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The Scattering Rats

The resignation of Mussolini may be taken to indicate that the rats are beginning to desert or are being forced from a sinking ship.

No Sympathy Now

The sadness connected with this war is not being greatly augmented by the complaints of those who were somewhat indifferent when the church buildings of other nations were being demolished by the Germans.

Unwanted Gangsters

As the war has progressed there has been considerable speculation among observers as to what haven of refuge Hitler, Himmler, Goering, Goebbels and others of the Nazi gangsters will flee when they see they are licked to death and must dash somewhere in an effort to save their own necks.

For a while it seemed that Turkey would be the place of escape. But it doesn't look that way now, for before this war is over the Turks may be definitely lined up with the United Nations. Then many thought Hitler and his gangsters would flee to Argentina as a haven. Now they are probably looking in another direction. They might decide on Spain, but that would be an uncertain bet. It is too near the center of the hotbed of hatred in Europe for these international criminals.

Where will they flee when the Allies bring them to their knees? There is no place, it would seem, for these murderers—surely no country wants them.

It is entirely probable that the German people themselves, when they finally come to their senses, will inflict the supreme penalty of death on their leaders—a penalty which they all so richly deserve.

Still Giving Orders

Labor leaders still seem to be giving orders to the President. As things now stand, they have told him that they will forget the "Little Steel Formula," which freezes wage adjustments at 15 per cent above what they were in 1941, unless he does something to bring the cost of living down.

There are none of us who would have any objection to Washington doing something to reduce living costs, but labor leaders are the only ones which would use an "or else..." type of threat. It's a good thing, for example, that our farm leaders and business men aren't of the same variety as labor leaders, or they might threaten to stop the production and manufacturing of food and other commodities unless they got better prices.

It is still a mystery to most of the people in this country why labor has such a strong influence over the President and certain senators and congressmen in Washington. The answer is—politics.

The American people long ago decided it was time to stop saying "Yes, sir" to Lewis and others of his kind who get what they want whenever they make a demand.

Went Out Like the Sheep

"Better to live a day as a lion than a hundred years as a sheep."

Benito Mussolini had that motto struck on an Italian coin. It was the philosophy by which he lived throughout a revolutionary career which saw his ascension to absolute power in 1922 and his sudden and dramatic fall almost 21 years later.

Mussolini, who had lived the life of the lion, went out like the sheep. And with his going there came an end to the Fascist regime.

The fall of this big bluffer as dictator of Italy was a severe blow to Hitler, psychologically and militarily—but to the remainder of the world it was good news—and a welcome omen. The war is not over because of what happened in Italy, but it is much closer to a conclusion. Eternal vigilance is as essential now as always. But the skies grow brighter each day. When the Allies quit their defensive fighting a few months ago and began a real offensive in the southwest Pacific, the tide began to rapidly turn. Consult your geography. You will see that the Germans, the Japs and the Italians are being thrown back on all fronts.

But Germany is not beaten, you hear many people say. No, but she will be—and we don't believe it will be long before Hitler will go as did Il Duce.

School Finances

A condensed financial statement on the operation of Hunter School District No. 5, released by the board of trustees, appears in today's paper. The statement, taken from an audit as of June 30, past, lists assets and liabilities, income and expense, but does not go into an itemized account

of the operation of the schools. The trustees are to be commended for furnishing some information, at least, to the public. The schools belong to the patrons and taxpayers of the district and they have a right to know how their money is spent, whether economically or extravagantly. In the handling of all public affairs full information should be given the public. This applies equally to state, county and city.

The statement gives assets of the district as \$246,633.84, with \$236,287.17 of the amount invested in land, buildings and equipment.

Liabilities are listed as \$36,505.48, showing excess of assets over liabilities (in buildings, etc.) of \$210,128.36. This would indicate that the district's financial affairs are on a sound basis.

It is noted that the district has a low bonded indebtedness of \$30,000, due \$5,000 annually. This reveals that for the past twenty-five years the bonded indebtedness has been capably handled and an adequate sinking fund provided. When the legislative delegation took over the management of the Clinton schools in 1935 and this was followed by a new board of trustees and general shake-up in the teaching staff, the former trustees turned over to the new board \$29,236.80 in practically matured term bonds and a sinking fund already provided which showed a surplus of almost \$1,800 above the requirement for retirement of the bonds. To the late C. M. Bailey and Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, and B. H. Boyd, this district is due a lasting debt of gratitude and appreciation for the excellent financing of the schools under their supervision for a long period of years.

According to the condensed statement, the district had a gross income for the year of \$77,640.21, an increase of \$3,000 over the previous year. Against this income expenditures are listed at \$72,142.81, giving an excess of income over expense of \$5,497.40.

This would indicate that the district has lived within its income for the year. This surplus of \$5,497.40 will be used taxpayers infer, for operating expenses for the new 1943-44 year. The taking over by the state of the cost of the full nine months term instead of eight as in the past, will relieve the district of paying salaries for the ninth month. The report showing a monthly cost of more than \$7,000 for the operation of the schools, exclusive of general administrative expense of \$5,530, means that the expense for the coming year of paying teachers will be reduced fully by \$7,000. Paying all the cost of transportation of pupils relieves the district of further expense. The recent general assembly made these reductions and authorized added school responsibilities in order to afford relief to the districts. From these facts, it would appear that all districts in the county are in a position to reduce levies. With the reported surplus of this year, together with the additional state aid for the ninth month not heretofore received, it would appear that the district will have fully \$12,000 less in taxation to raise for the coming year than last year.

Because of the excessive federal taxes now being levied on the people, and the announcement daily that they are to mount still higher, The Chronicle holds that there should be retrenchment back home all along the line. Taxpayers feel the same way, we hear them talking every day. School districts, municipalities and county should lower taxes now when their income amply justifies such action. The county delegation has already acted and is to be commended.

TODAY... TOMORROW

By Don Robinson

"IF"—Solutions

If each farmer in this country would spend three days between now and the end of the year harvesting a crop of timber from his woodlands, the threat of a serious pulp paper shortage would be overcome.

If all the housewives of the country would turn in every tin can they are in the habit of throwing away, our tin problem would be nearly solved.

If all of us would spend 10 per cent of our income for war bonds and stamps, the wartime financial problems of the government would be pretty well under control.

If each household would contribute a pound of fat to the fat drive each month, it would take care of our needs for munition-making and for soap manufacturing.

If each motorist would figure out how to cut his gasoline consumption down by as little as one gallon a week, it would do a great deal toward ending the fuel problem in the East and would also ease our rubber crisis.

And if each family which has a

plot of land had planted a fair-sized Victory garden last spring, the difficulties of feeding this nation would be solved.

DROPS—Important

All of those "ifs" are of the drop-in-the-bucket variety. They are reviewed here to re-emphasize the fact that it actually takes very little on the part of each of us to achieve some major national goal.

During the war it has been apparent that some of us think the little we can do is of such minor importance that it isn't worth the bother. If a housewife reads of the enormous need for tin cans, she is apt to think of the four or five cans she might contribute each week as being such an infinitesimal part of the demand that it isn't worth bothering with.

But actually, the only reason we can still get food in cans, and the only reason the army can be supplied with its needs for cans, is that millions of housewives are bothering to make this infinitesimal contribution each week. Each contribution is just a drop in the bucket—but enough drops will fill any bucket, no matter how large.

We need to keep that in mind constantly, as we are asked for little sacrifices to help win the war. They really will help. Our war program depends on the cooperation of all of us—and the little things become very big things when multiplied by our whole population.

VOLUNTEERS—Whips

So far, our government has managed to keep its requests for cooperation on a voluntary basis.

In Germany, if more pulpwood was needed as it is here today, Hitler would probably issue an order that every farmer spend three days cutting wood and would provide a severe punishment for those who didn't obey.

But in this country we don't believe in getting cooperation by threats. So instead of ordering farmers to cut pulpwood, a big advertising and promotion campaign will be carried on to appeal to the patriotism of farmers and to explain to them how it will help win the war of each of them will harvest a crop of wood.

This method may be slower and less productive, at first, than the Hitler method. But in the long run, as the importance of this contribution spreads, our farmers will undoubtedly show Hitler, once again, that a lot more can be accomplished by voluntary methods in a free country than by using a whip.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE McGEE

Biography of Miss Jennie Veeve Smith of Flat Rock

Miss Jennie Veeve Smith has lived in our midst going on 22 yr., but she is not a native, she was born and raised in Georgia and was educated in the common schools of that state, attended the normal college 1 yr. and 3 months, then she hibernated to the state which she has adopted as her own. She has a first grade certificate to teach in our schools and she can teach anything from ciphering to Julius Caesar.

Miss Smith has never been married, but she has had many chances to do so. She owns a cat and a dog and a bicycle, and says she does not see any need for a husband, as they give her all the trouble she can stand. She is a member of reboher church, plays the organ, sings in the quire, handles the red cross drives, rites a letter to a soldier ever Sunday, keeps batch at the boarding house, doing her own cooking ansoforth upstairs.

Miss Jennie Veeve, that's what everybody lovingly calls her, has been in charge of the flat rock for 20 yr. She has made a great success in her field. She has offered to serve her country as a wave and a waac. But it has never chosen to call her to the colors. She is 5 foot 10 in her stockin' feet and weighs 183 lb. at present. She had her pitcher in the newspaper last fall for being the healthiest person in flat rock.

Miss Smith do not remember when she was borned, but recalls that it was in June she remembers the smell of sweet flowers and blackberries. She has some very wealthy people who live up north. Their names is Smith

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



General Henri Honore Giraud

• "I am surrounded by a hundred German tanks. I am destroying them one by one."
• Thus wrote General Henri Honore Giraud, as the French nation crumbled before the onslaught of the once mighty German army in 1940. Giraud was captured and, as is his custom, he escaped. The tall French General has become famous for his numerous escapes from the Germans and for his intense hatred of France's enemies.

• In World War I, as a captain, he was captured and recaptured before he managed to return to France.

• As commander in chief of 300,000 French troops in Africa and co-president of the French committee on national liberation, Giraud appears to be a clear headed French hero whose main objective is to rout the Axis. During a recent visit to America he told a press conference that:

• "I can give you the pledge that France will be at your side to liberate the Pacific from Japanese domination even as she will remain with you to build a peace that will be lasting and just but also realistic."

also, she devotes her spare time to welfare work and knitting for Russia. She has bought one bond and 5 stamps up to going to press. She do not smoke in public, but wears shorts when she trains the school youngins in ather-letics ansoforth. yores trouble, mike lark, rfd, corry spondent.

Vitamins Arrived Too Late To Save Uncle Joe

Every time I hear or read anything about vitamins, I worry about my poor Uncle Joe. You see, Uncle Joe knew nothing about vitamins, calories and b-plus. He lived to be only 94 years old and then laid down and died a natural death. How I do wish he could have had some vitamins: I am sure that he would be with us today if these wonderful things had been available to him.

Uncle Joe's eyes became somewhat bloodshot when he was only 88. Vitamin "B" would have cured that trouble. At 89, after an extra heavy meal he always had a slight pain in his stomach. Vitamin "C" would have relieved him of such annoyances. At 91, poor Uncle Joe thought he had the palpitation of his heart. What he needed was vitamin "A," but his doctor knew nothing about vitamins. He had to eat only such things as cornbread, buttermilk, chicken (fried and stewed and pied), rabbits, squirrels, beefsteak, ham, eggs, quail, vegetables and soups. Oh, how I do wish they could have bought some vitamin pills for him.

When Uncle Joe was coming into his 82nd year, he had a frightful headache for a few weeks. It sapped his vitality more than words can tell. Vitamin "D" with a few calories would have made him like new in no time. But the doctors were still giving nothing but medicine for sickness, and Uncle Joe was the goat. Had he

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When Your Back Hurts

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It may be caused by disorder of kidney function that permits poisons to accumulate. For truly many people feel tired, weak and miserable when the kidneys fail to remove waste and other waste matter from the blood. You may suffer burning, itching, rheumatic pains, headache, dizziness, getting up at night, leg pains, swelling. Sometimes frequent and scanty urination with smearing and burning is another sign that something is wrong with the kidneys or bladder. There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use Doan's Pills. It is better to rely on a medicine that has won countrywide approval than on something less favorably known. Doan's have been tried and tested many years. Are at all drug stores. Get Doan's today.

DOAN'S PILLS

been on his "vitamins" during the last few years of his life, he would now be visiting his dear nephews instead of lying in the cold, cold ground. He would have been 123 years old this coming next Thursday had he of had vitamins.

It is sad, so sad, to think that dear Uncle Joe failed because science (and racketeers) had not discovered this great life-saver and life extender. Sleep on, Uncle Joe—and take your rest: the doctors didn't know what was best. They dosed you plenty with what they had, if they'd of had vitamins you would have been glad, as well as up and about today.

Federal Levies Approach Limit, George Says

(Continued from page one)

be made in gift and inheritance taxes, and similar specialized levies, but suggested that these would not greatly increase the total yield.

George said he saw no immediate prospect either for a federal sales tax or for compulsory savings—both presently opposed by the treasury. He added that the congress would insist on "reasonable exemptions" for food, clothing, shelter and drugs if a sales tax were suggested by the treasury, and thus even a 10 per cent levy

would not be likely to raise more than three or four billions.

"Next year being an election year, there will be no tax act," said George. "The forthcoming 1943 tax act certainly will go on for all of 1944. Certain provisions already have been predetermined. These are: (1) individual and corporate income taxes will not be retroactive, and (2) any changes or increases will be effective only from and after January 1, 1944."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT HUNTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

(Condensed from report of John M. Palm, C.P.A., Greenville, S. C.)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF ALL FUNDS June 30, 1943

ASSETS	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 1,197.83
Cash in general fund—County Treasurer	4,522.88
Cash in bond retirement fund—County Treasurer	3,761.61
Inventories—fuel, janitors' supplies, etc.	864.35
Land, buildings and equipment	236,287.17
Total assets	\$246,633.84

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
*Accounts payable—Insurance and miscellaneous	\$ 630.48
Bond coupons due and outstanding—June 30, 1943	875.00
Loan from Laurens County Sinking Fund	5,000.00
School district bonds—due \$5,000.00 annually	30,000.00
Total liabilities	\$ 36,505.48
Surplus—Excess of assets over liabilities	\$ 210,128.36
Total liabilities and surplus	\$246,633.84

*Note—\$409.02 of unpaid bills due by the Cannery not included above as it was thought they would be paid from future contributions rather than from cash on hand for general purposes.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSE Year Ended June 30, 1943

INCOME	
Revenue paid to County Treasurer—By State Treasurer, taxpayers and aid agencies	\$ 77,668.71
Miscellaneous income	207.50
Total	\$ 77,876.21
Less—Amount allocated to Activities Fund for night class instruction	336.00
Gross income	\$ 77,540.21
EXPENSE	
General administrative expense	\$ 5,530.02
Operating expense of schools:	
High School	19,467.02
Academy Street School	13,522.48
Bell Street School	12,838.29
Florida Street School	13,020.12
Providence School	7,744.88
Total expense	\$ 72,142.81

Excess of general fund income over general fund expense.....\$ 5,497.40
Note:—A copy of the audit is in the office of the Superintendent and each trustee has a copy. Any interested citizen who wishes to review the audit in detail may do so by calling on either the Superintendent or any of the undersigned trustees.

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