

Rubber Drive Is Going To Have Grand Finish

Gas Masks Taken Into Spotlight of Shortage

As the current rubber drive approaches its close, people from all walks of life are joining in the search for salvage. They find such unused and sometimes forgotten items as an old pair of rubbers, a worn-out section of garden hose hidden away under the house, or even a rubber bath mat which no one in the family ever uses. Because every citizen hopes to be provided with a gas mask sometime in the near future, rubber hunters who have succeeded in collecting only a small pile of idle items should be interested in the fact that a gas mask requires 1.8 pounds of natural rubber.

Rubber is needed to make gas masks for fighting men as well as civilians. And every pound of reclaimed rubber releases a pound of natural rubber for making a gas mask. It takes about two pounds of salvage rubber to make one pound of reclaimed rubber, according to authorities. Sixteen pounds of old rubber would make enough natural rubber for gas masks for a family of four.

One old tire carcass would more than take care of that poundage. Add to that all the old rubber scattered around the average home—the split hot water bottles, worn-out rubber gloves, raincoats, shower caps, floor and sink mats, right down to the rubber heels on last year's pair of shoes, and one family will have contributed enough for many gas masks.

Of course, gas masks are only one of the many vitally necessary items that this nation-wide drive for salvage rubber will help make, including, if the drive is successful, the possibility of tire re-caps to keep cars rolling on war time errands.

Initials Always Do Confuse Some People

Obviously nervous and no little distressed, a recruit approached his sergeant at Camp Wolters, Tex. "Tell me something, if you please, sir," he implored. "What does this 'AUS' mean that they've put after my name on the roll?"

"Why, that stands for Army of the United States," the non-com replied. "Whew!" sighed the soldier. "Man, I thought that meant Australia!"

These Soldiers May Take on Liars' Club

At Camp Crowder, Mo., a "veteran" was telling an Oklahoma

rookie how dusty it was when he had arrived at camp 10 weeks before. "Why," he exclaimed, "the dust was so thick then you couldn't see five feet ahead of you!"

The rookie wasn't much impressed. "That's nothin'," he came back. "Where I come from, a feller's got to stop every three feet and look behind him to see where he's been!"

Life Has Compensation In Checks, Balances Blood Donors Conclude

It was a nice arrangement the men had worked out at Columbus flying school, in Georgia. They would drop in at the post hospital occasionally and become blood donors—incidentally picking up a little side money to take out their girl friends.

Word got around that eating raw onions would increase the amount of blood. More blood to give, more money to spend—that's the way it added up. But not the way it worked out. True, the soldiers found, they might eat onions and get more pocket change, but it meant less dancing and few dates. The girls didn't go for the onions!

Overnight Pass Takes Man Across Country

Private Malcolm Dixon, of Fort Devens, Mass., walked up to his sergeant, went through the routine explanation of why, when and where, and then stood by while the non-com wrote out an overnight pass. Private Dixon only wanted to go in to Boston for the evening.

As the pass turned out, the sergeant—who had been transferred from the Southwest only a short time before—absent-mindedly had written Fort Worth, Tex., as Dixon's destination. But more breath-taking even, he had dated the one-night pass as officially good from May 10, 1942, to May 11, 1943—a full year's free time for Private Dixon!

Tom Cat Turns Out as Mother of Big Family

At Gunter Field, Ala., a pet tom-cat has been the chapel mascot. Old Tom, as he was known to the men, has held forth at the chapel

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ever since its construction was started—and he was looked upon as a more or less permanent fixture.

Now it looks like Tom has really decided to stick around—much to the surprise of the chaplain and men at the Field, "he" recently became the mother of five kittens!

A Few Signs

Placard at a moving picture show: "Young children must have parents."

In a barber shop window: "During alterations, patrons will be shaved in the back."

Sign on a Broadway store: "Empty boxes—suitable for holiday gifts."

In a clothing store: "These pants will look better on your legs than on our hands."

Movie Actress Brings Fire to Target Range

This comes from Fort Riley, Kan., and although logical enough, it's still a bit far-fetched—although they swear it's true. A group of soldiers were lined up on the range for machine gun practice.

"Ready... aim..." intoned the officer. Just then Ann Sheridan sauntered up—the moving picture star happened to be visiting the camp that day. "Fire!" came the command. Tracer bullets, landing far wide of the target, started a grass fire which swept 100 yards before it could be extinguished.

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