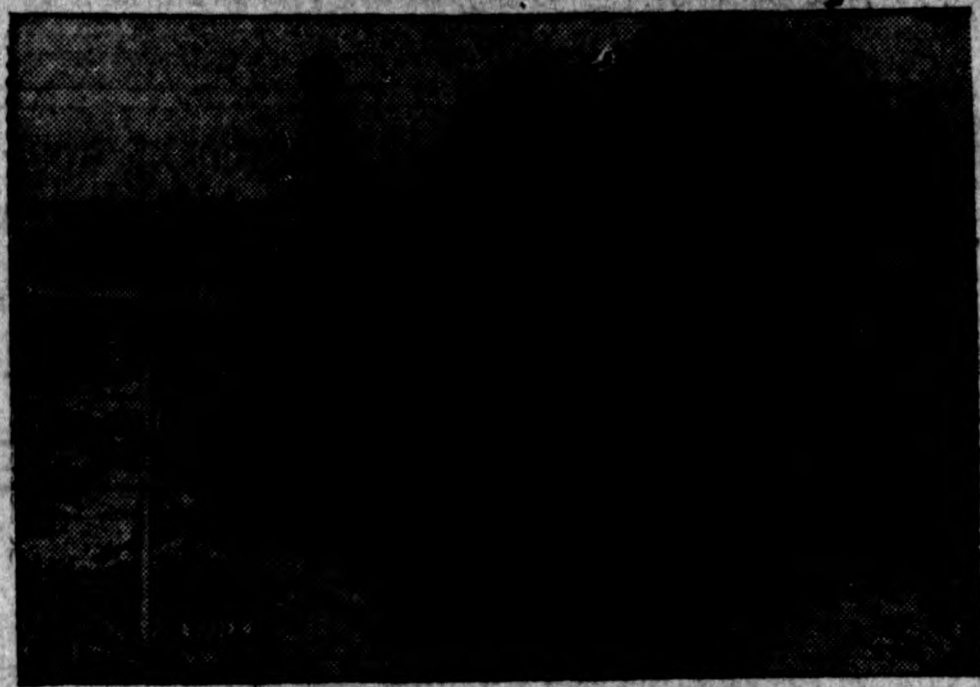


Soldiers' Serenade in Sicily



As Axis resistance in Sicily crumbled and the Italian government turned today with the sudden ousting of Benito Mussolini, these American soldiers in Sicily celebrate the Allied successes with song. The instruments were probably borrowed from Sicilian natives.

23 WHITE MEN GO TO CAMP CROFT

Clinton draft board No. 50 sent 23 white selectees Tuesday to Camp Croft, Spartanburg, for examination and possible induction in the armed services. The call is for August.

The draftees accepted will receive three-week furloughs before being called into the service.

Those included in the call are: William Houston Crawford, Ware Shoals.

Walker Owens, Anderson. Toy Harold Murphy, Goldville. Robert Coleman McGinnis, Clinton. Jackson Pink Morgan, Goldville.

Edgar Talmadge Pressley, Laurens. Alvin Wesley Whitchel, Mountville. William Fred Hellams, Gray Court. Homer Lee Fuller, Clinton.

Gerald Edward Morse, Goldville. James Cochran Crane, Mountville.

Cecil Lawson, Clinton. Thomas Wesley Brown, Clinton. Garland Wilford Clardy, Greenville.

Gay Vergle Sellers, Laurens. James P. Workman, Clinton. John Wesley Sharpe, Princeton.

Howard Willie Motes, Rt. 2, Clinton. Ozzie James Allen, Ware Shoals.

James Ernest Osborne, Goldville. William Edward Knight, Clinton. Eugene Ledford, Rt. 1, Clinton.

Claude Mathew Williams, Rt. 1, Clinton.

PUBLIC CANNERY NOW IN OPERATION

The school cannery is now in operation and will run each day this week, beginning the week of August 9, according to P. H. Hobson, superintendent of schools. Until further notice, he states, it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, or at other times if special arrangements are made with L. E. Reeder, vocational agriculture teacher for the local high school. Mr. Reeder can be seen in person or called at phone 140 or 262.

The cannery is prepared to can any and all vegetables and meats. The cost to the person canning will be: for No. 3 cans 7c, and No. 2 cans 6c, if the cans are furnished by the canner; if the individual furnishes cans the price will be 3c per can. Persons desiring canning done must furnish all labor necessary for putting the materials into the cans and sealing them. After then, the manager of the cannery will take charge and complete the operation.

Materials to be canned should be at the cannery not later than 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Vegetables to be canned should not be prepared more than two to three hours before placing into cans unless they are kept in a cool place over night, according to those in charge of the project.

Betts On Vacation At Bon Clarken

Dr. C. Bynum Betts, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Betts left this week for a month's vacation stay at Bon Clarken, the A. R. P. church's summer assembly grounds at Flat Rock, N. C.

Preaching services will be suspended at the church for the month of August in the absence of the pastor, but Sunday school and other meetings will be conducted as usual, it has been announced.

Special Services At Rocky Springs Church

Beginning Sunday, August 8, special evangelistic services will be held at Rocky Springs Presbyterian church near here. The services will be conducted by Dr. D. J. Woods of this city, supply pastor of the church for the past several months. All members and friends are cordially invited.

Hours Monday through Friday will be 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

RATIONING BOARD BULLETIN (OPA)

(Compiled to date for information of The Chronicle's readers).

COFFEE—No longer rationed.

SUGAR—Stamp 13 in war ration book 1 is good for five pounds of sugar until August 15. Stamp 14 becomes valid August 16 for 5 lbs. of sugar and lasts until November 1. Stamps 15 and 16 in book 1 may also be used to get sugar for canning and will be good until October 31.

BLUE STAMPS R, S, and T became valid July 25. They are good until September 7. Other blue stamps valid are N, P, and Q, which last until August 7.

RED STAMP T became valid July 25 and will be good through August 31. Red Stamp U became valid August 1, Red Stamp V becomes valid August 8, and Red Stamp W becomes valid August 15. All expire August 31. Also good are Red Stamps P, Q, R, and S, which expired July 31. Red Stamps are good for meats, shortening, butter, cheese, canned meats and canned fish.

GASOLINE—A-6 coupons are now valid for 3 gallons.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 in war ration book 1 now good for one pair of shoes until October 31. Stamps are interchangeable among members of the family only.

TIRES—Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles using tires smaller than 7.50x20 may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camelback without applying to their local war price and rationing boards.

FUEL OIL—Period 5, ten gallons until September 30. Period 1 (new) until January 3.

Public Welfare Board Makes Annual Report

During the fiscal year ended June 30, a total of \$124,688.45 was awarded to the needy aged, needy blind, dependent children, and other handicapped and unfortunate persons in Laurens county, it is announced by the county board of public welfare, composed of James M. Donnan, chairman, L. E. Bishop and M. L. McDaniel.

Following are the amounts used for assistance to each type of needy persons during the year: Needy aged, \$96,652.89. Needy blind, \$2,097.72. Dependent children: \$23,327.23. Other handicapped persons, \$2,610.61.

Mrs. Mabel B. Little, director of the county welfare department, explained that one-half of the money for the first three types of assistance is provided by the state and one-half by the federal government. Funds for other handicapped persons are appropriated equally by the county and the state, with no contribution from federal sources.

During the year an average of 797 persons each month were given old age assistance, while the average number receiving aid to the needy blind was 18, and the number of children receiving aid averaged 124 monthly. Approximately 22 other handicapped persons received assistance each month from the county and the state.

Roberts Granted Leave Of Absence

At a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church held Sunday at the conclusion of the morning service, the resignation of the pastor, Dr. J. K. Roberts, was presented. Dr. Roberts, in presenting his resignation by letter, stated that he was taking the action in order to enter the army as a chaplain.

The congregation refused to accept the resignation and adopted a motion granting the pastor a year's leave of absence, another congregational meeting to be held, the motion stated, at the end of one year.

Dr. Roberts stated yesterday that he expects to be called into the service at an early date.

Roper To Direct United Campaign

Drive In Fall Will Combine Various War Objectives. Committees Named.

Cecil P. Roper, well known Laurens merchant and citizen, has been named chairman for Laurens county of the National War Fund, recently created organization to coordinate fund-raising activities of various war relief organizations.

Mr. Roper has accepted the position and has set up a county wide committee to have charge of the drive this fall, the goal to be announced later. M. F. Reid, of Laurens, has been named publicity chairman.

The following committeemen have been announced by Chairman Roper: Laurens: C. K. Wright, L. G. Balle, E. D. Easterby, R. M. Cushman, A. C. Martin, Jr., R. M. Erwin, T. P. Townsend, H. E. Pearson, A. I. Mason, Merle L. Brown, Henry M. Paris, J. W. Dunklin, L. H. Taylor, F. H. Calne, C. B. Cannon, J. C. Todd, L. S. McMillan, D. F. Patterson;

Clinton: D. C. Heustess, chairman, R. E. Ferguson, W. P. Jacobs, R. L. Plaxico, H. D. Payne, I. M. Adair, Hubert Boyd, Robert Hamer, W. Roy Pitts, Roy Gasque, H. L. Eichelberger, Dr. D. O. Rhame, J. Isaac Copeland, Goynne L. Simpson, F. M. Boland, E. H. Wilkes, J. Leland Young, Pat H. Hobson, D. B. Smith, W. C. Neely, P. S. Bailey, Dorroh Hairston; Goldville: W. A. Moorhead, J. B. Hart, G. N. Foy, Bruce Galloway; Waterloo: N. C. Clark.

Organizations to be included in the National War Fund, according to a publicity release from Columbia, will be the U.S.O., United Seaman's Service, War Prisoner's Aid Committee, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, British War Relief for Occupied Countries (Greece, Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Norway), Aid for Refugees, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children, administrative expense and contingent fund, the net amount to be raised in the nation being \$125,000,000.

Mr. Roper pointed out that the campaign is to be entirely separate from the Red Cross fund gathering campaign which came last year in the spring.

Price Panel Asks Support

The local price panel of the war price and rationing board asks the co-operation of every citizen in the board area, which includes Clinton, Cross Hill, Goldville, Kinards and Mountville, in helping to hold prices in line.

The duties of the price panel are three-fold: educational, compliance and collection of data. They assist the merchant with their problems relative to old and new regulations, explain the correct way to post ceiling prices and clarify other individual problems of the merchants and customers.

Other duties of the panel are: periodic check-ups on those businessmen who fail to comply with price control rules, receive and investigate complaints regarding local price ceiling violations, help local merchants work out correct compliance procedures and to provide the Columbia district office with information regarding the price problems and difficulties faced by the merchants.

The price panel is a unit of the local war price and rationing board, located on South Broad street. The panel meets on Tuesdays at the office to consider routine problems. Merchants and consumers are invited to attend these meetings.

Weevil Infestation Showing Increase

Boll weevil infestation during the past week showed an increase over that of the previous week, according to County Agent C. B. Cannon.

Checking for the week showed an average of 33 2-3 per cent punctured squares where some form of poison was used as compared with 12 1/2 per cent the week before. Where no poison was used last week's check showed 83 per cent punctured squares as compared with 65 per cent the week before.

The report, Mr. Cannon states, is based on punctured squares and does not take into consideration the grown bolls.

JEANES LOSES SISTER

Friends of J. D. Jeanes will sympathize with him in the death of his sister, Mrs. M. H. Hunter, Sr., of Laurens. Among Clinton relatives and friends attending the funeral Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes, Mrs. C. P. Robinson, Mrs. A. B. Blakely, Jr., Mrs. Ansel Godfrey, Mrs. John T. Young, Mrs. N. Reese Young, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dillard, Mrs. George W. Bailey, Mrs. A. P. Little, and Mrs. Fleming Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lynn leave today for Montreat, N. C., to spend a few days with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Ross Lynn.

DADS BE DRAFTED AFTER OCTOBER 1

Boards Instructed To Call Men With Families When Others Are Not Available.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Local draft boards were authorized by selective service today to call up pre-Pearl Harbor fathers after October 1, but only to the extent "absolutely required" to meet their monthly quotas.

One authoritative estimate was that only some 300,000 fathers living with and supporting children born before last September 15 and not engaged in non-defense work would actually be inducted this year.

Another 150,000, however, probably will have to be sent to induction stations in order to get 300,000 fully qualified men.

Since there are 6,559,000 non-farming fathers, this would indicate that only about one out of 22 will be put into uniform in 1943.

The 744,000 fathers regularly engaged in agricultural work will continue virtually draft-proof for occupational reasons.

Preparatory reclassifications may begin at once, but local boards were forbidden to order fathers to report for induction before October 1 if they are maintaining a bona-fide home relationship with children born before September 15 and are not workers in the activities classed as non-deferred.

Also, the boards were instructed to continue calling single and childless married men first if they have no occupational hardship ground for deferment and to make reclassifications out of the fathers' group, 3-A, "only as needed to meet the demands upon a local board for men for military service."

The calling of fathers will be according to their draft order numbers regardless of their number or age of their children, unless they are granted deferment as "essential" in agriculture or industry or unless their induction would mean "extreme hardship and privation to their families."

The decision in each man's case will be up to his local board subject to appeal.

In deciding whether to grant hardship deferment, classification 3-D, boards are to take into consideration provisions for allotments to dependents of service men and "other means by which the registrant could contribute to his family's support in event of induction."

Currently wives get \$50 monthly, \$22 taken from the husband's pay and \$28 as an outright government grant—while the government gives \$12 for the first child and \$10 more monthly for each additional child.

ON THE WAR FRONTS

SICILY—All-out attack hurls back Axis defenders in Sicily's "coffin corner." Allies burst into western end of Catania plain, while other forces take Regalbuto and Centuripe, almost in shadow of Axis anchor, Mount Etna. American Seventh army rushes ahead along northern coast.

ITALY—Badoglio ignores Allied ultimatum, amid reports that anti-Fascists stand ready to aid Allies when invasion comes. Axis radio reports seven-point armistice proposal sent to Rome by Roosevelt. Naples, meanwhile, raided by Allied bombers, while Germans rush defenses along Po river in north Italy.

WESTERN EUROPE—Reeling port of Hamburg, already reported mass of rubble, pounded for eighth time in 10 days by RAF heavy bombers. Fresh destruction breaks all records for sustained attack, with once-important city virtually wiped out by 16,000,000 pounds of explosives. Stockholm reports more than 30,000 killed in the first seven raids.

RUSSIA—Soviet forces lunge forward for final kill at Orel. Seventy more villages fall to Russians in vast encircling actions which also cut Nazi communications.

BALKANS—German and Rumanian fire fighters battle vainly to stem conflagration, reported raging through entire petroleum area of Ploesti after Allied air raid.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Munda offensive nears climax as U. S. troops inch closer to vital Jap air base with howitzers, tanks and flame-throwers. Other forces on New Guinea bring Japs Salamaua base under artillery fire for first time.

Local Business Men Rejected

William Brooks Owens and Thomas Eldred Addison, who were in the July quota sent last week to Camp Croft for possible induction into the armed forces, were rejected and have returned to their homes here.

Mr. Owens is manager of the Young-Copeland Poster Advertising Service. Mr. Addison is proprietor of Dixie Beverage company.



JOSEPH F. DIXON

RENNO BOY WINS SILVER STAR MEDAL

Joseph F. Dixon, technical fifth grade, medical detachment 178th field artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Dixon of Renno, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action.

The official citation reads: "On March —, 1943, in El Guettar area, Tunisia, assigned as an ambulance driver for a battalion aid station, T-5 Dixon, with the assistance of his helper, evacuated two seriously wounded men from an anti-tank gun position while enemy artillery shells were falling within a few feet of them. Although once knocked from his feet by concussion of an exploding shell, he coolly aided in removing the wounded men in an ambulance which was pierced by shellfire. He returned them to his battalion aid station, and a short while later, evacuated one to a clearing station over a road which was clearly under enemy shell fire. His courage and his devotion to duty merit the highest praise. By command of Brigadier General Crane."

T-5 Gr. Dixon entered service in January, 1940, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., before leaving for foreign service. His wife is the former Miss Olive Nabors of this city.

He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Geer of this city.

City Schools To Open September 6

The 1943-44 session of the Clinton public schools will open on Monday, September 6, at 8:30, it was announced yesterday by Supt. Pat H. Hobson.

The first faculty meeting, he stated, will be held on Saturday morning, the 4th, at 10 o'clock in the high school building.

It is understood that the faculty for the year has not yet been completed by the board of trustees.

Laurens Child Dies Of Injuries

Laurens, Aug. 1.—Funeral services for Henry Edward Bass, 2 years and 8 months, were held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bass Monday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. D. E. Boozer and the Rev. L. M. Smith. Interment followed at Watts Mill cemetery.

The little boy died Saturday night in the Laurens County hospital shortly after being hit by an automobile in front of his home.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bass, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Duncan.

PICTURE AT BAILEY MEMORIAL

A moving picture, "From Eden to Calvary," will be shown Sunday evening, August 8, at 8 o'clock at Bailey Memorial M. E. Church, South, to which the public is invited.

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FEDERAL LEVIES APPROACH LIMIT, GEORGE ASSERTS

Little Man To Be Destroyed If Taxes Go To Excessive Levels.

Vienna, Ga., Aug. 3.—Senator Walter F. George, of Georgia, chairman of the senate finance committee, warned today that further drastic increases of individual income taxes may destroy the nation's little man, and asserted:

"The virility and strength of any civilization depends upon the middle classes. There is no other way to pull together the very poor and the very rich. The middle class is the liaison."

Observing that revenue of the federal government has increased 10-fold in the last decade, Senator George said in an interview at his home that new taxes to be enacted at the forthcoming session of congress may be expected to yield not more than five or six billions of dollars, or scarcely one-half the administration's estimate of need.

Federal income now, he said, is approximately 35 billions of dollars annually, and new taxes would raise this to possibly 40 billions. The magnitude of the job can be appreciated, he continued, when it is remembered that all federal income, including tariffs, never exceeded three or four billions annually prior to 1933.

"One of the strong reasons why I believe we cannot greatly increase individual rates in 1943," he explained, "is that under law, income tax rates must be uniform. Since we have this principle, any drastic increase would be overwhelming for those taxpayers with low or moderate fixed incomes, such as wages, salaries, self-owned business, annuities and the like."

Because rates must be uniform, George explained, the government cannot levy a heavier tax on persons with war-boomed pay, except as such pay places them in the higher brackets.

"Few people realize it, but the present income tax on persons making \$150,000 a year or more is right at 90 per cent. Obviously, we cannot expect to get much more from the relatively few Americans with incomes over \$150,000."

"Any large increase must fall on the middle income brackets and down to \$2,500 and \$3,000. The truth is that of our national income (now at 140 billions) some 91 billion goes to people in the lower brackets—people whose income is \$3,000 or less."

"When we realize that taxes must be uniform, it is clear that further drastic increase would be back-breaking and destructive to the middle class and to the lower upper-class."

"I would be greatly surprised if the ways and means committee of the house undertook to raise any specific sum of additional revenue, and I would be still more surprised if, at the end of the work of the two committees (house and senate), we succeed in raising more than five or six billions in new revenue."

"Some five or six billions can be raised without destroying our taxpayers."

"In order to get five or six billions, the corporate normal and surtax rate must be raised from 40 to 50 per cent. This is drastic. Many businesses have not made more money as result of the war. Many are making less because of government restrictions and lack of materials. Many have gone out of business entirely."

"Since corporate normal and surtax rates must be uniform, a 50 per cent normal and surtax, coupled with 90 per cent excess profit tax, is the upper limit of what taxes can be imposed without destroying business."

"I question whether the ways and means committee would be disposed to carry the corporate normal and surtax rates to more than 45 per cent. But it would have to go to 50 per cent to raise even one and one-half billions of new revenue."

"Extension of excise taxes and increase in rates of some items now subject to excise taxes might produce another one and one-half billions. But some increases are theoretical, such as the proposal for advancing the whiskey tax from \$6 to \$8 a gallon. We may induce bootlegging by increasing rates too drastically on liquor, beer and many luxury items. Human nature naturally tries to avoid taxes when they seem too high."

"We will have to get three billions in additional revenue, then, from the individual taxpayer. I believe the individual taxpayer can stand an additional three to four billions without disastrous results, if the tax is an equitably-distributed burden. It will be a difficult job, but we must distribute it where it can best be borne."

The senate finance committee's chairman said slight changes might

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ATTENDING ASHEVILLE MEET

Hugh L. Eichelberger is attending the "Top Club" meeting of the New York Life Insurance company at Grove Park inn, Asheville, N. C., this week. Mr. Eichelberger will be one of the speakers on the program.