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iron. They were all "big shots."

Lieut. General Brehon Somervell, the commanding general for services of supply, and Vice Admiral S. M. Robinson, chief of bureau of procurement and material, both stressed the imperative importance of getting more metal to the steel mills in the next 60 days.

Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, said the war could be won quicker if "a great part of the effort comes from the grass roots"—the people themselves—in getting every ounce of scrap out of their homes and their farms. And that means old shovels, rakes, washing machines, irons, machinery—anything that contains iron.

A hard-hitting industrialist, whose language consisted of short, blunt words and whose broad jaw reminded us of a bull dog almost "stole the show."

"We have at last struck the bottom of the barrel," said R. W. Wolcott, president of the Lukens Steel company and chairman of the American Industries Salvage committee. "The steel mills of the United States have only a two weeks' supply of scrap. The scrap is in the hands of the people. It is gold to the steel mills. Only miracle can prevent reduced steel operations within the next few months."

Here was a realistic picture of America's plight.

Two weeks! And our war effort is just getting under way.

America's tremendous problem in arming itself while it supplies lend-lease arms to Russia, Australia, England, China and others was outlined by Donald Nelson.

Here was a man whose soft pleading voice did not do justice to the vast economic powers which he wields. A dictator would have scorned to plead with news-paper editors as he did humbly and modestly at this conference in Washington.

"We're not doing a good job yet, at winning the war," he said. "Our enemies have accumulated tremendous reserves—Japan in eleven years, Germany in eight or nine years. With our left hand we have to help arm our allies, and with our right hand we have to produce and equip for our own American army and navy, and at the same time maintain our own economy and sustain it all."

Here was a good epitaph: "Instead of too little and too late, we are trying to do too much in too little time, and I think we will do it."

Well, here is one answer, and it may surprise you. American industry and American labor are doing the job in fewer operations than even the engineers foresaw.

Capacity production has not been reached. More scrap iron is needed. If the scrap can be found in homes and farms, and there are literally millions of tons of it available there today, American factories can produce MORE tanks, MORE airplanes, MORE cannons, and other essential armament for our Yanks and Allies overseas and our army at home. That's the story, folks. Newspapers have been invited to tell it to you to see that this metal is turned over to Uncle Sam. Do your part.

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tural products, we must cut excessive profits. Another way to check inflation is by rationing the stock of any product so that its distribution is evenly spread over a given period. Rationing, in this sense, is merely budgeting—a procedure familiar to most housewives.

Meat is A Good Example

Today's meat situation furnishes an example of national budgeting. Our total meat supply is the largest on record, but the demand, including the Army, Marine, and Lend-Lease, leaves us 3 billion pounds short of being able to give the folks at home all the meat they might want. We shall be able to buy 2 1/2 pounds of meat per person per week, about our average consumption for the past 10 years and will

above the 1 pound a week that the Englishman gets, the 12 ounces per week allowed Germans, or the 5 1/2 ounces available for half-starved Belgians. For the first 4 months of the meat reduction program civilians will be asked to save on the so-called "red meats"—beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton—by using cheese, poultry, fish, and beans as substitutes on meatless days.

Later direct consumer rationing will start.

Wool, Rubber, Steel and Liquor

Other limitations on supplies or substitutions are in effect or in prospect. Boys and men will have to get along with whatever woolen clothing they have on hand, but women need not worry about woolen robes for infants, sizes 1 to 3. Crude rubber or latex—scarcest of scarce materials—cannot be used in the manufacture of rubberized fabric for protective clothing either in civilian or Government war orders, except rubber life-saving suits, life preservers, diving equipment, and raincoats already on order for the Navy. New bedsprings are allowed only 30 pounds of steel per spring and

manufacturers are encouraged to make four models of wood-frame coil bedsprings. Rubber heels made of scrap rubber will come in four grades stamped from V-1 to V-4, according to quality, and their prices at the shoe repair stores will be fixed. By November 1 all homes and farms, and there are literally millions of tons of it available there today, American factories can produce MORE tanks, MORE airplanes, MORE cannons, and other essential armament for our Yanks and Allies overseas and our army at home. That's the story, folks. Newspapers have been invited to tell it to you to see that this metal is turned over to Uncle Sam. Do your part.

We Overcome Our Limitations

Yankee inventiveness, however, is used to overcoming limitations. New types of containers have been developed by the container industries. Heavy paper cartons are used for the pieces of wooden containers and wire-bound boxes for overseas shipments. Many kinds of canned goods now come in jars and bottles. Paper containers are substituted for scarce burlap bags and paper "cans" with metal ends are used for packing some brands of baking powder and dried fruits. The Bureau of Mines will build a pilot plant for the making of sponge iron in steel manufacture. Government geologists and engineers have blocked out more than 200,000 tons of valuable bauxite in Georgia, and other experts are exploring the "black sand" beaches of the Oregon coast, containing chromite, ilmenite, magnetite, and zircon, all needed metals.

G-NASHING THE AXIS

by GORDON HARR

Mother, I found a dime today, Quick, my darling daughter! Hitler's out on a hickory limb, Stamp him into the water.

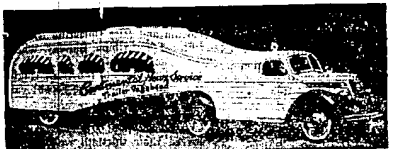
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Chipmunk in Esteem

Indians of early days spared the lives of chipmunks because they believed the animal was responsible for healing herbs and roots.

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

BOYS' TOWN—CONTINUED

Some two years ago when the motion picture "Boys' Town" was released to the public, a banquet was held in Culver City, Calif., home of MGM, the studio that made the picture. The guest of honor at that banquet was Father Flanagan. During the course of the evening, Louis B. Mayer made a speech to the assembled stars, technicians, dignitaries, etc. In addition to the praise and thanks he gave Father Flanagan and others who made the picture possible, he made an outstanding offer—he offered Father Flanagan his personal check in the amount of one million dollars. He asked only in return that Father Flanagan build a boys' town in Los Angeles and take personal charge of the Home of money. Certainly the climate of Southern California must have appealed to Father Flanagan. Also the fact that he could continue his work without the ever-present mortgages that had curtailed his efforts from the beginning. But he turned it down. He had the courage of his convictions, and to his mind his place was in Nebraska, among his children and the work that was so far from finished.

In his answering speech, Father Flanagan thanked Mr. Mayer and then made another contribution to the cause of homeless and abandoned children. He made it clear to the assembled, gathering that it was possible for any city or state to have a Boys' Town of its own—that there were other men as qualified as himself to take charge of such a project. In that one statement we find the full meaning of the future of Boys' Town and its effect on the generations of the future.

Before anything new can take

its place among the great accomplishments of history, it must first be proven. Scientists work an entire lifetime to perfect one formula of value to future generations. Father Flanagan is working an entire lifetime to prove to the world that correctional schools of our present variety are the wrong thing; that children in the formative stages of life need more than a home and correctional discipline—they need the love, care and attention of someone who is genuinely interested in their welfare—they need a chance to prove themselves in the eyes of their critics—they need the responsibility of self-government—they need all the things that Father Flanagan and his staff have discovered through 25 years of careful investigation into the minds of little children. Remember—the thousands of boys that have passed through Boys' Town, there is not one single known failure.

Seated in the study of his home a few days ago, Father Flanagan and I talked of the future. He told me of his plan to make Boys' Town a pattern for the world to follow. An extremely modest man, he believes there are many other who can carry on his work. He may be right, now that the method has been proven, but the world will always remember it was Father Flanagan that showed the way.

Countless thousands of people visit Boys' Town every year. They see the effect of self-government as advocated by Father Flanagan. Some day when you get a chance to visit there, you too will agree: Boys' Town is a City of Little Men.

(Note—This is the last of three columns on Boys' Town, Nebr.)

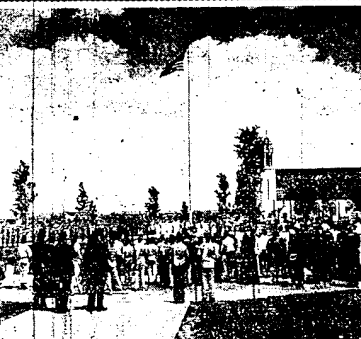
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FLAG CEREMONIES—BOYS' TOWN



Flag ceremonies held during invitational ceremonies at Boys' Town, Nebraska, conducted by the Rev. Louis P. Barcelo of Portland, Oregon.—Story by Trailer Vagabond.

A FREE SHOW AT BOYS' TOWN



From the expressions on their faces, Father Flanagan's boys at Boys' Town, Nebraska, are enjoying a free show with Abbot and Costello.—Story by Trailer Vagabond.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heichman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mead, of Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Mead moved from Frankfort recently for the winter.

George Wohlar left Saturday for Custer.

Miss Jeanne Addis gave a farewell party at her home in honor of Gene Cuthbert of Redford Township, Friday night. Gene is one of many who ride horse back and is soon leaving to visit Uncle Sam.

Mrs. John Altman left Friday to visit her twin sister, Mrs. Dave Clemens, of St. Louis, Mo., and other relatives in Mason City, Ill. An invitation is extended to all the women in the Pierson School District to attend a "Get Acquainted Tea" Wednesday at Pierson School, September 23, from two to four p.m. This meeting is planned as a means of renewing acquaintances and extending a welcome hand to the many new women in this section. Miss Georgina Reid, head school nurse, and Miss Mary Jameson, supervising teacher, of rural Wayne County, will be present.

Avenue suffered last week with an infection caused by a blister on his heel.

Emerson Ault, whose employment requires considerable amount of traveling, arrived home last Wednesday evening and for a short time will be busy in and around Detroit.

Harvey Fuerst, who following his induction into the Army took a twelve-day furlough, left for Camp Custer last Thursday.

Mrs. Cecil Willets of Mayfield Avenue returned home from the hospital early in the week. She was accompanied by her ten-year-old daughter, Joan Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault, Mrs. Margaret Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis were guests at a housewarming party Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borland of Redford.

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Officers and men are doing their part. They know the necessity of keeping the lines and central office apparatus clear for vital military and war production calls.

Today, many lines are crowded with war calls. Adding enough new equipment to handle all the increased load is impossible because of material shortages. So it's up to all of us to make the most efficient use of what we have. Here are some of the ways you and all other civilians can help:

1. Make only the most essential Long Distance calls.
2. Keep all your conversations as brief as you can.
3. When possible, give the number of the distant telephone you are calling.

The same kind of cooperation will help improve local service, too. Your own telephone line may never carry a war message, but every call you make passes through a busy central office where it may tie up a war call. Try to keep your calls short. Help save wires for war!

*** War calls must go through ***

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