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**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1942**

**"Don't Tell MacArthur"**  
 "So live that you can look General MacArthur in the eye."  
 The most valiant little army in the world has been overrun.  
 That little army was composed of about 36,000 Americans and a larger number of native Filipinos who fought about four months on the Philippines and were outnumbered about ten to one by the Japs.  
 General Douglas MacArthur successfully led that little army through most of its amazing defense.

He left the Philippines to go to Australia to organize an offensive against Japan, but the little army he left was finally overrun.  
 The heroes of Bataan fought without fear and give their best, their all, against the Japanese.  
 The soldiers there did not strike for higher wages, did not clamor for big profits, did not grumble.  
 During the latter days of their stand they were short on food, on clothing, and medical supplies.

Any person in the United States who has not done his patriotic duty will be unable to look General MacArthur in the eye when it is all over.  
 The reason why help was not sent to the Philippines included Japanese control of the sea and air about the Philippines because of a greater number of ships and planes.  
 America did not have the ships and planes necessary to match Japanese power.

The home front is engaged in making ships, planes, tanks, guns and the other materials essential to the prosecution of the war.  
 American armed forces will do just what the American people enable them to do.  
 The San Francisco News in commenting on a "victory" of union workers in a decision for double time on Sundays and holidays asked: "Where would they look if they met MacArthur?"

You who grumble at the little inconveniences caused by lack of tires, or by the sugar rationing soon to come, where would you look if you met MacArthur?  
 You who lament the fact that pants are not to have cuffs. Would you look MacArthur in the eye?  
 Chislers who evade by legal or illegal means the restrictions to save vital materials for the armed forces, could you look MacArthur in the eye?

You who wear away rapidly the rubber on your tires while you rush over the highways at high speed with nowhere to go and always to get there, could you look MacArthur in the eye?  
 You who seek by any means, by misrepresentations and by false statements to keep out of the armed forces, could you face MacArthur or any man who served under him in the bloody battles of the Philippines?

The fighters on Bataan have not had a pay day since the early days of the war. Those who have not paid the supreme sacrifice and are prisoners will not get any pay until the end of the war. Will any of you who have taken advantage of every opportunity to help up your employer and the nation indirectly for bigger money in war plants be able to look any veteran of Bataan in the eye?

**The Gasoline Situation**  
 The country has now had examples of the wrong and the right way to handle the so-called "gasoline shortage" problem.  
 The wrong way was tried briefly some months ago along the Atlantic Seaboard. Apparently working with insufficient or inaccurate information, the government

The right method to meet a gasoline emergency is now being put into effect in the Pacific Northwest and parts of the East. The public has been shown that a shortage of tankers makes normal deliveries impossible to those areas. It was confused by conflicting statements.  
 In producing centers, gasoline stocks are reaching all-time highs and a serious storage problem is developing. The government is ordering increasing quantities of aviation gas and fuel and lubricating oil. The manufacture of these automatically increases the production of ordinary gas. The difficulty is one of distribution to regions which depend on tanker transport. Many tankers have been destroyed; many more have been transferred to our Allies, and many more are being used by our own military forces.

In parts of the country where pipe lines, railroads and trucks have been the main source of transportation, the situation is entirely different. There is no need for rationing there and government agencies are cooperating to keep the wheels rolling.

**Borrowed Comment**  
**HOW YOU CAN KEEP UP**  
 (Statesville Record)  
 Not so long ago a favorite American sport was "keeping up with the Jones." The only rule required participants to drive as shiny an automobile, dress as snappily and in every way present as sharp an appearance as the neighbors. This was great for persons with things to sell, but a bit rough on pa's pocketbook.  
 Now is the time to revive the old game, but with quite different rules. This time you will be setting the pace, not attempting to catch up with the Joneses. Make them get up and hustle to catch you as you go all-out for Uncle Sam. Here are some little things, which if done well and regular, will put you in the home army front rank.

1. Turn over to the proper authorities all scrap metal, rags, paper, rubber, glass and tinfoil.
2. Send books, playing cards, cookies and candy to some man in the service.
3. Make it a smiling farewell for friends or relatives called to the colors.
4. Clean your attic of inflammables, select a refuge room and place minimum fire-fighting equipment conveniently.
5. Take extra good care of woolen and rubber goods, and household articles.
6. Don't hoard anything.
7. Put your family and yourself on a definite health program.
8. Carry packages home to save rubber and paper.
9. Buy as many war bonds and stamps as possible.
10. Participate in civilian defense activities and register as a blood donor.
11. Keep constant check on parts of your car and double up with neighbors in use of cars.
12. Keep your mouth shut so far as the spreading of rumors is concerned.
13. Make "Quiet Please," the motto for your household. A war worker may be trying to sleep.
14. Put that extra push in your job. Enough such pushes will pulverize the enemy.
15. Shelve that sourpuss for the duration. Be cheerful!

It isn't asking much to turn the radio down, but if you don't some worker may miss the sleep he needs to help win the battle of production. Certainly all can spend a few hours a week earning to protect our homes in case the bombs fall here. Nor will the denial of a few frills wreck your social life, and it will buy bonds.  
 No, those 15 items would hardly qualify anyone following them for a martyr's monument in the cemetery, a pretty medal, or even your name in the paper. If every family, beginning right now, would make those 15 points "must," however, the combined strength of such a home front army would prove a great force and inspiration for the men on the war fronts.

This war is too big for even our best columnists to comprehend and manage.  
 Everybody seems to know enough arithmetic to figure out what's coming to him.  
 Unless we are badly fooled, some of those major league holdouts will soon be helping the allied forces hold out against the axis.—Winston-Salem Journal.

**Questions Answered by State College**  
**QUESTION:** Have any plans been made for harvesting the extra acreage of peanuts this year in view of the farm machinery shortage?  
**ANSWER:** In areas where peanuts have not been grown before and where growers cannot secure pickers, it is recommended that some effort be made to get at least 200 acres planted, or have the plantings made in multiples of 200 acres. This would justify the Government placing a picker in the neighborhood on a custom basis. A "neighborhood" is defined as "something like a five-mile radius from any given point. Aids get attention and results."

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Church entertained a company of children with an excellent Sunday afternoon. The occasion was enjoyed by the little folks.  
 Mr. J. F. Pierce's confined at home with a severe attack of cold. Mrs. Baby Miller, of Idewild, visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Hays Sunday.  
 Parish Sunday School is progressing under the leadership of Mr. Gwyn Nichols, superintendent. A welcome invitation is extended to all who can attend. The people of his section are to be congratulated upon their efforts to increase farming this year and thereby aid in defense.  
 Misses M. R. and M. V. Nichols are still looking for someone who would care to rent a few acres of farm land.

since then our country has grown great, but we must remember that no country is greater than its inhabitants. So far as this conflict is concerned, our greatness in resources and manpower will not save us. However, a proper utilization of our resources and man power will save us.  
 What we need and must have is that spirit expressed in the memorial words of Patrick Henry: "Give me liberty or give me death."  
 We know that the liberties of every liberty loving soul in the world are at stake. If liberty is taken away what have we that is worth living for? Again remember Henry: "Is life so sweet as to be purchased in chains and slavery?" With him I join: "Forbid it Almighty God."  
 Here is just a few things that it may be well for us to think upon. First, if we have been an extravagant nation, we now need to conserve. If we have grown so careless in our luxurious manner that we have forgotten that there is an unseen power who can control the universe at will, that we now remember that God still lives. While we humbly seek the presence, protection and guidance of this unseen power let us use the means at our command to help bring about the victory that we ask for.  
 Our fathers staked their all that they might bequeath to us the priceless inheritance of liberty, and here I wonder if we are their worthy children, standing reverently where they stood.  
 Let us try ourselves by their lofty standard to know whether or not we are willing to pay the price.  
 Sacrifice must be made, so we must be willing to come down from our high standard of living in order that we may contribute to the needs of our cause.  
 It is encouraging to note that the masses of our nation look with disgust upon the labor organizations that demand higher wages, short hours and strike for frivolous causes while we make sacrifices to buy bonds and stamps. No fifth columnist could do our enemy a better service.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
 Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Turner T. Holdaway, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned whose address is North Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 6th day of April, 1942, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
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