

FARMERS AWARE OF WAR NEEDS

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At this moment more than ten million American citizens—the cream of our nation's youth—are engaged in the grim activity of war.

They are carrying guns, flying planes, manning the ships and digging the foxholes in this second and greatest of World Wars. What they are giving to this nation and the world cannot be easily phrased. They are giving the most vital years of their lives. They are giving their strength, their skill and their courage.

And they are giving life itself in order that the forces of tyranny and evil might be destroyed throughout the world. The finest fruits of victory and peace will only partly reflect the sacrifices of these ten million Americans



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whose courage and unselfishness made such victory possible.

Soldiers Still Out There

This is half of the story. The other half is told by some hundred million home-front Americans whose energies, skills and sacrifices have kept those ten million fighting men supplied. These Americans—farmers—workers—bankers—industrialists—have worked together to meet this crisis.

But home-front Americans have done more than supply the goods for fighting armies. They have faced squarely the fact that war costs money. And they have generously and enthusiastically invested their dollars in War Bonds to help carry the war effort forward.

While repeated victories for the Allies give us all hope that the war's end may be soon, the sober fact remains that Germany and Japan are still undefeated. Our soldiers are still out there. Tons of supplies and equipment are still leaving our ports for the fighting fronts.

Civilian America's Duty

Sober and thoughtful Americans all realize that their duty—like that of the soldier—lies in seeing this war through a final victory. The soldier will, if necessary, give his life to the fulfillment of his obligation and duty. Civilian America can—and will—fulfill its duty to that soldier.

I wish to direct my remarks specifically to the several hundred thousand farmers in Ohio. Along with the rest of the nation, farmers have carried their share of the war burdens. Shortage of materials, equipment, labor and uncertainty of weather have not kept Ohio farmers from contributing substantially to the nation's food stores. And we have, in the past, responded to the national call for the purchase of War Bonds. We are about to launch this nation's Sixth War Loan Drive. Over five

THESE OHIOANS PREPARE 'PRESENT' FOR JAPS



THESE members of a mortar group somewhere in the South Pacific prepare to send a missile into the Jap lines. Ready to place the shell into the mortar is Cpl. Gilbert Clutcher, while figuring data and looking through the sight is Staff Sgt. Bert Nichpor, and behind the mortar is Pfc. Walter J. Rawski. At the extreme right is Pfc. Chester Kusina. All are members of the 37th Division from Toledo.

million voluntary workers will canvass the nation to make the drive a success. It is hoped that Ohio farmers will again lend their full support to this vital war activity.

Safest Investment

For the economy-minded, War Bonds present one of the safest and most attractive investment opportunities in America today. For the patriotic, they afford a tangible opportunity to participate—first hand—in the financing of our great American war effort. While billions have been loaned by our great industrial and banking firms, the additional billions loaned by the average citizens throughout the country have helped knit us into an effective national team. Not only are War Bonds excellent economic and patriotic investments, but they are America's greatest insurance against the evils of inflation which plague a nation with little to buy and much to buy it with.

Years ago, Americans sacrificed to win their liberty. In the Civil War they sacrificed to bring freedom to men and unity to the nation.

Today, Americans sacrifice to bring freedom and unity to a world. No challenge to America has ever been greater.

Goal 20 Million

During this War Bond Drive, the Ohio farm community will be canvassed on a county-wide basis. The Ohio Farm Bureau, the Grange, and Extension Service are all cooperating with the War Finance Committee for Ohio in effort to put the Sixth War Loan over the top. Ohio's farm goal is 20 million dollars. Ohio farmers should easily reach such a goal.

And speaking for the thousands of Ohio Farm Bureau families throughout the state, I can say without reservation that we will do everything in our power to make this Sixth War Loan Drive an over-the-top campaign.

WOMEN'S GROUPS PLAN SUPPORT FOR WAR LOAN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Three national women's organizations have pledged themselves to sell a total of more than \$3,000,000 in bonds in connection with the Sixth War Loan Campaign.

Gamma Phi Beta college sorority has accepted a goal of \$1,000,000 and the Women's Auxiliary of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks has a goal of \$1,125,000. Both drives were launched Oct. 15.

Alpha Iota, national business and secretarial sorority, expects to secure purchases of \$900. Their drive started November 1 and will continue to January 1.

BUY INSURANCE AGAINST WARS

Louis Bromfield

(Editor's Note: The following article is in the interests of the Sixth War Loan Drive in Ohio and has been contributed by Louis Bromfield, Ohio author-farmer, successful novelist and conductor of the "Voice From the Country" column which appears in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and numerous state newspapers.)



In the Sixth War Bond Drive a quota of 20 million dollars has been set for the farmers of Ohio. Now 20 million dollars is a lot of money until we examine what such an investment means. Because, first of all, this 20 millions is not taxes, it is not a free contribution; it is an investment in the greatest and richest corporation on earth in which every farmer and every citizen is a stockholder. Those of us who are farmers aren't giving this money away; we are buying a share in that vast enterprise called the United States of America.

But buying a War Bond is much more than buying a share of stock or municipal bond. It is buying an earlier end to this abominable war. It is buying better protection for the sons, fathers, brothers, uncles and cousins who are away from home, scattered over the whole of the world, fighting in order that this great corporation which belongs to all of us may be safe from the kind of attack that brought misery and destruction to nations like Norway and France and England and Holland and Russia.

Buying Security Protection

In buying a bond you are buying security and protection, both economic and material, for your home, your farm, your livestock. In the next war (if there should be one), with modern planes and parachute troops and robot bombs, distance will have been largely eliminated and there is no reason to believe that our great industrial cities, our towns and even our farms may not be subject to bombing and to

attack of every sort.

Buying a Bond is the best insurance against another war.

War Bonds are the best insurance for the return home of the men now fighting in India, the Pacific and in Europe. The more equipment they have, the better the equipment, the sooner can they finish the job and come home, the sooner all of us can get back to a decent life of peace.

For New, Better Equipment

And there is no better way of putting aside money to spend later on when the barn will need paint, when there is need for a new tractor or a corn-planter or a couple of dairy cows or the materials to build a new poultry house or to install electricity or plumbing. A lot of these things aren't available now, but they will be in the future, in quantity and at prices much lower than those prevailing now. Many of these things will be better designed and more efficient and practical. Buying bonds is preferable to spending money now on equipment which is already outdated.

If you buy War Bonds you still have your money. It is earning interest. It will still be there after the war and meanwhile it is working for the whole good of the nation and for the individual good of those of us at home on the farms, in the villages and small towns. But most of all it will be working for the boys overseas.

Money Exists to Work

The war is the concern of ALL of us. It is being fought for the good of ALL of us. It is fought because it had to be fought, because we had no choice if we were to go on living as we lived in the past.

Buying War Bonds is a way to help and protect our boys overseas. It is the best way to save and invest money and put aside the reserves which will be so valuable when things open up again. Dead money, lying in a bank or under the mattress, never did anyone any good. Money exists to work, to produce, to build up security and prosperity. If everyone in this great country buried his money, economic death would soon strangle the whole nation. There would be no victory and no future. Buy War Bonds now!

SERIES G

Series G—You pay \$100—You receive in 12 years \$100. BUT you receive 2½ per cent interest semi-annually. Denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1000 and larger.

Series G bonds are purchased at their face value and mature in twelve years at their face value. Meanwhile interest is paid on the bond every six months. Some retired people, widows, or others should be particularly attracted to these bonds which are available in denominations smaller than the 2 per cent and 2½ per cent Treasury bonds.

FARM YOUTH IS DOING ITS PART

Ohio's farm youth through its 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers organizations is doing its part in the war effort. Each boy and girl is carrying a special project to produce food or fibre or to supply labor hours. Both organizations sponsored projects this year in which each member pledged to produce enough food or fibre to keep one of our fighting men for one year.

While each individual effort may seem small, the total produced for the state presents an amazing figure. Almost six thousand tons of food were produced by the 4-H Club members and an equally large amount by Future Farmers. In addition a livestock and poultry program was carried on which yielded many more tons of food.

Farm Labor Program

The government's emergency farm labor program gave the boys and girls an opportunity to perform real service for hard-pressed farmers. Records kept by Federal farm labor agents in the state revealed the fact that high school boys and girls, mostly in rural areas, accounted for more than 90 per cent of the state's part and harvest time labor force.

Schools were operated on a part-time basis during the harvest season and students worked in orchards and fields gathering apples, peaches, grapes, potatoes, beans and tomatoes. Farm authorities admit that the harvest could not have been made without the help of the 4-H, Future Farmer and student groups.

Bond Selling Auction

A steer feeding program, 4-H Club project in many counties, yielded an all-time top in bond selling in one rural county. The steers, purchased in November and fed through the summer as a project by both boys and girls, were auctioned off at the county fair.

Bids were accepted only in War Bonds. The animal judged winner in the feeding contest brought a total of \$135,000 in War Bonds, easily the highest price ever registered for a white-face.

The more than forty animals which were under the hammer that afternoon brought War Bond purchases of almost a million and a half dollars.

Other Activities

Farm boys and girls have hung up enviable records in other fields of war effort, solicitation in U.S.O. and other drives, fat and scrap metal collections.

One county in which students of rural schools handled the entire scrap metal collection reported that each student accounted for more than a ton of metal, a record.

Paper collections in rural counties have been handled almost entirely by the school children and the records show that percentages of collection have been highest in these areas.

Girl Scouts Operate News Clipping Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Girl Scouts of America will operate a news clipping service on behalf of the Sixth War Loan Drive, starting November 20, the War Finance Committee announced today.

The service, conducted through the 1,300 Girl Scouts Councils throughout the nation, will provide clippings of all War Bond publicity.

It will start two weeks prior to the drive and continue until the end of the campaign, December 16.

We are living for the future. Invest in that future for yourself, your family, your country. Buy a War Bond today.

BOYS' CLUBS TO AID DRIVE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Boys' Clubs, located in 200 metropolitan areas, will offer the services of their members to finance committees for use in any capacity during the Sixth War Loan Drive, starting November 20. Activities will be handled through a Boys' Club committee in each community.