

American People Face Acid Test in Treasury's 2nd War Loan To Raise 13 Billion Dollars in Three Weeks

The Nation Dare Not Fail in This Greatest Financing Task in History—"They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

Washington, D. C.—Coming as it does upon the heels of income tax payments, the people of America will face an acid test this month when the Treasury's Second War Loan drive opens April 12 with an objective of thirteen billion dollars to be raised through sale of Government securities.

A substantial part of this huge financing, the most stupendous ever undertaken by any government in the world's history, must be loaned by people in ordinary walks of life.

High Government officials have pointed out that the nation must not fail in this duty to our men on the battle fronts who are now carrying the offensive to the enemy at every stage. It is obvious to every thinking man and woman that as the United Nations take this offensive against the dictators, the cost of war operations increases in proportion.

The American people must no longer think of war costs in terms of equipping a soldier, building a tank or plane or a ship. We must now think in terms of the cost of battles, invasions and new offensives. Attacking armies cost more money than equipping that army and we must meet that increased cost by buying more War Bonds and Second War Loan Securities.

They Give Their Lives.

It is not only necessary that the American people left here at home assume this additional participation in the war effort—it is an honor to do so . . . for we here at home can do no less than attempt to approach the sacrifices of our brave men out on the fighting fronts to whom the last great measure of sacrifice is but a daily offering. They give their lives . . . we are asked only to lend our money.

And that is the theme of the Second War Loan, "They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

Financial experts who know monetary conditions in the nation point out that at the present time there is in liquid funds, cash and commercial bank deposits over and above taxes and present investment in Government Bonds, and over and

above what can be bought this year because of restrictions and rationing . . . approximately 40 billions of dollars which should go into Government Bonds.

It should be the objective of every American to invest these loose dollars, idle dollars, in Government securities, not only from a patriotic standpoint, but from the standpoint of their own financial security. There is available during the Second War Loan a type of Security to fit every pocketbook.

Are Wild Dollars

Every dollar of these forty billions of dollars available, which is not invested in Government securities during this War Loan Drive is a "wild" dollar which, together with its mates, will tend to increase inflation. Uncontrolled inflation might raise the cost of living to a point where the dollar is worthless. It can happen. It happened in Germany after the last war when the price of a loaf of bread cost more than an annual wage.

Invested in Government securities, your dollar will work for you. It will hold down inflation because it is harnessed in war work; it will help buy food, transportation, munitions for our boys on the front lines and it will be earning interest that, together with your original loan, will come back to you later to help you buy the things you cannot buy today . . . to insure your peace of the future.

Remember those boys out there . . . in Tunisia . . . in the South Pacific . . . They give their lives—You lend your money.



THESE BIRDS JUST LOVE FOREST FIRES.

Activities of State Com. of Forestry

The South Carolina State Commission of Forestry is now entering upon its sixteenth year of service to the people of the State. It was established April 26, 1927, and it has grown with the years. The first State Forester, Mr. Lewis E. Staley, was appointed June 18, 1928. He was followed in 1931 by Mr. H. A. Smith, who held office until the appointment in November, 1941, of Mr. W. C. Hammerle, the present State Forester. The Organization functions through a central office at Columbia, and down through five District Offices at Alken, Camden, Florence, Spartanburg and Walterboro.

The following is a summarized report of the activities of the Commission for the calendar year 1942:

Fire Control: In cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, approximately 1,120,846 acres of forest land are under organized protection in twenty-three county-wide fire protective associations, four private associations, six detection units, and the Sand Hills State Forest. This represents approximately 60 per cent of the total forest area of the State. This work was financed the past fiscal year, under provisions of the Clarke-McNary Law, by appropriations of which 25 per cent of the total was furnished by the Federal Government, 35 per cent by the State, and 40 per cent by County and private individuals. Nearly 2,500 full and part-time protection employees were used, in addition to which there were nearly 12,000 individuals who volunteered to fight fires. A total of 79 fire towers are manned and operated, and are connected by 2,100 miles of telephone line. In addition, 1,780 miles of fire breaks were constructed and maintained by use of State-owned equipment. During the year 4,620 fires burned 169,851 acres of forest land under protection. These fires averaged 37 acres in size, but together they only burned 2.4 per cent of the total area under protection.

Emergency Fire Control: One of the direct outgrowths of the war has been the need for establishing emergency fire control crews for the protection of military installations in

South Carolina. Special funds from the Federal Government have been used to man and fully equip fifteen crews with trucks, tractors, plows, motor-driven water pumps, and hand tools. Eight of these crews are operating in the coastal area, six in the central part of the State, and one in the Piedmont. Not only is their purpose to protect from forest fires certain military facilities, such as camps and ammunition dumps but to reduce the smoke haze and to eliminate "loom" as well. These last two are particularly critical, because the haze created by smoke interferes with flight training, bombing and artillery practice, and anti-submarine patrol, whereas the glow from night fires silhouettes ships at sea and exposes them to submarine attack.

Forest Management: Increased demands for wood in all forms have placed forest products in the category of one of the most critical of raw materials. As a result, the drain on South Carolina's forests has been greater than ever before, and the requests for assistance have correspondingly increased. In meeting this demand the technical personnel of the State Forest Service have examined and made recommendations for 163 woodlands representing nearly 50,000 acres of forest land. On 100 of these areas for which additional assistance was desired, 21,028,351 board feet of timber and 1,413 cords of wood have been marked. Timber that was sold on the basis of this selective marking brought to owners an average of \$11.65 per thousand board feet.

TWO JOBS FOR MINISTER

Pittsfield, April.—A veterans of the Russian army in the first World War, the Rev. Peter Diakonoff, pastor of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox church, is now serving as a guard at the main works of the General Electric Company in this city. By working nights at the plant he manages to combine his two jobs.

Six nights a week he checks in at 11 p. m. and goes off duty at 8 o'clock the next morning. Saturday is his regular night off which is an ideal arrangement, since Sunday morning is his busiest day for church duties.

It's a good thing that war makes men tough. Nobody else could roll up the barbed wire when peace comes.

Town and Farm In These Wartimes

Ration Books For Service Men
Service men who eat 10 or more meals per week away from the Army post are entitled to Ration Book Two.

Army Victory Gardens
Some army camps have already their victory gardens and many more will soon be seen at camps where suitable soil is handy to living quarters. They'll produce whatever the men prefer, or whatever crop seems best suited to the location. Army gardens are nothing new, but now they are to be on a larger scale. However, they will not interfere with training. The men who conduct them may do so only as a voluntary off-time recreational activity. Food produced will be for the consumption of military personnel only and not for sale.

Farmers Get Points For Meat
When a farmer sells a slaughtered calf direct to a retail meat market, the market operator must surrender the right number of points to the farmer, says OPA. The farmer must then turn the stamps over to the ration board.

Return Unused Gas Coupons
Unused gasoline ration coupons and books which are no longer valid are the property of the government and must be turned in within five days after the close of the period of validity. Holders of unused first quarter "T" gasoline coupons, which have not expired, are asked to turn them in immediately to their local rationing boards.

Back To Dairy Farms
Local Selective Service boards have been told to return men with experience to dairy farms. The program includes:

Persuading 4F men between 18 and 45 with experience to return to dairy farms if they are not in an essential activity. Getting men over 45, not engaged in essential activity, to go back to dairy farming. Giving men 18 to 45 thirty days to get into agriculture or another essential activity, otherwise they will be classified as available for military service.

Frozen Vegetables For All
There will be plenty of frozen vegetables in 1943 for the armed forces without cutting the supply available for civilian use, the War Department announced. The pack of quick-frozen vegetables this year will be between 240,000,000 and 260,000,000 pounds, according to present U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates, as compared with a pack of 162,000,000 last year. The supply for civilian consumption will be equal to or more than that available last year.

Fewer Points, Less Money
Butchers may no longer reduce point values of rationed meats and fats without at the same time lowering money prices, according to OPA. If the retailer lowers the point value, he must lower the price at least 25 per cent below ceiling. If he lowers the point value more than 25 per cent, the selling price must be reduced below ceiling in proportion, but in no case more than 50 per cent.

Rubber Tires for Tractors
A plan to assist farmers in their vital wartime food production will provide rubber tires and tubes for converting approximately 20,000 tractors and implements, originally equipped with steel wheels, which have been bought since May 1, 1942. Local OPA war price and rationing boards will authorize conversions after certification of farmers' applications by U. S. Department of Agriculture County War Boards. Reasons for certification are:

Necessity of moving implements over the road from farm to farm. Soil or topography such that tractor is seriously handicapped by not having rubber tires.

Seed Potatoes
Retailers are now permitted to sell seed potatoes in any quantity for planting purposes only. The former requirement that they be sold only in lots of fifty pounds, or more, has been removed by OPA.

Fewer Trucks
The number of heavy trucks that may be manufactured for civilian use has been cut from 3,580 to 3,017 by the War Production Board.

Binder Twine Price Up
Binder twine prices will be somewhat higher this year, because of the increased cost of materials. Cordage and twine fibers, from which binder twine has been made in the past, are scarce. WPB and the U. S. Department of Agriculture have therefore encouraged use of part cotton yarn combined with henequen and sisal. These fibers are more expensive than materials formerly used.

More Canned Fish This Year
The amount of canned fish available to civilians from the 1943 pack should be somewhat larger than from last year's pack, according to the U. S.

The Fourth Estate Conducted By JNO. M. CANNON

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IN THE MAIL

Dear John:

I have been reading your paper with much interest. Not being familiar with your predecessor one cannot judge, but I can say each issue comes more interesting. I do propose to be a critic but in the times one does notice things which he feels a national concern.

I have noticed your editorial on the Red Cross War Fund drive and failure. I have also noticed the reasons given by your fellow towns men as to the reasons for its failure. John, these people think that they right, but, are they any different, their conditions any different from the rest of the nation? We have felt this condition keenly. Some with a stern unapproving brow, who have sons in this war and served in the last should realize the Red Cross needs this aid. Time of plenty is not now, we should concentrate on getting things back all in one piece to carry on the after years when they will be needed with all their wisdom strength if we hope to forestall other march on Washington by who only want what is their just and if we let them down now can we look forward to anything unrest in the post war days?

I have noticed several counties short on their war bond quota. Our amusements and pleasure goes on. I have heard people complaining about the new meat ration and their inability to properly wonder how these same people react if they were so busy fighting to preserve their lives that they not find time to eat or if they were forced to miss a meal because kitchen was blown to bits. I would, I know, forage about and provide something to satisfy hunger. We all have to do it help them. My whole thought is to apply to HOARD BONDS and STAMPS instead of MEATS and CANNED GOODS. If every American forget his own selfish petty needs the idea that because John needs should also, we would all be off. I wonder if your neighbor who put his hand in the fire because did, yet he is doing just that because his neighbor is.

John forgive this outburst of mine but I had it on my chest, what I wanted to say is that you are doing a fine job with the paper and if you one tried as hard to put across war bond and Red Cross jobs as does in his own private endeavor we will all have a better world to live in.

Sincerely,
James T. Cooper

Department of Agriculture. Due to a smaller carryover of canned fish in 1943, however, the per capita supply for this year may be about four-fifths of the 1942 civilian consumption.

Workers in a Michigan factory fixed up a very low door leading to the pay roll. On it is inscribed, "You learn to duck lower if you Buy a Bond."

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