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SHIP-BUILDING MIRACLE

The speed with which our nation created the most powerful merchant marine on earth is one of the greatest miracles of the war. At the time of Pearl Harbor we had 1,340 ships totaling 11,850,000 tons. Today, according to the War Shipping Administration, we have 3,400 ocean-going vessels with a total deadweight tonnage in excess of 35,000,000.

Thus, in less than three years, we have more than tripled our shipping capacity despite heavy losses of ships during the early part of the war.

But even though we have the ships to carry enormous quantities of arms to Europe and the Pacific, the shipbuilding program must be speeded up still further in order to hasten victory over Japan. For it is estimated that it will take almost three times as much shipping tonnage to blast the distant Jap islands on a scale equal to that of our attacks on fortress

DON'T CASH BONDS

The treasury department's recent ruling which permits individuals to cash war bonds at banks 60 days after purchasing them, has been mistaken by some people to mean that the treasury is now encouraging the redemption of war bonds.

We have been asked to warn our readers that this interpretation could create havor in our war financing program and that the continued prosecution of the war depends upon our not only holding the bonds we have but on continuing to buy

as many more bonds as we possibly can. The reason for the new ruling, which makes it easier to cash in bonds, was explained by the treasury as follows: "The new system was organized solely as a convenience for those who of sheer necessity must cash bonds."

We should all keep that "sheer necessity" phrase in mind. So far as the treasury is concerned, it is a "sheer necessity" that most of us continue to hold on to every bond we own.

LETTER FROM MAASTRICHT

The kind of response which should make Americans realize how much it means to the rest of the world to have our boys helping to win the war was recently received by the New York Times in a letter from all the people of Maastricht-a town in the Netherlands recently liberated by the American

In that letter, which was addressed to the people of the United States, the inhabitants of Maastricht told of their desperate life under German rule and their joy over being free again. They said:

"The pleasant smile of your boys has stolen our hearts. Their laughing faces, their vigorous and brave appearance, their kind-heartedness, and especially their simplicity, have told us that these sons of the great American republic bear true democracy in their hearts and that the world may be glad that the United States has interested itself in behalf of our country and of Europe."

Any mother, whose boy is fighting in Europe should feel genuine pride in this testimony of the part he is playing as an ambassador of good will in building admiration and respect for our country and for our people.

HEART OF AMERICAN AIR POWER

If any one underestimates the importance to the United States of a strong air transport industry, they have but to read a report submitted to Congress by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. It reveals among other things that: "Three hundred and forty airplanes were taken from the airlines of the United States for wartime use-a force approximately equal in number to the force of air transports used by Hitler quickly to conquer Holland during but a few days of military activity Our airlines also released from the factory production line direct to the Federal Government an additional 310 aircraft

"The airlines contributed able executive officers, over a thousand of their pilots, hundreds of mechanics, radio operators, and others necessary to establish and place in operation the Army Air Transport Command and Naval Air Transport Service a nucleus upon which were based tremendous achievements of these two military organizations.

When war came, too few military pilots were qualified for instrument flight and for navigation by air over long distances. They were mostly 'contact' fiyers. The trained airline pilots delivered the men and material and even led the way for military formations to their rendezvous. They were not

only competent flyers, they were air navigators. The airlines were also called upon to perform civilian contract services. Planes were ferried and men and materials evere transported to the corners of the earth by them. They trained pilots, mechanics, radio operators, and navigators for the armed forces. They overhauled engines and did other mechanical work upon military aircraft and established and operated huge modification centers for combat aircraft.

When the history of this war is written the public will realize the debt of gratitude owed the airlines which small degree shortened the war and saved countless lives."

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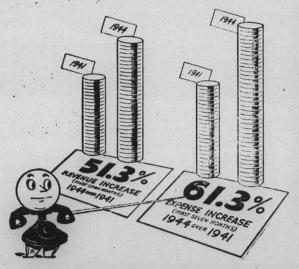
Lewis Hovis, R-1, Gastonia, located at Crowder's Station, recently mowed a three-acre strip of sericea lespedeza for the second time. The first cutting of sericea was balled the following day after mowing and is fine looking hay. This field of sericea produced approximately two tons of hay per acre in spite of the extended dry spell prevalent in that section of the county. This deep rooted perennial is almost a certain hay crop under any condition and Mr. Hovis plans to sow several more acres.

C. E. Honeycutt, Gastonia, on his farm located on the York Road, is building a new terrace system with his farm equipment. The terraces were staked off recently and with a disk tiller plow and tractor, standard terraces are being built that meet specifications. He plans to complete the terraces on approximately sixty acres this fall.

Terrace lines were staked this past week to be built by the County terracing units and available farm equipment on the following farms: C. E. Honeycutt, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; E. G. Petty, Bowling Green; O. H. Harrison, R.1, Gastonia; Mrs. A. P. Rudisill, Mart Bingham, B. F. Houser and J. G. McAllister, Dallas; Oliver McSwain, Cherryville; R. G. Lankford, Bessemer City; and C. A.

"We wanted no Profit from the war ... and we have made none"

H. S. DUMAS, President (Quotation from speech accepting Certificate of Appre-ciation from Chief Signal Officer United States Army)



Though the Southern Bell Telephone Company is now doing the largest volume of business in its history its earnings are at the lowest rate they have been in many years

This condition has been brought about by the fact that for a number of years the cost of operating the business has increased at a greater rate than have revenues. And while operating costs have been steadily rising, rates charged for telephone service have been reduced,

sers of long distance service alone are saving millions of dollars annually as a result of the rate reductions made

during the past several years.

Though operating costs have greatly increased, and telephone earnings are less, telephone users are getting more service for less money now than ever infore.

E. H. WASSON, Carolinas Manager

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GO AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

Here's how one man is meeting changed business conditions due to the war. Wade Patrick, Brookfield, Mo.

He was selling electrical supplies and electric iceboxes when, all of a sudden, a freeze came down on him. But he's pulled himself out.

First, let me tell you a little about Wade Patrick, because there are very few like him. Maybe not one to each state in the Union.

He was a soldier in the first World War, and was assigned to the job of ground mechanic at the Speedway, Indianapolis. He fell. It didn't seem serious at first, but it soon got worse. Finally his injury put him on crutches, then, by the time the war was over, into a wheel chair. He went back to his home and found that he would have to remain in bed a permanent cripple.

But Wade Patrick's made out of pretty stern stuff, so, lying in bed, he launched a business which he could take care of by telephone. Lying in bed he sold \$3,000 radios. Many men with two feet and a car to whisk them around can't say they've done that well.

He did so well that he took on salesmen and had them go around to see the prospects he'd contacted by telephone. It was not long before he had five salesmen

He had an arrangement made that would let a typewriter be swung around in front of him. He learned to operate this, took care of the correspondence.

General Pershing was born in Laclede, Missouri, a few miles away. He had heard about the way Mr. Patrick was conducting a business from his bed, so when he returned home on a visit, the old general drove over to Brookfield and called on Wade Patrick. They talked for half an hour.

Well, when supplies were frozen, Wade Patrick did a little thinking. First thing was to get into a business which would be frost-free. He heard of an insurance agency which wasn't doing very well, although operated by an able-bodied man, so Mr. Patrick bought it. It began to boom. In fact, it was not long before he got it operating so smoothly that he decided to go into another business too. So he bought a cold storage plant-the largest in his part of the state-and is selling cold storage lockers to the people in his section. He has, right this minute, more orders than he can fill.

Thus Mr. Patrick, operating from his bed, met changing conditions. He has dropped his old business and taken on two new ones and has made a success of both of them.

That is what we all should do, when we go up against a condition that is insurmountable. Go around the mountain instead of trying to climb over it. If Wade Patrick had lain in his bed and complained that the government had been unfair he would have got just nowhere at all. So a salute to Wade Patrick who met changing business conditions from a bed!



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