

FIVE MILLION TONS COAL USED

By LYNN NISBET

RALEIGH, Dec. 10—Just how much the state of North Carolina pays for coal and freight on coal shipments used in its various departments and institutions, or how much the domestic and industrial consumers in the state pay, cannot be ascertained but it runs up to several million dollars a year.

Officials of the utilities commission said this week they did not have the figures all worked up and if they did have them they would hesitate to make them public right now least such action give away part of the ammunition being assembled in connection with the court action instituted a few days ago against some eighty railroad lines for reduced freight rates on coal.

Aggregate coal shipments into this state amount to more than five million tons a year, of which some two hundred thousand tons are used by the state itself. Approximately half of the total bought by the state goes to heat the more than 4,000 public school buildings in the 100 counties.

Freight rates on this coal vary from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a ton, depending upon distance hauled and artificial freight zones set up by the railroads. The utilities commission is satisfied that the average rate on per mile basis is higher in North Carolina than in any adjoining state, and that is the basis for suit now in progress.

Friendly negotiations within the interstate commerce commission failed to obtain any relief on coal rates. Efforts to obtain relief out of court have been made by state agencies in North and South Carolina and by a group of coal consumers in the two states acting cooperatively. When it was found necessary to take the issue to court, North Carolina decided to file a separate independent action believing that a better case could be made out for this state in that way.

The utilities commission has employed former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Raleigh and F. C. Hillyer, recognized freight rate expert of Jacksonville, Florida, to handle the pending case before the interstate commerce commission.

Freight rate schedules are complicated things, especially where shipments go over several separate lines, and it is recognized as impossible to remove all inequities. At the same time, state officials and their attorneys cannot understand why coal shipments into North Carolina should take a higher freight rate than shipments into other states when the hauling distance and cost of handling is the same or less.

Figures compiled by ICC statisticians show that during the calendar year 1944 there were 5,164,637 tons of coal shipped into North Carolina. Reduction of only ten cents a ton in freight charges would mean a saving of half a million dollars to consumers.

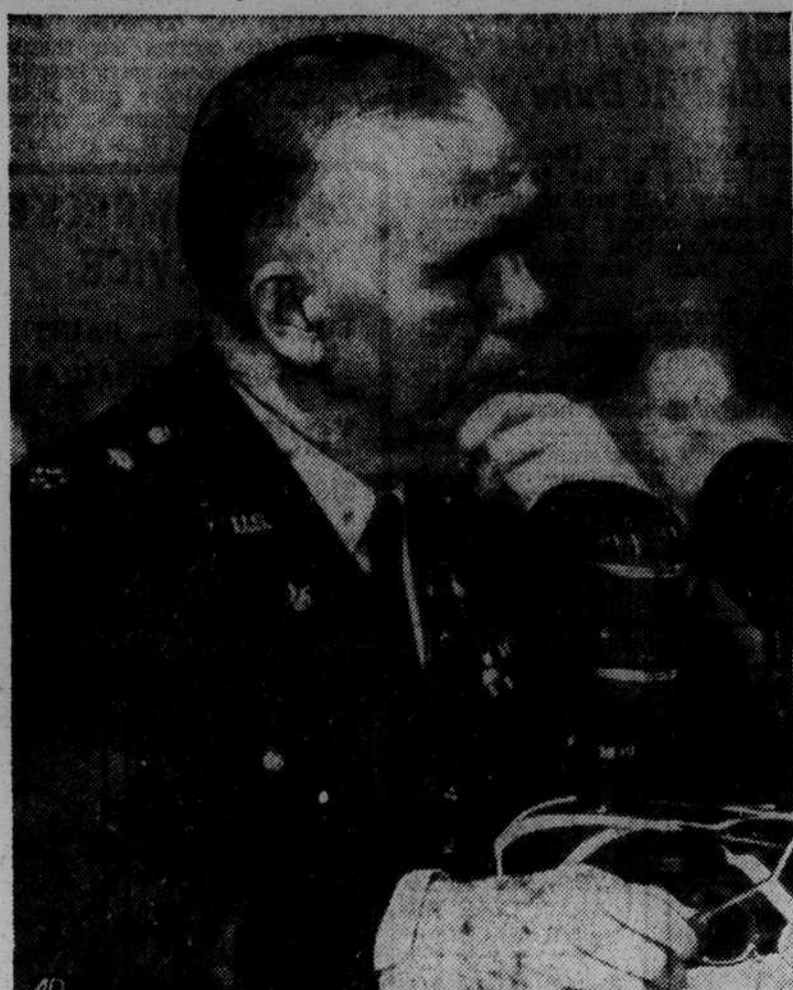
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Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Selma E. Palk, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them promptly proven to the undersigned on or before November 12, 1945, or any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. First published November 12, 1945.
B. T. PALK, Administrator of Estate of Selma E. Palk.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lawson Blanton, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before November 24, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of the deceased will please make immediate payment.
This the 24th day of November, 1945.
C. GERALD MORGAN, Administrator of Estate of Lawson Blanton, Lenoir, N. C.
JOSEPH M. WRIGHT, Attorney.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that I have day qualified as Administrator, De Bonis Non Cum Testamento Annexo, of the estate of Fred Morgan, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, and all persons having claims against the estate will present them to me properly proven on or before November 24, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 24th day of November, 1945.
C. GERALD MORGAN, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Helen Morgan, deceased.
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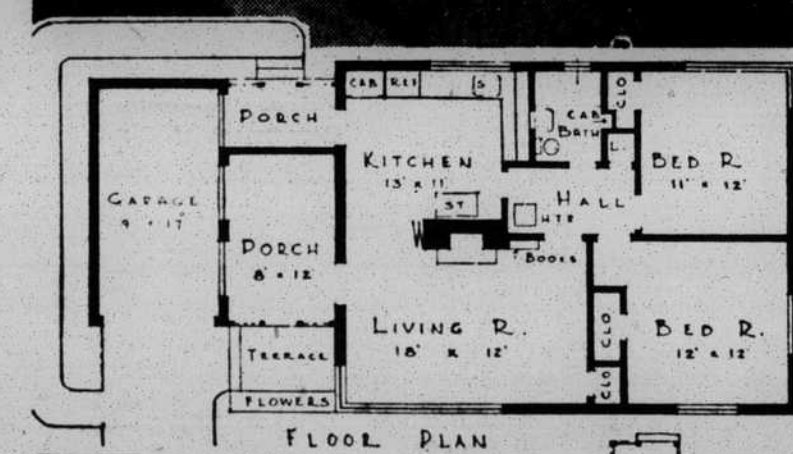
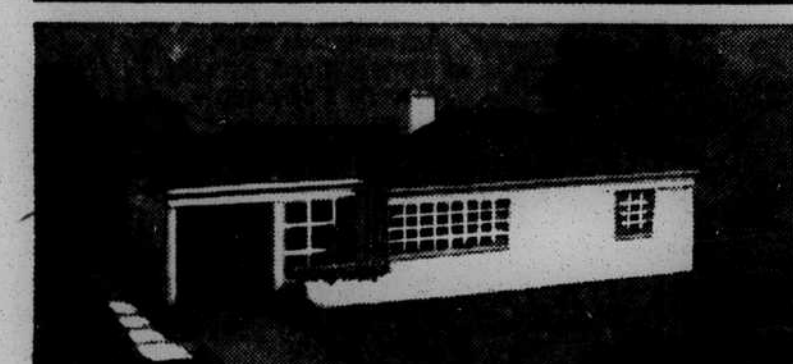
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SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
North Carolina, Cleveland County, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Malley S. Ramsey vs. Kelly Ramsey
The defendant Kelly Ramsey will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation; that the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the court house at Shelby, N. C. within 20 days after the 24th day of December, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This November 26, 1945.
E. A. HOUSER, Clerk Superior Court.
DAVID P. DELLINGER, Attorney.
Cherryville, N. C.
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MARSHALL IN THOUGHTFUL POSE—Gen. George C. Marshall, former chief of staff, holds his chin thoughtfully as he listens to a question asked him by a member of the Joint House-Senate committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster in Washington, D. C. (AP Wire-photo.)

HOMES FOR AMERICANS



Alternate plans are provided for this house which the architect, Wilmut C. Douglas (416 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.), estimates would cost about \$4,500 in his part of the country. The alternate plan adds a dining room to the house and a basement can be provided with an inside stair from the kitchen.

The exterior design calls for concrete masonry with stucco. There are continuous cabinets in the kitchen, more than average closet space and storage space over the garage. The lot should be at least 65 feet wide and nearly level although a slight slope upward from the street would add to the appearance.

Funeral Held For Mary Sue Mullinax

GAFFNEY, S. C. — Mary Sue Mullinax, 23-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mullinax of Mount Ararat community, died late Saturday after a day's illness. Funeral services were conducted at Mount Ararat Baptist

church Sunday by Rev. W. J. Sprinkle. Burial was in the church cemetery. Surviving are her parents, three sisters, four brothers, and her maternal grandparents.

American engineers, using hot coals to keep concrete from freezing, built a heavy bridge across the Moselle river in 16 days.

Gifts for the INFANT-RY

from HUGH'S this Christmas

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MARY HAWORTH

French girl pursues discharged veteran with love letters, even after he, at his request, notifies her to stop it.

Dear Mary Haworth: My husband was released by the Army last August after serving in the European theater. He says he doesn't like the people over there, but the problem is this: Since his return a French girl has been writing to him. He told me to write and tell her not to bother him any more.

This I have done, but evidently she thinks I don't speak for him, because she is still writing to him by way of his soldier friends. My husband says he did not give her our home address; yet how would she know it otherwise? Also, one soldier in forwarding a letter from her said she furnished our address to him.

WIFE GNAWED BY DISTRUST
My husband says he never made love to her, yet she is always repeating in her letters, "You promised to love me always and come back to me." I love my husband very much and would forgive him anything, but this situation is hard for me to grasp. We have four sons, very sweet boys, and they think Heaven opened to them when their dad came home. So did I—until this matter of the French girl came out.

I want to believe in him, yet how can I, when her behavior indicates that he hasn't been true to me, and that he is telling falsehoods now? Is there any way I can make her stop writing to him? Don't you agree that something should be done?—K. V.

PASSING FANCY TURNED NEMESIS
Dear K. V.: In my opinion, your husband gave sincere, satisfying evidence that he stands loyally with you against the French girl's post-war machinations, when he empowered you to answer her love letters to him, instructing her not to write any more.

I suppose he was at one time involved in a passing intrigue with her; but his behavior since homecoming proves that she isn't now—and indeed never was—a serious rival to you in his affections. It is more to his credit than not—and again proof of his protective bonafide devotion to you—that he refuses to rehash a single detail of his flirtation (or whatever it was) with her.

Psychologists say that a married man who has been indiscreet, yet assiduously seeks to spare his wife professional knowledge of his trifling, is still fundamentally loyal to her and still thinks of happiness in terms of living permanently with her in an unruffled relationship. His love has died, they say, and with

it his sense of her being his "better half," when he can bluntly admit that he has betrayed her trust in him.

BEST FORGIVE AND OVERLOOK

So you may contrive your husband's exasperating denials and evasions as reassuring evidence of the inconsequential nature of his time-killing association with the French girl. And since you love him enough to forgive him of anything (within reason, of course), I think you should forgive that bit of ancient history and all reminders of it, without probing into the whys and wherefores.

You can afford to feel sorry for the girl as a pathetic creature, making a spectacle of herself with the armed forces—and now putting herself on record, by her brash persistence, as a more than slightly unbalanced casualty of war. Yet, if you wish to take steps to shut off her correspondence, you might appeal to the Red Cross service to soldiers' families, and have that organization, through its foreign branch, work with appropriate French authorities to squelch her nefarious meddling in your domain. —M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Shelby Daily Star.

Drinkwater Gets Another Job

MANTEO, Dec. 10—(P)—Alphus W. Drinkwater, after 129 days of "idleness" since retiring from the U. S. Coast Guard last July 31 at the culmination of 45 years continuous service, has himself a new job—as county tax supervisor.

Drinkwater was the most, and probably the only, surprised person on Roanoke island when the board of county commissioners offered him the job.

Having tired of the "riches of leisure," Drinkwater said, "I'm not aiming actually to retire and enjoy myself until I'm 90 and that's 20 years off."

"Of course," he added, "if some hot-headed taxpayer comes after me with a rope aiming to lynch

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By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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You have an alert and analytical mind. You are much too critical and must be careful you do not spend time tearing down and finding fault. If, however, you can suggest something constructive when you criticize, then your remarks may be justified and this criticism put to some definite use.

You are more the executive than the routine worker. You find it easier to plan work for others and to organize methods for them to follow. If held down to some routine, regular job, you can become unhappy and restless. You do your best work when allowed to go your own way. You are fond of people and will be popular in any group. You are a good host or hostess and your conversation is likely to be witty and amusing.

You are not as strong physically as you might wish. You should take good care of your health at all times. If you were to spend some of your time in the outdoors, you would find that living next to nature for continued periods would give you reserve health and energy.

"I've resigned already." Drinkwater succeeds the late E. S. Wise.

Mohammedans call their faith "Islam" which means obedience to the will of Allah (God).

True Story Of War In Pacific To Be Told In Jap Papers

TOKYO.—(P)—All Japanese language newspapers and many magazines have begun publication of a series of 20 factual articles on the Pacific war, prepared by information and education officers of General MacArthur's staff.

Headquarters said there had been numerous inquiries from Japanese for an American history of the war.

The series will be broadcast. The average capacity of American oil refineries is about 5,000,000 barrels a day.

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"Me...I'm staying in the Army!"

THERE ARE PLENTY OF REASONS... AND HERE THEY ARE!

1 "First, I keep my present grade. That means a lot.

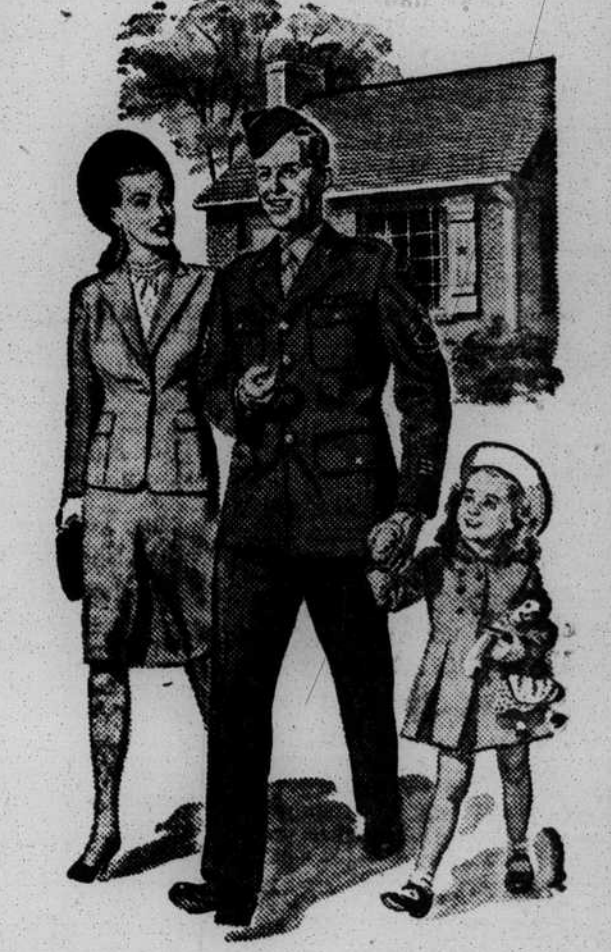
2 "By reenlisting for 3 years I can pick my own branch of service in the Air, Ground or Service Forces, and if I desire I can select any of the overseas theaters.

3 "I get \$50 a year reenlistment bonus for each year I've been in the Army. I get my mustering-out pay, too. My dependents receive family allowances for the full term of my enlistment. And I'll be eligible for GI Bill of Rights benefits when I get out of the Army.

4 "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools.

5 "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.

6 "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. Added up—reenlistment looks good to me!"



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You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1, 2 or 3 year periods. (One-year enlistments for men now in the Army with at least 6 months of service.)

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