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CLINTON, S. C., THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1943

Dr. Roberts Leaves

The resignation of the Rev. J. K. Roberts as pastor of the First Presbyterian church is a source of regret not only to his congregation, but to many other friends and acquaintances in the community. Dr. Roberts resigned the pastorate and has volunteered his services as a chaplain in the army with the expectation of being assigned to an army post in the near future.

Dr. Roberts came here about two and a half years ago from Greensboro, N. C., and during his pastorate has given of his best to the people he has served.

Not only has he made a large contribution to the religious life of the community, but he also has given liberally of his time to other causes. He has been a hard, willing worker, and his influence has been felt in many ways.

Dr. Roberts and his family will be missed from Clinton in many ways. With them will go the best wishes of many friends.

More Nonsense

Two business men down in Dillon built a slaughter house and refrigerator locker plant at a cost of more than thirty thousand dollars to serve that community. When it was completed they announced they were ready to handle 35 to 40 cattle per month. But OPA steps in and says they can slaughter only three a month. That is a typical example of bureaucracy run mad, of bungling, interference and a lack of sense or reason. The congressman of that district was called upon to help the owners but soon had to admit he was helpless.

We sing of freedom and independence but it is almost gone. Where we are headed for only the good Lord knows.

Lulling the Public

One of the greatest dangers that can follow price restrictions which do not allow a sufficient operating cost, is the idea that government loans or government subsidies can bridge the gap so that production may be continued and consumers furnished goods at less than actual cost. The danger from this policy is that it opens the door for government ownership or control of industry and business.

Such a system is like the old debtor's prison—when a man could not pay his bills, he was put in prison. The result was he often rotted there, because when in prison, he could not earn the money to get out. The same can easily happen to an industry forced by law to sell below cost of production, and maintain its existence from subsidies or government loans—it might never get out from under such bondage. Subsidies of any kind are wrong in principle and should be impossible.

Political pressure to force subsidies on producers and distributors, instead of permitting necessary price adjustments, could easily be part of a program to socialize American industry, while the public is lulled with the idea that such a palliative will hold down the cost of living. It will do no such thing. At best it can but take money out of one pocket and put it in another—costs are not reduced.

If industry can be brought under political domination in this manner from Washington, we will all become objects of federal charity.

Tax Relief At Home

Another war bond drive for nine billion dollars will start September 9th. The government needs money to wage the war. The treasury is busted. It has only two sources through which to raise the needed funds—borrowing from the people and taxing the people.

Federal taxes are now reaching the point where they really pinch. This is just a beginning of what we may expect. That is why The Chronicle is for retrenchment at home, a lowering of all state, county, city and school taxes. If taxpayers do not arise and demand relief from these taxing agencies, we will not be able to survive.

We have a war to finance, with no funds. There may be expected no federal tax relief. If we do not get such relief at home, we will be engulfed from Washington. For the past eleven years we have spent and wasted money like a crazy or drunken people. Before we ever dreamed of a war on our hands we were engaged in unprecedented spending (political) programs—building the monument to debt higher and higher. And when the war did come we were helpless and bewildered.

If taxpayers of our state are not to be given relief in state, county, municipal and school levies, where else can it come from? It is time—

long past time—to lower the spending and taxing level at home. Unless we do, with the certain-to-grow higher taxes of the federal government, we are headed for confiscation.

The Farmer's Plight

The harvesting of the cotton crop this fall will be one of the most difficult problems the farmers have confronted in a long while.

They are faced with a serious labor shortage that started back with WPA and has grown worse from year to year due to their inability to hold help on the farm. They cannot compete with government in the high wage scale paid on war projects. As a result, both white and colored labor has abandoned the farm for city employment with higher pay and shorter hours. And they are not going back to the farm.

Just now farmers are holding meetings in a number of counties to decide what price they will pay for cotton picking. Reports say that in several sections the rate has been fixed at one dollar per hundred pounds—if they can get it picked. It is probable that this price will have to be hiked or cotton will rot in the fields.

What can the farmer hope for in the future? How can he raise food to help win the war without help? Some of the Washington theorists rush forward and say his harvesting problems can be solved by putting school children on the farms during the emergency. To intimate that such inexperienced help will meet the emergency is a sign of ignorance and stupidity. It requires intelligence, training and experience on the farm as it does in a cotton mill, store or bank.

To put it mildly—the farmer's outlook is not rosy. The cards have been stacked against him—in Washington.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE MCGEE

Flat Rock Enjoys A Law-Suit About A Dog

hon. slim chance, sr., has been sued for killing a dog, the personal and real property of hon. holsum moore. both the defendant and the plaintiff have engaged legal talents. the magis-trate has not returned his verdict, but will do so right after the election next month. the evidence was as follows:

art square, after being duly sworn, testified as follows: "yes, I was acquainted with both the dog and mess. moore and chance. he tried to bite me once. he was very vicious and I think he got off light by being killed. (the defendants attorney had this struck from the testimony). he would not wear a muzzle. he had attacked the calf of mr. chance's left leg when he was shot from behind."

bert skinner, being sworn said: "the dead dog was a quiet, peaceable animal, and one loved not only by all other dogs, but by the children in the community. he was not trying to bite mr. chance when he was shot; he was only smelling his britches which had something on them. it was a malicious murder on the part of the defendant. (attorney for the plaintiff had this struck from the testimony)."

tom head swore as follows: "I saw the dog grab mr. chance by the seat of his britches. he swung him around and around for a few times, then rubbed him loose from the said britches against a telly-gram post and then he shot him. he slobbered all over him and I would say that he was mad and had a bad case of the rab-bits." (the defendant encored him).

the magis-trate charged the jury as follows: "if the said dog was killed malis-aforethought, you will please find for the defendant. if he was killed while protecting his life, limbs and britches, find for the plaintiff. I know the dog, or rather used to know him, and its a good thing that i ain't on this jury."

Flat Rock Suffered Much Damage Recently

flat rock had a terrible cloud-burst last friday pm. it taken place very unexpected. as no rain had fell in 6 weeks, everybody had decided that it wasn't gon-er rain no more. mrs. holsum moore's clothes from the day's wash were on the line befor she could get them off of same and tote them in the house, she was waist deep in water and the clothes were floating towards the barn.

mrs. slim chance, jr., lost 18 biddy chickens. she had them in a box on the roost exactly 22 inches above the ground. the last time she saw them,

they were floating thru the front yard into main street, which was already a bubbling creek of waves and foams. she said it was the second setting for the season. she will give up poultry raising from now on. her first setting was et up by hubbert skinner's 8 cats ansoforth.

hon art square has rote the goverment about his bottom corn which was carried away by the rushing waters and asked them to start a new w.p.a. at once, or else him and his'n will suffer. the cloud come from towards the south. when it passed over cedar lane it was about the size of the pam of your hand. it swelled and swelled and swelled till it busted right over the town hall and almost drowned 6 loaferers which was playing checkers.

old man skinner got his face washed in the rain; this was the first time it had benn washed sine he was baptized enduring 1939, that is—washed rail road. he got ketchen in it unbeknowned. wash tubbs got his fence destroyed. silent knight lost 4 nice dogs. the poplesman has not saw hide nor hair of his billie since the deluge began to fall. the damage around flat rock will run nearly 100\$ and it will be badly missed. it has benn blamed on the o.p.a

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mike lark, rfd,
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TODAY... TOMORROW

By Don Robinson

PLEDGE — Prices

In the next month or so someone will call at your home and ask you to sign a pledge which reads: "I will pay no more than top legal prices. I will accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps."

When you sign that pledge you will then be given a sticker to put in your window—similar to that supplied by the Red Cross—which will make it known to your neighbors and friends that you are helping to fight black markets.

If every family in the country, or even 90 per cent of families, could be persuaded both to sign that pledge and live up to it, black markets would become non-existent. For there is no doubt that black markets do continue to prosper only because they are encouraged to do so by a considerable number of people.

On the other hand, if a large number of families do not sign the pledge, or do not take it seriously and continue to patronize black markets, many retailers who have so far adhered to OPA rulings will consider it as a go-ahead signal for entering the black market field. The majority of retailers, who are honest law-abiding, do not want to become bootleggers of food and merchandise, but to stay in business they must abide by the wishes of their patrons.

BOOTLEGGERS — Meats

In a check-up which I recently made in a town of about 15,000 population, there were six food stores which the people agreed were openly operating black markets and there were a number of others which were known to have violated OPA regulations from time to time.

The black markets—chiefly those selling meat—were doing by far the most prosperous businesses of all the stores in the town. In one of them, sirloin steak was about 79 cents a pound, chicken was about 75 cents and lamb chops about 73 cents. The butcher didn't exactly announce the prices. When a woman would ask a price for steak, the butcher's attitude was, "Listen lady, do you want it or don't you." If she wanted it she could only figure the price by watching him weigh it and dividing the number of pounds into the price he charged.

The patrons of that store, I found had changed greatly during the past year. Many former customers, who objected to the obvious black market practices of the store, had gone elsewhere for what little meat they could get. But twice as many new customers, who wanted hard-to-get meat no matter what they had to pay for it, had made this market their standby.

In this town, as I suppose is true everywhere, the people who have plenty of money to spend are the ones who think it is smart to keep in solid with the most notorious

"Meet the People..."

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



Chiang Kai-shek

• For the second time in 11 years Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been appointed president of China. The recent death of Lin Sen made the generalissimo a likely choice for the post from which he resigned in 1932 to devote all his time to the war.

• This leader of nearly one quarter of the world's population seems to combine the patience preached by ancient Chinese philosophers with the efficiency of a modern American business executive. His gigantic country, which once seemed certain to fall before Japan's war machine, is gradually being transformed from a lumbering backward mass of illiterate peasants into a massive fighting nation which is pushing the invader back home with his own technique.

• Chiang Kai-shek, a one-man model of new China, lives plainly, eating simple wholesome foods, attending few social functions, and adhering to a rigid full daily schedule which rarely varies. Through the battle campaigns, interviews, and international discussions, he remains calm.

• His number one aid is his wife, May-ling Soong Chiang. Together they are devoting their lives to the cultural and national liberation of their huge, powerful nation.

food bootlegger in town

EVIDENCE — Masks

The most interesting thing to me about my checkup was the problem faced by the local group charged with enforcing OPA regulations. They just can't get evidence.

They report that many people in town have stopped in to complain about violations by local stores, but practically all back out quickly when asked to sign a complaint. The reasons are numerous but the most apparent one seems to be that most women feel if worst comes to worst they may still want to buy illegal food and don't want to cut source by getting into an open fight with the violator.

If that kind of weak-kneed patriotism continues neither the pledge system nor any other system will keep the black markets from prospering. But the OPA has taken cognizance of this situation and has now made it easier for even the half-hearted patriots to do their duty. For the government now assures us that the source of complaints will no longer be revealed and we can now "squeal" on a storekeeper and be certain that he won't know who did it.

It seems rather shameful that when black markets are plainly a cancerous growth eating at the heart of our war program the people of this country need such protection before they will fight it. But now that the government has made it possible for us to do our fighting with masks on let's at least not delay any longer in making the black market operators say, "Uncle."

CALL FOR 2,600,000 WORKERS TO SHIFT TO 'WAR USEFUL' JOBS

Expansion of Military Force To 11,300,000 In Next Year Is Reason, Says McNutt.

Washington, Aug. 23. — Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt today called for 2,600,000 workers to shift from non-essential to "war useful" jobs between now and July 1 of next year.

He said in a statement that 2,100,000 are needed before new year's, and appealed for persons in doubt about the war usefulness of their jobs to consult local offices of the United States Employment service.

Warnings have gone out previously to draft-age fathers to get into essential work, but the new statement invited movement of workers from non-essential activities regardless of whether or not they are liable to the draft.

"It is easy to see," McNutt said, "why such large-scale transfers must take place. The military services plan to expand from 9,300,000 to 11,300,000 between July, 1943, and July 1944. These men and women will be drawn from war useful jobs as well as from other occupations. At the same time, as our commitments on the battle fronts multiply, the war industries are required to meet rising schedules of production. They must replace the men drawn into war service, replace those they lose from accidents, normal deaths, retirement and other kinds of turnover, and add enough skilled workers to assure that production schedules are met within specified periods."

McNutt urged, however, that workers not transfer from one war-useful job to another unless the switch involves greater use of their talents. For instance, he said, laundry workers in war industry areas where laundry help already is scarce should hesitate before changing to other work.

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RETURNS TO MAINE



PFC. CARTER A. WRIGHT has returned to Presque Isle, Maine, where he is serving with the army air corps as an airplane mechanic, after a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Wright of Route 1. Pfc Wright has been in service almost a year.

MRS. CARRIE CLAPP DIES AT GREENWOOD

Greenwood, August 21.—Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie West Clapp, 69, wife of Crawford Clapp, who died at her home here Friday after a few hours' illness, were conducted from Sandy Springs church cemetery near Greenville Sunday at 5 o'clock by her pastor, Dr. Roswell C. Long of the First Presbyterian church of Greenwood.

Mrs. Clapp was a daughter of the late William and Mrs. Nellie Jones West, of prominent Greenville county families.

Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. Lomax and Miss Nell Clapp, Greenwood; one son, William Clapp, Orlando, Fla., and a brother, James West, Greenville.

The Clapp family are former residents of Clinton, where they have a number of friends and acquaintances, who will regret to learn of Mrs. Clapp's death.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 20th day of September, 1943, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executrix of the estate of J. F. Milam in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Executrix.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

MRS. FANELLA B. MILAM, Executrix.

Aug. 12, 1943.—9-4cw.

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Yours very truly,

Joe L. Davidson, President.
H. D. Henry, Sec.-Treas.

CITATION FOR LETTERS ADMINISTRATION

The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

By J. Hewlette Wasson, Probate Judge:

Whereas Mrs. Leda E. Hill made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Paul F. Hill;

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Paul F. Hill, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on September 7, 1943, next, after publication hereof, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 24th day of August, Anno Domini, 1943.

J. HEWLETTE WASSON,
Judge Probate, Laurens County.

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