

MUTINY AND THIRST

Mutiny is among the most heinous military crimes, yet, the mutiny of the late John S. Moore, an old time ranger who spent his last days in Waco, saved the lives of a whole company of men while crossing the Great Plains between the Sand Hills and Big Spring back in the early '70.

When I was a boy, Mr. Moore told my father in my presence this story, though I have forgotten some of the details:

"My company had been pursuing a band of Indians who had been depredating in some of the frontier counties. The pursuit began at or near Fort Concho and the trail led up the North Concho. Everything went well until we left the head living waters of the North Concho and camped at Big Spring. From there our guide was not certain whether we would find water until we reached the Pecos river.

"Our Captain said the Indians had to have water the same as the white men. He gave orders to follow the trail. At night, we came to a waterhole where the Indians had camped the night before and had left it that morning.

"The next morning at daylight we were on the trail and camped that night at a waterhole in the Sand Hills. We kept up the pursuit until we reached some mountains in New Mexico where there were plenty of water and tall grass. The Indians had left the place only about an hour before we went into camp. Here we decided to stay for a day or two and rest up. Our horses were picketed on this nice fresh green grass.

"Next morning we found every horse in the outfit sound asleep and the whole command afoot. Nothing we did could make the horses stay awake. If one could be made to stay awake long enough, he would go to stuffing himself with grass. None of us had ever heard of such a situation.

"At last, our Mexican guide remembered hearing tales of 'sleeping grass.' He said if a horse or mule ate this grass, he would go to sleep and wake up only to eat more until he died. At first the Captain didn't believe the guide, but the guide told him that he had heard the Indians often played the trick on white men by leading them where the 'sleeping grass' grew and when their horses went to sleep, they would be afoot and helpless and then they would kill them at leisure.

"The Captain ordered all the horses rounded up and moved to a place where 'sleeping grass' didn't grow. While the boys were lashing the horses to keep them awake and moving, the Indians charged them and some of them got shot before they got in range for their arrows and short range rifles.

"This went on for three days. Every day the Indians came on for a fight, but they found that our guns could reach them before they could get in reach of us and they gave up the fight, seeing that our mounts had recovered. Our Captain set us to marching home.

"After we left the waterhole in the Sand Hills, we travelled east to the waterhole where we had camped before, to our horror, we found that a band of buffalo had been there and had drunk all the water and left only a mudhole. The canteens were empty and the men were suffering for water. Next morning

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Migratory Birds



SPARE THAT MESQUITE

One robin in a tree isn't a sure sign that spring is here, but when the good old mesquite puts on its green, feathery leaves, it is a sure sign that it is planting time and that frosty nights are in the past. But I have seen frost kill mesquite leaves in the past.

There are folks who have poison and machines to sell who wants the ranchers to destroy the mesquites on their ranges. If these boys couldn't make any money out of the scheme, it would be all right to let them grow. Some of our agents of the Agriculture department are sold on the scheme of destroying the mesquites on the ranges, while honest in their views, they are evidently misinformed and have not made a study of the immense value of this God sent growth to the livestock industry.

While these boys will admit that the grass will grow around the body of a mesquite, but they argue that the grass is not as good as the grass that grows out in the open. Well, that may be true, but I have got to be shown. Show me an old cowpuncher who has not staked his horse to a mesquite and if it didn't do well, it was because it didn't get enough of it. Old range riders who have watched cattle, horses and sheep graze will tell you that they will eat every sprig of grass up to the roots of a mesquite and seem to like it.

But even admitting the grass growing under a mesquite is not as good as that which grows in the open, there is a credit side of the ledger of the mesquite. In the spring when grass is scarce, the young leaves of the mesquite affords profitable browsing for the animals. When summer comes, there are the beans that fatten as no other feed of the range will do. These beans last until frost. When frost comes and the leaves fall off, stock will eat and thrive on them to the last leaf. These are the items of credit on the mesquite ledger.

J. L. Glass, E. F. and George McEntire, J. T. Davis, and others who have spent a lifetime on these ranges, have seen drouths that only old timers know of, when the ground was almost as bare as a pavement, and only for the mesquite they would have gone out of business. While these boys would like to have some of their mesquites thinned to a stand, but they have no mesquites to kill. They know the value of them. A mesquite is the last thing that a drouth will destroy.

Don't let anyone talk you into destroying your mesquites.—Uncle Bill

Has a Nice Orchard

Harry Tweedle has planted out a good sized orchard on his ranch in the hills about four miles southwest of Sterling City. In this orchard is a variety of fruits which can be successfully grown in this part of the country. He has good soil and plenty of water. Within two or three years Harry will be telling you that it is the best investment that he has made in a long time. Fruit does well here, but one must care for it as they have to do where they raise it on a commercial scale.

Miss Billy Jean, daughter of Mr. and W. W. House, is a member of the graduating class of the Big Lake High School scheduled for April 28,

Soil Conservation Supervisors Approve More Projects

The Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District held their regular monthly meeting in Sterling City, Monday April 12, reported Supervisors Zach Jones, L. R. Reed and J. R. Mims.

Applications for district assistance in planning a complete program of soil and moisture conservation were approved on the W. L. Foster Glasscock County Ranch, The Santa Fe Ranch in Sterling County owned by Miss Ethel Foster and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand; and the W. M. Mullenkoph, D. T. Jones and Son, B. C. Houston, and V. E. Phillip farms in the Grape Creek Community.

The Supervisors reviewed the completed plans on the Forrest Foster Ranch in Sterling County; the E. H. Schuch Ranch in Tom Green and Coke Counties, F. S. Sanders, R. F. Manski, W. R. Berry, and R. M. Stooksberry Stock Farms in the Grape Creek Community and approved the plans as being adequate to meet the needs of immediate increased production and of controlling soil and water losses. Mr. Jones further stated.

Ladies Serve Lunch to Lions Club

Mesdames T. S. Foster, D. Hall, Daisy Smith and R. T. Foster served the Lion's Club with a fine turkey dinner at its weekly luncheon last Wednesday.

With Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson accompanying, Miss Bettie Lou Donaldson entertained the club with a beautiful violin and voice number. Miss Donaldson is an accomplished musician.

In conjunction with other Sterling City clubs, the Lion's are sponsoring a service flag to be made by the ladies in this community. On a white field with a red border, a star will be put on for each soldier in the armed forces from Sterling County. There will be over a hundred of them. The Betsy Rosses of the county are ready to go to work on it as soon as the material can be obtained.

Some Sister!



Susan Hayward beams at her brother, Private Walter Marriner, when he comes calling at Republic to watch her in scenes from "Hit Parade Of 1943," in which she is co-starred with John Carroll.

Tommy Foster Is Now a Captain

Promotion of Royal T. Foster, Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster, to the grade of captain was announced at the Infantry replacement training center at Camp Wolters.

Capt. Foster, who serves as adjutant of the 56th training battalion, has been stationed at Camp Wolters since Oct 5, 1941, shortly after he completed the Rifle and Heavy Weapons course at the Infantry school, Fort Benning, Ga.

With his wife, the former Georgiana Demere, Water Valley, Texas, Capt. Foster lives at nearby Mineral Wells. He graduated from Texas A & M college in 1941.

Captain and Mrs. Foster are here to visit friends and relatives a few days before he reports to a new station.

R. T. Dickey Is Dead

R. T. (Bob) Dickey, 63, well known early cowboy of West Texas, was found dead last Tuesday in a rocking chair on the front porch of his home in San Angelo.

The neighbors heard a shot and went to the Dickey home, found him dead as above mentioned. Justice Mathison rendered a judgment of suicide. He died from a wound in the chest from a 25 caliber rifle.

Deceased was well known to many people here. For many years he worked as a cowhand for the Lone Joe, 7 D's, Slaughters and other outfits in West Texas. For the last several years, he often visited Sterling City selling a float valve which he invented.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers this week were Mesdames Seth Bailey, A. F. Clark, Martin Brown, Joe Emery, H. F. Merrell, R. T. Foster, W. B. Welch, Ina Sproul, Sterling Foster, W. B. Allen, Lester Foster, Frank Cole, D. Hall, T. F. Foster, R. P. Brown, J. L. Snead Lura McClellan, W. H. Stone, C. H. Davis, G. H. Cannon, H. L. Pearce, W. B. Allen and Misses Clifford McCrury, Vivian Reese and Flo Allen.

They Love Sterling and Its People

Dear "Uncle Bill" and all Sterling City Folks:

First we wish to thank you kindly "Uncle Bill," for sending us your nice newsy paper. As I have told you many times, we simply do enjoy your writings; and just hope you live many years to tell those interesting stories we have enjoyed so much.

We just want to say hello to you all and say we are surely missing your pleasant associations. We have never lived in a place whose people were nicer and better to us than those of little Sterling City, Texas. If you had not sent some of your former good citizens down here before we came to be ready to receive us our reception might not have been so pleasant. But with the splendid town of Taft and her excellent citizenship; and Benny Gummins on the reception committee, we received a wonderful welcome.

There is simply nothing too good for us to wish Sterling City and all her people; and nothing so good to wish ourselves than we have the pleasure of coming to see you all and some day living amongst you again. May the richest blessings of our heavenly Father be upon you all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smith.

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NOTHING SACRED TO THE GRAFTER

Someone in California found a newspaper which carried an item about Lt. Mark Mathis and his late brother, Lt. Jack W. Mathis. This party notified the parents of these boys that if they would send them 25 cents, they would send the clipping. Of course they got the quarter and the parents got the clipping. Now had that been you or I, we would not have tried to make money out of the sorrow of broken hearted parents. We would have sent the clipping without a price. Jack died, and the parents gave their precious toy that the recipient of that quarter might be safe. I have just found out why tumble bugs travel backward while rolling their sphere of freight. It is to keep such people from slipping up behind them and stealing the baby tumble bug's food.—Uncle Bill

The survivors of the Civil War in the South can tell you what it means to lose a war. At the close of this war, father had \$20,000 laid away in his trunk. During the four years of hardship, Mother had hoarded \$48 in silver. The silver was the only money we had that would buy anything. The Confederate money was only so many scraps of worthless paper. If we lose this war, which we dare not, your money will be only so many scraps of worthless paper. Buy bonds and win the war.

Your telephone is the cheapest and most able servant in your household. While you sleep the old telephone stands guard on the wall to serve you. It never goes to sleep or leave its post of duty. It never breaks your slumbers in the night, unless it is called on to pour a message into your ears. What wonders Henry Graham Bell gave humanity when he gave the telephone! The old telephone that stands guard on the wall.—Uncle Bill

They gave their lives for their country: We lend our money, is the slogan of today. We must strain every point to raise that 13 billion. This will not interfere in buying the new car or an extra section of land which you have planned. It would be a cold footed dealer who would not take bonds in on a deal. These bonds are good for their face value in cold cash.

The local bank has over a million dollars on deposit mostly by individuals of this community and our Uncle Sam wants to borrow about 9 per cent of it. Will you loan it to get the war over at the earliest possible moment? If we fail, it means that the war will be prolonged through our failure. We have got to win, or our money would not be worth sbux.

Buy Bonds. It is not only patriotic, but good business.

MUTINY AND

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we resumed our march over the hot plains, hoping that we might get to Big Spring before we all perished for water.

"About mid afternoon three of the men became delirious and lay down on the grass to die. I had seen fresh antelope and buffalo tracks leading south and I told the Captain about it and suggested that we change our course and follow the tracks, for surely these animals were going to water, but the Captain ignored the suggestion and ordered us to move on east.

"In my suffering I became desperate. I told the Captain that it was death anyway and he could shoot me if he wanted to, but I had rather die in that way than to die of thirst, so I rode off to the south, expecting to get a bullet, but it didn't come and I rode on.

"Just over the ridge not a half mile away, I saw some green trees along a dry sand wash. My horse pricked up his ears and sniffed the air and I felt greatly encouraged. I rode to the nearest hackberry tree in the wash and found it dry. In despair, I dismounted and lay down in the shade of the tree to rest. While meditating, I drew my sheath knife and began digging in the sand. Presently, moisture began to show. Encouraged, I frantically dug deeper in the sand and gravel and water came up in the excavation. Water, good cold water, that was to save me, my horse and my comrades from a horrible death.

I scooped up some of the water in my hands and drank sparingly, for I knew if I drank too much, all would be lost, for I, only I knew of this precious treasure and I must be up and riding to the command and take the glorious news.

"After giving two batfulls of water to my horse—though he wanted more—I filled my two canteens with precious water, mounted and rode toward the command. When I got near enough, I began to yell, but the men thought I was crazy and didn't stop, but when I waved a wet canteen at them, they wheeled and charged me and started struggling for the canteens.

"Here, the Captain took the two canteens and gave a corporal and a sergeant a little to drink and then ordered them to ride back and relieve the men who had collapsed, while he ordered me to pilot the outfit to the water. Before we reached the spring I had dug, some of the men saw some willows and made for them and found a large pool of good water. Here we camped for two days. The men who had collapsed recovered. We were the happiest group of men who ever chased an Indian.

"Only for this mutiny of mine, these men would not have reached Big Spring alive."—Uncle Bill

MARRIAGE

The world began with a Wedding Ceremony. The greatest event in any man's life is his wedding day. His success or failure begins with His marriage Vows.

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God—that which is gone out of thy lips, thou shalt keep and perform" In marriage Husband and Wife are one

"Wives submit yourselves unto your own Husbands, as unto the Lord.

For the Husband is head of the wife—and he is the saviour of the body."

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it;—So ought men to love their wives as their own

He that loves his wife loves himself, —Let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself: and the wife see that she reverence her Husband.

In the stories of great men in the Bible, it always tells his love story. The story of his marriage and Home-Life.

The Bulwark of America today is marriage and that holds good for life.

Our forefathers of America paid forty pounds of tobacco apiece for their imported wives—settled down contentedly and began to build homes. "Happy Homes," we are told.—Truth Finder

The armies of Julius Caesar, Alexander or Napoleon could have been made to look like 30 cents if their opponents had possessed a few fighters and bombers. With these and a dozen trained men, these mighty armies could have been destroyed. Buy Bonds.

Our boys are over there fighting and dying for you and me. We must not let them down. BUY BONDS

Contouring Increases Yields



The accompanying picture, showing grain sorghum grown on the contour, represents one of the simple tillage practices recommended by the Sterling County U.S.D.A. War Board as a means of meeting increased Production Goals for 1943 without impairment to the land.

Grain sorghum yields from 48 fields with similar soils and slopes near Dalhart, Texas, show the value of different methods of tillage.

An average yield of 461 pounds per acre was produced with no conservation treatment. With contour

tillage alone the yield was 525 pounds per acre, or an increase in production of 28 per cent. When contour tillage was practiced in combination with terraces the average yield was 723 pounds, an amount to a 57 per cent increase in production over straight farming.

Other simple practices which require no additional labor or equipment but which will increase production on erop land through conservation of moisture are crop rotation, stubble management, early contour listing.

America's Food Emergency

A Statement by Santa Fe



United States facing most critical "crop year" in its history.

During the coming months, the need for more food may be greater than the need for more guns, tanks and planes.

Serving, as it does, "the breadbasket of America," the livestock and meat industry, and the great fruit and vegetable areas of California and the Southwest, Santa Fe pledges its all-out effort in the production and mobilization of food.

What Santa Fe Is Doing

Santa Fe employs are planting Victory Gardens along their railroad's 13,199 miles of right-of-way.

Everything that rolls on the Santa Fe is being kept in fighting trim.

Old cars with good running gear are being rebuilt into sleek new gondolas.

Many Santa Fe refrigerator cars that used to go back "dead-head" now hurry back loaded with other freight.

Cars are few and hours are precious. Every hour a freight car stands idle holds back food or other vital war freight from folks who need it. Every unused cubic foot squanders vital space.

The supply experts of the Army and Navy, the ODT, and the Interstate Commerce Commission Bureau of Service are all focusing on this problem.

How Shippers Are Helping

Shippers are helping and can continue to help (1) by maximum loading; (2) by quicker loading; (3) by quicker unloading.

More than 57,000 Santa Fe folks join with the farmers, the livestock producers, the shippers, and the consumers of all America to help meet the greatest food crisis our nation has ever faced.

They're On The Job, Too!

For years the Agricultural Development Department of Santa Fe has cooperated with growers all along the line, for greater production per acre, through better seeds and better cultural methods. For example:

The people of the middle Rio Grande know how the desert has been converted into paying crops.

The folks in Blue Water Valley of western New Mexico know how the production of vegetables has increased from 86 to 1076 carloads in the past three years.

The potato growers of Kern County,

California, know how Santa Fe cooperated in stamping out ring rot and blight.

This year, the people in the Texas Panhandle are bringing in their first harvest of waxy kafir which promises to produce the starch for tapioca and other important products that formerly came from the cassava roots of Java.

In the present national food emergency, these people of Santa Fe's Agricultural Development Department are working harder than ever, doing everything they can to help food growers all along the line.

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Local Items

My home in Sterling City for sale.
Mrs. Lena F. Ault

Caplain and Mrs. R. T. Foster are
Capt. Foster's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Roy Foster.

Frank Counsel of Paris, Texas, is
looking after his ranch interests
in the south part of the county.

After a week's visit to her
husband, Lt. Edwin H. Aiken, some-
where on the West Coast, Mrs. Aiken
returned home last Sunday night.

Miss Augustine, who had been ill
for several days was carried
to hospital in San Angelo for
observation and treatment
last Tuesday.

Ethel Foster, president of
the Texas Federated Clubs, accom-
panied by Mesdames Rogers Hefley
and Kellis went to Coleman
last Wednesday to attend a club
meeting held there.

Two Sows for Sale: Two sows
weigh about 300 and the other about
400 pounds. Subject to registration.
Sears & Robuck project. Too good
to butcher. Contact M. W. Smith,
Sterling City. 1tp

Mrs. James T. F. Foster, Clyde
Davis, Herman Everitt, Lester Foster
and G. C. Murrell and Homer Pearce
attended the Sixth District Con-
vention of Federated Clubs at Coleman
last Thursday.

Mrs. D. M. Brown reports that
every nook and corner of the Brown
ranch home is planted in garden
crops. With the cows, chickens,
hogs and a beef recently canned,
the nation board will give the
Browns very little trouble.

Pvt. Dave Y. Stansberry came
home last Wednesday from Jerome
Ark. where he had been stationed
with the armed forces. Dave had
been honorably discharged from the
army to do ranch work. It is likely
he will work on the Harvey Glass
ranch which is in sore need of help.

Pvt. H. W. Hart writes from
"somewhere in North Africa," that
he is well and getting along all
right. He says the people where he
is are mostly French and they are
quite friendly toward the Americans.
He sends greetings to his Sterling
City friends and old schoolmates.

WANTED:—Volunteers to make
surgical dressings on Monday nights.
Classes have been attended by our
public school teachers who will be
leaving our city soon.

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out your help.

Are you going to let this change
go by without helping carry on the
work that is so necessary at this
time. Wont you volunteer?

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

John Trumbull, our postmaster,
looks up from his newspaper
yesterday and says: "I see they
caught another one o' them so-
called 'gang-lords' of the Pro-
hibition era.

"Wonder how long it's going
to take us to wipe out the evil
Prohibition left behind... not
to mention the billions of dollars
it cost the people?"

Well, John's right o' course.
Hard to believe America could
ever pass a law like Prohibition.

But from where I sit it's a big
consolation—now that Prohibi-
tion is over—to see how moder-
ation and tolerance have grown
up in its place.

Nowadays, if a man enjoys a
friendly glass of beer or two
after a day's work, he not only
can do it in clean, respectable
surroundings—but he knows
that no bootlegger or gangster is
making a red cent on it.

Joe Marsh

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News of the Day
Short Subjects

Wednesday and Thursday
April 21-22

Ginger Rogers
Ray Milland
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"The Major and
the Minor"

Also News of the Day
Selected Short Subjects

**Double Features
Friday and Saturday**

Friday, April 23
Don "Red" Barry
Lynn Merrick
in

"Stage Coach Expres"
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selected short subjects

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Jean Parker
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"Girl from Alaska"
Short Subjects

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Foster, Chairman.

Baptist Church

Sunday

A.m.

10:00 Sunday School lesson

11:00 Worship Service

P.m.

7:45 Training union

8:30 Evening worship

Wednesday

P.m.

4:00 Missionary Society

8:00 Weekly Teachers meeting

8:30 Mid-week Devotional

We welcome you,

Claude Stovall, pastor

Methodist Church

Lowell O. Ryan

Pastor

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Morning worship, 11 o'clock

Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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STIRRING AROUND STERLING

BY GADABOUT

For the past two weeks, 3-4 of the S.H.Sers have been busy loafing and enjoying the first visit of Dame Spring. Johnny seems to be her favorite victim, but honorary mention goes to Weldon—otherwise-known-as Burr Phillips.

The SENIORS will probably be talking about how much fun they had or will have when you read this—and I wouldn't blame you for not reading it—as a Senior sneak is planned for Saturday night. Skating and a show will take up their time.

Work on our annual has begun with every member of the staff pitching in all their excess energy.

The Juniors have started play-practice on "Dotty and Duffey, which will be presented the earlier part of May. (I think.)

Mrs. Burnett will be in Ithaca, New York, soon to join her husband who is attending Cornell University there.

That's all for now—

Commencement Announced

The Senior Class announces its Commencement services as follows:

Commencement Services at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, May 9 in the high school auditorium. The Rev. B. B. Hestir will deliver the sermon.

Graduation Exercise on Wednesday evening, May 14. The Rev. L. O. Ryan will deliver the address.

The Sterling City P. T. A. met in its regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The following program was heard: Devotional—Mrs. Seth Bailey
 "A Few Square Yards of Peace"—Mildred Atkinson

Piano duet—Mrs Herman Everitt and Jacqueline Everitt

A Pan American Playlet—Sixth Grade

The picture dummy pages for the school annual "The Eagles Eye" were sent to the engravers on Wednesday.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The mess kit is one of the most important items in the Soldier's equipment. It consists generally of a pan, a plastic canteen and cup, a fork, knife and spoon, all in a canvas pack cover. The total cost runs up to about \$2.00.



Canteens and other items such as handles on knives and forks, formerly made of aluminum, are now plastic. Alloy has replaced stainless steel. You can buy many of these mess kits for our boys with your purchases of War Bonds and Stamps. Invest at least 10 percent of your income in War Bonds or Stamps every pay day and top the quota in your county. U. S. Treasury Department

Aid to Enemy

"Any American who willfully neglects to pay his taxes on time or to invest every cent he can in War Bonds is surely giving aid and comfort to the enemy. . . . We have a job to do and we are all called for service to our country. Our dollars are called to service too. Let us all ask ourselves, 'Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons?'" — Secretary Morgenthau.

Will Americans Be More Tender With Their Money Than Lives of Their Sons

Washington, D. C. — A blunt challenge—whether Americans will be more tender with their money than with the lives of their sons—confronts U. S. citizens as they prepare to meet the appeal of the government to put an additional 13 billion dollars into the fight in the next three weeks.

American dollars which run off to some cozy shelter to hide while American boys are dying to defend our cities and towns from destruction and invasion will face a rising demand from all classes of patriotic citizens to come out and fight.

Millions of workers who now are buying War Bonds regularly out of current income must lend extra money to their government during the Second War Loan campaign (which started April 12).

In recognition of the spirit of sacrifice which is sweeping over the land as our troops swing into offensive action in Africa and await the signal for a landing in Europe, the Treasury Department is offering a series of government bonds to fit every pocketbook.

No matter whether Americans buy the familiar Series E Bonds or 2½ per cent bonds or 2 per cent bonds or tax certificates, they will be doing their part to make the Second War Loan drive a success.

Consumer Spending Too High. Consumer spending in 1942 was

much too high to meet the war situation of 1943. Last year more than 82 billion dollars of our soaring national income went to feed the desires of Americans for clothes, recreation, foods and luxuries. As these items grow scarcer, more of our income must be diverted from such expenses into government bonds.

During 1942 millions of our fathers, sons, relatives and friends were in training here and abroad. Some were already in action. Casualties were beginning to bite into every community. War Bonds became a vital link between the home and fighting fronts.

Today sacrifice has become a way of life for America's fighting men. Civilian spending on the 1942 scale must go out the window if the home folks are to attempt to match the heroism of our boys at the front.

Not every American can take his place in a bomber or in a foxhole or on a fighting ship but he can fire away at the enemy by lending money to the government.

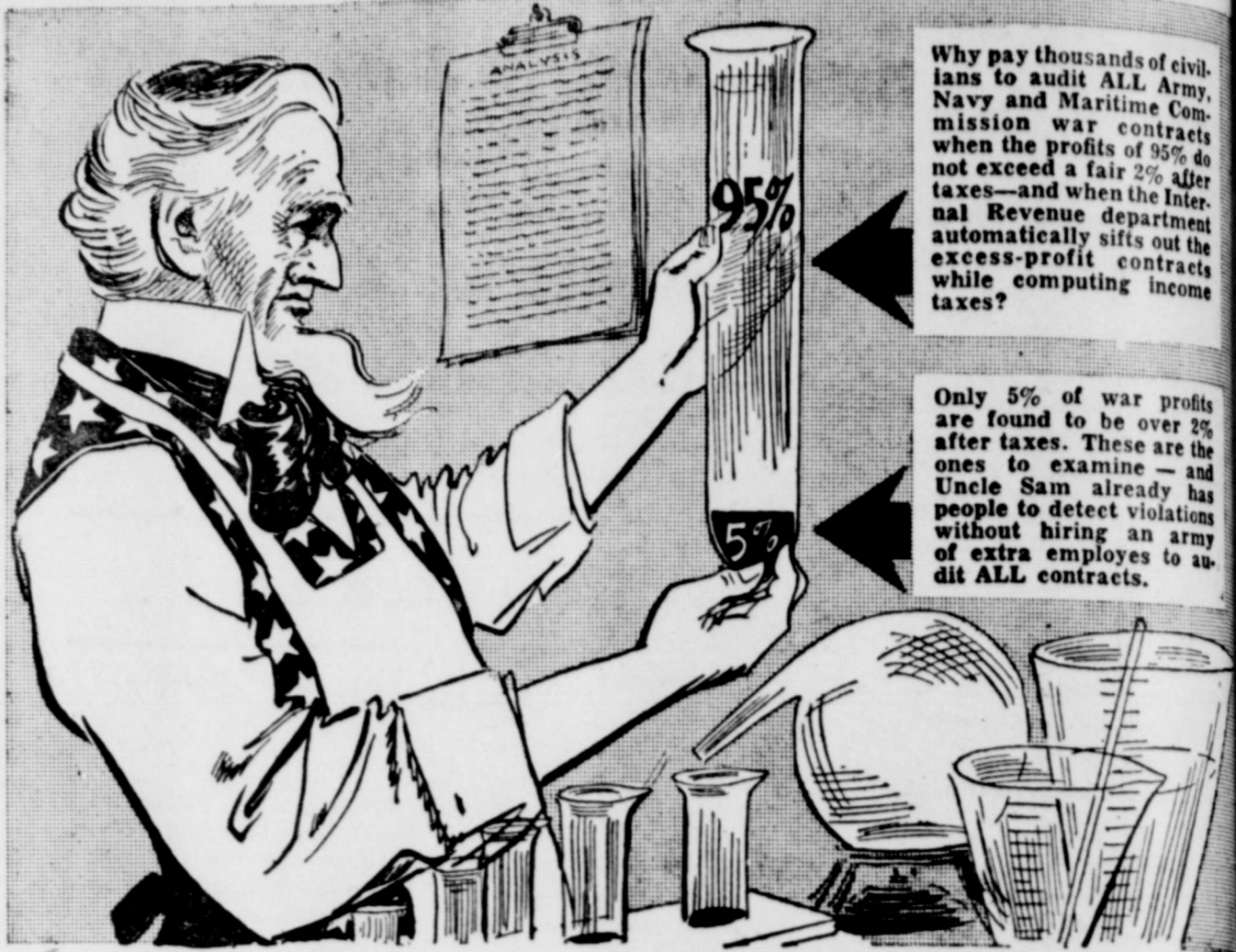
"Don't Worry About Us—



—we'll grow our own food! That's the battle-cry of America's six million farm families as the gardening season rolls around. Growing vegetables at home relieves overburdened hauling facilities, releases more commercial vegetables for the fighting men, and insures a wholesome, inexpensive diet for each family.

Undertaker's Supplies
 Ambulance Service
 DAY OR NIGHT
 Lowe Hardware Co.

THE TEXAS CO.
 Petroleum & its
 Products
 R. P. Brown, Agent



Why pay thousands of civilians to audit ALL Army, Navy and Maritime Commission war contracts when the profits of 95% do not exceed a fair 2% after taxes—and when the Internal Revenue department automatically sifts out the excess-profit contracts while computing income taxes?

Only 5% of war profits are found to be over 2% after taxes. These are the ones to examine — and Uncle Sam already has people to detect violations without hiring an army of extra employes to audit ALL contracts.



NEED FOR UNITED EFFORT

To win this war we must have unity of effort. "The do-as-I-tell-you-not-as-I-do" attitude will never mobilize national power or bring speedy victory.

This need for united effort was emphasized by the President in his recent call for a 40 per cent reduction in the use of government automobiles. Take the use of tires and gasoline by various federal agencies. A report of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures says:

"Despite the growing automobile crisis, both in tires and gasoline, the investigation of the committee indicates that for the first four months of the present fiscal year the various agencies of the government, exclusive of the Army and Navy, continued for the most part to use as many passenger cars, to drive as many miles, and to consume about as much gasoline as did these agencies in a comparable period of the previous year, notwithstanding the efforts of the government to reduce the consumption of gasoline and conserve rubber.

Same Standard for All

"The committee believes that the same standard of strictly essential driving should be applicable to government employees as now applies to individual citizens."

The committee gives figures upon which its conclusions are based. In the last fiscal year the government owned 17,305 passenger automobiles, exclusive of the Army and Navy and exclusive of trucks and motorcycles. It now owns 18,953 passenger automobiles.

AMERICA

These words from a recent advertisement are worth reading twice: "A drum, a little red wagon, a picture book; these are gifts that bring joy to a boy's heart. But you can give him a far greater gift. You can give him the right to live as a free American."

In the last fiscal year the cost of operating these automobiles was \$4,243,602. According to the report the first four months of the present year the cost will be \$3,924,000. The last fiscal year these government-owned cars traveled 203,533 miles. According to the first four months of this year, government-owned cars will travel, this year, 199,830,930 miles and consume 12,853,533 gallons of gasoline.

The report also quotes from a statement of the Director of Budget, indicating that "until government cars have had an average of six and one-half tires each. The Committee's finding "that same standard of strictly essential driving" should apply to government employees as is applied to individual citizens is too downright sense to require discussion.

Why More Payrollers?

Another example of the need for united effort is found in the report before Congress as to whether excessive profits on war contracts require new bureaus and additional payrollers or whether the Department of Internal Revenue can do the job.

The average citizen struggles with high taxes and a shortage of manpower answers: If necessary amend the Internal Revenue Act to this purpose.

To win the war we must get more money and use materials wisely. We have enough manpower to do essential jobs, but we have not the manpower nor the taxes to pay special payrollers to do work that can be done better by establishing agencies.

Free Enterprise

It took Germany nine years to build enough plants and equipment to fight this war; it took Japan 15 years, Russia 20 years. American industry, under free enterprise, did it in two years.

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