

Save Tin Cans, Uncle Sam Needs Them

Washington — Two tin cans out of every three that could be salvaged are being thrown away in America today.

Collections of tin cans have increased considerably since the program went into effect last Spring: from a modest 1,000 tons of tin cans during the first month of the campaign to 20,000 tons in April. But present collections are only a third of a conservatively estimated potential.

Salvaged tin cans are needed to supplement the nation's supply of three critical war materials — tin, steel and copper. The bulk of tin cans salvaged

is used for tin reclamation and steel production — the percentage reckoned as 1 per cent tin and 99 per cent steel scrap.

Hence, if no more than 20,000 tons of tin cans are salvaged monthly, at least 4,000 tons of pure tin, 396,000 tons of steel scrap and 100,000 tons of cans for copper precipitation will be thrown into garbage and city dumps this year and lost for war use. This represents a loss of approximately 5 billion cans.

Tin is necessary for planes, ships and guns. Tin is essential for containers for food, blood plasma and other medical needs; for electrical, telephone and radio equipment and for a long list of other war essentials. In 1941, before "essential war production" became an everyday phrase, America imported 100,000 tons of tin — a far cry from the 2,000 tons now being salvaged.

IT'S A SINGING

NAVY, TOO

Washington — The origin of the expression, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition," may still be debatable, but two Negro members of the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Icarus kept the song and the deed very much in evidence during the recently announced sinking of a German U-boat and the capture of its crew off the Carolinas.

The destruction of the U-boat and the capture of 33 members of its crew was announced by the Navy Department on May 1, but the "ammunition" incident was recalled last week by the commanding officer of the 165-foot cutter, Lieut. Comdr. Maurice D. Jester.

"We had just detected the submarine dead ahead about 100 yards distant," the commander recalled, "and general quarters was being sounded. I heard the singing first as the crew ran to battle stations.

"Just before we dropped our first pattern of depth bombs, I located the song and the singers. It was coming from Battle Station No. 9 and the singers were two Negro mess attendants. Oddly enough, the song fitted in perfectly with their duties, for they were passing the ammunition to the gunners."

The two singers were identified by the commander as Adolphus S. Jones, Mess Attendant, 2nd Class of 25 Cecil Avenue, Glen Cove, N. Y., and Charles E. Purdue, Jr., Mess Attendant, 2nd Class, of 76 West 132nd Street, New York City.

The German U-boat was sunk off the Carolina Coast some

months ago while the Icarus was on a routine run southward from New York. The captured crew was taken to Charleston, S. C., as prisoners of war. The cutter used depth bombs to force the submarine to the surface and then raked its deck with gunfire.

GO FISHING WITHOUT GAS

It's okay with Mr. Ickes if the State's ardent fishermen continue their sport, but, he says, "We still think it's a good idea for them to fish when they can and where they can without extra gasoline." Gasoline for fishing trips won't be available, no matter how productive of food the sport may be.

Present collections of waste kitchen fats are about 85 million pounds annually.

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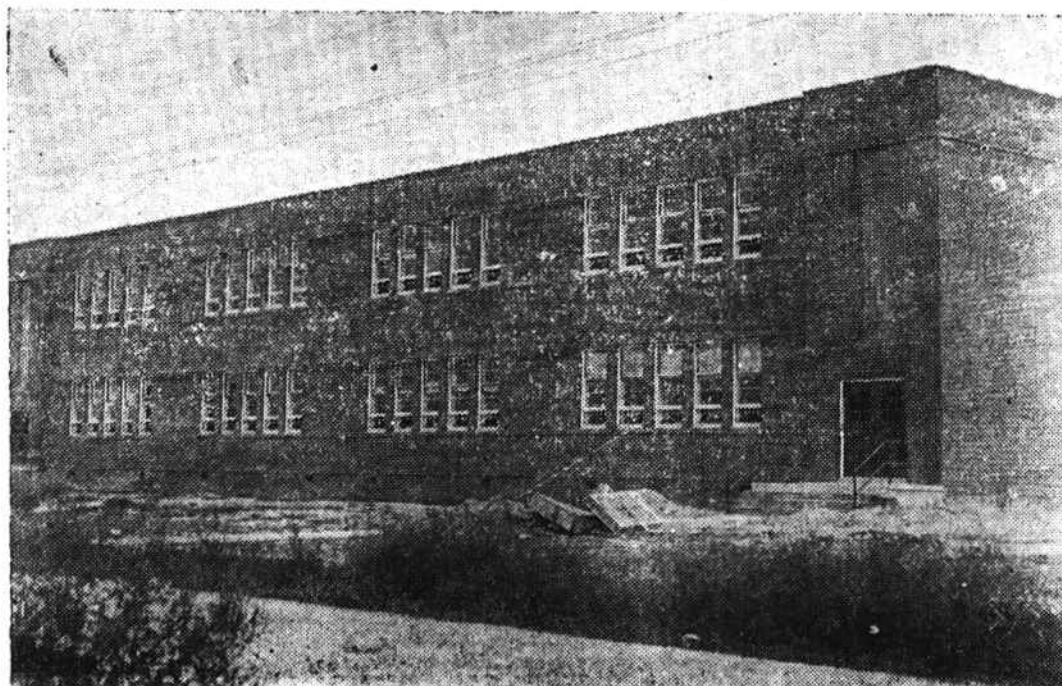
Nathan Bradshaw, negro, about 20, was held in Guilford county jail last night after being returned from Washington by Sheriff John C. Story and Deputy C. C. Shoffner to face a charge of assaulting Kathern Thomas, negro, about 13, with intent to commit rape in a wooded area near Sedalia on April 30. Preliminary hearing has been set for Friday before Magistrate J. E. Paschal. Bond for Bradshaw's release has not been set.

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