## **Governor's Proclamation**

## PROCLAMATION

It is hereby proclaimed that the National Scrap Harvest Program will begin in Missouri on Thursday, August 20, 1942. The intensive campaign will continue for approximately three weeks. The materials which it is especially desired shall be collected by our citizens are iron, steel, rubber, copper, brass, aluminum, zinc, lead, rags, burlap and waste cooking fats.

The Chairman of the local salvage committee in each community may be consulted for information as to the place to which the scrap collected in such community may be taken by the people or as to who will gather it up from the people after it has been collected by them.

Millions of tons of materials must be collected from farms, homes, plants, factories, other places of business and elsewhere in our Nation to be used directly in the prosecution of the war.

The size of the task which it is expected we Missourians shall perform in this program appears from the fact that Missouri has a quota of 400,000 tons of scrap metals by December 31, 1942.

Every Missourian is urged to collect all above mentioned materials within his or her control and to do so immediately.

Let every one of us respond whole-heartedly!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and cause the great Seal of the State of Missouri to be affixed at the City of Jefferson, State of Missouri, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two.

Governor of Missouri.

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Secretary of State.

Proclamation from Missouri Governor Forrest C. Donnell about the National Scrap Harvest Program, August 20, 1942. *Missouri State Archives* 

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During World War II, some trash was valuable. Old tires could be made into new tires and scrap metal was needed to make guns, grenades and planes. The governor of Missouri issued this proclamation asking people to help with the war effort by holding scrap drives to collect used materials.

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