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"Whatever advice you give, be short" —Horace

- JUNE
- 18—War declared on England, 1912.
- 19—Baltico fell to Spanish rebels, 1937.
- 20—U. S. military conscription act introduced, 1940.
- 21—France-Germany begin peace negotiations, 1940.
- 22—Joe Louis wins heavy-weight boxing championship, 1937.
- 23—Typewriter patented, 1869.
- 24—John Cabot sights North America, 1497.

Suppose We Stop and Think Just a Moment

Much of the gasoline now going into the tanks of Plymouth cars came from the battered stern portion of a tanker tied up in Morehead City. The front part of this ship lies at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean off the North Carolina coast, where it was sent down several months ago by an enemy submarine. It is understood that more than a dozen lives were lost, and a number of the survivors were horribly burned. Some of them were only released from hospitals within the past few days.

All of which leads up to observation that some of us who have kicked so strenuously about gasoline rationing might remember the next time we get into our cars to drive a couple of blocks to the movies, a bridge party or to the golf course that more than a dozen men died to get us the gas we are now using. Maybe it is worth it, but it still seems a pretty high price to pay for gasoline for non-essential driving.

Here Is Your Chance Now Do Your Part!

Practically every one of us, at one time or another, has expressed his

Father

By IRENE SPRUILL

While praising mother kind and true For all her love and care, Pray don't forget dear father too, But let him have his share; For he it is who earns the bread, The many bills must pay, Who sees the family clothed and fed And cared for, day by day.

Perhaps he toils from morn till night In field or mill or mart, That he may make the burdens light For those so near his heart, By seeing their needs supplied, Or working to this end, Who longs to see them satisfied, And strives to thus attend.

Don't wait till father's cold in death To praise his noble life; 'Twill do more good to use your breath To help him through the strife And unless are those pretty flow'rs You'll lay upon his grave, When there are dark and trying hours His heart some comforts crave.

His hands, perhaps, are hard and tough, His garments may be soiled; Of hardships he has had enough As for your good he's toiled. He's traveled o'er much rugged road And carried burden great So cheer his heart and lift his load Before it is too late.

Oh, vain is all that you may say When father's gone from here, Or all the flowers you may lay Upon his grave or bier; Then do the better, wiser thing— I'm sure it's worth while— Your flowers give his praises sing, That you may see his smile!

willingness to do his part in the national war effort. This week we receive another challenge to our expressed intentions in the call to collect all old rubber and turn it over to the nearest filling station. This is not just another routine call to be answered sometimes when we "get around to it," and there should be no hesitance or reluctance on our part to do this thing, and to do it right now.

President Roosevelt has set aside this week and next as the time to gather all the scrap rubber possible and turn it over to the nearest filling station, from where it will go directly into our war preparations. This rubber is desperately needed, or rather information as to just how much old rubber is on hand is desperately needed, in order that plans for the future may be worked out with some degree of assurance that they can be carried out.

These plans include all phases of the war effort. If a sufficient amount of rubber for reclaiming can be collected, then it is possible that the Army may relent in its attitude that until a sufficient supply of rubber is in sight there will be none for civilian use. It may mean a few tires for some of our cars; it may even eliminate the necessity of rationing gasoline to conserve rubber.

Certainly, it means that bombs will sooner fall on Berlin and Tokio from American planes, that American tanks can meet those of the Axis on a better-than-ever basis. Add all this together it spells "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" in capital letters. We here in Washington County have our chance to do our part; we must not be found wanting.

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The Mobilization of Man Power

By RUTH TAYLOR

The mobilization of man power does not mean the taking of trained labor and moving it from place to place where it is needed. You and I, our families, our neighbors are all part of the man power needed in this crucial hour. The energies of all the people of the whole nation must be focused upon the one task of winning the war as quickly as possible.

This is an all out war. We must convert industry from the production of consumer goods to weapons of war—and that calls for men and women to do the job. It means the shifting of millions from peace time production to war work. It means that every last one of us has work to do.

The call for man power does not mean workmen alone. It includes all men and all women. It embraces farmers, lawyers, trained business men. It means that women must take over jobs to release men for the fighting forces and for heavy war work. It means that women must go into the factories, onto the farms and into the offices.

Mobilization of man power is not a socialized conscription of any one class. It is an evidence of the willingness of free men and women to defend that freedom. Each and every one of us must work. We must keep everlastingly at it, and then go right on. There is no relief in a war. There is no time for alibis or excuses, for shirking or stopping to argue over what should or should not be done.

This is the war of every one of us. No one class, creed or color can escape its full and equal responsibility. We must mobilize as free men or we will be regimented as slaves under a foreign master.

Can any individual who shirks his or her share face again the brave men who are fighting for us all over the world. As our armed forces fight to keep the enemy from these shores, to avert for us the devastation with which the nations of Europe have been laid waste, we must do our work on the battle line of production. There is something each and every one of us can do. We must be ready to volunteer for service—for this is everybody's war!

BELLEAU WOOD RENAMED
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The tower at the new Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., is 20 stories high and shaped like a Geneva Cross.

The imposing lobby of the new Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., is lined with Vermont marble trimmed with white bronze.

Rambling About

By THE RAMBLER



CHINA... LOOKS TO US!

In the first World War the Chinese people were asked to give \$100,000 to the U. S. War Fund. They gave instead \$1,425,000, or 14 times the amount asked of them. In 1937 when the Ohio and Mississippi were victims of the most disastrous floods in their history, the Chinese people, who have tragic and extended knowledge of floods, raised more money for the relief of American flood victims than any other foreign country except Canada.

Now Americans are being asked to arise \$7,000,000 for the relief of the people of China. Thirty-five per cent of the total fund will be expended upon the health and medical treatment of the Chinese people. The rest will be devoted to such worthy causes as the care of orphans, the relief of the homeless and destitute victims of Japanese invasion, the training of skilled workers and general economic reconstruction.

Will we remember that China did 14 times what was asked of her; shall we forget that the Chinese contributed more for our flood relief than any other country save one? And if we forget these things, surely we'll remember that for five long years China has been fighting our battle, just as surely as she has been fight-

ing her own. We know that very definitely now... since Pearl Harbor and with Japanese successes before us.

As this is written, comparatively speaking, nothing has been done in our county to assist in raising this quota. Surely we could contribute a few pennies to alleviate the suffering in this country. Our self-sufficiency, our complacency and our indifference probably prevents us from realizing the urgency of the call. A few individual contributions have been made and loose collections have been taken when most of the audiences were composed of women and children. Otherwise no concerted action has been taken.

To be sure, the requests for public donations to this cause and that has become calloused to them, but in this case the humanitarian appeal alone would overwhelm, when we consider the anguish and desperation of China for five long years... with a tiger at her throat. Our readers, if we have any, may consider that we are placing too much emphasis on Chinese relief but to us many of the sources to which we contribute should be relegated to the rear until after this quota is raised. It should take precedence over all other "giving" for the destiny of China and her people is so closely interwoven with our own that we can't fairly and conscientiously differentiate between the two. We should remember, whatever we do to strengthen China morally, and physically, is an investment in our behalf.

"Rayshun" or "Rashun" . . . In general conversation our attention has been called to our old-fashioned pronunciation of the much-used word "ration". In fact, we have never heard it pronounced otherwise, until recent radio commentators gave it its new-fangled pronunciation. However, Webster gives either pronunciation as correct, leaving the choice to the user. We were interested to learn, this week, that Leon Henderson, OPA administrator, is as old-fashioned as we, ourselves, and he, too, says "rashun."

Mark Twain once said, "Let us be thankful for the fools. But

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for them the rest of us could not succeed." In more recent days someone said, "These days a cheerful idiot is enviable." Well we don't consider that we have succeeded and certainly we are not always cheerful, so we are wondering just what conclusion we should draw from the above remarks. Our friends need not bother to advise us.

We read some place, some where, that if worry turned hair gray, the whole world would be white by now. Our world perspective is extremely limited, however, an unwelcome mirror or casual statements from friends absolutely void of adroitness remind us that we need not stir far to see or feel an abundance of gray hair.

Conspicuous waste, once the symbol of personal wealth and prosperity, is now the mark of an unpatriotic wanton. It is quite evident in our daily observations.

We don't like George Bernard Shaw's stuff, probably because we can't follow him, but the following was most certainly well said: "Life is a flame that is always burning itself out; but it catches fire again every time a child is born."

Helen Keller, totally deaf and blind, certainly has a unique conception of death. Wish it were our privilege to have that positive assurance that death would be so kind. Miss Keller says: "I am conscious of the splendor that binds all things of earth to all things of heaven; immersed by silence and darkness, I possess the light which shall give me vision a thousandfold when death sets me free."

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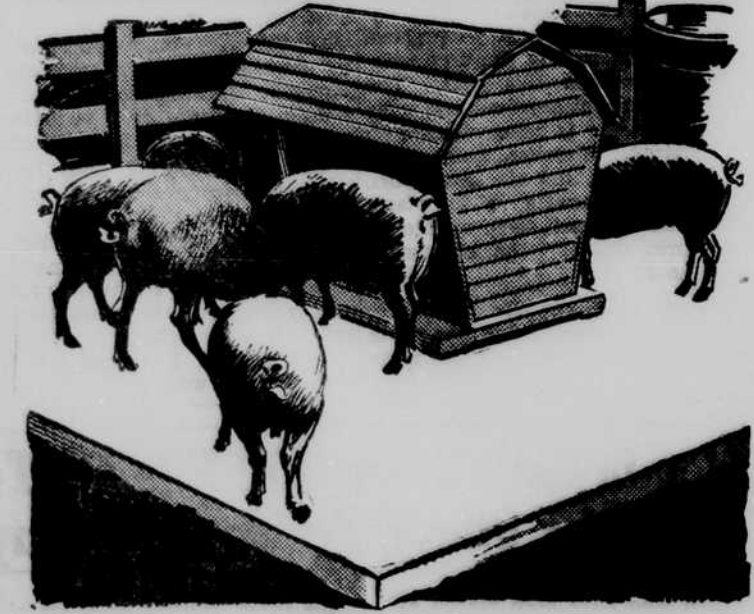
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