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been shoved off the road by gasoline rationing.

American people are willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary. But they want to be certain that democracy works in our country and that the people will be asked to share their proportionate share of the war burden, however great it may be.

Now there are some healthy signs that the gasoline rationing program will be spread out all over the country as it should be, but the policy makers are altogether too slow in getting around to working out a fair policy.

Meeting The Challenge

The major part of the conversion of America's peacetime industries to an all-out war production basis has been accomplished. Schedules set for the manufacture of planes, tanks, guns, ships, rifles, shells have been met and passed.

The main load formerly carried by the larger units is now being shouldered to a greater extent by smaller plants through sub-contracting and through outright changes from so-called luxuries to implements of war. Typical is the fact that small machine gun parts, gun sights and gun mounts on through heavy tank parts, which formerly made home laundering appliances.

"Overnight, the face of American industry has changed almost beyond recognition," Mr. William P. Witherow, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, said in a recent magazine article describing the all out conversion of industry from peacetime to wartime production.

"A factory that made orange squeezers before Pearl Harbor is now turning out bullet pouches. A peacetime manufacturer of roller coasters is now producing signal towers for the army. A firm that used to make brassiers is fabricating mosquito netting for our soldiers in the tropics. A wallpaper company is filling incendiary bombs. A plant that made footballs is today producing gas masks."

Yes, industry with typical American ingenuity is meeting the challenge. As Mr. Witherow says, "Lock, stock and barrel. American industrial and business management has moved to the firing line, to turn out the wherewithal of warfare. It is proving its world leadership not only with techniques and ingenuity that blaze new trails but with record-shattering output. In making decisions, industrial executives use only one yardstick: 'Will it help win the war?'"

IF YOU RUN OUT OF GAS
 (Winston-Salem Journal)

That filling station operator in the District of Columbia was all wrong when he refused to let Leon Henderson have gasoline in a can, after the price administrator had run out of gas on his way to work the other morning.

Finding himself stranded, Mr. Henderson walked to the nearest station with a can in hand. "No gas in a can," said the service man. When Mr. Henderson remonstrated, the operator cited him to the last paragraph in his ration book. He read it and here is what it said:

"The station attendant is permitted to deliver gasoline only into the tank of the vehicle described on the front cover of this book. Do not ask him to violate the law."

Thereupon, the Price Administrator called a taxi and proceeded to his office. He wasn't satisfied, however, that the last paragraph in the ration book contained the last word on the subject under debate between himself and the station attendant.

When he found time, Mr. Henderson searched diligently through the seventy pages of the "Gasoline Rationing Instructions." On page forty he found a paragraph which provides that, by giving the station attendant his ration book as a sort of hostage, the stranded motorist can get "one unit" of gas in a can to keep his car rolling to the source of supply.

Since Mr. Henderson, himself, had overlooked this provision, certainly the station operator can be pardoned for his display of ignorance of the law on this occasion.

If anybody had to walk because of the paragraph in the ration book to which the station attendant referred his would-be customer, we are glad it was the top official of the whole price administration set-up in the United States.

If it had been an ordinary private citizen who was stranded and forced to walk or call a taxi, probably that would have been the last of it. But the publicity which this incident was given, due to the prominence of the man with the can in this instance, means that in future all stranded motorists in this country will be able to get gasoline, car or no car.

Abnormal Absurdities
 By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

HOUSE 'EM--WET 'EM GOOD

This is official. You are supposed to turn the hose on an incendiary bomb and douse it good instead of spraying, as perhaps you were formerly instructed.

Being on the civilian defense council, we had it drilled into us plenty that an incendiary bomb should be sprayed with water from a hose but under no circumstances were we ever to turn the hose on full blast.

Now comes to our desk an official bulletin which says douse 'em and douse 'em good.

AIMLESS WONDERINGS

The furniture salesman had shown the would-be customer every piece of linoleum in the house but still she had not bought. Thinking he would make a special effort to please, he told her that they would send to the factory for more. She said it would be a good idea, because she did want something neat for her bird cage.

People who believe in free speech are those who make long distance calls over your telephone without paying.

A man received a black eye for kissing the bride after the ceremony—two years after.

The stingiest man bought a nickel's worth of mints and took his new bride on a nickel bus honeymoon. When they got off the bus he told her that they would keep the rest of the candy for their children.

A big tough looking guy sat down on the train beside the preacher and after looking the parson over said "Where in the hell have I seen you before?" The minister came back with a question, "What part of hell are you from?"

God may furnish even the birds their food, but he does not furnish them ready-made nests.

The same Bible which says rest on the seventh day says "Six days shalt thou labor".

One day while trying to find a place way back in the hills we asked a man as we passed his

house the way to the place we Irene than crepe de chine." wanted to reach. "Just keep right on going up hoot owl hill till you get fur as you can get and you will be there", he directed.

A Society Editor came in humbling something about Irene Green, and we asked for a repeat. Here's what we heard: "Irene Green wore flimsy frocks of crepe de chine; and when she walked upon the scene you saw more a public function, when the plat-

form gave way?"

RUBBER GIVES OUT

"Boys, I've quit this holiday game. I'll hang around joints no more. So with a sigh and faint little cry The garter slipped to the floor."

He—Don't you remember me? I'm the fellow who brought you all those drinks last night. She—I don't recall your name but your breath is familiar.

Junk Rally Day

In accordance with the national scrap salvage plan, a day has been set aside as Junk Rally Day for Wilkes county.

Saturday of this week is the date, and North Wilkesboro is the place to bring your scrap metals, rubber, etc.

This salvage program is very important to the progress of the national war effort.

Every person is earnestly urged to have a part in the Junk Rally Day by bringing in to the dealers here all the scrap metals possible.

This event has a priority importance. It will be worth making an extra trip to town and using gasoline and tires to bring in substantial quantities of scrap metals.

In Europe Hitler is taking metal from its owners, regardless of how useful it may be to them, and is paying them nothing.

In America you are asked to voluntarily bring in your scrap metals which have served their usefulness and TO SELL them for cash.

All out support of the war effort means we can keep our free way of living and doing things.

Non-support of the war program could mean that we would lose our way of life and be subservient as are the people in conquered Europe.

The way we support the salvage campaign will have a definite bearing on the length of time and the number of lives to be spent in banishing Hitlerism from the earth.

Please Treat East Fairly

Piecemeal gasoline rationing in this nation is not satisfactory because it makes 17 states bear the entire burden while the other 31 states get all the gasoline they want to use or waste.

The national authorities tried at first to make the people believe that rationing of gasoline in 17 states was necessary and was not necessary in others.

But "you can't fool all the people all the time" and after some thought the people of the eastern seaboard states are turning over some very important questions in their minds.

Rationing on the eastern seaboard is necessary because of ship losses on the Atlantic. It seems that Hitler particularly wanted to put us to walking and his subs picked on tankers for months.

But tankers are not the only means of transporting gasoline and fuel oil. If ships were the only means of hauling gasoline, the midwest would be in the middle of a bad fix.

So the administrators ration the eastern states severely and let the remainder of the states have all they want. After all, you know, there will be an election in November, so they reason: "Why antagonize the people in 31 states by gasoline rationing as long as we can get by with rationing in only 17?"

Thus we have severe rationing on the eastern seaboard, while railway tank cars are used in abundance in the middle west.

What we are trying to get at is this: With a mild rationing program throughout the country, more equipment to haul gasoline and fuel oil could be used for the 17 eastern seaboard states, thus relieving the shortage.

But instead, what do we have?

We have very limited supplies of gasoline for the eastern states and abundance of gasoline for the others because little of their equipment has been moved eastward.

Rationing has taken traveling salesmen off the roads in the 17 rationed states. A man in the same type of work a short distance away in non-rationed area can go ahead with his business and can also go over into the rationed areas to some extent and take business from those who have

Go to OUR JOB to 'KEEP 'EM ROLLING'



IN AN EMERGENCY—anywhere on the road within a twenty-five mile radius, phone 60. Before you know it, we'll be on the job, ready to tow you back—or whenever possible, to make repairs right on the spot, so your car can keep rolling. We care for your car so that it can give you more mileage and enjoy a longer life. For regular service—our prices are moderate for labor, parts, and all "services rendered."

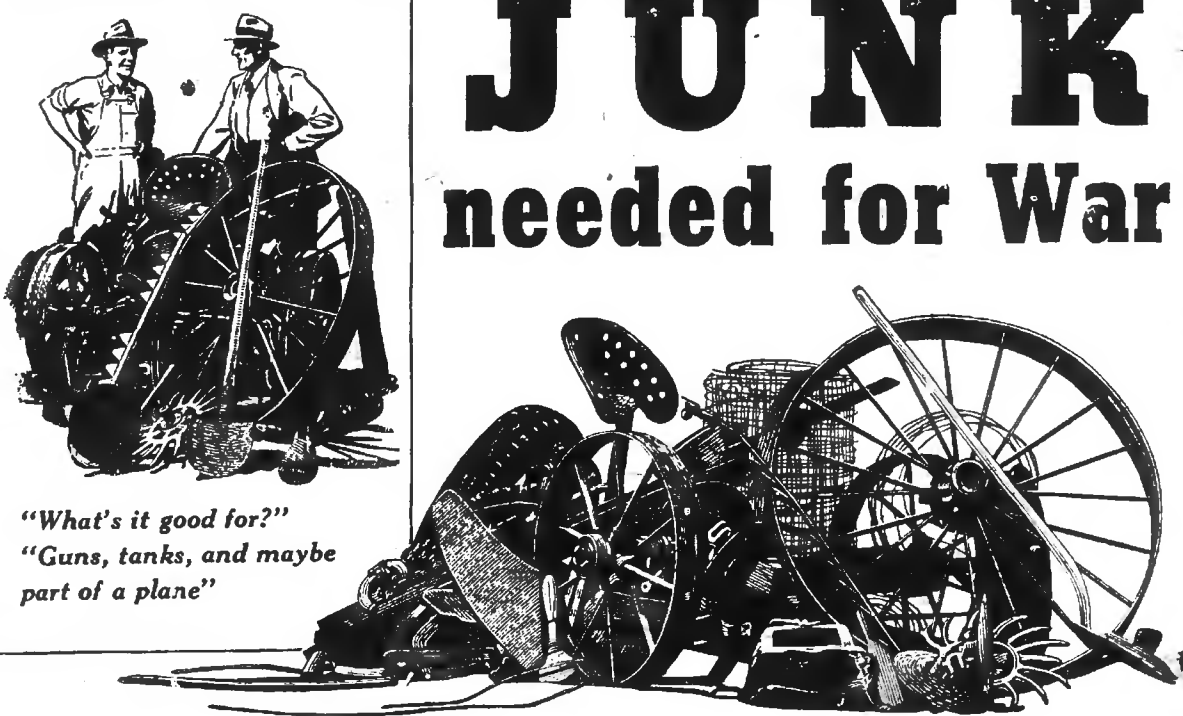
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JUNK
 needed for War



"What's it good for?"
 "Guns, tanks, and maybe part of a plane"

In the barnyards and gullies of farms and in the basements and attics of homes is a lot of Junk which is doing no good where it is, but which is needed at once to help smash the Japs and Nazis.

Scrap iron and steel, for example. Even in peacetime, scrap provided about 50% of the raw material for steel. It may be rusty, old "scrap" to you, but it is actually refined steel—with most impurities removed, and can be quickly melted with new metal in the form of pig iron to produce highest quality steel for our war machines.

The production of steel has gone up, up, UP, until today America is turning out as much steel as all the rest of the world combined. But unless at least 6,000,000 additional tons of scrap steel is uncovered promptly, the full

rate of production cannot be attained or increased; the necessary tanks, guns and ships cannot be produced.

The rubber situation is also critical. In spite of the recent rubber drive, there is a continuing need for large quantities of scrap rubber. Also for other waste materials and metals like brass, copper, zinc, lead and tin.

The Junk which you collect is bought by industry from scrap dealers at established, government-controlled prices.

Will you help?

First—collect all of your waste material and pile it up. Then—sell it to a Junk dealer, give it to a charity, take it yourself to the nearest collection point, or get in touch with your Local Salvage Committee.

If you live on a farm, consult your County War Board or your farm implement dealer.

Throw YOUR scrap into the fight!

This message approved by Conservation Division

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

This advertisement paid for by the American Industries Salvage Committee (representing and with funds provided by groups of leading industrial concerns).

LOCAL SALVAGE COMMITTEE
 Phone: Wilkesboro 21-J
 J. B. SNIPES, Chairman

JUNK MAKES FIGHTING WEAPONS



One old disc will provide scrap steel needed for 210 semi-automatic light carbines.

One old plow will help make one hundred 75-mm. armor-piercing projectiles.

One useless old tire provides as much rubber as is used in 12 gas masks.

One old shovel will help make 4 hand grenades.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Scrap iron and steel.
 Other metals of all kinds.
 Old rubber.
 Rags, Manila rope, burlap bags.
 Waste Cooking Fats—When you get a pound or more, strain into a large tin can and sell to your meat dealer.

NEEDED ONLY IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES
 Waste paper and tin cans—wanted only in certain areas, as announced locally. **NOT NEEDED** (at this time): Razor blades—glass.