"YOU CAN DEFEND AMERICA" REVUE
PRESENTED AT FEDERATION CONVENTION
Spirited Revue Gives Touchstone
For Total Victory

The highest patriotic service for women is to build the unconquerable
spirit that will secure cooperation on the home front, production on the industrial
front and victory on the battle front. "You Can Defend America", a patriotic
revue for total victory, presented at the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
convention on Thursday evening, April 9th, brought this home to all who
attended. Mrs. Ralph E. Butler, and the Georgia Federation presented the revue
during its widespread tour which has already counted up 125 performances in
over twenty states at the requests of Governors, State Assemblies and Defense
Councils. Hoping to "point the way for civilian action by communities throughout
the nation,....and stimulate the alert and responsible citizenship essential for
total victory," the Federated Women's Clubs, here as in several states, initiated
the visit of this volunteer cast of ninety -- businessmen, secretaries, machinists,
housewives, -- people from every walk of life who are giving their time and
talent to create a war-winning spirit throughout the country.

The first performances of the present tour of the "You Can Defend America"
revue was presented by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, President of the General
Federation of Women's Clubs, as the climax of the National Defense Forum of
the General Federation in Washington, D.C. on January 25th. Speaking of the
"You Can Defend America" program and the victory handbook of the same name on which
the show is based, Mrs. Whitehurst said: "The destiny of America hangs in the
balance of total war. We move uncompromisingly toward total \textit{max} material
armament. With equal master our people must quickly build the spiritual
bastions of defense. 'You Can Defend America' gives the secret of morale \textit{max}
and how to build it. It gives the moral dynamic that will insure total victory."

KNITTERS FOR UNITY

In nine stirring scenes, with toe-tapping tunes, and drama that shakes the
sides and stirs the soul, the revue calls every man, women and child to
an all-out, war-winning effort. Mrs. Homemaker's committee in the "Home Defense" chorus, with their songs and sparkle, give a three point program in which every women can elist. The first is, we must all be "fear-fighters as well as fire-fighters". We not only should be ready to extinguish the flames left by bombs, but we must have a cure for the dreads of bombs and bereavement. Second, we must be "users and not wasters". A program of no waste in the ice-box, no waste in the cash-box and no waste in the brain-box will work at home, on the job or in a committee. The third point from the Home Defense chorus is that we can all be "knitters for unity". Most women are knitting something these days. The women who have learned to conquer fear, to eliminate waste, to use all of everything will also know how to knit the home, the neighborhood, the community and their country together.

So let's all march on to the stirring theme song of the "You Can Defend America" revue:

Ships and guns and planes we need,
Our country to defend
But we must arm the hearts of men,
To win out in the end.