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An Answer At Last

After four long years of the Hoey administration an excuse has been offered for ignoring the secondary roads—tater ridges in Martin County, if you don't mind.

A highway commissioner, temporarily without port-folio, is quoted as saying that no secondary road improvement projects could be advanced unless the State appropriation was matched by the Federal government, or something to that effect. Briefly stated, North Carolina's highway policy during the past four years was to sidetrack its secondary road obligations under a ruse and pour extra millions into projects conceived in the minds of dreamers. North Carolina, according to the highway commissioner, could not or would not appropriate more than meager amounts for its secondary roads on its own hook. North Carolina, the progressive state that it is, had to turn to Washington for help before it would dare tackle a problem that should have had the attention of the highway lords irrespective of Federal plans or programs.

After ten years, highway authorities point out in a very certain manner that the reason there are so many tater roads in Martin County they were dumped into the State's lap by the county. During that time, reports state that 22 miles of secondary roads have been widened, and that's the record up to this moment. In other words, about 100 convicts have widened two miles of road each year and spent a greater part of the remaining time piddling here and there. After ten years, the people are beginning to call for a return to home ownership, believing that the administration of the gasoline tax fund by counties would make for an improved road system.

High-powered road projects may be necessary for defense, but the little fellow in the by-ways and hedges must be counted in if our defense program is to prove successful. And if money-burdened commissions can't handle the problem, then place it into the hands of someone who can handle it. Martin County people get mad every time they think about the hundreds of thousands of dollars they advanced for a primary road system and then were left holding the bag. It is an impossibility to improve every secondary road, but this county, many believe, is entitled to the completion of the road from U. S. 17 to Farm Life and to a road from Hassell to Butler's Bridge and for the marked improvement of a number of other feeder roads.

Mr. Bailey Concurrs

Josiah William Bailey, North Carolina's representative in the upper house of our National Congress, has, at last, concurred in the movement to aid Britain. Mind you, he announced his position just a few days ago "after long deliberation." Mr. Bailey in making his stand pub-

lic advises that he will support the measure when it comes to a vote.

What is Mr. Bailey doing now? What has he done in the past to aid Britain? Mr. Bailey's record shows that he has leaned to a certain group, ignoring the wishes of the masses of the people these past few years. Now when it appears that Mr. Bailey and his little group appear in line of attack he announces in favor of aiding Britain.

Way back yonder in the fall of 1939, farmers from the outlying districts of Martin County were of the expressed belief that aid should be tendered Britain. Now, nearly two years later, Mr. Bailey comes along and says we ought to aid Britain.

If Mr. Bailey had turned his attention to the people back home he would have known months ago that Britain should have all the aid the United States could possibly give. But he apparently has centered his attention on what Mr. Bailey thinks and what his little group wants that he has overlooked the wishes of the people back home, not only as they applied to aid for Britain but to numerous other questions.

However, it is encouraging even at this late date to learn that Mr. Bailey has finally decided that the United States should aid Britain.

Peace Aims

Although they are clamoring for and even demanding a statement of peace aims, Messrs. Wheeler, Nye, Lindbergh and Company are apparently more interested in slowing down and stopping, if possible, the lease-lend aid bill.

Lord Halifax, now ambassador to the United States, clearly stated the issue a short time ago. But have the Wheelers, the Nyes and Lindberghs recognized the statement? They are demanding an answer after one has already been given, clearly indicating they are not interested in peace aims, but that they are apparently more interested in a negotiated peace which at the present can mean nothing more than an overwhelming victory for Hitler, the downfall for Democracy and slavery for all people outside the Axis realm.

It would be well for the Lindberghs, the Wheelers and Nyes to read the following quotations attributed to the British spokesman:

The only reason why peace cannot be made tomorrow is that the German Government have as yet given no evidence whatever of their readiness to repair the damage they have wrought upon their weaker neighbors, or of their capacity to convince the world that any pledge they may subscribe to is worth as much as the paper on which it may be written.

We must insist upon the restoration of liberty to small nations that Germany has cruelly deprived of it, and, profiting I hope by experience of the past, we shall do our utmost to secure Europe from a repetition of this disaster. We seek nothing for ourselves. We have said publicly that if we could once again feel security that a German Government would respect its undertakings and honestly co-operate in trying to build, instead of destroy, European peace on terms of live-and-let-live for all nations, we would not seek a vindictive peace or one that would deny to Germany her rightful place among the nations.

There are things today within our body politic which we need to fight not less intensely, if with other weapons, than we fight the enemy without. But the broad record of the British rate stands to be judged on facts that are incontestable. It is the fact that during the nineteenth century, when the power of this country was unchallenged, there was no nation in Europe that felt for that reason insecure, or that did not recognize our power to be an instrument of peace.

When we think and speak of peace, what do we really mean? We naturally tend to think of it as something negative—not war—and for that reason to be something worthy of all we can do for its preservation. But just as I can imagine individuals confronted by a situation which Christian men and women would feel was worse than death, so I can imagine circumstances for a nation or for human civilization in which immunity from war could be too dearly purchased.

"WAR CONGRESS" IS RIGHT!



Recalled to Duty



Rear Admiral H. E. Yarnell, retired former commander of the Asiatic Squadron, has been recalled to active duty in the U. S. Navy and will visit engineering colleges throughout the nation to recruit advanced technical students for the naval reserve.

Interesting Bits of Business In the U.S.

In sizzling summer weather some foundries or steel mills give workers salt tablets to keep up salinity lost through perspiration—cold weather counterpart of this idea is being employed by a Minneapolis machine company which plies workers daily with cold-resisting vitamin pills. President Roosevelt reports to Congress that the government has now spent \$13 billion, 466 million of the \$13 billion, 987 million emergency relief funds authorized by Congress since April 8, 1935.

Future Of Tobacco Export Markets Is Rated Uncertain

Loss of Exports Present the Growers With "Difficult Situation"

The nation's tobacco farmers are facing the possibility that some portion of their former export outlets would remain closed regardless of the outcome of the present war.

The agriculture department in its annual report to Congress said "most authorities" believed this would be true, particularly of markets in continental European countries which are aiming at agricultural self-sufficiency.

The report said prospective exports in future years depended "to a great extent upon the effect which the war has upon Great Britain."

England, which was this nation's biggest customer for tobacco before the war, stopped purchases shortly after the start of the conflict to conserve foreign exchange for the purchase of armaments.

The report outlined steps taken by the Commodity Credit corporation to absorb the shock of the loss of foreign markets and of the agricultural adjustment administration to hold down production of leaf.

"With uncertainty as to what will happen to export markets during and after the war, the agricultural adjustment act is becoming increasingly important as an aid to adjusting production to changing conditions," the report said.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Buck Roberson, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 27th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 27th day of Dec., 1940. ASA J. HARDISON, Administrator of the estate of Buck Roberson, deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Mollie Harris, deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them for payment on or before December 31, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 23rd day of Dec., 1940. GEORGE HARRIS, Executor of the estate of Mrs. Mollie Harris.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
Capitola Rogers vs. Russell Rogers.
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the grounds of two years separation, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, within thirty days after the completion of this service of summons by publication, and answer or demur to the complaint in said Court. This the 4th day of January, 1941. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk Superior Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. action, of the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James L. Coltrain, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Williamston, N. C., on or before the 15th day of January, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 11th day of January, 1941. ROY C. COLTRAIN, Administrator of estate of James L. Coltrain.

Clarence Griffin, Atty. j14-6t

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