

LIBRARY OFFERS TIMELY BOOKS

During the past two months the increase in the number of townspeople using the Clinton public library has been most gratifying. Library officials add their assurance that they are welcome at all times and that the resources of the library are at their disposal.

Among the books added during the past week are two very beautiful volumes edited by Samuel Chamberlain, "Fair Is Our Land" and "France Will Live Again." Either of these will warm your heart. The first is a collection of photographs, etchings, lithographs, and woodcuts featuring the American countryside. At the time of publication several months ago, the New Yorker magazine called it the handsomest and most moving picture book one was likely to find in 1942. "France Will Live Again" is a companion book and contains scenes from the French countryside which was so picturesque before the war.

Ambassador Joseph Grew's "Report From Tokyo" should be a "must" book for every American. The contents are what the title indicates.

Those of you who expect to be called to army duty or who have a husband or son in the army will be interested in Griffin and Shaw's "School of the Citizen Soldier." This book is recommended especially to those women who have husbands on army duty. It was written for the civilian and contains much interesting and worthwhile information about army organization and army duties.

During the summer months Herbert Hoover and Hugh Gibson released their volume, "Problems of the Lasting Peace." It is an important book and is what McCormick in The New York Times called an honest and courageous contribution to a debate which will determine the future of the world. He added that it does not matter how far the reader agrees; what matters is that the book be widely read and discussed.

If you have joined the hundreds of other Americans in the desire to be physically fit, Kiputh's "How To Be Fit" is worth examination.

Carl Sandburg's "Storm Over Our Land" is another contribution to the history of the United States Civil war. It is taken mainly from the pages of his four volume "Abraham Lincoln: The War Years."

J. K. Lasser's "Your Income Tax" should be a welcome volume to every library patron. This is a simple volume and is not guaranteed to cure all the ills or answer all the questions connected with your income tax return. It was not written for the tax expert but, if you want some idea of what March 15th holds in store for you, glance at this small book.



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Uncle Sam is doing a whale of a job in this global war—and a big part of it is being done by long distance telephone.

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SOUTH CLINTON NEWS FOR THE WEEK

Miss Eloise Brown, Correspondent
and Representative

Little Maxie Davis of Cedar Springs, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Davis.

Mrs. Guy Emery has returned to Enoree after a week's visit with her son, Floyd Emery, and family.

Jim Garland and Tiny Fuller of Greenwood, visited Miss Margie Turner Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Todd is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Harper, in Greenwood.

Bill Crocker is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crocker, in Winston-Salem, N. C.

J. L. Rhodes of Union, spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Burden, Mr. and Mrs. James Estes and Mrs. Sara James of Woodruff, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mills.

Pvt. Ernest Prince of Hingham, Mass., is spending a ten-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. S. L. Prince.

Mrs. Katherine Lewis is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cauble visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Terry in Mountville Sunday.

Mrs. Milton King of Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Langford and Mrs. Alma Harvey visited Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Medlock in Whitmire Sunday.

Miss Robbie Eskew of Columbia, spent the week-end with Miss Hazel Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellett of Ninety-Six, spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Blackwell.

Miss Edna Farmer of Goldville, spent the week-end with Miss Lois Farmer.

Robert Overstreet left Saturday for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will be employed in a defense plant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mahaffey and children of Conestee, are now making their home with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford.

Otis Fuller of Union, spent the week-end with Clarence Boyce.

Mrs. Paul Alban has returned to New Orleans La., after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Robert Huff. Mrs. Alban is the former Miss Roberta Huff.

Bo Brown spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Maude Turner.

Mrs. Ben Harvey and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. Louise Harvey spent the week-end with Mrs. Margaret Harris in Laurens.

Mrs. Lois Webb of Goldville, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Fuller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Godfrey.

With The Sick

W. P. McLendon is improving after a few days of illness.

Friends of Joe Todd will regret to know he is a patient at Hays hospital.

Robert Huff, Sr., is suffering a fractured foot injury received Saturday afternoon.

Friends of Mrs. H. B. McLendon will be glad to know she is improving after two weeks' illness.

Mrs. Homer Richey is improving after several days' illness.

Friends of Pfc. Roy Owens will be interested to know he has returned to camp after being a patient in the hospital.

Mrs. M. B. Satterfield is ill at her home.

Mrs. Pauline Lawson is improving after several weeks' illness.

Miss Ruby Waldrep is ill at her home on Davis avenue.

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crawford observed their 18th wedding anniversary January 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Glenn observed their 2nd wedding anniversary January 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hughes celebrated their silver wedding anniversary yesterday.

Birthdays

Little Barbara Ann Mills is celebrating her 8th birthday today.

Mrs. Mary Fuller observed a birthday January 31st.

Little Billy Harris will celebrate his second birthday February 6.

Little Jerald Dean Satterfield will have a birthday February 7.

Jimmy Davis observed a birthday January 21st.

W. M. S. Study Course

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church is having a study course this week. The book, "They Need Not Go Away," is being taught by Miss Mary Johnson.

Lydia Baptist Church Services

Sunday school—10:30.
Preaching—11:30.
Professor Henry Cole of Langley, is expected to be present states the pastor, Rev. W. A. Tinsley.

B. T. U.—6:30.
Preaching—7:30.
The public is invited.

Lydia Presbyterian Church

Sunday school—10:15.
Preaching—11:00.
At a business meeting on January 31, the Lydia Presbyterian church elected and ordained Clarence Neal as deacon. A building committee was also elected.

Todd-Sparino Rites

Miss Rebecca M. Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Todd of this community, and Charles Sparino, of Freeport, N. Y., were quietly mar-

A Private Citizen Speaks His Mind Spectator Comments On Men and Things

Back in the rough days—when rulers were rulers and threw their weight about—the Children of Israel were under the heel of Pharaoh, as the ruler of Egypt was called. Pharaoh was one of the tough guys; so tough, in fact, that Leon Henderson and his bureaucrats appear by comparison as filled with the milk of human kindness—or shall we say gasoline. Now this tough old bird didn't like the Israelites. He was so jealous of them that he made them labor at hard tasks. By way of proving that old Pharaoh was worse than the rubber tire rationers, I need only cite the Scriptural record which proves that he compelled the Chosen People to make bricks without straw. Since those days of great tribulation Bible readers have borrowed from the Old Book the expression denoting tasks of almost inconceivable severity, handicapped, hamstrung, yet under the stern compulsion of unrelenting taskmasters. So we say, "he must make bricks without straw." Now we are coming to the milk of the coconut. I refer again to my friends, my fellow farmers, my co-sufferers in the noble cause of wringing from the soil her bounteous produce—and so on, you know. They labor with little or no help; while great, husky (maybe soft) fellows bellow from the hustings that the farmer should produce more. The farmer must do more on less. Well, how is the farmer to do all these wonders? He must operate his farm with less labor, less fertilizer, less machinery—and less of everything, but he must produce more! Are there no social gains for the farmers? Must he be the miracle man?

The farmer is the grandest man of them all. Everybody says so, but few do much about it except palaver.

Is the political situation getting out of hand? Ordinarily we think of Senator Edgar Brown as the sharp-shooter with musket aimed at Cotton Ed's seat in the United States senate. Some weeks ago when friends in Colleton told me that Governor Jefferies had senatorial ambitions I took it lightly, like this: No, that can't be, for Senators Brown and Jefferies will not clash in forensic rivalry for a Washington toga. But, perhaps, I'm in error. Cotton Ed may be a sick man today, but he has the most marvelous recuperative powers and he is no slouch himself—as everybody knows. Besides, all will recall that the late John Aull topped it off by saying that "Ellie Smith is undefeated. In order to bring about his election the very elements will conspire; storms will blow up or the floods will come." The grizzled old deerslayer of Lynchburg is a battler on the stump. But if Governor Johnston enters the race, and those other three stalwarts come in, why, then, we may look forward to next year with a thrill.

That doesn't mean that no one else will run. Suppose Judge Bleas should decide to make the race? Well, there's no use to throw any more scares. Still, if the Judge should really warm up and go after the boys, he would make his weight felt. And even that isn't all. Doubtless a dozen men of mature years and devoted charm have been watching Cotton Ed's seat for years, and may decide that this is the golden opportunity. Well, my newspaper and radio friends will not be sorry if the campaign becomes lively.

Wouldn't it be desirable to decide some questions on the basis of merit? Ponder this: It has been suggested that a taxpayer, when paying his state income tax, should be allowed to deduct, in computing his taxable income, the income taxes he has paid to the federal government. Nothing could be more reasonable. Why, indeed, should a taxpayer pay taxes on taxes? The real purpose is to collect taxes on what the taxpayer enjoys for his private use. Nobody can defend that. It is hard even to understand the utter foolishness of this double taxation and the absurdity of taxing tax money. But when the matter is presented we hear that to relieve a taxpayer of this enormity would imperil the treasury of the state. This is all stuff and nonsense. The first obligation of the state is to exercise its taxing powers wisely. It certainly has not done so in this case; so the appropriate correction should be made.

Doesn't it strike you as inconceivable that a simple, straightforward correction of obvious inequity should be opposed, even though it cost the state a half million to three quarters of a million dollars, while we are whooping up teachers' salaries a couple of million, welfare at least a half million, and a few hundreds of thousands in other directions. In other words, the state wishes to be generous, free-hearted, open-handed, like a Lord Bountiful, but it doesn't care about unglamorous acts of simple justice where the political result is not readily calculable. I do not think the safety of the state depends on giving the taxpayers this small measure of justice; nor do I think the success of our democracy depends upon any bill, or even all, the bills, that appropriate so freely. Some time, of course, we may conclude that it is worth something to be right. That, however, is asking much, in the weakness of the flesh.

Friends from different parts of the state have spoken to me about the higher valuations being put on automobiles by order of the Tax Commission. I knew nothing about this—and I still wonder how my friends happened to be so well informed. But the tax commission is not only an efficiently conducted department, but one in which courtesy is the rule. Upon inquiry I learned from Mr. Craig, who is director of the property division, that the commission is following its established practice of adopting the used-car-values of a recognized authority and that as used cars have a higher sale value now, they are being valued more for taxation. Within the past six months, however, something has happened. If a man may not use his car himself, because of gasoline and rubber scarcity, what chance has he to sell his car? How, then, shall we justify a higher valuation, which means a higher tax, when the car is worth decidedly less? Would not our commission be fairer if it reduced last year's valuation, rather than increased it?

The general assembly made a good beginning; let us hope that the excellent start may not be lost in a confusion of purpose or conflict of plans and ambitions. There are several schemes under way to soak up the surplus without leaving even a wet spot. If the legislature lends an ear to all pleaders it might as well resign itself to a long and heated session. If it would make readjustments in some salaries by economizing in other departments it could adopt two definite and definitive rules:

1. To invest all surplus in war bonds; and

2. Reduce appropriations wherever possible, using the savings for payment of something more to some very deserving and meritorious workers.

Though the nation staggers under awful debt and tax burdens; though our young manhood struggles through a welter of blood, yet will political services call and clamor for more.

It is a waste of time to look for services which have no value; of course all have some value, whether great or small; but are not Americans denying themselves something? Has any public service made a sacrifice equal to the sacrifice of our cars and

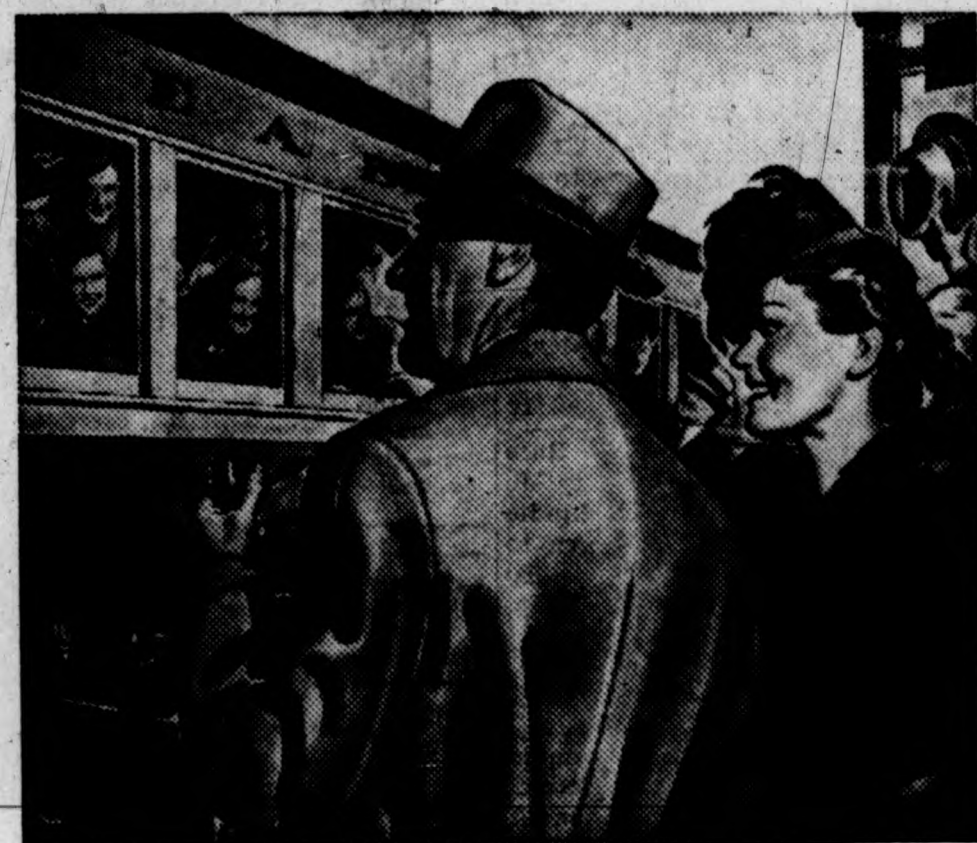
of our right to move about at will? Has any public service risen to the degree of sacrifice of their own members who have entered the armed forces? Has any public service sacrificed anything at all? Yet the proposed budget calls for more spending! Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?

Our leaders of the general assembly owe a debt of responsibility to the taxpayers. Their position gives power, and the power should be used for the public good, not for the development or aggrandizement of institutions which have built up lobbies either physically numerous or sentimentally appealing. Some of us should take off our mantle of charity sometimes and let the results speak

for themselves. But the great majority of legislators are not on the inside of any of this. Why don't they assert their rights and perform their duty by scrutinizing every dollar of the state's spending?

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