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"Awake Thou That Sleepest" St. Paul

I know of no other words more appropriate for our day than the words of St Paul: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and christ shall give thee light." The world has never passed through a darker period than it is passing through now. "The Dark Ages" not excepted. If we do not awake what will become of us? We are willing to pay \$50,000 for the death of a Jap or a German, which alone will not give us the light we need, but we are not willing to make a small sacrifice to bring in the light we must have, the light Jesus alone can give.

Lets fill our churches next Sunday and show that we are going to wake from our sleep, the sleep of death.

W. Vasco Teer.

Be On The Watch

The law here warns the public to be on the watch for suspicious characters, lots of stealing going on and you might be able to furnish a clue to catch them.

Local Items

M-Sgt. Frank L. Davis who has been stationed at Scofield Bks in Hawaii the last three years is now at Camp Beale, Calif.

Pvt. James E Rives and Pvt. Arthur Klopschinske of the bombardier school at San Angelo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives last week end.

Billy Butts of California has been visiting his aunt Mrs. J. A. Waldrop and other relatives, and will go to Lavaca County to visit other relatives before returning home.

Mrs. W. E. Melugin of Fort Worth is visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Scott attended the funeral of Mrs. N.H. Scott, wife of Mr. Scott's brother at Gustine, Texas, Wednesday.

Mrs. P. D. Killam has been here visiting relatives for the past week

H. C. Murtishaw Jr. and family of San Angelo visited with home folks this last week.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas are rejoicing over being debt-free. Look on the inside page for further information.

FOR VICTORY



BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

County Stock Show

The Coke County Stock Show was held at Bronte Monday after being rained out at set date. It was a success from many angles. With livestock growing in values the show was worth several times the cost as it creates a new interest and encourages the boys to a greater effort.

The boys were highly commended by the Fort Worth Star Telegram in their demonstration at that place.

W. S. C. S. Meet

Mrs. George Taylor was hostess to the WSCS Monday afternoon Mar 22.

Mrs. W. V. Teer was in charge of the program, Subject "Uprooted Peoples". Mmes. C S. Brown F. C. Clark and J. K. Griffith made interesting talks.

Mrs. W.B. Clift and Mrs. W.V. Teer were elected delegates to the conference to be held in San Antonio April 6-9.

Others present were Mmes. J.S. Craddock, Bailey Russell, Marvin Simpson and Rev. Teer. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Proclamation

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come.

Whereas, America stands at the crossroads in the most critical hour in its history, engaged in a supreme effort to maintain high standards fundamental to a free people; and

Whereas, every loss of food, supplies, production facilities, property and life weakens the resources of this nation; and

Whereas, the preservation of the health of our citizens and the preservation of property from destruction by fire is of vital importance to the support of our men engaged in the battles of a global war; and

Whereas, The Texas State Health Department and the State Fire Insurance Department have, for a number of years, sponsored an annual Clean-up campaign in the interest of better health and fire prevention.

NOW, Therefore, I, Coke Stevenson, Governor of the State of Texas, designate the week of April 4-10, 1943 as

Health and Clean up Week in Texas, and most respectfully call upon municipal officials, public health authorities, fire departments, civilian defense units, schools, clubs, civic organizations the press, the radio, and citizens individually to take an active part in the observance of Health and Clean-up Week.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, this the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1943.

Coke Stevenson,
Governor of Texas

Dr Griffith city health officer request that every one join in whole heartily with the governors proclamation for a "Health and Clean-up Week".

Red Cross Drive Over

We are not prepared to say whether the Red Cross Drive went over the top but we had at last report \$751.55 in Bank and possibly two other places to hear from. Robert Lee should at least account for \$825.00 of the allotted \$1650 for County.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Escue and boys left Saturday for Idalou, Texas, where they will be employed on a defense job.

J. D. McCaleb was rushed to a San Angelo hospital last Friday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sparks are the parents of a baby girl born first of the week in a San Angelo hospital.

Mrs. I. N. Brooks of Plainview who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. H. C. Allen and Mr. Allen, left last week for Sanderson to visit for a few days with a son.

Mrs. Jessie Shaw was here Monday visiting her parents before her father Otis Rabb leaves for service in Navy.

Mrs. E. V. Lowrance was confined to a hospital in San Angelo Tuesday.

Derwood W. Davis son of Mrs. Vela Plumlee is now stationed at New London, Conn, after finishing his electrician course at the University of Minn. He was promoted to 3rd class petty officer.

Miss Eunice McLure visited in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday

Corp Earnest James of Santa Ana, California, spent Thursday and Friday visiting in the Little field home.

Mrs. Jessie Faye Brock returned from San Antonio last week where she had been visiting her husband.

Jake Sparks and family were back in Robert Lee last Friday. Mr. Sparks had accepted work on a ranch near Sterling City and had moved there several days ago

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Lovel and son Jan, and Miss Nina Barger of Sanderson spent the week end in the Barger home.

Born to M-Sgt. and Mrs. John F. Hamilton Jr. March 24 a son, Ronnie Franklin, at a hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas. Both are doing nicely. Sgt. Hamilton who is stationed at Camp White Ore. was home on furlough, and his mother of Robert Lee joined them at Cain City for a visit.

Mens Mexican Straw Hats at 93c.

CUMBIE & ROACH



No Bride For The Groom

To be presented at 8:30 P. M.

High School Auditorium, Thursday Evening, April, 8.

Characters

Bess Shelby	Nita Allen
One of the brides	
Herbert Prindel	Jessie Ray Robertson
The man she doesn't want to marry	
Jolly	Charlene Dean
The girl who wants to marry Herbert	
Sophia Selby	Clema Cowley
A widow who discovers she is in love again	
Degby Prindel	Wallace Clift
A rich old widower with young ideas.	
Libby Little	Addie Fish
Who is willing to be a bride	
Boys	Irene Gartman
A colored boy	
Sa'mandy	Ima Faye Landers
A colored girl in close touch with the spirits	
Dot Claiborne	Agnes Walker
The girl who thinks she is going to marry Herbert	
Tom Swanton	Morgan Cox
In love with Bess	
Prissy Paluna	Louise Hamilton
A girl who wants to marry Tom	
Eelinda Groot	Marie Wallace
A dressmaker with a wagging tongue	

Dastardly Deed

Sunday night about dusk some parties in a car passing through Fred Roe's ranch deliberately shot a yearling with a 22 target, possibly intending to load it in the car, but a horseman scared them off and they fled the scene leaving car tracks for a clue which may be their downfall.



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Wednesday only Money Nite April 7

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Also "This is BLITZ" And "OVERLAND MAIL"

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BRONTE, TEXAS

Friday and Saturday April 2-3

RICHARD DIX-FRANCES GIFFORD IN

"TOMBSTONE"

(The Town too Tough to Die

Also Popeye and News

Tuesday only Money Nite April 6

VICTOR McLAGLEN-DENNIS O'KEEFE IN

"BROADWAY LIMITED"

Also "This is Blitz" and "OVERLAND MAIL"

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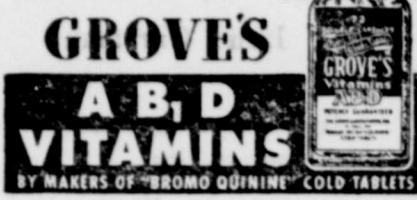
I always get the worst of things. It's hard to see why this should be— Whenever the street car gives a jerk Some heavy person steps on me.



WNU Features.

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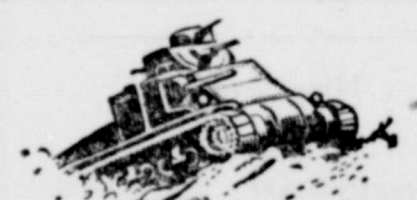


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When constipation brings on discomfort after meals, stomach upset, bloating, dizzy spells, gas, coated tongue, and bad breath, your stomach is probably "crying the blues" because your bowels don't move. It calls for Laxative-Senna to pull the trigger on those lazy bowels, combined with Syrup Pepsin for perfect ease to your stomach in taking. For years, many Doctors have given pepsin preparations in their prescriptions to make medicine more agreeable to a touchy stomach. So be sure your laxative contains Syrup Pepsin. Insist on Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Senna combined with Syrup Pepsin. See how wonderfully the Laxative Senna wakes up lazy nerves and muscles in your intestines to bring welcome relief from constipation. And the good old Syrup Pepsin makes this laxative so comfortable and easy on your stomach. Even finicky children love the taste of this pleasant family laxative. Take Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Senna combined with Syrup Pepsin, as directed on label or as your doctor advises, and feel world's better. Get genuine Dr. Caldwell's.

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MENTHOLATUM

Washington Digest

Results Justify Expenses Of Overseas Propaganda

Axis Has Employed Elaborate Means to Get Its Views Across to Neutral Nations; U. S. Must Use Press and Radio.



By **BAUKHAGE**
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building Washington, D. C.

The other day, Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, held a press conference. He opened it with the remark that we were witnessing an Uncle Tom's Cabin without the Simon Legree. I didn't get the significance of the remark until Davis explained that Representative Tabor, who charged Mr. Davis with using the Office of War Information to distribute propaganda for a fourth term, had been invited to share the conference but had other duties.

Obviously, the purpose of the meeting was to show how the money for the publication of propaganda was being spent and a good deal of time was taken up on comparative costs of British, American and Axis propaganda efforts. If the OWI carries out present plans, it will be spending at the rate of 45 millions of dollars by the end of the year. Britain, with its separate ministry of information, is spending much more than we are—Germany probably four or five times as much. That's a rough estimate. But the figures didn't interest me so much and I'll tell you why. I had come to the meeting a little early and had been studying the array of literature—arranged on two tables—the American and the Axis propaganda material. There were hand-some publications like the German magazines "Signal," "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo," and Japan's "Nippon." "Signal" costs 75 cents a copy to produce—the art work in all of them must make "Esquire" and "Fortune" envious. There were tiny pamphlets—these were American—you could slip into your hat band. The OWI's masterpiece is "Victory" which was the target of congressional attack—it isn't so bad in comparison with the expensive Axis magazines but it costs only 35 cents to produce.

Three things struck me as a result of the conference: first, if there is an even chance of obtaining the results expected, the investment is not worth quibbling about; second, since Davis admits that material got into the Roosevelt sketch which should not have and won't again, we either ought to take Davis' judgment or else fire him. Thirdly, the public hasn't had a chance to know what the propaganda is all about and the criticism of one phase of it utterly distorts the general picture of the function, purpose and value of the OWI effort.

In the first place, these publications under consideration are not for our troops abroad or our people at home—though I believe they ought to be given some circulation here simply so that their function is understood, at least when it is compatible with the confidential nature of some of the means of distribution in enemy countries.

It is accepted as the duty and function for one political party to do all it can to discredit the leaders of the other party—according to the rules of the game of politics—but, as Davis quoted the Baltimore Sun, you have to exploit your personalities. People mean a lot more than mere ideas when you are trying to make an impression. Roosevelt can be played up as a powerful symbol to people abroad without affecting the political situation at home. That was done effectively in the case of Woodrow Wilson in the last war, his picture was worshiped all over Europe, as the symbol of the leader of a nation coming to liberate them. But when he came home, he couldn't sell his program to the American people.

'Sell' Allied Cause

I tried to find out what the objective of the OWI was, whether it could show any results. Purpose one is counter-attack. We know what German propaganda has done, first in softening countries about to be invaded; second, to keep neutrals leaning Nazi-ward. OWI wants to fight fire with fire.

The second purpose is the same as the first and more of it—not merely to nullify enemy effort but sell the prospect the idea that America can win and is winning the war and that American victory will be a greater selfish advantage to the prospect than a Nazi victory would be.

How about results? That is pretty hard to reduce to statistics or even concrete statements. We know some Japs have surrendered in their hands. We know that leaflets dropped over occupied countries or pamphlets smuggled in have started people talking. OWI has reports to this effect. They say that this means that the idea has been spread that America is in touch with the people within the occupied territory.

We know that some of these pamphlets have been photostated or copied in others and given further distribution. It was stated that these copies or excerpts from them have even been circulated in prison camps.

We know that from four to six clandestine newspapers are made up chiefly from Allied propaganda material.

Of course, by no means all of the OWI propaganda is spread through publications. In fact, the radio broadcasts represent the greater part of the expenditure.

OWI is confident that this radio propaganda is not wasted as has been charged although it is admitted that the listening audience is being cut down as short-wave sets are seized or wear out and the depreciation is heavy. On the other hand, it is known that the radio broadcasts are repeated—by word of mouth and in clandestine pamphlets and newspapers.

The chief evidence that propaganda is reaching into Germany comes from two sources: first, the speeches of Goebbels and other German leaders who warn against black listening—warning not to believe the foreign propaganda—and, second, the records of trials of persons arrested for this black listening.

Effective in Turkey

It is stated that American propaganda has been effective in Turkey because Turks believe it whereas they have caught the Axis in too many lies. Since publications printed in Turkish are still forbidden to be sent into Turkey, the printing has to be done there or the material sent in in French or English.

In Spain, it is said that in spite of strong handicaps—that is, the power of the Falangist party which is openly pro-Axis—American propaganda has curtailed this power, has swung many people from a pro-Axis to a pro-Ally attitude. The persecution of the Catholic church in Germany has been used effectively in Spain.

Of course, this isn't the whole story of propaganda. All is fair in love and war and some pretty precarious tight-rope walking is sometimes done—witness democracy's tete-a-tete with Darlan which history will probably disclose was less a desertion of democratic political methods than waiving of the Queensberry rules of gallant combat. We can't expect the Allies to show their hands to the enemy and there is no use disturbing the squeamish by revealing the possible although not entirely immaculate condition which might arise from grappling with an especially noisome enemy.

What Davis did not go into at this meeting was the question of enemy propaganda directed toward us. That is a very delicate matter and sometimes governments are willing to give the enemy credit for the circulation of certain sentiments expressed by people who are just mad at their own public servants and are exercising the inherent right of grouching.

As I said before, I am much more interested in whether the propaganda job we are doing is effective. As to getting in puffs for the party in power, that is up to the party out of power to stop but one of the inescapable advantages of being an "in" in wartime is that you can squelch some opposition on the ground of patriotism. On the other hand, there was never an administration yet that wasn't thrown out after a war so there is some compensation—furthermore, the party of the opposition doesn't share the blame for the mistakes.

Now that Governor Bricker has announced that he expects the Ohio delegation will support him as a favorite son candidate for the presidency, politics will be raising its lovely head in every headline.

AROUND THE HOUSE

House plants grow toward the sun. Turn them frequently so that they will not grow one-sided.

Much of the difficulty in growing house plants comes from keeping them too warm. Try putting your plants in a cool corner of the room and watch them perk up.

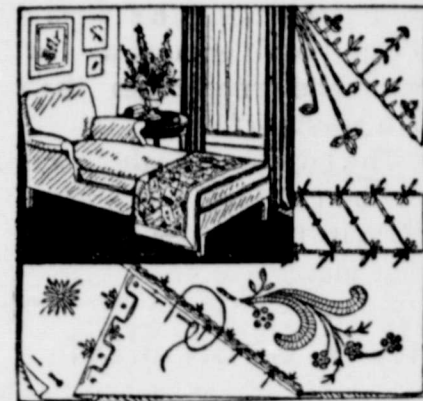
When removing paint or varnish from a floor, apply the remover to a small area at a time, and then scrape the surface with a putty knife after the remover has softened the finish.

Save the juice from canned pineapple and the liquid from maraschino cherries to use when making fruit punch.

Always wash sieves in soda water, never in soapy water, as particles of soap may adhere and give a soapy taste to food put through the sieve.

If there is a constant smell of burning when cooking is going on, examine gas burners. They are probably filled with sediment from "boilovers."

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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Seed-bearing pods high up in rubber trees when ripe go off with an audible pop. The pods, about the size of a goose egg, contain formations of gas which explode when ripe and throw the seed as far as 100 feet.

The French call rubber caoutchouc from an Indian term meaning "weeping tree."

Ninety per cent of roadside flats that plague car owners can be avoided. Checking air pressures while tires are cool, before inflating will show up tubes that are losing an abnormal amount of pressure due to slow leaks.

Temperatures, topography and types of roads as well as driving habit of owners account for wide variations in mileage from identical tires. These factors may account for a tire turning in from twenty to twenty-five thousand miles of service in Chicago whereas from seven to eight thousand miles may be the mileage it will render in Texas.

Jerry Shaw

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Smile Awhile

Unfinished Business
 "Charlie claims that he is a self-made man."
 "Really? What interrupted him?"

Setting Her Right
 She—My sin is vanity, I spend hours admiring my good looks.
 He—That's not vanity, that's imagination.

General Idea
 A high school freshman was asked to paraphrase the sentence: "He was bent on seeing her."
 This is what he wrote: "The sight of her doubled him up."

Turn for Each
 "My wife and I suffer from alternate insomnia."
 "Alternate insomnia? What's that?"
 "Whoever gets to sleep first keeps the other awake all night."

Pronounced
 She—Don't you think I show distinction in my clothes?
 He—Well—er—that is, I think distinctly would be a better word.

It may be bad etiquette for a husband to walk between his wife and the shop windows—but boy, it's smart!

What a Gal!
 "Have I got a girl, Mom, she's got everything."
 "What do you mean, everything, son?"
 "Well, typewriter, tires, and her dad runs a filling station."

High to Low
 "Ah bet yuh was relieved when yuh found it wasn't a spook follerin' yuh last night," said Sam.
 "Ah was so relieved," replied Rastus, "that ah slowed down to a gallop."

Too Alike
 "Didn't you have a brother in this class last term?" asked the professor.
 "No, sir, it was I," replied the student.
 "M'm; extraordinary resemblance!"

Portraying Faith

FAITH has been customarily portrayed as one of the gentle graces; as a lovely feminine figure with gentle face, slender, graceful physique, clad in easy flowing robes. Such a portrayal is not altogether appropriate. *Faith ought to be represented as a masculine figure: strong, athletic, daring, with eyes of fire, with muscles of steel, with will of iron, with every faculty in full control; not quiescent but in intense action. Faith is trust, but it is more. It is action on the basis of what is believed. It is daring; it is courageous; it is full of initiative. To conceive of faith as a passive attitude of mind, is to mistake its real nature.*
 Where there is real faith the whole man proceeds to act. Art, in picturing faith as feminine, has not been profoundly true to the New Testament.

Uncle Phil Says:

Who Is in Step?
 If someone differs from you and you think he is out of step, just remember that he may be marching in perfect time to the music of a band which you cannot hear.
Monotony is a curse, but it is an inevitable part of life.

If You Are Mistreated—
 Did you ever think of trying to deserve better treatment?
 Some of those who are silent martyrs may be merely thinking malicious thoughts.

'Twas Necessity Made Knave of Honest Man

In a certain court case one of the lawyers caused much amusement by referring to opposing counsel as "Mr.—er—Necessity."
 This went on for some time until the judge interrupted.
 "Might I ask, Mr. Robinson," he said, "why you continually refer to learned counsel as 'Mr. Necessity'?"
 "Because, your honor, he knows no law," was the biting answer.

Rome—the Unluckiest Capital

ROME is the unluckiest capital in Europe. Founded 2,694 years ago, it has the record of having been taken and sacked more often than any other capital city.
 First came the Sabines who were let in through the treachery of Tarpeia. Then in 390 B. C. Rome was sacked by the Gauls.

It was not until A. D. 410 that Rome was entered by the Goths under Alaric. Forty-five years later the Vandals sacked what remained, and during the Sixth century it fell no fewer than five times to the Lombards.
 Various sieges were experienced during the Seventh century. Charlemagne took it up in A. D. 774,

and again in 800. Lothair entered in 824, and there were no fewer than four pillagings by Germans between 964 and 998.
 Then came the Normans under Godfrey of Tuscany, and Robert Guiscard, and after them Frederick Barbarossa, Charles of Anjou, and Louis the Bavarian in 1328.
 In 1527 the Constable of de Bourbon completely sacked the city. In 1796 Napoleon entered Rome and made it one of his capitals, and in 1840 the French besieged it.

Greenwich Civil Time

In addition to its 24-hour clock, the U. S. Army now uses Greenwich Civil Time exclusively to avoid confusion in time on our numerous fronts. Example: Officers in Alaska and Morocco, reporting incidents that occurred simultaneously, would use the same time figures, such as 271331Z, meaning the 27th day of the month at 31 minutes after 13 or 1 p. m., with the letter Z standing for Greenwich, or Zero Meridian.

REPORT ON WARTIME OPERATIONS

What we received	1942	1941
for products and services sold	<u>\$1,865,951,692</u>	<u>\$1,622,355,922</u>
What we did with the money		
Wages, salaries, social security, and pensions	\$782,661,701	\$628,275,135
Taxes—Federal, state and local	203,755,157	168,645,848
Products and services bought from others	648,401,343	579,640,279
Wear and usage of facilities	128,161,530	98,590,187
Estimated additional costs caused by war	25,000,000	25,000,000
Interest on indebtedness	6,153,392	6,033,398
Dividends on cumulative preferred stock	25,219,677	25,219,677
Dividends on common stock	34,813,008	34,813,008
Carried forward for future needs	11,785,884	56,138,390
Total	<u>\$1,865,951,692</u>	<u>\$1,622,355,922</u>
Steel production in net tons of ingots	30,029,950	28,963,018

FACTS WORTH NOTING:

- \$783 million for workers in 1942, or 25% more than in 1941.
- \$204 million to government in taxes in 1942, or 21% more than in 1941.
- No increase in dividends in 1942.
- Balance for future needs 78% less than in 1941.

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\$1.00 a year in Coke and adjoining Counties,
\$1.50 a year elsewhere.

Co-operation

Take notice of the Governor's proclamation and our City Health Officer's requests, truly we can do something about this. Robert Lee is ideally located for a lovely little city, as we have the scenic location, on river valley and hills, good soil, best water in four counties. So let's see how clean we can make our city. Start at your door steps and go to the cleared street, pile and burn all rubbish gather all metals for war effort, look for mesquite cans, buckets, barrels and old cisterns, use kerosene. Don't let your neighbor out do you, we have a fine season for flowers, shrubby and gardens Let's make our town shine.

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Observer Readers

S-Sgt. A. Hughes, and P. D. Killam.

Cookery QUERY CORNER

BEEF STEAK SUPREME
A Way to Extend Meat and Meat Flavor
The Ingredients



Buy flank steak (which has been scored) or round steak (cut 3/4-inch thick). Combine 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon celery salt, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 cup bread crumbs and enough water to moisten. Spread stuffing on steak, roll and tie securely.

The Finished Steak



Brown on all sides in 2 tablespoons lard. Add 3/4 cup water, cover and simmer about 1 hour. Add peeled onions, scraped carrots and 1 cup water and continue cooking about an hour or until meat is tender. Serve the cooked vegetables around the steak.

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Q. How can I be sure that I can get my money back if I buy a War Savings Bond?



By Gib Crockett

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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."

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It took Germany nine years to build enough plants and equipment to fight this war; it took Japan 25 years, Russia 20 years. American industry, under free enterprise, has done it in two years.

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 49 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 17,335 passenger automobiles, exclusive of the Army and Navy and exclusive of trucks and motorcycles. It now owns 18,953 passenger automobiles.

In the last fiscal year the cost of operating these automobiles was \$4,243,602. According to the use of the first four months of the present year the cost will be \$3,924,069. In the last fiscal year these government-owned cars traveled 203,550,280 miles. According to the first four months of this year, government-owned cars will travel, this fiscal year, 199,830,930 miles and consume 12,853,533 gallons of gasoline.

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

Why More Payrollers?

Another example of the need for united effort is found in the problem 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 struggling with high taxes and a shortage of manpower answers: If necessary, amend the Internal Revenue Act for this purpose.

To win the war we must spend money and use materials wisely. We have enough manpower to do our essential jobs, but we have neither the manpower nor the taxes to hire special payrollers to do work that can be done better by established agencies.

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?

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Sales Taxes

Casting about for ways to raise money with which to pay America's huge war bill, the United States Treasury has steadfastly held "thumbs down" on retail sales taxes. "They are irritating to everybody concerned," it is said; "constitute a nuisance to retail merchants and an added expense of doing business." Truly, experience with them in many states has proved that they give rise to endless complaint.

It is only natural for the administration to go slow in its consideration of a sales tax therefore, because the United States still is a government by popular consent. Office holders instinctively shrink from starting movements that are labeled "unpopular". But it is my belief that a sensible sales tax can be made popular; can be sold to the public. Except for the bother of it, nothing fits the nation's immediate needs so well.

Systematic Savings

A big advance toward making a general tax acceptable to the public has been made already by Senator John A. Danaher of Connecticut. He is proposing one that is not strictly a tax; more in the order of an enforced loan to Uncle Sam, returnable in full after the war. You might think that such a plan would require a lot of costly machinery to operate, since payments would come in such small amounts, but not so. The senator has overcome that.

Here's how it would work: For purposes of this illustration, call the rate 10%. Every time a customer bought a dollar's worth of merchandise at a retail store, the merchant would have to demand also the purchase of a 10c savings stamp. Mr. Customer would paste these stamps in a book and when he got \$100 worth he could exchange them at the post office for a \$100 bond which would bring full face value in cash after the war.

The Poor Must Pay

Frankly I am in favor of the Danaher Plan or something very much like it, for several reasons. First, it is plain now that farmers, laborers and low-income salaried folk are going to be called upon to pay a greater part of the war's cost. There is no other way. If the government should take every penny of this year's income from every person now earning \$20,000 a year or more, the resulting revenue would carry on the war only six weeks at the present rate.

Carrying the speculation further: If the government should confiscate the entire income of every person earning \$10,000 a year or more, the grand total of revenue raised in this way would be barely enough to pay our war bills for two months. Digging even deeper into the "comfortably situated" class, suppose the government should grab every penny earned by everybody receiving \$5,000 a year or more. Even this extreme measure would raise only enough money to keep our war going four months. Obviously the poor must pay.

They Are Willing

People of small income want to help. They are anxious to do their part and it is my opinion that they are entitled to pay their share the cheapest and most direct way (which is by sales tax) now that Senator Danaher has devised a method of making it practically painless. People of low income already are paying hidden taxes up to 20% of their earnings, and I call it only fair that they be allowed to contribute in a way that will bring their money back to them.

The American Federation of Labor made some recommendations to Congress not long ago which contained these two significant sentences:

"Provision should be made for the return, in cash, after the war, of a part of the present high taxes. We can well be guided by the English policy which proposes to return a high percentage of the taxes now assessed against low-income workers."

A sales tax should be 100% returnable because it is the man of small earning who is hit hardest by any sales tax. The reason is obvious: He spends a major share of his earnings just for necessities. Necessary food, shelter and apparel cost as much for a man earning \$2,000 a year as for one who earns three times as much.

Combats Inflation

My third reason for favoring the Danaher plan is the main one. The chief purpose of tax legislation this year is to combat inflation. Inflation means run-away prices. When there is not much of anything to buy and everybody has more money to spend, people naturally bid prices

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CRISIS IN MANPOWER

Today's problem of manpower means as much to the farmer with one hired hand, or the merchant with a single clerk, as it does to the industrialist who employs a thousand persons. It is all a matter of proportion.

The war program has reached such a stupendous size that the proper distribution of manpower assumes as much importance as the right use of steel, oil, rubber, or any other essential material or product.

It has been such a short time since there was more manpower than industry and agriculture could absorb that we may be a bit slow in waking up to the fact that today each man and woman who can be used to help in the battle of production is needed, and needed badly.

For the benefit, then, of farmers whose crops and livestock will suffer this year if manpower is not replenished; for the benefit of the armed services which have set their sights at possibly 10 million in uniform before 1944; for the benefit of the factories which must turn out ammunition, shoes, clothing, supplies and processed foods in ever-increasing quantities for fighters, civilians and allied nations, a careful stock-taking of manpower is required.

Where Manpower Is Wasted

Our new Congress must make sure that those in charge of this task, in Washington, cast about to see where able-bodied people are being needlessly employed. And in that city of Washington these authorities are now rubbing elbows with thousands of clerks, auditors, stenographers and others who could be used elsewhere without interfering with the war effort in any measure.

Recent figures showed that there were 2,606,300 persons on the civilian payroll of the federal government. This is not only a million more than were in our armed forces in foreign lands at the time the President made his address at the opening of the present Congress, but it is three times as many as were

on the government's civilian payroll during the first World War. Of course this is a bigger war, but that only furnishes an even greater reason why the government should lead in conserving manpower for our farms and factories.

The "Renegotiation" Law

A single measure, introduced in Congress last year, would require thousands of new payrollers to carry out its provisions. This was the act providing that the Army, Navy and Maritime commission should each check its war contracts so that renegotiation could be demanded in cases of excessive charges.

The purpose of this legislation—to make sure that the government was not paying too much for its materials and supplies—was not questioned. But the proposed method of rechecking all war contracts called for the hiring of such a large number of new federal employees that amendments to the bill were quickly demanded.

Although the bill has been rewritten and amended, it still places upon the Army, Navy and Maritime commission so much of the responsibility for re-examining their contracts that thousands of new auditors and accountants would be needed. This violates the principle that united war effort calls for the placing of every available man and woman in productive work, at the same time helping to keep the taxpayers' federal load as light as possible, consistent with wartime demands.

An acceptable amendment to this law—not yet adopted—would leave it to the Department of Internal Revenue to uncover instances of excess profit. By using this established checking system, the other departments would not have to hire extra people to wade through the 95 per cent or more of war contracts which are honestly and conscientiously executed.

Here is but one example of how manpower can be conserved in these days when the efforts of all must be directed toward winning the war.

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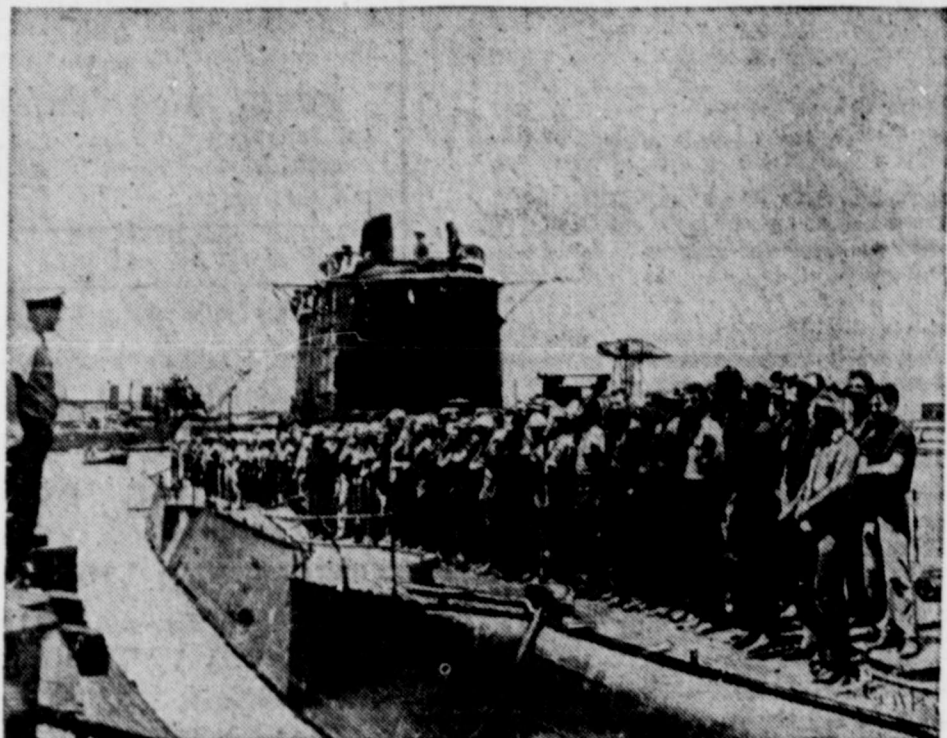
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up, trying to get what they want. The less they have to spend the less temptation they have to bid prices sky-high. Besides, there is an honest and patriotic way to escape any sales tax. It is by saving money! The Danaher plan is a savings plan. It permits the working man to help finance the war. It helps defeat inflation. It completes some saving for everybody. Necessary food, shelter and apparel cost as much for a man earning \$2,000 a year as for one who earns three times as much.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Congress Moves to Defer Farm Workers; Climax of Tunisia Campaign Approaches As Allies Close In on Rommel's Forces; Manpower Shortage Grows More Critical

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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Lining the deck of a U. S. submarine as it docks at Pearl Harbor after a successful raid on the Jap base on Makin island, these marine raiders are ready for the comforts of shore for a while. The raiders, transported to the island and back aboard American submarines, wiped out the garrison and all enemy installations there.

FARM LABOR: Deferment Act Passed

Congress demonstrated unmistakably that it meant business in dealing with the farm labor shortage.

Evidence of this determination was found in the senate's action in passing legislation to defer all essential farm workers from military service. The measure which had required house approval would direct draft boards to defer men employed substantially full-time in production of essential foods and fibers. Although Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson had strenuously opposed blanket farm deferments, sponsors of the legislation contended such action was necessary.

The house meanwhile had moved to combat the farm labor shortage in another direction, by passing a bill appropriating \$261,000,000 to recruit and train 3,500,000 men and women as a "land army."

SHOWDOWN:

Looms in Tunisia

Evidence had continued to mount that the Allies were preparing a concerted drive that would bring the North African campaign to a climax.

As the ring around the Axis defenders of coastal Tunisia was tightened by the Allied command, two developments spelled progress toward the final showdown.

One was the upsurge of offensive action by American forces under Lieut. Gen. George S. ("Blood and Guts") Patton which continued on after the recapture of Gafsa and El Guettar in central Tunisia and apparently had as its ultimate goal the coastal city of Gabes. Replacing Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall on this front, General Patton brought with him the reputation of being one of the most offensive-minded generals of the army.

Another development of high significance was the drive by General Montgomery's British Eighth army against Marshal Rommel's Mareth line positions in southeastern Tunisia. Characteristically, tight-lipped Montgomery had issued no communications concerning his early moves; first reports of the offensive had come from German sources.

Together, these two developments indicated that an Allied squeeze play was under way against Rommel's army.

LESS GASOLINE:

For East Coast

While the gasoline ration for "A" book holders in eastern states was cut from 3 to 1½ gallons per week, these motorists were given the opportunity of using the gasoline as they pleased, for the ban on pleasure driving was removed.

In making public the reduction, the Office of Price Administration, Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, announced that "A"-book holding industrial workers who motor to their jobs would be allowed supplemental gasoline.

Halving of the basic ration was made necessary, according to a statement by Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes, because only 333,000 barrels of gasoline daily could be made available for East coast civilian and industrial use during April.

MANPOWER: Supply and Demand

The problem of manpower for war industries grew more acute as the War Manpower commission placed the steel-producing districts of South Chicago-Northern Indiana on a 48-hour week basis and designated 36 areas in the United States as sections in which a critical labor shortage is soon expected.

With the supply of labor for essential war work lagging, the WMC estimated that at least 2,800,000 essential jobs in munitions, transportation, agriculture and other industries must be filled this year from the less essential work classes. Included in this latter category were bartenders, porters, bellhops, night club and music hall attendants, persons engaged in the liquor trade, candy, tobacco and florists.

Labor experts indicated that in order to fill the increasing demand for workers, employers must hire more older people, train and employ more women, use boys under 18 wherever possible and use the physically handicapped for light tasks.

Meanwhile, Robert P. Patterson, assistant secretary of war, urged congress to adopt legislation to draft men and women when necessary to fill war factory jobs and work on farms.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS:

Dozens by Year's End

Henry J. Kaiser, shipbuilding "miracle man," was at it again. This time it was on the large-scale production of 500-foot aircraft carriers.

Some details of Kaiser's new activities were disclosed following a recent visit to the White House. Twelve shipways at Vancouver, Wash., he said, are being used for the construction of medium size airplane carriers. The rate of production is expected to reach six a month by the end of 1943.

The Kaiser carriers will be 487 feet long at the water line, with flight decks of 514 feet. They can be used either as carriers or as aircraft transports. Standard carriers are 761 feet long.

'FREEZE': 200,000 Vehicles

As the nation's transportation situation grew more critical because of heavier loads and lack of new equipment, ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman moved to prevent the "migration" of vehicles from one area to another by freezing nearly 200,000 buses and street cars in their present service.

Mr. Eastman's order applied to every vehicle carrying nine or more persons in passenger transportation in the United States, its territories and possessions.

Included in new regulations were: 93,000 school buses; 20,000 inter-city buses; 44,000 city buses; 10,000 rapid transit, elevated and subway cars; 3,000 suburban rail cars; and 3,500 trackless trolley vehicles.

At the same time, in line with the government's plans to keep the nation's automobiles rolling, OPA officials announced that additional pre-Pearl Harbor and "Victory" tires would be available to certain lower mileage ration passenger car owners.

RUSSIA: See-Saw Offensives

The see-saw character of the warfare on the Russian front had continued with Soviet offensives pushing on without interruption toward the goals of Smolensk and Staraya Russa, while German counter-offensives were striking with increasing power in the Kharkov sector.

The main force of the Russian drive toward Smolensk had been concentrated on a stretch of the Vyazma-Smolensk railroad. The Reds were reported as having captured scores of settlements south of Bely. Much of the fighting was reported west of the Dnieper river headwaters.

The German offensive further south had ranged from Kharkov to Kursk, with epic tank battles and a struggle for supremacy in the air. A German communique had reported that "Enemy forces encircled southeast of Kharkov have been annihilated with the exception of small remnants." Far northwest of Kharkov and on a battle line extending down into the Donets river basin, the Germans were reported concentrating their reserves and tanks on narrow sectors still held by the Russians.

UNITY: For French Factions

Three months of unpublicized preparation had been necessary for the action that was to culminate in a meeting between Gen. Henri Giraud and Gen. Charles DeGaulle and bridge once and for all the chasm that had separated the French North African regime and the Fighting French.

When Gen. Giraud had announced that everything reminiscent of Vichy rule was to be thrown overboard and then had followed with decisive decrees translating words into action, the day of French unity dawned.

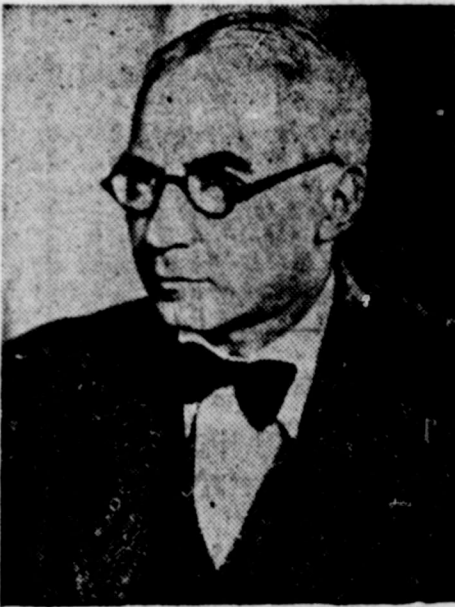
Happily received by the DeGaulle lists, were Giraud's decrees nullifying all Vichy laws discriminating against Jews, restricting the activities of labor unions and banning Freemasonry.

Even before the Giraud decrees and the resignation from his government of ex-Vichy officials, Fighting French leaders meeting in London rejoiced that events in North Africa had taken a more favorable turn and that Giraud's invitation to DeGaulle for a conference would meet a friendly reception.

Further evidence of the increasing unity of French interests was the action of French Guiana's government in breaking away from Vichy control and joining forces with General Giraud. This South American possession had previously been under control of Axis-minded Adm. Georges Robert, high commissioner at Martinique.

POLITICS: Banned for OWI

Accused by administration critics of propaganda boosting President Roosevelt for a fourth term, personnel of the Office of War Information were cautioned by Director El-



ELMER DAVIS

mer Davis to refrain from partisan political activity.

Conceding that the OWI had indulged in propaganda on behalf of the administration in an article in the bureau's overseas magazine, "Victory," Davis denied that there was any other evidence to support the charges.

"Our sole function is to contribute to winning the war," Davis pointed out in a memorandum to OWI's 3,000 employees. "We must take care that the utility of this office is not impaired by any action of ours, whatever injury to it may be at tempted by others."

SOUTH PACIFIC: Japs Show Concern

Even as Premier Hideki Tojo was warning the Japs that "the war situation is becoming more serious," Secretary of Navy Frank Knox declared that Japan has lost 1,857,000 tons of shipping, or one-third of her tonnage at the beginning of the war. "The journey to victory is just beginning," Knox, however cautioned.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for April 4

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PETER AND JOHN BECOME DISCIPLES OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—John 1:29-42; Mark 1:16-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.—Mark 1:17.

Personal faith in Christ is the heart of Christian experience. Since persons are won by other persons it was vitally important that the Lord choose the right disciples at the very beginning of the Church. Outstanding among the twelve disciples were Peter and John, whose lives and letters we study during the next three months.

The manner in which they became disciples is of unusual interest—and is instructive as well. We will observe that our Lord is working in much the same way on the Peters and Johns of our own day. They came to Him by way of

I. Testimony—They Heard About Jesus (John 1:29-34, 41).

John, who modestly refrains from naming himself (v. 40), heard about Jesus from John the Baptist. His testimony is notable for its pointed presentation of Christ, and its unmistakable desire that they follow Him. John was an important man with a vigorous message, but he recognized that his only real business for God was to point men to Christ. He enjoyed having men follow him, but only that he might lead them to Jesus.

In doing Christian work we should learn so to bear our testimony that we may magnify Christ, and not ourselves. We must be careful to win men to Christ, and not to ourselves or our cause or church.

Peter was brought to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Andrew was a quiet, modest man of whom we do not read that he preached a single sermon. But he did do personal work (see John 6:8, 9; 12:21, 22). He has been called "Andrew the finder." May "his tribe" increase. We need more like him.

Hearing about Jesus is not enough. There must be the next step, the indispensable personal meeting with the Lord.

II. Experience—They Saw Jesus (John 1:35-39, 42).

The necessity of a personal experience with Christ is so clearly stated in Scripture that one can only marvel that it is so neglected in many churches today.

Neither John the Baptist nor, later, Andrew was content to tell about Jesus. They brought John and Peter to the Lord. John said, "Behold the Lamb of God" (v. 36); and Andrew "brought him to Jesus" (v. 42). These sum up the soul-winninger's duty. We must bring our family, our friends, yes, the stranger with whom we deal, into the presence of Jesus.

He will look into their eyes and into their souls and see in them all the gifts and graces which may make them useful to Him (v. 42). John was the brother of James and Peter the brother of Andrew—just two humble fishermen in the sight of men. But Jesus saw in them two of the most useful men who have ever lived. Let us give Him a chance to deal with our friends and acquaintances.

Hearing and seeing are both excellent, but they lack one final step—and here it is—

III. Action—They Followed Jesus (John 1:40; Mark 1:16-20).

First of all they followed Jesus in becoming believers on Him as the Messiah. That experience of John's we find in John 1:40, and of Peter's (by inference) in verse 42. There is no salvation apart from that act of the will which follows a knowledge of Christ.

In the passage in Mark we find Him calling them to leave their secular calling as fishers of fish to follow Him and become fishers of men. Before they could become what He wanted them to be, they had to do something—rise up and follow Him.

Their unquestioning response indicated their faith, but, more than that, it showed that they were the kind of obedient men who could be used of the Lord.

God must often pass the mighty and the noble of this world, and call those who are foolish enough to believe Him and obey (read I Cor. 1:17-29). The reason is given there—"That no flesh should glory in his presence." The glory belongs to the Lord, not to His servants.

Because they did obey they became "fishers of men." He led them, trained them, encouraged them, blessed them, and used them.

Corvette Sub-Fighter

Corvette, the name of a small fighting ship, now appears almost daily in dispatches covering naval action around the world. Wherever United Nations convoys are moving supplies, there are escorting destroyers and—corvettes. Corvettes built in the 1930s were Britain's studied answer to the challenge of submarine and bomber, first keenly felt in World War I, says the National Geographic society. Corvettes now under construction embody changes gleaned from convoy escort experience of the past few years. They are smaller than the earlier models, ranging from 1,100 tons down to a minimum of 400 tons. They carry improved anti-aircraft machine guns, depth charge throwers and one or two four-inch guns.

Tells Major Off

In Camp Berkeley's MRTC personnel, a major vouches for this story and admits the trainee-soldier was in dead earnest. The recruit, on guard duty for the first time, stopped the major, whom he could distinguish only as a man in the dark. "Who goes there?" the trainee inquired, with proper, authoritative voice and dramatic finesse. When the major announced himself, the trainee groped for the proper follow-up command—and groped and groped. The major waited—and waited. Finally, the major became restless. "All right," he said to the soldier, "what's the rest of it?" "I don't know, sir," replied the flustered guard. "But you sure as hell better stand right where you are until I find out!"

History Is in Attics

The pile of old papers or letters in the attic or old family trunk may be just the source material needed to produce better, more accurate history books. Historians of the past have often failed to tell the story of the life of the common man not only because they were chiefly interested in national politics and economics, but also because they could not find the materials they needed, so they could write accurately about the people. Our generation is interested in the history of all the people, and the only source of this material is in the records of the common people that are collected and saved. This new history can be better and more accurate than any we have ever had before.

U. S. Steel Reports 1942 Production 28 Per Cent Greater Than World War I Peak

United States Steel Corporation's Annual Report for 1942, reporting attainment of a steel ingot tonnage production 28 per cent greater than in the peak year of World War I, has just been released as a production story—and a financial story—of a great war effort.

Production by U. S. Steel in 1942 of more than 30,000,000 net tons of ingots as well as the manufacture of a steady flow of products entering into thousands of items used in prosecuting the war were described by Irving S. Olds, Chairman of the Board of Directors, in his review of the year contained in the Corporation's forty-first annual report.

The victory parade of steel ingots was listed as only one of several principal contributions of U. S. Steel to the war effort. These contributions were enumerated as follows: First, a record volume of steel and other materials needed not only for the fabrication of essential war products but also for the creation of new facilities to make such war products has been produced. Second, the technical ability representing many decades of accumulated research and experience has been made available for the requirements of the Government. Third, the construction and operation of vast new facilities for the Government in connection with the war effort have been undertaken. Fourth, millions of dollars of U. S. Steel's funds have been expended for various facilities contributory to the war effort.

A one-page condensation of the financial record of the Corporation for the year describes in simple language what disposition was made of the \$1,855,951,692 received by the Corporation from sales of its products and services during 1942. Employment costs of \$783 million in 1942 were 25% greater than for the previous year; 1942 taxes of \$204 million were 21% more than in the preceding year; while dividends to stockholders remained unchanged. The amount carried forward for future needs of the Corporation was 78% less than in 1941.

Among achievements cited is the development of the airplane landing mat. The serious problem of handling plane landings on hastily built air fields was solved with the war-time invention by Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, of a landing mat, consisting of portable interlocking steel sections. It was pronounced the outstanding development of the year in the field of aviation by the Chief of the Army Air Force. As mass production methods were evolved, other companies were licensed to use the process, and thirty smaller manufacturers are now producing these landing mat sections in quantity.

The report reveals that in 1942 one subsidiary, Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, completed more destroyers for the Navy Department in shorter building time than any other shipyard in the country. A new shipyard built by this subsidiary for the Navy Department began operations five months after ground was broken. A fully equipped shipyard for the production of the latest type of tank landing craft was constructed and is being operated for the Navy Department by American Bridge Company, another subsidiary.

An interesting comparison of the use of U. S. Steel's own resources and of Government funds for the expansion of emergency facilities undertaken by U. S. Steel from June, 1940, to the end of 1942, shows that the ratio of U. S. Steel's investment to the use of Government funds was 65c of its own money to every dollar of Government funds used. This compares with a ratio for all industry of 27c of private funds to one dollar of Government funds. In this expansion program, U. S. Steel's private investment was \$22,000,000, as compared with \$436,000,000 of Government funds expended, making a total of \$718,000,000 expended in the program.—Adv.

CHANGE TO **M SYSTEM** AND POCKET THE CHANGE!

"M" SYSTEM SPECIALS For WEEK

- Peaches** Libby's sliced Freestone No. 2 1/2 **23c**
- PEACHES** Nugget No. 2 1/2 can **19**
- Baby FOOD** Libby's Homogenized 4 1/2 oz. can **07c**
- Peas** Libby's No 1 Seine No 2 can **21c**
- Tomato Juice** Libby's 14 oz. can **8c**
- Corn** Nation's Pride W K Vacuum pack **14c**
- Tomato SOUP** Campbell's New recipe **09c**
- Potted Meats** Libby's 3 1/4 oz. pkg. 3 for **17c**
- Vienna Sausage** Swift's 4 oz. 2 for **25c**



1 lb. 19c

- Pure LARD** Swift's Silver Leaf 4 lb. carton-20 points- **72c**
- Vinegar qt. Jar** **10c**
- ZERO** for cleaning all wood work qt **19c**
- Dog Food** Chubby 4 oz. pkg **5c**
- Corn Starch** Tiger 8 oz. pkg. **5c**
- Peanut Butter** Delicious 16 oz. Jar 23c, 2 lb. Jar **45c**
- Floor Wax** Aero Liquid pt. Jar **29c**
- OATS** 3 minute lge. with prem. **25c**, rg. **21c**
- Kraut** Pint Jar not rationed **15c**
- Crackers** 2 lb. box **20c**
- Mineral Oil** St Joseph pt. **39c**

PRODUCE

- Carrots** So. Tex. **05c**
- Lettuce** Large size firm head 2 For **25c**
- Tomatoes** fancy quality lb. **25c**
- Onions** Crystal Wax New crop **1b. 12c**
- LEMONS** California Sunkist med. dz. **21c**
- LARGE** doz. **24c**
- Oranges** Calif Sunkist lge. dz. **59c**
- Spinach** South Texas 2lb **23c**
- Peanuts** Jumbo Reds fresh shipment from Portales New Mexico Raw lb 21c, rost **23c**
- Potatoes** Meadwhitrose while they **47c**
Last 10 lbs. For

MARKET

- HOLLANDALE OLEO** lb. 19c - **5**
- Seven Bone Steak** lb. 29c - **7**
- PREM** can 35c **5**
- Wisconsin Cheese** lb. 39c -8 points
- Fresh Ground Meat** lb. 23c - **5**
- Rib or Brisket Roast** lb. 25c - **4**

A Visit From California

Mrs. No 1 Perciful and daughter Gay Annette of Needles California came in Wednesday for a short visit with her mother Mrs. J. C. Slaughter and the Perciful's

Trustee Election

It is hereby ordered an election be held in the city of Robert Lee at the School Tax office on Saturday April 3 1943 for the purpose of electing 3 trustees for the Robert Lee Independent School District Said Trustees to serve a term of three years. Any one wanting his name put on the ballot may have same done by filing with the County Judge 10 days before the election. Order of the Board of Trustees. Robert Lee Ind. School Dist.

Simplicity patterns 15 and 25 cents at CUMBIE & ROACH

Notice to Water Subscribers

Due to the Tire Rationing, we will only call on business houses and offices for the collection of water accounts. All residential subscribers please call at the office at City Hall and pay water accounts not later than the 15th of each month. If accounts are not paid, service will be discontinued. Signed City Commission

Ambulance Service

24 Hours Every Day

Phone Night 24 Day 71

W. K. Simpson & Co

Leave !

Your Cleaning & Dyeing at Lathem's Feed Store For CORNELISON BROS.

For Sale

40 Young Leghorn Hens See B. H. Jolley 2

For Sale

First Year Harper Cotton Seed See J. S. McGallion

FOR SALE

Cotton Seed for planting Seed from well matured COTTON Call Frank Smith

For State Registered certified planting seed See Fred McDonald Jr.

WANTED

Washing, ironing, sewing or what have you. Have new washer and hot water heater. Will wash while you do your shopping. Mrs. Hattie Day

SPECIAL NOTICE

Uncle Sam is Calling for the Largest Poultry out put in History.

Yes profits were Never better. But to make the most, get the best.

Send Postal for FREE Literature.

BREEZLAND, San Angelo, Texas,

RED & WHITE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- 4 lb. Crt. Bird Brand Shortening** **76c**
- R & W Grape Juice** pint **18c**
- No. 5 in glass - Blue Karo SYRUP** **39c**
- Large Cream of Wheat** pkg. **25**
- Small Three Minute OATS** **24c**
- R & W Tomato Juice** 46 oz. (22 pt) **25c**
- 6 oz. W. Apple Juice** 7c, 17 oz. no pts **12c**
- 11 oz. Kellogg Corn Flakes** 2 pkg. **17c**
- Large Gebhart Chili Powder** bottle **33c**
- Pt. Purex 08c, Qt. bottle** **15c**

PRODUCE

- California Lettuce** 2 hds **13c**
- Celery stalk** **17c**
- Sun Kist LEMONS** doz. **15c**
- Rhubarb lb.** **9c**

MARKET

Try those Baby Beef Specials
T Bone Steaks
Good Roast
Finest Stew Yet
Watch for our Bacon
Place for Good Home Killed Beef

ABILENE-VIEW BUS, CO. ABILENE, TEXAS

NEW SCHEDULES Two Schedules Each Way Daily Between Abilene and San Angelo EFFECTIVE DEC. 18, 1942
READ DOWN READ UP

Lv. 6:00 A.M.	Lv. 3:15 P.M.	Abilene	Ar. 12:55 P.M.	Ar. 10:10 P.M.
Lv. 6:25 A.M.	Lv. 3:40 P.M.	Camp Barkeley	Lv. 12:30 P.M.	Lv. 9:45 P.M.
Lv. 6:30 A.M.	Lv. 3:45 P.M.	View	Lv. 12:25 P.M.	Lv. 9:40 P.M.
Lv. 7:20 A.M.	Lv. 4:35 P.M.	Happy Valley	Lv. 11:35 A.M.	Lv. 8:50 P.M.
Lv. 8:00 A.M.	Lv. 5:15 P.M.	Bronte	Lv. 10:55 A.M.	Lv. 8:10 P.M.
Lv. 8:25 A.M.	Lv. 5:40 P.M.	Robert Lee	Lv. 10:30 A.M.	Lv. 7:45 P.M.
Ar. 9:25 A.M.	Ar. 6:40 P.M.	San Angelo	Lv. 9:30 A.M.	Lv. 6:45 P.M.

H. D. FISH

SPECIALS for FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- Kellogg's CORN FLAKES** 3 for **25c**
- Cut Green BEANS** 2 No. cans (14 points) **25c**
- Wheaties 2 for** **25c**
- Flour Flake Bake** \$1.95
24 lb \$1.05 48 \$1.95
- Tomato Catsup** 14 oz. 10 points **14c**
- Our VALUE Corn** No. 2-14 points- 2, **25c**
- Pecan Valley PEANUT BUTTER** 32 oz. no pts. **45c**
- Jack Sprats Corn on Cob** .8 pts- **17c**
- Pure Maid PEAS** (8 points) 3 for **20c**
- ValVita PEACH** No. 2 1/2 can (24 points) **21c**
- Small Duz 10c size** **09c**
- Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour** **13c**
- Come in and get your Straw Hat