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EDITORIAL

Inflation results from the illusion that you can get yours without anybody else getting his.

The trouble with some Victory Gardens is that the victory was won by the bugs and worms, and not by the gardener.

The State Department estimates that 12,000 American civilians are in Axis hands. Some 4,000 are in the Philippines, another 4,000 are in other parts of Occupied Asia and the remaining are in Europe.

Since Pearl Harbor, the American Bible Society has distributed 2,300,000 Bibles and Testaments to members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

The largest contingent of WACS sent overseas recently arrived in the British Isles for duties with the U. S. Eighth Air Force. The contingent included 650 girls from 36 American states.

The latest Gallup poll asserts that half of the anticipated 40,000,000 voters in the presidential election have made up their mind with 11,000,000 definitely Democratic and 9,000,000 definitely Republican.

A new-type super-bomber will be in production next spring, according to Charles E. Wilson, WFB vice-chairman. The giant aircraft will be constructed at a plant, now virtually completed, near Marietta, Ga., which is said to rival Ford's gigantic Willow Run plant.

ROLL OUT THE BOTTLE

Only one thing stands between you and a long cool drink this summer. That's a bottle. So say members of Pennsylvania Bottling Associations, brewer, grocer, dairymen and grocers.

There is a campaign on to get you to return that bottle to your grocer, or wherever you got it, and receive the deposit for it. The bottle will be taken by the carbonated beverage bottler, brewer or dairy which owns it and sterilized.

RECRUITING ALMOST COMPLETED

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, speaking in London, said that the United States Army has "virtually finished recruiting" and is now engaged in training the largest and best trained army the nation has ever sent overseas.

Meanwhile, the Selective Service Manpower Division says that there is no need to issue a general draft call for fathers of children born before September 15, 1942, before October, at the very earliest.

There are now 9,300,000 men and women in uniform. This number is expected to grow to 10,000,000 by January 1st. Thereafter, the Navy will require some 500,000 men in the first half of 1944, but the Army's strength will be held at 8,200,000.

WHAT ABOUT PEACE PRODUCTION?

The United States may be able to swing back to some peace-time production before the end of the war, in the opinion of Frederick H. McDonald, who writes in 'The Saturday Evening Post.'

Mr. McDonald points out that war production includes three phases: (1) the creation of necessary production capacity; (2) the manufacture of the huge amount of equipment required by our armed forces; and, (3) the job of replacing equipment expended by the armed forces.

The writer points out that the first phase is about completed and the job of equipping our Allies will be completed by the end of this year, and our own forces will be at their maximum early in 1944.

Obviously, the diagnosis of production is correct but no one knows what the demands of warfare will be or how tremendous the job of replacement may become. Moreover, the opportunity to swing to peacetime production depends as much upon available raw materials as it does upon industrial facilities.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER'S FUTURE

"Synthetic rubber is here to stay," declares William M. Jeffers, Rubber Director, who maintains that, after the war, the product will be able to hold its own against natural rubber, from the standpoint of use and cost, "without tariffs or subsidies."

Reminded that the Government owns the synthetic rubber plants now, Mr. Jeffers expressed the opinion that private industry should be given an opportunity to purchase the plants and to run them. He is a "great believer in private industry."

We are in agreement with Mr. Jeffers that private industry should be given an opportunity to purchase the plants, provided private industry is ready to pay a fair price to the Government. Moreover, private industry should give assurance that, in operating the plants, it will not ask for tariff protection or subsidies from the Government.

They Don't Grumble In Heaven

(Henry McLenore in Phila. Record) Since I have been back from England I have heard rumors that there are Americans who complain and grumble about the rationing and inconveniences that the war has brought. I don't believe the rumors and won't believe them until a grumbler grumbles directly into my own ears.

Take food for instance. The menus are unbelievable. Two weeks ago I was out with some American fliers scouring the English countryside via bicycle in the hope we could run across a farmer who would part with an egg or two.

No one in England has seen white bread since the blitz. The citizenry has forgotten that bread is white. Their loaves are the color of a good suntan, and a Boy Scout couldn't blaze it on both sides without stopping to sharpen his hatchet.

New York's shop windows are still unbelievable to me. Walk the streets of London and you pass shop after shop with signs on their doors reading: "Closed for the day. Our quota has been exhausted." The women in England pay \$100 to \$150 for cheaply made dresses that no store would dare charge more than \$25 for in this country.

There is no limit to the cigarettes and tobacco you can buy here. And when you buy a package, the clerk casually throws out a package of matches. Even our soldiers in England are strictly rationed as to cigarettes and matches.

LITTLE NITTANY

Mrs. Elizabeth Laubach and sons, Glenn and Von of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Lillah Eck and daughter Donna and son Kenneth, visited on Friday with Mrs. Margaret Dahlen.

Sunday evening visitors at the Orville Clark home were: Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bartley and family of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hirschel and son Homer, and daughter Jane, and J. B. Clark of Avila.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krape of Hecla, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Krape's mother, Mrs. Mary Deltz. Those who spent Saturday afternoon at the Weaver home were: Rev. Gulick of Howard, Mrs. Dixon and Miss Della Garbick.

Mrs. George Boone and son spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Heck, at Lock Haven.

Jacksonville and Howard 4-H Club News: Our club meeting was held at the Brumbaugh home last Tuesday evening with the following members present: Homer and Henry Weight, Paul, Lloyd and Harold Rogers, Otis Corman, Fred Wenzel, Donald and George Bitner, Leroy and Jim Button, Wilbur and George Brumbaugh, Melvin Harter, and Mr. Glenn Ely.

1,000,000 Pennies For Smokes Employees of General Electric's Erie plant contributed more than \$10,000 in pennies during the past year for their "keep 'em smoking" fund to supply Erie boys in service with cigarettes.

AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



Because he scaled the walls of the fortification at Kaba-Mehdia, French Morocco, and from that hazardous position diverted the attention of the enemy with his rifle fire, enabling our troops to enter through the main gates of the fort, Pfc. C. L. Mohler was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Query & Answer Column

H. O.—What is the estimated daytime population of Rockefeller Center in New York?
Ans.—It is estimated to be 125,000.
M. F.—What is the mileage of the streets of London?
Ans.—Seven thousand miles.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY
AMERICAN AUDIENCE LEARNS ABOUT QUININE SITUATION
Owing to the vital role that quinine is playing in winning the war against the killer malaria, a program was sent out over a coast-to-coast hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

ROUNDER ROUND THEY WENT
Here's how a country editor told of an encounter with an angry subscriber: "There was a blow. Somebody fell. We got up. Turning upon our antagonist, we succeeded in winding his arms about our waist, and by a quick maneuver threw him on top of us, bringing our back at the same time in contact with the solid bed of the printing press.

GLASS FOR INSULATION
Mrs. William Simpson, a guard at the Bloomsburg airport, suffered a fracture of the left shoulder, concussion of the brain, and body bruises, when she fell over a stool as a rope broke at one of the airport buildings, and she lost her balance.

KEEP ALL CALLS especially on party lines
Weak and Run Down
Men and Women Should Take Luebner's Iron Tonic Tablets
An exceptional tonic for those who are weak, run down, or convalescing.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: My mother and I live in a large house and have a large yard and garden. We have always had good help and were left very comfortably fixed by my father, who died several years ago.

Answer: It is very hard for an old woman to leave her home after a lifetime, so it seems to me that your best bet is to compromise by renting some of the rooms in your house. In this way you can make enough money to pay for the more expensive help and at the same time your mother will have her same room and yard to see about and live in.

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

No Pink Ones
J. P. Griffen of Fair Lawn, N. J., thought he saw an elephant plucking vegetables from his Victory Garden last week. He took another look, took two aspirins, took another look, called the police, they took a look, took a few aspirins themselves and decided it WAS an elephant.

Must Have Been Yellow
She—"Did you hear about the robbery at my house last night?"
He—"No."
She—"A garter attempted to hold up my stocking, but the stocking ran, darn it."

Remember This
The best way to cure snake bite with whiskey is to let the snake drink the whiskey before he bites you.

Powerful Stuff
An old moonshiner down in North Carolina, we are told, in a hurry one day to get rid of a batch of corn brew, poured it into the gold fish bowl and left the house. On his return, he discovered that the fish had eaten their way out of the bowl, had killed the cat, overturned the kitchen stove, and were putting the finishing touches on the family bull dog.

Simple Terrific
Oh, yes, this guy we're thinking of was a great fighter. The last fight he had was a couple of weeks ago. The man was several pounds heavier than he was, and several inches taller. But it didn't frighten him in the least.

AIRPORT GUARD HURT
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