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EDITORIAL

Nobody's too old or too young to buy War Bonds and War Stamps.

Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor—to be remembered and revenged.

Next year we may hear: "Brother, can you lend me a tire for a few hours?"

The sugar ration will bear heavily upon the two teaspoons to a cup of coffee set.

If American material aids the Red Army to kill Germans, it will save American lives.

There are some people in Centre county who still have the idea that the war will not touch them.

The United States can beat Japan but there will be fighting because the Japs do not believe it.

What has become of the Congressmen who swore that no nation would attack the United States?

School teachers throughout Centre county deserve public appreciation for services rendered in time of peace, and now with rationing and registration extra work, the thanks of every community.

If Americans were in England, they would take the coming gasoline rationing quite calmly. They would be used to it. For some time the British have been limited to enough gasoline for 120 miles a month.

The idea that the people of the United States can continue "life as usual" is fast disappearing under the severe impact of war needs. Just as the industrial plants of the nation have been converted to war production, the life of the people of our country must be changed to meet the war program.

The rationing of sugar on the basis of eight ounces per person each week was made necessary because available supplies of sugar must be shared with allied nations and because shipping tonnage which ordinarily brought the supplies from Cuba and Puerto Rico is now being used to carry strategic ores and similar supplies. In addition, sugar is an ingredient in the manufacture of ammunition.

The longer the war lasts, the greater will be the upheaval in our normal manner of life. Beyond the mere change that the war may end quicker than most experts believe does not justify a failure to plan for an unexpected long world conflict. The cold, sober truth is that no man knows when or how the present war may end. Germany may collapse in 1942 or fight a defensive struggle in Europe for decades. Japan may fall as a result of over-extended battle lines, or, on the other hand, she may consolidate the human and natural resources of the Far East to wage a stern and far-extended struggle.

Couldn't Bellefonte do without a lot of disgruntled moskobs of both sexes who haven't anything else to do but get mixed up in gabfest sessions and tear everything apart—blaming the war for this and that, blaming PDR for this and that, blaming everybody else for this and that, in addition to complaining about the Community Drive, China Relief, War Bonds, and other such campaigns? Why don't they move to Berlin. Their criticism of the American government would meet with no objections. Neither would they be solicited over there. They'd just fork over and like it, or not like it and take their turn in front of an executioner's squad.

DEFEAT ON CORREGIDOR

Corregidor is down but not the spirit of the Nation whose gallant sons defended it. It is not pleasant for a Nation of our size to be smacked twice on the nose, but it is tremendously helpful in building iron into the resolution to reclaim the lost ground.

Men and women of the United States, the moment the news of Pearl Harbor reached them, took vows they have not forgotten. Each reverse in the Far East has driven steel into those pledges. However determined the American people were some weeks ago to balance the score with Japan, the fall of Bataan and now of Corregidor have made all the more certain the regret Japan will one day feel for challenging the right and might of America.

There is nothing of comfort in the news from Corregidor save the valor, the service, the heroism of the men and women who battled under the Stars and Stripes. The defeat brings no humiliation to Americans, even though hearts are heavy, it was less Japanese fighting qualities than disease and exhaustion of physical and ammunition stores which explains why the American flag no longer flies over

the battlements at the entrance to Manila Bay. Unless America has lost its patriotic bearings, the fall of Corregidor will mean greater industry, greater sacrifices, greater service on the home front than ever before.

Japan has asked for it again and in time America will see that the goods are delivered.—Harrisburg Patriot.

HARD FIGHT AHEAD

The democratic people of the United States, and Great Britain are now engaged in two wars, not one, and should maintain their courage each week by reference to the particular war involved.

In our war against Germany, we have a strong ally in Russia but the Soviet is not involved in the war against Japan. In this latter struggle, we have a potentially strong ally in China. On the side of the Axis, Germany and Italy are fighting the United States, Great Britain and Russia, but Japan is only fighting the United States and Great Britain.

It would be a serious mistake, we think, to attempt to effect serious reverses in the Far East with optimistic expectations as to Russian strength in Europe.

Japan is pursuing nationalistic objectives in the Far East and waging war for her own purposes, entirely unconcerned with the fate of Germany, except in so far as it affects Japanese prospects of victory.

Germany, likewise, is pursuing Nazi aims without being interested in Japanese success. Any cooperation that may be apparent between Germany and Japan is entirely coincidental.

Japan Marches Triumphantly

In little more than five months, since the attack upon Pearl Harbor, the Japanese have moved closer to their objectives than have the Germans after nearly three years of war. Throughout the Far East, the Japanese sweep has been complete and overwhelming. The only comfort that comes to the democratic nations is the bravery and courage of their soldiers and sailors in a fight against tremendous odds.

With the fall of Corregidor and the acquisition of Manila Harbor, the Japanese will undoubtedly attempt to mop up the Philippine Islands. At the same time, the successful termination of the campaign in Burma brings Japan to the crossroads and Tokyo strategists must now consider seven possible programs:

What Will Japan Do Now?

(1) An all-out attack upon China, using the Burma Road backdoor, the Indo-China side-door and renewing frontal attacks from the Chinese Coast and North China.

(2) A combination land, sea and air campaign against India upon the theory that eventually China will fall anyhow.

(3) A full-scale campaign against Australia and New Zealand, including the Pacific supply line to the United States for the purpose of removing this last remaining base of Allied strength.

(4) A quick campaign, by-passing China and India, and launched to effect a junction with the Germans in Iraq, Iran or Arabia, which would permit the two nations to exchange goods and supplies on a mutually profitable basis.

(5) Attempt to consolidate, as fast as possible, the areas already conquered, in preparation for the decisive struggle that must ensue at a later date with the combined force of the United States and Great Britain.

(6) Hold the areas thus far conquered, stand pat in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea, and launch a vigorous offensive against the United States in a desperate effort to overwhelm this country before its full strength can be thrown into the war.

(7) The same as No. 6, except that the offensive be directed against the Soviet Union.

German Power Impaled in Russia

The situation which confronts Germany after thirty-three months of war offers no such freedom of choice. The bulk of the German Army is tied down by the bitter and prolonged resistance of the Soviet Union and regardless of what campaign Hitler may plan for 1942, the potential striking power of the Red Army is his first concern.

Consequently, Hitler must decide whether his main effort of the present year will be directed toward the destruction of the Soviet Union or, by accepting a defensive role against Russia, undertake a campaign of conquest, designed to destroy British power in lands bordering the Mediterranean and to capture the valuable oil fields of the Near East. The oil supplies of the Caucasus, Iraq and Iran, are desperately needed by Germany and a successful campaign in this area might effect a junction with Japan and open up the raw resources of the Far East to Nazi Germany.

Madagascar Occupation Necessary

The British occupation of Madagascar, with full moral support of the United States, undoubtedly represents a defensive move, intended to secure supply routes around the Cape of Good Hope to ports on the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. In the hands of the Japanese, Madagascar would effectively cut vital supply routes, preventing the shipment of supplies to Russia and of more significance, to the British in Syria, Egypt and North Africa. It is hardly too much to say that Madagascar, in Japanese control, would mean the eventual loss of British positions in the Near East, the Middle East and North Africa.

WOMEN WHO WANT WAR WORK

There will be no registration of women for war service at this time, according to the President, who says that there are more women available for war industry work than there are jobs available for them. Paul V. McNutt, director of the War Manpower Commission, says that 1,600,000 women are registered for work with the U. S. Employment Service offices. While Mr. McNutt predicts that four million women will be employed in war industries by the end of 1943, he believes that any enlistment of women will be entirely along voluntary lines and would occur first in places where there are shortages of labor.

Meanwhile, the War Department is anxious to enroll 150,000 women for active, non-combatant service immediately. Legislation to create a Women's Corps in the Army has been the cause of discussion before congressional committees, with much difference of opinion as to whether the women should be in the Army or in an auxiliary, with civilian status. The Army makes it clear that it is primarily interested in getting the women to work in order to relieve soldiers for active service. The Army is not concerned with the question of whether they should be in an auxiliary or a military status.

While the people of the United States probably prefer to keep women out of the regular armed services, there is no reasonable objection to employing them in certain work. During the last war, the Navy used a good many yeomenesses, and, so far as we know, nothing disastrous resulted.

Consequently, we think the matter is one to be decided by the women themselves and the men might as well make up their minds to acquiesce in the decision. In this year of female freedom, it may be safe to assume that most women can take care of themselves wherever they happen to be.

SUPPORT ON THE HOME FRONT

The people of Centre county, we are sure, will loyally support any regulations which may be necessary to insure adequate supplies for our fighting forces, and those of our allies.

That sugar, gasoline and other commodities be rationed and price controls established seems vital to war plans. Consequently, these inconveniences will be cheerfully accepted.

In connection with regulations affecting civilian consumption the impact of war comes to the home front. Here is where every loyal American can cooperate in a win-the-war effort.

We have been long on talk but now we must support the fighting men by sacrifices which are nothing compared to the risks of combat service. It is little to do in the midst of national peril, so do it without grumbling and with unanimous enthusiasm.

THE OFFICE CAT
A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men

Quoth The Raven
If there's anything worse than a waffle that's cold,
Or mashed potatoes that are three days old;
It's the sudden meeting of a big fat hen
Who was your high school sweetheart in nineteen-ten,

Father, Like Most Useful Articles, Is Worth Keeping Moth-Proof
Now that we have finished with another Mother's Day, let us turn our attention to a piece of old furniture we've been sitting on for years without a thought of its wearing out.

Fathers, as you may have learned, are useful adjuncts to the household. Some of them are ornamental, but the majority are built along simple lines, designed for efficient and dependable service.

They may be had in sizes varying from five to six feet, from 140 to 200 pounds in weight, and in quality, hard, soft, and medium.

Given reasonable care, a sound father may be expected to last over a long period of years and, in many cases, the same father may serve for a lifetime. Equipped with the proper attachments, fathers may be applied to a great variety of domestic tasks. A father may be used to freeze ice-cream, mow the lawn, wash the dishes on Thursday night, comb the dogs, clean the car, button dresses up the back, and spank the children.

For efficient work, much depends upon the way in which the father is handled. Many households find that less is accomplished through rough treatment—leading to stalling and balking—than through the more artful pressure of coaxing, cajoling, pleading, weeping, and flattery.

Those who have had experience with one, know that a father is a labor-saver. In the long run—and the short one too, for that matter—he may be said to pay for himself as well as for the other members of the family. "Let Father work for you" is the slogan of many a household. He prevents tired backs, nervous strain, rough hands, crows-feet, and other evidences of vanishing youth.

An important factor in a good father is the low cost of upkeep. He needs no more than a couple of suits of clothes a year, an overcoat every five years, and a few shirts and neckties to keep him in condition. Only on rare occasions is he laid up for major repairs, and when faulty parts are removed—such as the appendix or tonsils—he may be counted upon to keep on functioning without need of replacements.

It is true that an old father, after years of service is subject to rattles, knocks, squeaks, and bumps, and his finish loses its shine; but even at that he may be good for many more miles. So, considering all these facts, once a year, it seems only a graceful gesture to forget his faults and reward him with a pat on the back or a lump of sugar.

Power of the Press (Item in nearby newspaper)

"Owing to a lack of space, a number of births and deaths are postponed until next week."

War Slogan

Forget the Jack Pot! Spend Your Nickels on War Stamps and Hit the 'Jap' Pot.

Our Private Information Column

D. H.—Last year I was greatly troubled with flies. I am wondering if you can tell me what to do this year?

Answer—Dear D. H. Statistics show that there are more flies around a can of garbage in the summer time than around a pants factory. Why flies land on flypaper we do not know. They can't read because they always leave their spots behind. A fly can walk on a ceiling or a wall and if anyone thinks that's not a difficult feat let her or she try it. There is quite a difference between a fly and a flea by reason of the fact that one can't sew a button on a flea. American flies are classified as: house flies, horse flies, time flies, butterflies and pants flies. A fortune awaits the man or woman who can discover a correct formula that will exterminate every fly. Scientists show us records that flies have left on Colonial furniture and mirrors and these are grouped under the heading of "Period" furniture. Never wash the fly with a newspaper while the fly is ex-laxing on a wall. Leave it alone. It will come down and wipe its feet on the rug.

B. B. B.—How would I announce a secret marriage?

Answer—Use invisible ink.

D. W.—How may one acquire a dimple?

Answer—Try sleeping on a collar button.

Miss G. A. S.—Can you tell me if there is such an article as a reversible stocking?

Answer—Yes, we believe they are being sold. If you have a hole on the outside, simply turn it inside out.

Just Like We Moderns

In ancient Egypt, we learn, leather was as valuable and as highly regarded as gold.

Probably Athlete's Foot

Hitler, according to a report, is suffering from foot trouble. Caused by doing the goose-step in reverse, no doubt.

Hard, Very Hard

A westerner entered a saloon with his wife and a three-year-old boy. He ordered two straight whiskies.

So He Had

Teacher—"William, how many bones have you in your body?"
Pupil—"Nine hundred."

Or Something

Kissing a girl just because she expects you to is like scratching a place that doesn't itch.

Just a Little Rift

A party of tourists was visiting the wonders of the west. They seem unable to find words to express their impressions of the Grand Canyon until one "down-easter" broke out with:

Watch the Moths, Too (Ad in Salina, Kan., Union)

"Fire destroyed another beautiful Salina home yesterday. It happened while the husband was away, caused by soot in the chimney. Why take the chance? Think of your wife and babies at home. Have them inspected, repaired and cleaned every three months."

One Exception (Ad in Portland Organon)

"Wanted—Any kind of work except washing reliable woman."

Congratulations (Youngtown Vindicator)

"Mr. and Mrs. A. P. W.—rejoicing over the arrival of a ainfwpy emfwpy emfwpy emfwppp doing nicely."

High Finance

A colored man doing a hauling job was informed that he could not get his money until he had submitted a statement. After much head scratching, he turned in the following:

"Three comes and three goes at four bits a went, \$3."

Changing Crops

City Girl—"Why are you running that harrow over that grain field?"
Young Farmer—"Oh, I'm raising shredded wheat this year."

Just Too Sad

According to someone who knows more than we do, an old maid is a girl who knows all the answers but no one ever asks her the questions. That's all, folks. A man is not drunk until he lies on the ground for five minutes and then puts out his hands to stop himself from falling. —"SCAT."

LOUISA'S LETTER
Query & Answer Column

C. H. M.—When were tanks first used in battle?
Ans.—Tanks were first used by the British in their attack on the Somme, September 15, 1916. Major General Swinton said that the British made a large number of caterpillar tractors between August, 1916, and March, 1917, keeping it a secret. It was whispered that they were reservoirs to carry water to the troops in Egypt. Reservoir was a good camouflage word, but tank was considered better.

U. G.—What causes the white color of milk?
Ans.—The white color of milk is due to the presence of casein.

W. W. D.—What was the circulation of the Stars and Stripes, the journal of the A. E. F. in the last war?
Ans.—The circulation was more than 500,000 copies.

S. N.—Where does rattan, used in furniture making, come from?
Ans.—The rattan palm, Calamus, is the source material employed in making such furniture. This palm, whose stem may attain a length of 600 feet in the tropical forests of the East Indies.

C. S. T.—In what year did the Treasury Department report its lowest balance?
Ans.—The lowest balance occurred on December 31, 1789, when only \$28,239.61 was in the vaults.

A. G.—How long do mayflies live?
Ans.—The adult of some species of mayflies live only a few hours and those of longest life exist only two days. They eat nothing and their only purpose is to reproduce their kind.

L. L. B.—Are the bones of a bird solid or hollow?
Ans.—The larger bones of a bird are hollow and filled with air, making an excellent combination of strength and lightness. The entire structure of a bird is designed to make it a perfect flying machine.

C. T.—Please name some of the famous books that were written in prison.
Ans.—Such works include RIMBAH'S "Pilgrim's Progress," "The Consolations of Philosophy," by Boethius; "Don Quixote," by Cervantes; "History of the World," by Sir Walter Raleigh; "Henriade," by Voltaire; "Familiar Letters," by Howell, and "The Review," by DeLoe.

J. J. M.—What is the correct pronunciation of the word "cantonnement"?
Ans.—The word is preferably accented on the second syllable and all the vowels are short. In British usage, however, cantonnement is pronounced kantonment.

G. D.—What was the real name of Pocahontas?
Ans.—Matoaka was the real name of Pocahontas. She was called Pocahontas (meaning playful) by her father.

J. S.—How much money did the late Andrew Carnegie devote to philanthropy?
Ans.—Robert M. Lester, secretary of the Carnegie Corporation in his recent book says that before his death in 1919, Andrew Carnegie had personally given away \$311,000,000.

M. T. G.—On what part of a man's face do the most hairs grow?
Ans.—Shaving tests show that the greatest density of hair is on the center of the chin, where there are 750 hairs to the square inch. The upper lip is next with 685, the upper cheek, 500, and the lower cheek, 250.

A. R.—What is the origin of the name Canada?
Ans.—The name "Canada" is derived from the Iroquois Indian word "Kanada," meaning "a cabin." It began to take place on the map soon after Cartier's voyages.

T. R.—Who was the woman who disguised herself as a man and fought in the Revolutionary War?
Ans.—Deborah Sampson, disguised as a man, fought two years in the War of the Revolution. Honorably discharged, she received a pension which, upon her death, passed to her husband, as the surviving spouse.

M. B.—How does the standard of living in Australia compare with that of the United States?
Ans.—The Department of Commerce reported that the standards of living in Australia are high, being comparable to those enjoyed in this country.

J. R.—How is blond wood produced?
Ans.—Blond woods are either naturally light in color or are bleached. The blond treatment employs a transparent rubbed finish which brings out the natural pattern of the grain. Among the bleached woods, blond walnut and blond mahogany are probably the most used.

R. J.—What is the origin of the expression, a whited sepulchre?
Ans.—It is from the Bible, Matthew 23:27. "Ye are unto men, as whited sepulchres; which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

N. F. T.—What are the typing and shorthand speeds required for a yeoman in the Navy?
Ans.—An applicant for enlistment in the United States Navy as a yeoman must have a high school education and ability in typing and shorthand, with a speed of between fifty and sixty words per minute in typing and 100 words per minute in shorthand.

C. T. D.—According to Census returns, what is the average age in the United States today?
Ans.—One of the most amazing revelations of the 1940 Census is that the average American today is 29 years old, as compared with 26.4 years in 1930. When such computations were first made, he was but 18. This means that there has been a reduction of infant mortality on one hand and extension of longevity on the other.

N. G. D.—How many surviving Civil War veterans are there at the present time?
Ans.—The Veterans' Administration says that its last figure to show pensions paid to Civil War veterans is for March 31, 1942. There were 1075 Civil War veterans receiving pensions on that date.

Has 3,056 Elephants
Elephants, 3,056 in number, and made of everything from amethyst to parafin are in the still growing collection of Mrs. J. O. Boyles, of Milton, which is among the finest in its kind in the nation. They are from all parts of the world and range in size from less than an inch in length to about two feet long. One of them was once the possession of the King of Siam.

There is a certain girl in our school whose main interest is boys. She isn't considered pretty, and she wears clothes that we consider sloppily, yet all the boys seem to enjoy being around her. She does not have any girl friends but she dates every Tom, Dick and Harry.

We would like to know how nice girls can compete with girls of this type.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS. Oklahoma.
Perhaps this girl is a very friendly, sociable person and does not look down her nose at other people.

Just because she is not pretty and wears sloppy clothes does not mean that she is not nice. She may not be beautiful or even dainty, but some of the most attractive people lack these attributes. There are such things as personality and the ability to be interested in other people. These two traits are regular friend catchers.

Now while you haven't told me anything about this girl to prove that she isn't nice, there is a possibility that you have left unsaid some things that would show her to be undesirable.

In that case, her popularity will soon wear off for such cheap popularity is dearly bought and seldom lasts. Meet such competition by being attractive, friendly, nice, but not prissy, and unselfish of other people. Don't cheapen yourself by permitting familiarities. Such a course will pay dividends in the end.

LOUISA.

Beware of patriots unduly alarmed over what might happen after the war.

AS I SEE IT
BY Horace Sentsz
A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.
May 11, 1942
TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA:
I am writing you a message today to tell you how much we are counting on you to help us win this war. It is the War Bond and Stamp Campaign. It is the most important thing you can do for your country.

The above letter was sent to this newspaper by Secretary Morgenthau in Washington. We publish it in the interest of the War Bond Quota Campaign and earnestly recommend that all our readers do their share in the tremendous job ahead of financing the War effort.