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### The Yokums say—



Holy Smokes! We gotta get some cash some way so we kin put 10% into War Bonds. Everybody's gotta do that by New Year's.

### GASOLINE "VITAMINS"

When spectacular figures on the performance of a new type military plane are released, there is a general tendency to overlook one important factor: Fuel and its bearing on the breathtaking record of modern aircraft.

For example, a standard airline transport plane can carry 24 passengers with 100 octane fuel operating on engines designed for it, while the same ship flying with 73 octane fuel and comparable engines can carry only 10 passengers.

Our 2,000-horsepower engines would still be draftsmen's dreams without the high test gas to run them. And it takes a lot more than oil wells to produce that gas. Millions of dollars in research and decades of painstaking laboratory experiment were required before the fuel was produced that could send the present efficient, high altitude, heavily armored bombers over our enemies. The oil industry was experimenting with gasoline "vitamins" before anybody ever heard of Hitler or Hirohito, or before there was any conceivable need for a super-gasoline. The experimenting was simply impelled by the spirit that keeps this country going so magnificently, the spirit that was born of our heritage of freedom. We can be thankful that it still exists.

### ATTITUDES

The second front opening has changed American attitudes toward the war more than anything up to the present time. If there were some that doubted our sacrifice, surely that doubt has been forever dispelled with the landing of our troops in Africa. We have not heard for a long time the voice of the isolationist—we predict that we shall never again hear such views. The second front has impressed upon us the real seriousness of this war—the meager sacrifice of rationing at home becomes so little in face of the present objectives.

Perhaps we have heretofore felt that the war might be won with our own complete effort but that feeling is gone. We know we are fighting and we know the tremendous heart break, sacrifice and suffering that we must bear in the future months. We have promised food to the Allied nations and this alone means a burden that must be met at all cost. Officials have warned the Allies about striking a too optimistic attitude—we are dealing with destruction and Axis dominating objectives. The task no matter how light means hardship.

With the second front opening came the passing of the teen age draft bill, pressing more strongly upon the minds and attitudes of Americans the intensity of this global war. This is "marching on" more swiftly than ever before and events are taking place, constantly altering millions of lives. We cannot avoid the affecting conditions. Military, political and civilian pictures are changing—our lives are being ruled by the world forces today, and only until matters are completely in the hands of democracies will our attitudes be freed and our destinies be our own again.

### NOW THAT WE'RE OLDER IT HURTS

When we were boys we didn't care, but now that we are business men we take a professional pride in being right all the time. Whatever is wrong, certainly no blame for omission or commission attaches to us.

The slower we pay our bills the more self-righteous we become. The more employees who quit and go to work for the fellow across the street, the more ungrateful we consider human nature.

If you want to get both ears full of this kind of talk, have a confidential chat with the secretary of your Chamber of Commerce. The reason that gent's in hot water is not because of difficulties growing out of his work, but difficulties growing out of the inordinate vanities, jealousies, conceits of business men who will not stand being told that they are only 99.44 per cent right.

### HITLER MISSED THE TRAIN

Railway transportation is as vital to war as a healthy circulatory system is to the survival of a human being in the event of attack by disease.

Allan A. Michie, commenting on Germany's railroad crisis, in Reader's Digest for November points to "Hitler's gigantic miscalculation in deliberately neglecting the railroads before the war in order to perfect his pet schemes for superhighways." Hitler's promise was that gasoline engines had replaced steam. But after Munich, when Reichswehr experts finally convinced him that Germany's railroads would be a vital factor in the coming war, it was too late. For once war began, locomotive shops had to build tanks, and plans for rehabilitating the railroads had to be dropped.

Today, gasoline and rubber are largely diverted to the Army on fronts far from Hitler's great superhighways. Germany's worn out railroad system is struggling with the nation's entire traffic, which has increased to staggering proportions during the Russian campaign. Britain's sea blockade has thrown back upon land all traffic between Germany and central and southern Europe which in peace time went by sea. The R. A. F. is steadily and fiercely blitzing the weak spots in the already weak Nazi railroad system.

Hitler may have made a fatal blunder. The plight of his railroads must be laid squarely at the door of National Socialism, which gives to one man the power to "liquidate" any individual judgment other than his own.

Our American railroads, operating under private ownership with history-making efficiency are proving themselves on life blood in the fight against the disease of war.

### THE LITTLE MAN

In the much discussed "American way of life," we are losing much of its simplicity by the fact that the small scale business man is swiftly diminishing. Small concerns of manufacturing and selling are being forced out by the increased shortages, and their failure to finan-

cially tide themselves through the duration. Also many of the small business men are of the young group and naturally are to be drafted material within a short time.

Something should be done to preserve a few of the "little man" group or our future economic standard will likewise suffer. The little man is the middle class man and he is generally the community man that energetically organizes and aids his own small surroundings. He is the man that supplies his community and buys and sells within his small boundaries, but financially he is finding "tough going" and within the next year many small businesses will have completely vanished.

The little business man is not necessarily a necessity or a "key" man but he has a place in the so-called American system of living and when the war is ended he will be sadly missed in the reorganization scheme if he no longer exists. Surely some government loan or insurance plan could be compiled to save the little man, at least before the end of 1943 which will in all probabilities seal his doom. He cannot face shortages of raw materials or finished goods, neither can he survive long under a complete rationing plan. Especially now with fuel and good shortages, we need the little business man. He may not be an "essential" man in the war effort but he is needed by his community—he is a part of our democratic American living.

## Schools Are Urged To Participate 100 Percent In Bond Drive

Mrs. J. S. Blair of Elizabethtown, State Education Chairman of the War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department and President of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, urges that all North Carolina school officials and students concentrate on the School at War program during December and January.

Schools with officials and students showing a 90 per cent participation in the purchase of war bonds and stamps will be awarded a Schools at War flag to fly over their schools.

Every school in the State, if it has not already done so, should elect students and faculty members to war committees which shall be responsible for the organization of the school's wartime activities and preparing the school's report to the nation, Mrs. Blair said.

"Each school existing in the Schools at War program" she explained, "should keep a Scrapbook containing pictures, written reports, newspaper clippings or any other evidence of the working war organization within that school. The scrapbooks are to be completed on January 7 near the time when the President usually makes his report on the state of the union."

Schools participating in the program should "organize its students and teachers for saving, serving, conserving," Mrs. Blair said. "To save in time of war, it is necessary to understand why saving will help the individual and the nation. It seems that students not only will buy War Savings Stamps and Bonds regularly, but will learn why this is an act of patriotism and service.

"The second command—Serve—includes every kind of personal service. That means training for service. Many of our schools have already established such classes as first aid and accident prevention. Our schools have trained hundreds of student volunteer workers.

"The final command—Conserve—really combines the other two. The boy who 'gets in the scrap' is saving, of course and at the same time, he is earning money for his War Savings Stamps, by selling the scrap he collects.

"A certificate of distinguished service will be given by the Treas-

ury Department to each school which shows that its students are saving, serving, and conserving.

"After the scrapbook reports in January, the schools of each community are asked to arrange a joint exhibit of student war work. The finest displays at the local exhibits will be sent on to a general state exhibit."

## Farm Enlargement Loan Can Be Made Through FSA Here

Farmers owning farms too small to be complete units now have an opportunity to borrow money with which to purchase enough additional land to enlarge their present farm to a complete unit. An announcement to this effect has been made by the County Farm Security Administration office.

That part of the FSA program formerly known as Tenant Purchase Section, now known as Farm Ownership Section, has enlarged its scope of work to include this new program, and will now make this new type of loan as well as continue to make loans to tenant farmers who are not now land owners.

The regulations covering this loan are practically the same as those that have been used in the past for making tenant purchase loans. The farm must be a family type unit; that is of the proper size to utilize the family labor to the best advantage, and still not so large that they need to employ much outside labor. A purchase price limitation in each county puts a top limit on the dollar value of each farming unit, and this must include the value of the small farm which the family now owns.

It is possible through this program to secure money with which to make needed repairs, in addition to the purchase cost. The present improvements and repairs must be within the limitations of the War Board Order L-41, which at the present time limits any new construction to the dwelling to \$200 and \$1,000 on agricultural buildings. If there is a mortgage on the present small farm, it is possible to have this refinanced providing no other federal agency is now financing the applicant, and providing the refinancing will be less than fifty percent of the total loan. Farmers who have small farms and are interested in securing funds with which to purchase additional land should get in touch with County Farm Security Administration Supervisor Thomas J. Swain, or any member of the County Farm Ownership Committee who are: Mr. Thomas W. Myrick, Mr. Archer L. Garner and Mr. Lemuel G. Barnhill.

## New Sugar Ration Books Expected Soon

RALEIGH, N. C., December 17—A total of 3,346,316 persons in N. Carolina received War Ration Book No. 1 during the initial registration for sugar rationing held last summer. W. Hance Hoffer, state OPA ration officer, announced today.

Hoffer said that holders of the No. 1 book will be eligible to receive the big No. 2 War Ration Book which will be distributed soon after the first of the new year. Persons who do not have their No. 1 book must make application to their local ration board if they wish to be able to receive the No. 2 book.

A total of 54,757 persons received the No. 1 book which is being used for the rationing of sugar and coffee in Halifax County last summer, Hoffer announced.

## Halifax County Farm And Home News

### Home Demonstration Department

**MORE EGGS NEEDED:** Statistics show that North Carolina Farms do not produce enough eggs for our own civilians each year much less the armed forces and defense area population within our borders. We North Carolinians bring many train loads of eggs that should be sent to the dehydrating plants. All over seas forces and our allies need dried eggs, and not yet we are using them fresh here at home.

If Halifax County and the other counties in North Carolina would produce all the eggs we need in 1943, those we have been importing could go to the drying plants and help to supply the ever increasing demand for dried eggs. You as farmers and vacant lot owners can start now to do something about this. Now is the time to get your houses and equipment ready. That should be the first requirement. Then get good quality chicks, and feed and care for them properly. They should produce good pullets that will give your family all the fresh eggs it needs and a surplus to sell to those who cannot have chickens. Are you going to do your part in helping to send dried eggs to the boys in the Solomons.

**PRUNING:** This is a good time to prune. Prune now while you have time, such things as grape vines and late summer and fall blooming shrubs. Among these are Crepemyrtle, Abelia, Butterfly Bush, Hardy Hydrangea, etc.

**SPRAY:** Look your evergreens over for scale. If any is present during the first warm spell spray with a good mixture like orchard men use on peach or apple trees for scale. Enanymous, Pyraecantha, Capejasmine and Camelia should be especially examined as they are very susceptible to scale.

**NOW IS THE TIME:** Put all leaves and diseased plant matter in a pile to rot. Add some superphosphate occasionally. When they are rotted they will help greatly with the fertilizer problem in your vegetable garden and around your shrubbery. Wood ashes are also good to use except around acid loving plants.

Try transplanting trees and shrubs now whenever you find the earth in good condition. It will be a big help to you next spring when there are a thousand other things to do, and the plants will have time to get thoroughly settled in the ground before spring winds and dry weather set in. When you transplant, remember that you must prune the plants if you expect them to live.

**FOOD BOXES FOR CAMP:** The U. S. Bureau of Home Economics says that there is a lot of trouble with food boxes that families are sending to boys in the service. By all means send boxes but remember a few things when you do send them. Whether or not your gift is a success will depend on the food and the packing. Both must be able to stand heat and cold and to be knocked about for at least ten days. The food should not be moist, easy to break, greasy or sticky. Food that is doubtful as chocolate, doughnuts, cheese or any thing else that might soften with heat should be sealed in waxed paper carton or tight tin. Never pack in glass.

Cookies that are firm but rather soft and thick ship better than brittle ones. Date bars and others with dried fruits ship well, also refrigerator cookies. Cookies should be wrapped well and packed tightly. Salted nuts, fruit cake, and dried fruits candies are good travelers. Fudge may be made and poured into a tin can to firm and shipped in the can. Many other things may be made and shipped similarly. If you do this send a long a wooden spoon or cheap knife to use with the eating.

Do not forget to use a strong corrugated, or wood box and plenty of shredded paper or wood shavings. Also use strong cord and plain address. With these precautions, your boys should get a thrill and uplift whenever a package arrives from home. Send them often but send them in a way that the boys can get the contents instead of sadly consign them to the garbage pail.

**4-H-ers AT WORK:** The girls 4-H clubs in the county are now busy at work raising money to help in the North Carolina drive for the purchase of a 4-H Ambulance for the American Red Cross. Every county is asked to contribute \$15.00 as their part on the Ambulance. Extra funds beyond the purchase price of the Ambulance will be used for comfort kits. Halifax County girls are expected to exceed the small amount

asked of them. Fine spirit these girls are showing and Halifax County is proud of them.

### Soil Conservation Service

For the past few years a new summer legume has found a place in the improvement of our more sandy soil in the Coastal Plain Section. Yields of cotton and corn have increased and erosion has been slowed by the use of crotalaria as either an interplanted legume with corn or broadcast in field planting.

Like soybeans, the earlier you plant crotalaria the better growth will be obtained and unlike soybeans this plant will make fair growth on lands termed dead due to depth of sand. Of course, the better the land the more growth will be obtained.

Mr. A. L. Garner, Route 1, Halifax, has for many years grown crotalaria with marked success. Mr. Garner like many other farmers in Halifax County values the improvement that crotalaria has given some of his sandy land.

The two varieties of crotalaria most used in this section are spectabilis and striata. Of the two, the striata variety probably has the most promise. It is hoped that more farmers in Halifax County will take this short cut to land improvement in 1943. Ten pounds of seed broadcast over an acre of sandy land or three to five pounds sowed in rows around the middle of April and worked once or twice will give surprising results.

## Profitable Jobs Now Open To Men And Women

RALEIGH, Dec. 17—Director Edward W. Ruggles of the State College Extension Service said today jobs paying an annual salary of \$2,000 to start, with an increase to \$2,600 possible within a few months, had been opened to an "unlimited number" of men and women who successfully complete any of the war-work short courses at the college.

The openings are for junior instructors in aircraft mechanics and the work will be in North Carolina, Ruggles said, adding that he was not at liberty to reveal publicly the location of the jobs.

Personnel representatives visited the college this week to interview men and women now in the various short courses. A new series of courses, lasting from 10 to 20 weeks and financed by the Federal

government, will begin next month. "My informant said he wanted all the men and women he could get immediately after they have finished one of our courses," Ruggles reported.

The \$2,000 salary will begin as soon as the workers are signed up. They will spend three to six months in a course in aircraft mechanics or aircraft engine work and then three months' study in preparatory teaching. After the preparatory teaching period, they will be eligible for a raise to the \$2,600 salary.

Only requirements are mechanical aptitude and completion of one of the State College short courses. A bulletin describing the new series may be secured upon application to Director Ruggles' office. Courses in the series, most of which will start January 18, include aerial bombardment protection, aircraft inspection, architectural and marine drafting, chemical testing and inspection, engineering drawing, engineering fundamentals, fabric inspection and testing, fundamentals of machinery, industrial safety engineering, materials testing and inspection, production supervision, radio communication, surveying and war production engineering and contracting.

Men and women of any age are eligible to apply for the courses. High school graduation is the minimum educational requirement. All expenses of the training except student's textbooks and subsistence are paid by the Federal government, which began the program nearly two years ago to provide technically-trained workers for jobs vital to the victory effort.

Ruggles emphasized that persons completing successfully any one of the courses are eligible for the lucrative jobs as junior instructors in aircraft mechanics.

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CANDY 1 lb. pkg.	11c
NUTS	
PECANS, lb.	29c
Largo	
WALNUTS, lb.	29c
MIXED, lb.	29c
BRAZIL, lb.	37c
FRUIT CAKE BRAND	
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