

Tank Commander



Tough, grease-stained and grim, this cotton-clad tank commander of the 69th Armored Regiment, Second Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia, typifies the readiness with which the nation's new mechanized Army awaits the future.

We planted war gardens. We poured our money into war chests. We had gasless Sundays and yelled "Slacker!" at anyone who dared to venture out in his Winton or Hummobile or stearns-Knight. We churned one pound of butter into two pounds and did it with as much will as if we were turning out ammunition.

We took the offensive psychologically long before we took it physically. And if we hadn't taken it psychologically, we'd never have developed the drive to take it physically. And don't tell me we can't do the same now. I want to sing that today we control our own destiny, tomorrow the

dorsey of the whole world. I want to sail against Germany, against Italy, against Japan. If they can sail against us and our allies, why can't we sail against them? I want to construct a greater America co-prosperity sphere. I want to correct the mistakes of the Versailles treaty insofar as they allowed all this to happen. I want to

win lebensraum for the democratic way of life. I'm fed up with singing plaintive songs—I want to sing battle songs. Don't tell me there'll be bluishdays over the white cliffs of Dover. To hell with bluishdays. Tell me there'll be valtures and a deathly silence over Berchtesgaden. I'm bored with keeping a stiff up-

per lip—I want to develop a stiff up- per cent. I'm tired of being made to feel sad. I want the experience—the purging, marshaling, driving experience—of being made to feel mad. Fighting mad! You get me! This article first appeared in Printer's Ink, March 15, 1942, and caused nationwide comment.

Whom Will You Choose For Sheriff Of Pitt County?

The office of High Sheriff is most important to the people who believe in good government, law and order. From the office of the sheriff flow equal justice under the law for every citizen of the county, fair and impartial administration of the law, and peace and security for every honest man and his family.

The present sheriff of Pitt County, J. Knott Proctor, now a candidate for a second term, has measured up to the highest standards of the office. He has filled the position with dignity, courtesy, and with outstanding ability. He has administered the law with efficiency and courage. He has discharged every obligation of the office in such a manner as to merit the approval and applause of every law abiding man and woman in the county. He has been a faithful public servant always striving to protect the best interests of the people.

We, the undersigned, believe the type service Sheriff J. Knott Proctor has rendered is so vital to all the people of Pitt County that we voluntarily commend him for renomination in the Democratic Primary to be held May 30, 1942.

- List of names of individuals supporting Sheriff J. Knott Proctor for renomination, including J. S. Ficklen, W. C. Clark, J. S. Chapman, Sue I. Lemmons, H. L. Rives, Heber Mills, etc.

INCREASES IN INCOME TAXES VERY DEFINITE

Washington, D. C., May 20—The House Ways and Means Committee put the finishing touches Wednesday on new individual income tax rates increasing the normal levy from four to six per cent and graduated surtaxes steeply upward. Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) announced the committee had agreed both to increase the normal tax rate and to strive for an additional two and three-quarter billion dollars in revenue but he declined to disclose what the surtax rates might be. Members indicated that the present six per cent surtax on the first \$2,000 of net income probably would be jumped to 11 or 12 per cent, and that the maximum would be 80 or 85 per cent. On the 12 per cent basis, a married couple with two children and a \$3,000 net income who now pay \$58, would have to pay \$162 next year. A single man with the same salary, who now has a tax bill of \$221 would be faced with a tax of about \$437 next year, depending on the second surtax bracket level. Present law calls for a four per cent normal tax and surtaxes starting at six per cent on the first \$2,000 of net income. The Treasury had recommended breaking that \$2,000 into four equal parts and imposing rates of 12, 15, 18 and 20 per cent respectively. The Committee has followed recommendations of its own staff of experts more closely than those of the Treasury in corporation tax rates and in raising the normal individual rates. Members said they probably would do the same in surtax rates.

FIGHTING MAD

By W. J. Weir Copy Director, Lord & Thomas

Don't get me wrong—I'm just an ordinary guy. I'm not trying to pose as an expert on the moulding of public opinion. I'm not talking big about what I'd do if it was my job to whip up the country on the war effort. I'm talking as an average citizen. I'm saying, not what I'd like to be told. Soon. Because I'm concerned, and I've been concerned, about my reaction to all that's been happening. Sure, I'm buying bonds. I'm paying taxes. I'm doing with less sugar. But deep down inside, down where it really matters, something hasn't taken place yet that I feel ought to take place. I'm all a wretcher of confusion there. It keeps me scratching my head and mopping my brow when I know I ought to be clenching my fists. You understand? It's like this: I want to be told—not to buy Defense Stamps or Defense Bonds. I want to be told to buy Victory Stamps or War Bonds. I want to be told—not about the construction of houses in Defense Areas. I want to be told about the construction of houses in War Production Areas. I want to be told—not to remember Pearl Harbor. I want to be told to take Tokyo, to bomb Berlin, to raze Rome. I want to be told—not to do my part to keep Nazism or Fascism from these shores. I want to be told to do my part to spread Americanism to all shores. I want to be told—not to help keep our world and our way of life from being lost. I want to be told to help build a new world and a better way of life. I want a positive program instead of a passive one. I want something to fight against. I'm hungry for something to get pepped up about—I'm repelled from having only something to fear. I want something to do—not just to wait for. It hasn't been so long since the last war that I forget what happened then. I remember the parades and the speeches and the ringing slogans. Then we fought to make the world safe for democracy. We bought Liberty Bonds. We sang that the Yanks were coming. We set out to avenge Belgium—not just to remember it. We made a vow that we'd reach Berlin or bust. We toyed with plans to hang the Kaiser. We warned the Hun to "keep your head down, Fritz-boy!" We girded ourselves for a Crusade—we didn't close the doors for a siege. We hated the Kaiser—we didn't laugh at him. We printed his loathsome physiognomy on toilet paper—to make the most ignominious use of it. We likened his upturned handle-bars to the devil's horns—not to anything so harmless and pathetic as the famous sireute prop Charlie Chaplin plasters on his upper lip. We saw nothing to be amused about in his vain and pompous posturings—as we do today in Mussolini's puffing strutting. We didn't pin our hopes on the detective eyesight of our enemy.

Gov't Takes Over N. C. Power Project

Washington, May 20.—The federal works agency announced today that under authority from President Roosevelt acting through the war powers act, it had taken over the job of completing construction of the \$8,000,000 High Point, N. C., dam and hydro-electric development, "in order to relieve a power shortage for war work in the area."

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fields and son, David, of Elkin, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fields and Johnnie Fields, of Morehead City, visited relatives here last week end. They were entertained at a barbecue dinner at their brother's, Gray Fields, Sunday. Rubye Marlowe attended the Junior Senior dances at Chapel Hill during the week end. Mrs. Jesse Gay, Mrs. Ester Craft and Lillian Corbett were North visitors Friday. Camaron West, of Chapel Hill, spent the week end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray West, Sr. Mrs. Bud Goin, of Plymouth, spent last week with relatives here. Mrs. Jason Shirley and Melvin Gay spent Tuesday visiting friends in Wilson. Miss Hazel McKeel, who has been teaching in Enfield, has returned to her home here for the summer. Miss Annie Wooten spent the week end at her home in Stanfordsburg. Ed Taylor, Jr. of Fort Bragg, was the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor, Sr. Dorothy Gardner, of A. C. C., at Wilson, spent the week end here with her parents. Mrs. C. T. Hays and Mrs. W. A. Harlowe were Goldsboro visitors on Friday. Mrs. Nora Shefferd is spending some time in North, Va., visiting her daughter. Mrs. Martha Day, of Dunn, is the guest of Mrs. Paula M. Smith.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Mrs. Henrietta Falford Moringo, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Farmville, N. C., on or before the 15th day of May, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 13th day of May, 1942. E. L. Falford, Executor of Mrs. Henrietta Falford Moringo, M-15-2626.

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