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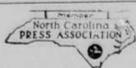
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"No grass grows on a beaten road"

- FEBRUARY**
- 5—Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, arrives Boston, 1631.
 - 6—Union League Club of New York founded, 1863.
 - 7—Great Baltimore fire \$70,000,000 damage, 1904.
 - 8—President's salary fixed at \$25,000 a year, 1793.
 - 9—U. S. weather bureau established, 1870.
 - 10—Henry Clay gets gold medal from N. Y. citizens, 1852.
 - 11—President signs bill creating Agriculture Department, 1889.

Creswell Section Out Front Again

Creswell community is showing the way to the remainder of the county when it comes to getting behind and putting over worthy movements, whether they come under the heading of war efforts or not. In recent months, not a single quota has been assigned that section which has not been quickly raised, and even surpassed.

First was the Red Cross roll call drive. They oversubscribed their quota there before the remainder of the county was hardly organized. Then

along came the Red Cross war emergency campaign. Again the quota assigned was quickly raised and some left over. Last week the community set about raising its share of the infantile paralysis fund, set at \$41.50; and this week the report shows a total of \$77.82 has been collected.

In addition to that, the folks in that section got together around Christmas time and sent off packages to all the men from there who were serving in the Army and Navy; a project which might be well undertaken in other sections of the county. So far, we have received no reports of the amount of Defense Bonds and Stamps sold at the post office there, but judging from general reports, that community will not be found wanting in that respect.

You can't beat that kind of spirit. It is simply a case of everyone pitching in and doing his or her part; and it is that type of unselfishness which will have to be demonstrated by all sections, counties, and states before we have the right to hope for victory. All honor and credit to Creswell for measuring up in every respect.

Time To Realize We Are in Grave Danger

There is still entirely too much complacency in this section about our own individual part in this war. We are prone to feel that while sacrifices are demanded, they should all fall on the other fellow, while we, ourselves, should be allowed to proceed in the even tenor of our ways, exactly as we have been accustomed in the past.

It won't work. Every single, solitary person in this and every section simply must be made to realize that this is his war, or her war, and that the sacrifices demanded must be made to fall on everyone alike. Tires are rationed, cars are rationed, sugar soon will be rationed, among other things, and still the elementary truth fails to dawn on us.

A submarine sinks one of our ships along the east coast, and we ask "Why doesn't the Navy stop it?" A Jap bomber blasts Singapore, and we holler, "Where is our air force?" The enemy forces McArthur to back up a few more precious feet on Bataan Peninsula and everybody wants to know why the Army doesn't send him reinforcements.

The Navy, the air force, and the Army can't do all these things at once; and they can't do it for one simple reason. Our public state of

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By THE RAMBLER

On Giving and Taking—

Yes, the Axis powers that are opposed to this country can "dish it out," but can they "take it?"

This is what the diplomatic and military leaders of the Allies want to know. And their ability to take punishment will determine the length of World War No. 2. If they can take punishment as they have meted it out, it will be a long and dreadful war. But if they can't suffer the same horrible atrocities that they have visited on others, it looks like the war will last only a short time.

Now most anyone that knows anything about fighting will tell you that a man's body and mind must be able to suffer punishment as well as have the ability to inflict it. No matter how outclassed the opponent may be, the little old opposition will

mind is responsible, just as it is responsible for the Pearl Harbor debacle, even if the Roberts report does in a measure justifiably blame Admiral Kimmel and General Short. Our own indifference and demand for unessential things during the past year or two, while far-sighted men were crying out the dangers of things to come, are responsible for our present plight and future disappointments.

Even now, with our house of straw falling about our ears, we are still yelping over a few inconveniences at a time when sacrifices of blood and sweat are called for. We take comfort in the negative victories being won by our pitifully weak and scattered outposts and brag about what will happen to the Japs and Germans when we really get going, mean while making no preparations at all to go anywhere.

American soldiers are bleeding and dying in the foxholes of Bataan Peninsula while others supposedly of the same breed here at home are belly-aching because they have to get up an hour earlier in the morning. A young American pilot, parachuting to earth after his plane has been shot out from under him at Rangoon, is riddled with Jap machine gun bullets at the same time one of our own local patriots is beefing extensively because he can't get a new tire for his car so he can go to a dance 50 miles away. Wounded American sailors are freezing to death in open lifeboats after their ships have been torpedoed, while their kinfolks back home gripe about paying increased taxes.

The big question now facing every American citizen over the reverses we are now experiencing—and will continue to experience for a long time to come—is not "What is the Navy, Army, air force, President, or Congress going to do about it?" It is "What am I going to do about it?" Upon the answer, translated into deeds, hinges the fate of the nation.

get in a few stunning blows every time. This is what calls for the reserve strength that months of strict living will store up.

There is no doubt that the well organized fighting machine of the Axis, especially the Germans, can hand out punishment. They showered bombs on little old Poland, sapping the defensive strength and morale that the little country had. They overran several other little nations by sheer force of arms. These Germans can really hand it out.

But Great Britain has demonstrated that it can take it. When the sky over London was clouded with Nazi planes and destruction and death poured from the skies in showers, the English kept a stiff upper lip. These brave people took it because an appeasement government had not prepared them to give it back.

Poor old France lost every vestige of freedom that it had enjoyed because it was not prepared to take it nor to give it back. They built a great Maginot Line and then instead of building a fighting force that could cope with the Germans they thought the \$800,000,000 breastworks would protect them. They had forgotten to place revolving guns on the line they were attacked and defeated from the rear. They made a mistake but they were not given time to correct this error in military strategy.

Benighted Benito thought he could dish it out. He laughed a great belly laugh when he went into Africa and with his dive-bombers and machine guns dispersed the brave little followers of Haile Selassie. But he couldn't take it and the Greeks sent his army smashing back when he raided them. So sad it was, that the Germans helped him take over the little nation.

General MacArthur's little band of Americans, Filipinos and Indians are holding back more than 300,000 Japanese. Then there is a report that he hurls them back. His bravery in the face of the fact that apparently little or nothing is being done to help him, is appalling.

How long will the yellow men of Japan continue to give and take it? They are giving out a lot now. And they are taking a lot. The guess is by some that 50,000 Japs have been made casualties and 70 or more Jap vessels have been sent to the bottom or put out of commission, not counting the hundreds of planes they have lost.

There is a story going around now that Togo jumped the gun on Hitler. It is reported that Hitler did not intend for him strike at this time. Others say this was in line with a prearranged plan with Hitler. What Mussolini thinks about the matter doesn't count anyway as Germany already has taken over that country.

So it is an undeniable fact that the Axis powers can give it. But what about the time of retribution? Wrongs go unpunished for a long time but then when the reckoning time comes they will throw up their hands and quit when the Allied nations apply the full pressure and turn the warring hordes back to their own homes where they must fight to the death?

It is believed by some that the Germans can't take it. They say that in the last war when they had been driven back to their borders they surrendered before any fighting was done on their soil. But the war leaders today say that this will not be permitted this year. They are to be pushed back and then pushed further backward into the Reich, where they will then be pounded into submission. There will be no armistice to stop hostilities. Only peace and future security from aggression will be the terms of the peace this time. The Russians are now driving the "conquering" hordes back toward home. Some say there is already disunity among the Germans. Can

Mr. and Mrs. Meadows Have Three Sons in Service

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Meadows, of Plymouth, have three sons in the U. S. Military Service.

The oldest son, Eugene, is stationed at Drew Field, Fla., in the Air Corps, having been inducted January 1, 1941. This great Stalin, with a little help from England and America and the other Allies trap these raiding gangsters in their own den and make them call Uncle Sam "uncle" and bow their heads to England and admit utter defeat to Russia?

Now for soldiers that can take it, you take the Australians. These fighting men are found wherever the battle is the hardest. They can give the works and can take the works. They know how to fight and they can fight and are not afraid to fight.

What about the Americans? Can they take it? Sure, the men in the armed forces can administer it and can take it. But how about the citizens? Will we hold out for higher wages, more profits and business as usual? Will we cry and whine about the lack of tires, sugar and coffee? Will we give dollars and dimes to emergency causes and invest in defense bonds and stamps?

Yes, there is the rub. Will the civilians do their part? Will they keep faith with the men who fight the war? Will they keep faith with their government and continue their affection for democracy. On the home front there are yet the appeasers who want to seek a shorter way to peace and ease. But can they find it?

Who is on our side. Let him step forward and make himself known. A friend in need is a friend indeed. Charity begins at home. And the freedoms of this country is calling to the hearts of men and women for protection. What shall be done?

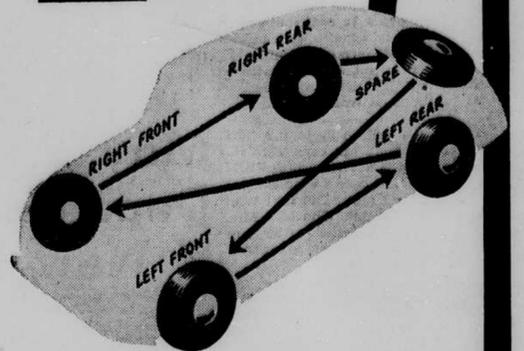
As for me and mine, we will stick with the country.

ary 9. Edward is a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps in Orlando, Fla. He had been a Marine for five years before re-enlisting in July. James is a corporal at Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadows are at home alone now as these three boys are the only children they have. Mr. Meadows is connected with the North Carolina Pulp Company.

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