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Decatur needs a hundred new
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Send a book or two to the library
or the Legion Home for the boys
in camp.

Buy bonds with every dollar you
can spare and use your change for
defense stamps. Uncle Sam needs
your support now, as never in history.

While taking care of the old
tires it might be well to get the
radio tuned up and in good condition.
Manufacturers will soon be
on war materials solely.

If they missed you in the campaign
for membership in the Chamber
of Commerce campaign, call
some member and ask to join. It's
worth more than it costs.

If you haven't renewed your sub-
scription to the Daily Democrat,
please do so at once, if it's due.
We are required to stop those papers
not paid for in advance if the same
is delivered through the mails.

Farmers of Adams county will
have the opportunity to get scrap
metal out of the way on the 23rd
when the clean-up will be made by
L. E. Archbold's committee. The
metal is to be sold to dealers to be
sent on for such use as the govern-
ment needs it. Cooperation is
urged and will be appreciated.

The roll of honor for Adams
county concerns that have adopted
the plan to have employees pur-
chase defense bonds on the salary
deduction method has grown to
nineteen and others will soon be
ready. To gain this distinction and
receive one of the special flags,
90% of the employees must sign the
cards.

Drive Slower,

It Will Pay:

"Drive slower and speed victory" is the slogan of the Consumer's Division of the price fixing department of government. Add to that the old adage, "drive slower and live longer," and you have plenty of reason why you should do so.

The department recently gave out three specific arguments that every car driver should commit to memory. They are:

If you consistently drive well under 50 miles an hour, your tires should give you 25,000 miles or more of service. Drive over 60, and your tires may last only half that distance.

At 30 miles an hour the average car should travel one thousand miles using only one quart of oil. As you push the pedal down, your car uses up more and more oil, until at 70 miles an hour it will take from six to seven quarts of oil for that same thousand miles.

The American navy raid on the
Marshall and Gilbert Islands Jan-

ary 31st must have been notice to the Tokyo group that they had really started something when they made the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Seventeen or eighteen ships, including one 17,000-ton liner were sunk and besides that, hangars, air fields, storage places, munition dumps, 38 planes, administration buildings and many other important points were blown to atoms or burned. And the repayment has just started.

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The war is becoming more serious as Japan increases her island holdings and Germany shows renewed strength. The spring drives will soon be started and the next six months will prove how effective the Allied defense is. On the outcome of the war rests the future of how we will live in this country and every citizen, regardless of politics or personal opinions. Each of us must do his full share and the sooner we awake to that fact, the better it's going to be. Sacrifices must be made, not by a few, but by every one.

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Some one who forgot to sign his name writes to dare us to print this: "Buy defense bonds and stamps so our senators can have pensions when they are retired." Brother, you don't like that any better than we or most of the rest of the 130,000,000 citizens of America do and the objections that reached Washington have already resulted in a start to repeal the act. However, the need for defense bond sales is so great that we should not permit such things to interfere with our determination to meet every requirement to save our country. All else is chores.

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A suggestion has been made to this newspaper that the traffic light controls at Five Points, including Winchester and Adams streets and Mercer avenue be changed, in view of the fact that U. S. Road 27 no longer uses Winchester street. The person suggested that the traffic lights on Adams street be removed, permitting cars to turn into the other streets or crossing to the east side, without a 30-second wait. This would save one-third of the time and would eliminate the standstill on Adams street, when no traffic is in sight. Since the route of U. S.

Road 27 has been switched to Thirteenth street, much of the traffic has been diverted from that thoroughfare. By eliminating the Adams street lights, traffic could be moved faster on Mercer avenue and Winchester street, not with the idea of increasing speed, but rather for the convenience of drivers who by virtue of the three-way control system must wait for the switch on a street which enters the intersection, but in no way adds to safety considerations. Those who use Adams street could be on their way without delay, a stop which the person who studied the situation, said would clear-up the bottleneck.

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Thirty-four Aliens Caught in F.B.I. Net



I. I. N. Phonophoto

The F.B.I. rounded up thirty-four Japanese aliens in San Francisco, Calif., including, left to right, J. Ikeda, Haruo Aoki and Yasuyuki Doi. Doi admitted that he had eight years of Japanese military training.

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TODAY'S WAR MOVES

(Reg. U. S. Patent Office)

By Louis F. Keemle
Of the United Press War Desk

Even before their occupation of Singapore has been consolidated, the Japanese have opened a full scale drive for Sumatra and Java and are attacking with renewed intensity in Burma.

The culminating phase of the battle for the southwestern Pacific now has been reached. The United Nations face a showdown, the supreme test of their ability to maintain a foothold in the Indies.

The test is the turning point of the war. If they lose it, the Allies will have to give up their sole remaining base at Soerabaja on Java and withdraw to Australia, leaving all of the rich Indies to the enemy.

The nearest Allied base would be Port Darwin on the northern coast of Australia, and that would be subject to bombing from Timor and New Guinea and by planes from carriers. Should the Japanese make Port Darwin untenable, the Allies would have to operate from thousands of miles away, based on Sydney and Melbourne. It would make the eventual grand assault by the Allies against the Japanese a difficult and slow task.

These considerations, however, are for some time in the future and depend on the outcome of the struggle for Java. It is so vital to

hold this key island that it is likely to be the scene of the heaviest fighting of the war, probably very soon. Speed is the essence of Japan's plan of attack and her forces are not likely to pause to reorganize before striking.

By capturing Singapore, the Japanese have gained control of the Strait of Malacca, with easy access to the Bay of Bengal. They can send unlimited reinforcements by sea to Burma, whose defenders already are hard pressed. The danger to China's Burma road becomes very real.

Looking southward, the Japanese possibly have sealed the fate of Sumatra by taking Singapore. The British have not revealed the extent of their losses, but they probably suffered heavily, even disastrously, in men and material, and the extent to which they can participate in the defense of Sumatra is problematical.

By occupying Palembang in southern Sumatra, the Japanese have drawn perilously close to Batavia, seat of the Allied high command. They have Java blocked off from the west, north and east, from Palembang to Amboina island.

The loss of Sumatra would mean the loss to the Allies of the bulk of their oil supply in the Indies, since Sumatra accounts for about one-half of production. The Dutch apparently have succeeded in thwarting the parachute troops and destroying the installations at the great oil center of Palembang. The Japanese thus will not derive any immediate benefit but the Allies will be hampered by the difficulties of transporting oil from the middle east and the United States. Moreover the Japanese will be able to prey on shipping in the Indian

ocean.

Thus the outlook, while not hopeless, is admittedly dark. That is why Prime Minister Churchill was unable to hold forth any promise of good tidings in the near future. In fact, he predicted that news "of many misfortunes and gnawing anxieties lie before us."

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Answers To Test Questions

Below are the answers to the Test Questions printed on Page Two

1. Lieutenant General.
2. False.
3. Ulysses S. Grant.
4. Crematory.
5. Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Richmond.
6. Minnesota.
7. \$20,000.
8. State.
9. George V.
10. True.

1. \$15,000.

2. The National Defense Media-
tion Board.

3. Midas.

4. Angora goats.

5. Water.

6. Buy a pig in a poke.

7. True.

8. July 14.

9. Andrew Johnson.

10. Anthony Hope.

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