



**I am an**

**American**



**We Fully Realize**

the seriousness of the struggle for the freedom of the world. Victory can only be won through cooperation and willingness to produce, forgetting self-gain for the time and looking forward to the day when Victory will come and peace and happiness prevail among all people, everywhere. We have our own liberty now, and we struggle to maintain it, meantime helping other nations to overcome their enslavement. Do your share!

**Not All Of Us**

can fight, not all of us can even produce food, but there's a job somewhere along the line that everyone can do. It may be using your funds to buy War Bonds and Stamps; or it may be getting into a defense plant to produce weapons of war; and some will find other ways of lending a helping hand. BELK'S promises full co-operation, and pledges to maintain lowest possible prices to help you save to buy Bonds and Stamps to win Victory.



"I am an American". You're free to say it whether your forebears came over on the Mayflower, or you got your citizenship papers last week. "I am an American". You're free to say it whatever Church you attend. "I am an American". Say that and anything else that comes under your guarantee of free speech and a free press. But now of all times, let us balance our freedoms with a full measure of recognition of the great responsibility also implied by the words—"I am an American". Today it means that from the moment you wake to the moment each day is done—all your effort, capacity and will is directed to doing as much as you can to help bring about final Victory for the United Nations! It means that wherever you are, however you can, you will fight fascism and every ugly little shadow it casts. And because you want your children and theirs to be able to say "I am an American" with the same understanding and love of country you know today, you will produce food for Victory and buy the bonds and stamps that will hurl an avalanche of fighting tanks, ships, and guns and planes against those who, whatever power they may have known; whatever riches they may have stolen . . . will never experience, feel or appreciate the beautiful security and simple glory that is the unconquerable strength of every man and woman, boy and girl who can truthfully say, "I am an American". Today and every day, these words echoing in our hearts, will spur us on!

**Congratulations**  
and  
**BEST WISHES**  
to the  
**FARMERS**  
**POULTRYMEN**  
**DAIRYMEN**  
and  
**ORCHARDISTS**  
who are determined  
to produce  
**MORE FOOD**  
than ever before in  
**WILKES COUNTY**  
During 1943!



**PRODUCE FOOD FOR VICTORY IF YOU CAN  
AND BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS  
TO SEAL THE AXIS' DOOM!**



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