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**The 100-Percenters**

In practically every city, town, village and hamlet in America you will find people who have gone all-out to help win this war. These are the men, women and children who have bought the war stamps and bonds. They are the ones who have taken up their posts in civilian defense. They are the ones who are now collecting scrap materials to keep our war furnaces going under full blast.

Women on trucks in New Jersey are collecting scrap from door to door. Movie managers in a dozen states are offering free tickets for scrap iron and rubber and collecting them by the carload. In Michigan one small town collected 154 tons of scrap rubber—three times its quota of 5 pounds per person. In Maine boy and girl scouts work with trucks scouring their neighborhoods for iron, steel, and rubber scrap.

In Louisiana, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Alabama, Illinois, Virginia, and every other state in the union, air wardens are working on this huge national scrap drive. Minute Men, The American Legion, The Rotary Clubs, and all other fraternal organizations, police departments, women's clubs, city councils and other civic groups — all are working from early to late to gather in every pound of scrap material they can lay their hands on.

These loyal Americans, these volunteers who answer every call to the colors are fired with the same spirit of determination that inspired our forefathers who founded this country and who have been fighting to defend its freedoms ever since. They are the ones who can be counted on in any emergency—not to do only what they think they have to do to "get by" but everything they can do to help their country. These "one-hundred-percenters" are the backbone of America and when this war is won it will be their efforts that have won it and not those who always sit on the sidelines and let the other fellow do all the work.

**A New Opportunity And Responsibility**

By DONNELL B. COBB, M. D.

The committee appointed by Governor Broughton to study our State Hospital in Morganton has made excellent suggestions. It is earnestly hoped all of them can be carried out.

But aside from these good and constructive recommendations, the report should be of inestimable value in focusing the attention of the people of North Carolina on our mentally sick. And even though all the recommendations be carried out, the greatest good may yet come from stimulating all of us to a renewed appreciation of our responsibility in the care of the helpless insane.

In its study the Committee finds much of which we can not be proud. That North Carolina, who prides itself on the amount of Federal Income Tax it pays, should find itself 45th among the 48 states in the amount it spends for the care and treatment of the helpless insane should be somewhat shocking. While every citizen is desirous of strict economy in the operation of our various institutions, we never wish to be "penny wise and pound foolish." Especially is this true in caring for those who have no say-so in caring for themselves. If, indeed, better and more scientific treatment would result, as is believed, in restoring more patients to their former self-supporting place in society, then the contemplated additional expenditure would be an excellent investment for us and our state.

To definitely separate the duties of physical plant and farm supervision from the actual care and treatment of the patients

should certainly make for better care and treatment. Especially will this be true if the physician in charge is an experienced and qualified psychiatrist, and if he is assisted by an adequate staff, adequately paid.

The creation of a central Board to supervise all State-supported mental hospitals is of paramount importance. Such should not only make for a more wisely economic administration but also should make possible more efficient care and treatment of the incarcerated sick.

It is hoped that this is only the beginning of official and individual State-wide interest. In the betterment of these most unfortunate individuals the Medical Profession is intensely interested. Governor Broughton may be assured of the support of the doctors of the State in his crusade for the better care and treatment of our mentally sick.

**Our Enemy, The Jap**  
(Charlotte Observer)

Our former ambassador to Tokyo, Joseph C. Grew, has no illusions as to the toughness of the character of the war between his country and Japan.

Nor would he have his fellow-countrymen entertain any.

In his first public address since returning on the Grisholm, he gives the American people an insight into the nature of the brute against whom they contend in battle.

The Japs can fight and will fight "WITH ALL THE FORCE AND POWER AT THEIR COMMAND, UNTIL THEY ARE UTTERLY CRUSHED," he says, and in that single short sentence he epitomizes the martial Nipponese in battle lines.

The Ambassador knows his Japs. He knows the people and he knows even more keenly and consciously the brutality and rapacity of the militarist machine that is now in control of that country, even to the relegation of the Emperor, descendant of the divine in the traditions of Japan, to the cellar of the palace.

All of the former Ambassador's dynamic and dramatic address was intended as a warning to the people of the United States that, in their fight against the yellow race, they are up against an enemy that will not be defeated until he is KILLED OUT, and that this is not going to be a cheap and short piece of business for America.

In all of the contacts which the fighting forces of the United States have so far had with the enemy, the ultimate and penetrating view of the calibre of the Japs in battle action is borne out.

They are tough and tenacious fighters. They will not surrender easily.

Death is nothing to them and they will perish by the tens of thousands rather than throw up the white flag.

One has only to review the historic story of the success of the American Marines in the Solomons to find validity for Mr. Grew's characterization. There the enemy was annihilated by slaughter. Only those were ever captured who had first been overpowered and disarmed. They went down shooting.

And so they will continue to show the tenacity of the tiger, the ferocity of the bushman—death or nothing!

The American people would be guilty of shooting themselves in the back if they were to under-estimate either the military resourcefulness of Japan, the consummate craftiness of the fatalistic resolution with which the Japanese go to war.

It was not within the spoken word of Ambassador Grew on this occasion, but others who are well informed of the situation in that sector of the world have given it as their view, that it will require at least three years for the United States to defeat Japan.

Whatever as to that, it will require, without the slightest semblance of a doubt, the utmost of military skill and full resourcefulness of brute strength on the part of the American fighting forces to come out ahead in what is inevitably to be a victory for the side that can kill the more efficiently and in the greater volume of carnage.

Morale is a bad word; when you have it you don't talk about it; when you talk about it you don't have it.—Eddie Rickenbacker.

We should quit complimenting ourselves on our capacity to take it, and show the world a capacity to dish it out.—Patrick J. Hurley.

The issue of compulsory unionism, making a worker remain in a union or else lose his job, goes to the very root of human liberties.—David Lawrence.

**Abnormal Absurdities**

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

**JUST HOW TOUGH?**

Almost invariably it is tragic to underestimate the strength and ability of an enemy. That is one of the surest ways of getting the daylight licked out of you.

Therefore, it is important that America realize the strength of Germany, Japan and Italy, and meet force with superior force and superior men.

This war is the toughest assignment ever given civilized nations, and in that category we refuse to place any of the axis.

Our enemies are tough, fast and powerful. We gotta be tougher, faster and stronger.

But we are glad to see the day approaching when we shall learn just how those tough enemies can take it. They have been dishing out death and destruction for three years to one nation at a time in the most damnable parade of death and horror the world has known since the days of Adam.

Now, we are getting ready to see how they can take it.

Put all the blame for the war on Hitler if you want to, but we are inclined to put the blame on all Germans, Italians and Japanese. Those people did not have to let Hitler, Mussolini and the war lords of Japan be their rulers.

And right now if they wanted to they could overthrow their own governments and stop the war. The people of the axis nations are to blame for the war just the same as their rulers. No getting around that.

And now the people of the axis countries are beginning to get some death and destruction, just a mite of what is coming to them, and we hope they get enough war to satisfy their bloody appetites

for centuries to come. Blast the cities, blast factories, blast railroads, blast ships and their armies until they get enough of what they have been dealing out to little, outclassed nations.

**THIS CITY GETS PUBLICITY**

We learn by the far away Detroit, Michigan, daily newspapers that North Wilkesboro is doing three things to help in the war effort: saving gasoline, saving tires and saving scrap iron.

According to the Detroit papers, all three objectives were realized by turning off the traffic lights. Not having to stop at intersections saves tires and gasoline, and picking up scrap iron from the wrecks at intersections saves metal.

We might add to the list the saving of electricity brought about by having the traffic lights off.

**CLASSIFIED AD**

Owner of 1940 Ford would like to correspond with widow who has two tires. Object: matrimony. Send picture of tires.

**MAKE SURE**

A son-in-law received the following telegram from a funeral home: "Your mother-in-law dead. Shall we cremate, embalm or bury?"

His answer: "Embalm, cremate and bury. Take no chances!"

**HIGHWAY DANGERS**

Someone said the major menace on the highway are drunken driving, uncontrolled thumbing and indiscriminate spooning. To make it short: hic, hike and hug.

It takes hundreds of nuts to make a car, but only one to wreck it.

Nearly 1 1/2 billion dozen eggs must be produced in the United States during the remainder of this year if the 1942 goal to meet market requirements is attained.

A 1943 4-H Victory corn production contest for Vance county club members is getting under way this fall, reports Neill M. Smith, assistant farm agent.

**General Kennedy Speaks On War Anniversary**

Fort Bragg, Sept. 1.—Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Commanding General of Fort Bragg, speaking tonight (Tuesday) on an all-soldier radio broadcast marking the third anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, declared that "we must carry into this new year a spirit completely resigned to the idea that to win this war we must without question be prepared to make a supreme effort and great sacrifices."

General Kennedy added that "theh and only then shall we be keeping faith" with the fighting men of our Allies and our own forces.

In making his rare appearance on a Fort Bragg radio program, General Kennedy explained that he was speaking "on the eve of a fourth grim year in this vast World War of Survival" because he felt he would be ignoring his duty to enlisted men and their families if he did not make an exception on this important date.

"Three years of constant struggle against an unholy trio of pagan rulers have or should have impressed us with the problem we still must overcome," Gen. Kennedy said. "Three years of heart-break, of blood, sweat, and tears have not yet destroyed the enemy. And it may well be that a fourth year will not achieve the complete and ultimate victory we must win if we are to preserve our civilization."

**September's Bond Quota 775 Millions**

Washington.—The Treasury yesterday set its September quota of war bonds sales at \$775,000,000—considerably lower than recent months—but disclosed an intention to build up to a goal of nearly \$2,000,000,000 in January.

Film stars, who are leading the September campaign, have set an

unofficial goal of \$1,000,000,000 for this month, and the Treasury says they are right. But the official quota was set lower by \$225,000,000 because in past years September usually was the poorest month for selling either baby bonds or defense bonds.

**CAMP**

A survey is being made to determine the need for a farm labor camp to be established in Bertie county to assist in digging peanuts and picking cotton this fall, reports Farm Agent B. E. Grant.

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