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An announcer on the radio says, "accidents help the Axis," and urges care. That's sound advice.

Let's boost the Red Cross fund another thousand or two this week. If we ever get over the half way hill, the going ought to be easier.

Don't put off paying your subscription to the Daily Democrat. You want the news, we want to furnish it. Let's cooperate during these days when it's tough going.

Mussolini, Hitler and the Japs are making speeches and promising big things while the Allies are grimly going about the business of answering with deeds instead of words at the proper time.

A campaign will start January 12th to secure books for use in the soldiers camps. If you have some books that you don't need, get them ready for the solicitors and don't give trash. Send books you would enjoy if you were far away in a military camp.

Basketball now has full sway in the sports arena and the next couple of months will be exciting for millions of fans as they watch their boys fight for titles of one kind and another. It won't be long now until tournament time will be here.

The Japs have lost ten men for every American killed on Luzon Island but that's still too much. We wouldn't trade one of our boys for a million "yellow kids." However the facts are significant and we wonder how long they can continue the pace.

The twenty percent increased sugar quota is good news here for it means a better harvest for the farmers who raise this product, a longer run for next fall's campaign and an increase in the amount of sugar produced. Now with a good season, that difficulty will be well solved.

There are only twenty-nine Japs living in Indiana and twenty of these were born in America. It won't take a very big concentration camp to take care of them, and it's probable they won't need any watching for they have lived here long enough to prefer this country to any other on earth.

Now it is rumored that private cars, now badly needed, may be commandeered after the manufacture of new cars ceases entirely in a month. Many will either have to walk or hunt up old Dobbin and even if we find him, what can we hitch him to? We never did like bareback riding.

The German retreat has turned into a rout and according to a re-

port from Stockholm, has reached the point where three defense lines similar to the Maginot, are being hastily constructed in Poland and Germany. If the two armies ever meet there, it will be a battle royal, according to experts.

If you have been planning a new car for 1942 and couldn't just make up your mind whether to do it or not, you can quit worrying. Orders recently issued will make it impossible for the average person to purchase a new car while the demand for war material is on. Production of cars will cease entirely in a month and cars made during that time will be rationed to those engaged in defense work. It's beginning to pinch.

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A couple of years ago when a highway to Alaska was proposed, a great howl went up and it was dropped because of lack of support. Now if we had such a means of getting supplies and men to the north country, it would be a wonderful thing but we haven't and must depend on ships and planes. We are a long way from being prepared to take care of our outposts and that's why we must work harder and faster and keep at it.

Every bond you buy means much. It means that much more money to spend for your own defense. Make no mistake about it. If the war can be kept from our shores, it will save billions of dollars and the discomfort of millions. We can all well afford to skimp a little some where else for this cause. And the bonds will be repaid with interest. It's a great investment, the best you were ever permitted to make because you get a return on your money and get defense too.

In this day and age, it's important that every adult person have a birth certificate. If the county or city health officer does not have the record of your birth you can secure a certificate by coming to this office, running a notice and then appearing before the court, who will after passing on your case, direct the county clerk to issue the paper. It's needed even to visit plants that are doing defense work and is required by those employing help in almost every kind of work.

The tire business in Adams county will be limited according to the allotment recently made. For passenger cars there will be allowed only nineteen tires and sixteen tubes and for heavy trucks and busses thirty-eight tires and thirty-two tubes. That's not many for five thousand cars and trucks, estimated in the county, but that's all that can be spared and we might as well be planning along that line for it will be some time before we can run the car in and tell the garage or filling station man to put on a new set of tires and tubes.

China, Russia, Great Britain and the United States have signed an agreement that none of them will make peace or cease fighting until the war is actually won and the world is again a safe place in which to live. Let's keep on praying that won't be too long. In the meantime it is the duty of every citizen who believes in the American way of life and wants it to continue to do his part. Buy bonds, help the Red Cross, obey regulations, answer when called upon and provide the food, the clothes and the equipment to win the war.

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