years in prison on charges of dynamiting the Preparedness Day parade at San Francisco in 1916, died at St. Luke's Hospital today after a long illness.

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community sponsorship, economin the United States in this sim-ic soundness and administrative ple way — as though you were efficiency, the local plan is one speaking of a troop instead of a of 71 in the nation permitted to country. In a troop, freedom (identify itself by using the seal of that body superimposed on a blue cross. These 71 blue cross plans, which practice reciprocal transfers of membership and other cooperative courtesies, have now enrolled nearly 9,000,000 persons. They paid a total of \$34,493,015.25 in hospital bills for their subscribers in 1941, according to figures furnished by the hospital association.

things the democratic way, but "The tremendous popular she should also remember the growth of the blue cross plans in fact that minority ideas must general and of our local plans in particular," said Crawford. In all the ways mentioned "leaves little doubt of the com-

"The success of bur own opcountry to be a real democracy erations has recently made it with freedom for all who live in possible to make some slight inreases in our contract benefits and additional retroactive benefits for all members will be announced within the next few

weeks," he added. Dr. I. H. Manning, dean emeritus of the University of North Carolina Medical School, who has served as president continuously since the organization of the As-

sociation, was elected chairman and medical director at the au-

nual meeting of the board of trustees, it was further announ-

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ry, also addressed the session. MENING MI

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Linda Karin, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landras Pru ette, of Mooresville, died Sunday morning at the Mooresville hospili Jakes MORI tal. She was their only child. The tha Lool funeral was held at Walnut Grova church Monday afternoon at 2:30 and burial followed in the church Mrs. Pruette was the former

Miss Mildred Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wallace who lived in Wilkesboro before moving to Mooresville several years ago.

cemetery.

During the last war more than 200,000 meals were served aboard the Leviathan on a single voyage.

ced. Robert Lassiter of Charlo'te industrialist and chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, was named as president to succeed him.

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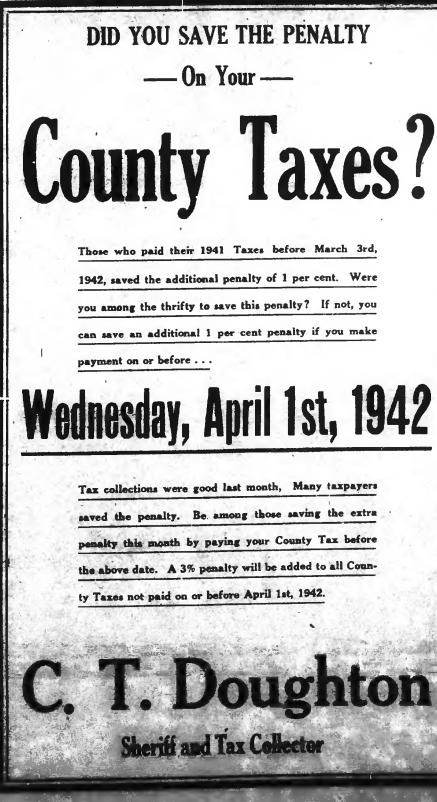
Wilkes County. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Lexie Shaver ¥8.

Ivan Shaver The defendant, above-named will take notice that an action en titled as above has been commenc-ed in the Superior Court of Wilkes County, North Carolina, to obtain Hours 9 to 5



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HELP THE SALVATION ARMY

(Baltimore News-Post)

Veterans of the first World War recall lease from San Quentin Prison on with admiration the services which The January 7, 1939. Salvation Army performed for the men in uniform "over theme."

Every person who appreciates the obligations of philanthropy here at home just- Labor, the Congress of Industrial ly admires The Salvation Army for its Organizations and the railroad many years of humane activities.

With the country again involved in world warfare The Salvation Army again must stand prepared for multiple tasks; and the rendition of these tasks require help from the public.

Unlike many philanthropies, The Salvation Army is self-sustaining in a large degree.

Considering what. The Salvation Army does within itself, the assistance that it Wilson asks from the public is modest; and it. would be most deplorable if The Salvation Army, being "let down," were compelled to 'let down'' those who need its ministrations.

The Salvation Army appeals to you to 'give as much as you can.

Mooney, fifty-eight, underwent a major abdominal operation last Monday, his fourth since his re-

He had been in the hospital most of the time since he was pardoned by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

His friends in the labor move ment-the American Federation o brotherhoods-will make arrangements for the funeral, to be held within the next two or three days. Mooney and his companion, War ren K. Billings, were regarded as "labor martyrs" to millions throughout the world.

They were convicted of first-degree murder for allegedly throw, ing a bomb into the Preparedness Day perade. Ten persons were killed and 40 ware bart.

First sentenced to be hanged, Mooney was savid from death by

intercession of President Wood

Billings, who was paroled by Ofed to life im