

# Jackson County Journal

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A good way to bounce this war right back into the laps of Hitler and Tojo is to bring that old rubber.

We are not yet in position to put our toe to the Japs and Germans; but we can use our rubber heels. Bring 'em to the nearest filling station.

The yards, attics, cellars, out buildings and by-ways have precious rubber—rubber that the government sorely needs. Bring it to the nearest filling station.

Tip to boys and girls, individually and in organizations: Do you want to make a little money for your club, your troop, your church organization? The creeks, branches, and rivers of Jackson county have hundreds of old tires and tubes that have been thrown into these streams. Fish 'em out. The nearest filling station will pay you a cent a pound for every pound of rubber you deliver.

The rural areas of America are bringing in the rubber. The cities are falling far behind. Let's put Jackson county in the forefront of the march of rural America to the filling stations with rubber.

"O my prophetic soul!" The following is reprinted from the Jackson County Journal of April 4, 1935: "Sir John Simon, recently returned to London from Germany, states that Hitler informed him that Germany has an air force equal to England's own. Germany seems to have armed and then announced that she was going to violate the Treaty of Versailles, just like she was already on the march before war was declared in 1914, and just like Japan will have her fleet half way across the Pacific before she declares war on us."

### MICA LOOKING UP

The mica industry in Western North Carolina is expected to take on new life and to again materially affect the economic life of this area, as well as to again serve the vital needs of America. This expectation is based upon developments that transpired during the past week end.

Time was when the mica business of Western North Carolina, and especially of Jackson, Macon and Mitchell counties, was, collectively, relatively big business. The government permitted it to languish, even in the times of the highest tariff barriers any nation ever placed upon the free flow of commodities, by failure to care for the differential in wage scales of India and of North Carolina, and by other misunderstandings and malpractices.

Now, America again needs the mica from the mica belt of the North Carolina mountains. The Japanese invasion of the countries of the orient and infestation of the seas between here and India have forced the United States to turn its eyes backward for a quarter of a century or more and to look to North Carolina, as a source of mica that the army, the navy and the air corps must have; a source where there is no danger of the precious commodity being sent to the bottom of the seas enroute from the mines and where the operators and the miners are of Dutch and British stock and have been Americans from pre-revolutionary times, and, hence can never be under the spell of a Ghandi or other hindering or seditious force.

And, glory be! For once, a government agency did not choose bright-eyed, half baked, college boys with degrees, a lot of theory, and nothing else; nor yet representatives of big business, interested in doing the bidding of their superiors in the realm of economic feudalism, to place in charge of the important task of reviving the mica industry of North Carolina. To the contrary, and contrary to what we have observed to be the usual practice of government bureaus and agencies in these times, some body had the good sense to select real, God-fearing, common sense, small town Americans, who really know the mica business, know the people, the local conditions,

the various mines and prospects, and are interested first in serving their country by doing the important job that has been entrusted to them, and doing it quickly and well, and secondarily in rebuilding an important industry for their mountain country.

That is the kind of men Mr. Burgess, Mr. Fortner, and Mr. Graham Grindstaff are. They know what it is all about, when they talk mica. The people have expressed general gratification that these men have been placed in charge of the affairs of the Colonial Mica Company, which is a government agency and a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The Journal is of the opinion, however, that it may be found wise to trust the judgment of these men still further, and to empower them to make small loans of money for operating expenses, to do the head work that will be necessary in reopening some of the best mines. Why not make such loans, to operators of mines that these gentlemen believe will produce the grades and classes of mica that the government must have? Let them, who are men who know all of the old mines, the quality and quantity of mica that they have heretofore produced, and have a reasonable opinion as to whether such loans would probably be safe, have the say so? They would make mistakes, occasionally; but the government has made loans on less secure grounds, and, after all it is not a question of money, but rather of getting mica. Such a scheme, coupled with the plans that have already been evolved, would get the mica. That, after all, is what the government needs, and is the purpose behind the whole procedure.

### PACIFYING A CONTINENT

The Germans are building up wrath against themselves by trying to pacify Europe with the firing squad. Reliable reports from European governments in exile state that half a million men and women have been deliberately murdered by firing squads in the occupied countries. Half a million patriots done to death by the would-be masters of the world for adhering to their own countries and their own ideas of liberty and independence, rather than choosing to belong body and soul to the German masters! Half a million men and women! That is ten times as many people as there are in the city of Asheville; or five times as many people as inhabit the city of Charlotte. Imagine the people of a city ten times the size of Asheville being murdered by a nation that makes pretense to civilization!

The latest atrocity, and one that has focused the attention and the horror and repulsion of the world, was that in which the town of Lidice, near Prague, was literally wiped from the face of the earth. Every adult male in the town was shot to death. Every woman was taken to a concentration camp (and we can imagine the kind of concentration camp). Every child was removed to an educational institution (you, reader, can guess about the institution and the kind of education). And every residence, every business building, every structure of every kind was razed to the ground that there might be no more remembrance of the town of Lidice, and its name was stricken from all records.

This was the swift punishment that was meted out, in addition to 306 other people who have already been executed because the hated Hangman, the despicable Reinhard Hydrich, met the death he so richly deserved and the punishment he so justly merited, when patriots, goaded beyond human endurance, assassinated him.

The Germans charged that Lidice had harbored the executioners of the Hangman, and the sentence of total obliteration was passed and effected.

All this, Germany, is but piling up wrath against Germany and all things German, that is coming. The atrocities the Nazis have committed, in order to impress the world with frightfulness, in order to intimidate mankind to submit to German mastery, have the effect of strengthening the determination of men and women to be free. Each atrocity is remembered against Germany. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The harvest time is coming. The trampling of millions of feet of freemen upon every continent and every island; the factories belching forth aircraft and tanks; the shipyards launching mighty denisons of the deep; the secret meetings and signs of men and women under the oppressor's heel, all these are hastening the day of reckoning.

Sometimes the Almighty uses men and nations to bring His vengeance upon those who have brought misery to His children. The wrath of God and decent mankind is turned against the German nation. Nothing but complete ruin and utter annihilation will satisfy that wrath. Nothing less would meet the ends of justice. When Czechs, and Yugoslavs, Greeks and Armenians, Poles and Danes, Norwegians and Dutchmen, Belgians and Frenchmen are freed from their present shackles and have the opportunity to mete out justice and vengeance, they will realize that the blood of the slain millions of their countrymen cry out from the ground. And it were better for Germany that her people had never been born than that they should have to face the wrath of these terribly mistreated peoples. That is the reason why Germany, the race that has usually proved brave soldiers so long as they were winning, and have cried "Kamerad" when the tide of war turned against them, will have to continue to fight on and on, this time, even when all hope of victory has vanished. Germany must fight on, if for no other reason, to postpone the day of wrath, a wrath that is piling up, day by day.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

# "HEY GANG— LET'S-GIT-GOIN'!"

### HERE'S OUR JOB!

- COLLECTING SCRAP METAL—RUBBER—OLD RAGS—WASTE PAPER, CARDBOARD.
- SENDING BOOKS AND PLAYING CARDS TO THE ARMED FORCES.
- WORKING IN GARDENS—HELPING ON FARMS.
- SERVING AS MESSENGERS—OUR FOOTPOWER SAVES HORSEPOWER.
- TAKING GOOD CARE OF BIKES.
- CONSERVING CLOTHES AND SHOES.
- BUILDING MODEL PLANES FOR AIR-RAID SPOTTERS.
- SAVING MONEY TO BUY WAR STAMPS.



### A DEED A DAY FOR THE U.S.A.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Marcellus Buchanan, Jr., late of the county of Jackson, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at my home at Hendersonville, N. C., on or before the 14th day of May, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 14th day of May, 1942. HARRY E. BUCHANAN, Administrator of the estate of Marcellus Buchanan, Jr., deceased. (6-18)

### FORESTER GIVES TIP ON HOW TO DRY WOOD

A tip to farm people on a way to dry fuel wood in the shortest possible time is offered by W. J. Barker, assistant forester of N. C. State College. He pointed out green wood, and its failure to burn, is the cause of scores of persons turning to some other type of fuel.

"Fuel wood normally requires from six months to a year to season properly," Barker explained. "Therefore, if the wood is intended for next winter's consumption, it should be cut not later than this summer."

The Extension worker said that persons attempting to speed up the seasoning of fuel wood should understand the process through which wood goes when it normally dries out. "The leaves of a tree act as pumps," stated Barker, "and the leaves are con-

tinuously drawing water through the body of the tree.

"To hasten the drying out process, the trees can be cut down and left untrimmed for two to three weeks. This cuts the trees off from the source of the water supply in the ground. Still, the leaves continue to draw water out of the tree."

Barker says this method of harvesting timber will result in

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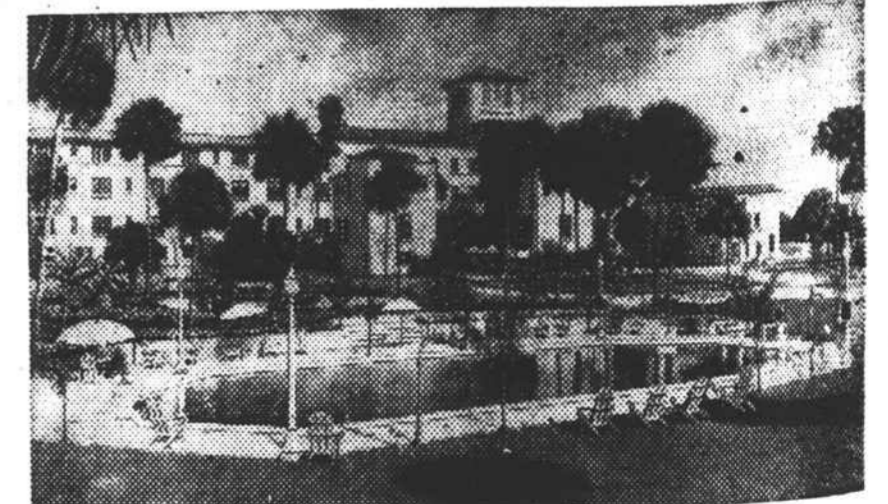
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