

People Of Nation Willing To Share Food With Hungry

Dark Bread Due To Reach Store Shelves Within Next Few Weeks

The announcement by President Harry Truman that food shipments would be increased to hungry people in other lands even if it meant meat rationing has been well received by the American people, with some few exceptions.

There was apparently feeling in Washington that an announcement of this kind would be a bombshell to the American people and would be bitterly resented and resisted. The pros and cons and ifs and ands and buts seem to have been weighed with the utmost political caution before the shocking news was captioned for public consumption. Which can only suggest that the present administration might get a lot of sound help from a corps of itinerant pulse-feelers if it could enlist the services of citizens able to inspire honest confidence and give warm understanding to the millions of Americans who don't retain paid spokesmen in Washington.

It was this kind of service that Mrs. Roosevelt did the country during the administration of the late President and to which can be attributed much of President Roosevelt's intimate understanding of the wishes and aspirations and ideals of most Americans.

Americans everywhere reacted spontaneously to President Truman's food export proposals: "It's about time!" And if they talked with their neighbors about it they found their feelings echoed. There was a feeling of relief, a feeling of conscience being eased. Because, despite all the wartime gags about rationing, all the talk, all the words of complaint, there was no real resistance by Americans to any rationing that was demonstrably necessary. There was only resistance to red tape, to the occasional blunders by local boards, occasional rulings that seemed unreasonable to the man on the receiving end.

Rationing always made a good conversation piece because, like taxation, there was a universal quality about it. Everyone had his own little grievances and little triumphs he could tell. There was a certain smartness in speaking scornfully of it because Americans are scornful by tradition of any government activity that touches them intimately. But underneath the smartness there was good American pride that those of us who couldn't fight the war could at least get a feeling of participation by doing without the little luxuries that were proscribed.

So, when almost coincidentally with the end of the war rationing was lifted, most Americans were more shocked than pleased. They began to buy more meat and more butter and more shoes, but they couldn't quite see how come. It didn't take a career diplomat to see that hunger was rampant in the rest of the world. It didn't take an elder statesman to know that hungry people are not apt to be reasonable people or peaceful people. And it didn't take a Congressional committee of globe girdling junket to find out that an America gorging itself on relative surpluses could not expect the

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Long Court Session Is Held In Oak City

Following a "little" crime wave a few days before, Justice of the Peace J. B. Whitfield held his court in session several hours last Monday night before clearing the docket.

Herbert Goode, war veteran from Alabama, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs for alleged disorderly conduct. His wife was fined \$5 and required to pay the costs for assaulting Mrs. Sam Bunting.

Charged with an affray, Jesse Stanton was fined \$5 and required to pay the costs.

Hillard Knight, drunk and disorderly and booked for an affray, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$15 fine and costs.

Roy Lanier, publicly drunk, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost. In a second case, Lanier was charged with attempted assault on a female. Bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$150, Lanier had his case continued in the county court this week until March 11.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Gordon Williams with public drunkenness.

Charged with drunken driving, J. F. Council was bound over to the county court under \$150 bond.

Farm Bureau Meeting In Courthouse Friday Night

Meeting in the Courthouse Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, members of the Martin County Farm Bureau, will hear reports on the State Convention held in Winston-Salem early this month and make plans for the organization's annual barbecue.

Fund For Infantile Paralysis Deemed Adequate To Meet Need

The recent infantile paralysis fund drive in this county exceeded the quota by nearly \$1,000. Drive Chairman L. Bruce Wynne pointed out last week-end when he filed his final report on the campaign. Assigned a quota of \$2,120, the county raised a total of \$3,021.93, Mr. Wynne said. Reviewing the progress of the drive, the chairman said that the schools raised \$1,416.70 and \$949.23 was contributed by direct mail or to personal solicitors. The theaters in the county raised \$657.00 through free will offerings. The final report listed a few late contributors, including \$35.21 from the white schools in Jamesville, \$24.78 from the colored school at Parmele and \$10 from the Williamston Junior CP of the Christian church contributed \$1, and \$5 was received through the mail since the last report was released.

Most of the counties in the State met or exceeded their quotas, but the record established in Martin ranks right along with the best.

FIFTH TO RETURN

Marshall G. Moore, the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore of Jamesville to get his discharge from the armed forces, returned home recently. The four brothers beat him home by just a few months. Marshall served three years in the service, two of which were spent in Italy. The young man and his brother, George Wilson, served in the Army, two others, Charlie Mayo and L. C. Moore, were in the Navy and a fifth one, Simon Daniel Moore, served in the Army Air Force.

Some of the brothers were in service four years and most of them saw action, but all returned home safely.

Ask Appropriation For Checking Land

Washington.—Rep. John H. Folger and R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, has joined agriculture officials and members of the Virginia house delegation in urging the house subcommittee on agriculture appropriations to include \$1,147,000 in its 1947 budget to permit measuring acreage of all types of tobacco to prevent the over-planting of the weed this year.

During the war years, the AAA faced a shortage of manpower which prevented them from sending as many men as usual to measure tobacco acreage, but during that time the heavy demand absorbed excess tobacco which resulted from planting beyond the specified allotments, so the tobacco market as a whole did not suffer from over production, the subcommittee was told by North Carolina and Virginia witnesses.

It was explained by them that with the end of the war, the foreign market was expected to fall off, and more rigid enforcement of acreage restrictions would be necessary to keep the price of tobacco at normal levels. For this reason, it was asserted, measuring of acreage would be necessary this year.

Rep. Burch, Democrat of Virginia, stated that penalty payments for overplanting more than repaid the government for the expense of sending men into the tobacco areas to survey and measure the acreage. He said that \$1,706,000 were paid in penalties during the 1943 and 1944 seasons and about two and a half million in the 1945-46 season, while the amount requested for measuring expenses for this year is only \$1,167,000.

Report Two Wrecks In Oak City Section

As far as it could be learned here, no one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted in two recent automobile wrecks in the Oak City section. Neither of the wrecks was reported and complete details could not be had.

Russell Cotton was said to have turned a car over on Highway 44 about one mile from Oak City Saturday night.

James Jones, Halifax County man, turned a 1939 Plymouth car over a few days earlier between Oak City and Hobgood. The car was said to have been wrecked beyond repair, one report stating that it turned over possibly five times before it came to a stop.

Continues Quiet Ill In The McPherson Hospital

Mrs. Erah Cobb continues quite ill in McPherson's hospital, Durham. Her condition is reported to be improving. Undergoing an operation on one eye, Mrs. Cobb regained the sight in that eye and is now having trouble with the other. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cobb and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Cobb visited her Sunday.

Commenting on the fund now held in trust, Drive Chairman Wynne stated that it is considered ample for most any polio emergency. After forwarding about half of the last drive collection to State and National headquarters, the chairman now holds \$1,200 in trust. In addition to that amount, approximately \$2,200 is held in government bonds, making a total of \$3,400 in the fund at the present time. Possibly part of the money will be made available for orthopedic cases in the county.

After serving as chairman of the fund in the county for several years, Dr. E. T. Walker is resigning and he is being succeeded by Dr. J. T. Llewellyn. Mrs. Glenn Norman of Robersonville was named vice chairman. Mrs. Juanita Coltrain is succeeding Mrs. E. T. Walker as secretary, and Mr. Clyde Griffin was named treasurer. The officers will meet within the next few weeks and name a group of directors from various parts of the county to administer the fund.

Serviceman Hurt In Road Accident Near Oak City Thursday

Ohio Man's Car Crashes Into Truck Driven By Minton Beach, Jr.

Two persons were hurt, one badly, in an automobile-truck wreck between Oak City and Hamilton late last Thursday night. Considerable damage resulted, Patrolman W. E. Saunders, the investigating officer, reported.

Honorably discharged from the Marine Corps at Cherry Point earlier that day, John Robert Salen and Norman Duan Potter had started north to their homes in a 1937 Pontiac coupe, Salen to Ohio and Potter to Vermillion, Illinois. Just before reaching Oak City, Salen, driver of the car, decided to turn around and trace back to Williamston to get something to eat. A short distance from Oak City, they met and crashed into the 1939 Chevrolet pick-up truck driven by Minton Beach, Jr. One report stated that Salen was driving on the wrong side of the road, that Beach ran off the hard surface on his right in an effort to avoid the crash.

Potter's right arm, going through the door glass, was severely cut between the elbow and hand and Salen was slightly bruised and shocked. Beach and a companion were not hurt.

The Salen car went about fifty feet after striking the truck and the road was completely blocked by the two vehicles. Jack Wright, of Washington and Baltimore, was traveling south and he picked up the victims and carried them to Oak City for medical attention. Unable to locate a doctor there, Wright carried Salen and Potter to Bethel and still they were unable to find a doctor. They were finally carried to Robersonville where Potter's arm was sewed up in the Ward clinic.

The front wheel of the Pontiac was torn off and the front was smashed, the patrolman stating that damage to the car would possibly amount to \$300 or more. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$200.

No criminal action was brought immediately against the serviceman driver, but one report stated that the wrecked Pontiac had been attached for damages.

Fishing Season Gets Underway In River

Very little progress has been reported so far, but the big 1946 fishing season in the Roanoke is gradually getting underway, and extensive preparations are still being made for the commercial catches. A report from Jamesville states that the owners have tarred the big seine there, preparatory to starting operations within the next two or three weeks.

During the meantime individual fishermen are taking a few perch from the river here. Slipping away again from his heavy work schedule, Fisherman Charlie James dipped two nice river perch from the stream last Saturday.

To Address Club In The Courthouse Here Tonight

Quite a few hunters, fishermen and interested citizens are expected to hear Soss O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, in an address at the courthouse here this evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Crowd Scatters Before Young Man With Pistol

John D. Shaw was arrested by the sheriff and patrolmen late last Saturday night after he had dispersed a crowd at Griffin's filling station just west of Everetts earlier that night. The man was fined \$80 in the county court Monday.

Critically Injured In Street Accident Here Last Saturday

Suffering Multiple Fractures Of Skull, Dock Kennedy Still Semi-Conscious

Struck by a motorcycle driven by Sammy Taylor, local young man, on West Main Street at the plant of the Williamston Parts and Metal Company last Saturday morning, Dock Kennedy, about sixty years of age, suffered multiple fractures of the skull and continues in a critical condition here. Late reports stated that he remains in a semi-conscious state, that while he is restless he doesn't seem to be suffering a great deal. It was learned at the hospital that one fracture was several inches long, that four others, not quite so long, formed an almost perfect diamond. There was very little depression as a result of the blow, giving the victim a possible chance for recovery.

Few details of the accident could be learned from local police who made an investigation. According to unofficial information heard on the streets, Young Taylor, who lives in Martin Heights just outside the town limits, was traveling into Williamston about 8 o'clock last Saturday morning when Kennedy, leaving his home just back of the junk yard, stepped from behind on old car parked beside the street. The speed of the motorcycle was not definitely determined. Kennedy was thrown to the concrete, his head striking first. Other injuries and bruises were only of a minor nature, it was stated.

Young Taylor, recently passing his pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg and just recently out of the Merchant Marine, was not injured, and his motorcycle was not damaged. The accident was one of two reported locally during the week-end. A young man named Leggett ran his Ford car into the rear of an automobile wrecker driven by Herman Taylor near the Williamston Lumber Company plant on Washington Street about 8 o'clock last Sunday evening. It was raining at the time and the car driver could not see very well, it was reported by Officer C. R. Moore who investigated the accident. No one was hurt and damage was limited to about \$200 on the car, according to the officer's estimates.

Former Pastor Here Passes In Hospital

Rev. Rufus R. Grant, retired Methodist minister and former local pastor, died in a Columbia, N. C., hospital last Saturday. A resident of Hyde County, he was 75 years old. Serving in the ministry about forty years before retiring to make his home in Fairfield, Mr. Grant was pastor of the Methodist church here for three years, 1934-36.

Funeral services were conducted in the Fairfield Methodist Church yesterday morning and burial was in the Fairfield cemetery.

Mr. Grant was a native of Northampton County and spent his early life there.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. F. F. Spencer; three daughters, Etta Grant of Greensboro, Mrs. J. S. Lawrence of Elizabeth City and Mrs. E. B. Grant of Jackson; one stepson, E. S. Spencer, Jr., of Fairfield; four brothers, W. B. Grant of Troy, Claude and Kelly Grant, both of Rich Square, and L. S. Grant of Chester, Va., and four grandchildren.

His first wife, the former Elizabeth Carter of Fairfield, died several years ago.

Firemen Answer Calls Here During The Past Week-End

Local volunteer firemen were called out twice last week-end, first to a grass fire just off West Main Street late Thursday afternoon, and then to an automobile fire on North Houghton Street Saturday noon. No damage was done by the grass fire, and no great loss resulted in the car fire.

Driving an old model Ford belonging to Mary S. Gray, Abram Fonville said the car fire started around the carburetor and soon burned through the floor boards.

No Daylight Saving Time For State Is Expected

A proposal calling for a daylight saving schedule for North Carolina this spring and summer is not likely to get much consideration. While possibly a majority of the people favor the "fast" time, the opposition is quite determined and reports state that official quarters will choose to leave the clocks alone.

ENTERS HOSPITAL

Suffering with high blood pressure, Mayor John L. Hassell entered a Washington hospital yesterday afternoon for treatment.

Earlier in the day he attended to business matters in his office, but returned to his apartment when he told friends that he wasn't feeling very well.

"Ironing Out" Kinks In Vast Mechanical System Of Plant

Completing the major changes in tests made last Friday, operators of the huge plant of the Dixie Peanut Company just recently completed here, are "ironing out" the kinks gradually in the factory's huge mechanical system. Steady operation is expected within a very short time, and shelled peanuts are scheduled to start moving to the candy manufacturers within the next day or two.

The plant is gradually working toward full production, and a second shift will be employed to rush milling activities in answer to a strong demand for cleaned peanuts.

Designing the plant to handle twice the normal capacity of a factory of its size, the operators found that the flow of peanuts was so large and so rapid that some of the chutes although of considerably increased size, could not handle the load smoothly. Changes were made and

the mechanics started adjusting the fans and suction lines and tuning up the automatic machines. For the most part, the big machines and most of the other many gadgets worked perfectly.

When the big mill was placed in operation last Friday peanuts were flying in nearly every direction. Guides were enlarged and by yesterday afternoon the peanuts could be heard battering the sides of the chutes and grading drums but could not be seen.

The big engine exhaust has a slow beat, and other than the hull crusher there is little noise inside the plant except the steady hum of machines and motors. The boiler room whistle is not up to par, but a new one is to be replaced as soon as it is available to shield the old one lent the company. When the new one is installed, the plant will add its notes to the town's industrial progress.

Plans Completed For Red Cross Fund Drive

District Chairmen Named by Spivey In Chapter Yesterday

Five Townships Asked To Raise \$3,600; Canvassers Ready To Start Drive

Plans were announced virtually complete last night for launching the annual Red Cross fund drive in this, the Martin County Chapter, by Chairman V. J. Spivey who named the last of his district chairmen yesterday and announced final quotas.

Organized at a meeting held week before last, the colored citizens are understood to be already doing preliminary work in preparation of giving over their \$675 quota during the first few days of the drive opening on Friday of this week.

The drive in the districts will be headed by Mrs. Camille Fleming Turner and Mrs. Walter Brown of Jamesville; Mrs. Pete Mendenhall in Bear Grass, Mrs. J. Eason Lilly in Griffins, Mrs. R. J. Hardison in Williams, and in Williamston by the drive chairman who will be aided by Mrs. John Gurkin, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Edwards, M. A. Price, John Bland, Dennis Hardy, C. D. Bullock, John Coltrain and Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Wheeler Martin, N. C. Green, G. H. Harrison, Garland Woolard and Dr. John Biggs will solicit special gifts, locally, the chairman announced.

Canvassers for the business and residential areas will be announced tomorrow or Thursday.

Last year, this chapter raised over \$8,000 for the Red Cross. This year, it is being asked to raise \$3,600. The county quota has been broken down and assigned as follows:

Jamesville, \$325; Williams, \$60; Griffins, \$300; Bear Grass, \$300; Williamston, \$1,940, and colored citizens in six townships, including Poplar Point, \$675.

The quotas are quite small and they were acceptable in every case, some of the district leaders assuring the chapter chairmen that their people would meet the test and more.

It is planned to publish the names of the donors and the amount of contributions, by districts.

Appeals are being made to the general public to support the drive and cooperate in every way possible with the solicitors who are working without remuneration and at their own expense. It is hoped that some of the districts will complete their canvass and report a successful drive this week-end.

Ask Cooperation In Red Cross Drive

Perfecting their organization last week-end, colored leaders for the new Red Cross fund drive today addressed an appeal to all citizens urging cooperation and support for the drive which gets underway on Friday of this week. They plan to complete the canvass between the 1st and 8th of March.

The following have been named to carry the drive to the colored citizens of the town: Emma Harvey, Mary Dell Bennett, Sarah Huff, Mrs. Armistead, N. R. Cherry, M. S. Gray, Sylvia Wallace, Mittie Mason, Lenora Rodgers, Ruth Slade, Bessie McIntyre, Minnie C. Ambers, Ella Mae Ormond, Richmond Faulk, W. C. Bunch, Joe Spruill, Tom Moye, L. S. Jones, J. J. Jackson, J. J. Jackson, Mary Dell Smith, E. J. Hayes, John M. Slade, and J. D. Everett.

Colored citizens in the chapter are being asked to raise \$675, out of a \$3,600 quota. Locally, the quota is \$300.

Enforcement Chief Seizes Many Stills During Past Week

Modern Equipment Taken Last Friday; Man Charged With Possession

Going into all parts of the county last week, ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants, Deputies Julian Roebuck and Roy Peel, wrecked a large number of illicit liquor plants, poured out a quantity of molasses beer, captured modern manufacturing equipment and brought charges against one man. The record was made following several weeks of increased activity on the liquor law enforcement front in this county.

After searching along the Edgecombe County boundary line for several hours on Monday, the officers found five gallons of molasses in the woods, but no trace of the manufacturing plant could be found.

On the following day, the officers moved into the Free Union section of Jamesville Township and wrecked a 30-gallon capacity wood still and poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer.

In Bear Grass on Wednesday a partial plant was found and wrecked along with four fermenters. No beer was at the plant. Moving nearer the Beaufort County line, the officers wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used for a still and tore up three fermenters.

Last Thursday, a search in Cross Roads produced no results, but the officers moved into Robersonville Township and found a still worn and still cap in Fred Gardner's barn. A case, charging him with possession of materials for use in illicit liquor manufacturing, was brought against Gardner, a colored man.

Going into Hamilton Township last Friday, the officers destroyed a 50-gallon capacity still, a doubler and cooler and poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer. A fox squirrel was found dead in one of the beer barrels, the officers explaining that they were not certain whether the squirrel died of poisoning or drowned.

Before returning to their base that day, the officers found and confiscated modern equipment at a plant near Council's store. No still was found, but the officers captured a new oil burner, a copper radiator which was intended for use as a worm, and wrecked a 100-gallon fermenter with about 100 pounds of corn meal in it.

Accompanied by ABC officers from Pitt County, Deputies Roebuck and Roebuck returned to Hamilton Township last Saturday morning and wrecked a plant partially equipped. An oil drum was wrecked along with a doubler and cooler, ten 50-gallon capacity fermenters and poured out 400 gallons of beer. Five gallons of molasses were taken at the plant. Crossing the road, the officers concluded their raids after wrecking a 50-gallon capacity oil drum still and pouring out 150 gallons of molasses beer.

Suspect Big Ship Scandal In Nation

Something wrong with the United States Maritime Commission is suspected in some Washington quarters, according to reports coming from the nation's capital in recent days.

A shocking report has been released by the Comptroller General's office, and Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont appealed for a senatorial investigation.

The country has thousands of "surplus" ships. A plan for disposing of them was proposed by the Maritime Commission, then controlled by Admiral Emory S. Land. The National House of Representatives held hearings and put some safeguards in a "ship disposal" bill. It was sent to the Senate where Senator Josiah W. Bailey, chairman of the Committee on Investigations, offered recommendations blasting away the "safeguards" proposed by the House. The bill, as wanted by the admirals and as recommended by Bailey, passed without a roll call vote.

According to Senator Aiken, the Maritime Commission in the war years up to June, 1944, had juggled its books to the tune of \$5,822,873,498 to make its records look as if they came out right. Back of the juggling, the Comptroller disclosed a long list of peculiar deals by the commission, such as paying insurance "up to 64 times the value of ships," after they were sunk.

Two Men Under Bond For Alleged Assault

Joe Henry and Ollie Gaynor, brothers, were placed under bond in the sum of \$300 each for allegedly holding up and assaulting two Williams brothers in Poplar Point last week. They were given a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell last Friday.

According to one report, the Gaynor brothers blocked the road and

held up the Williams brothers and drew pistols and only our pleading saved our lives," one of the victims was quoted as saying. The alleged assault grew out of some family trouble, it was declared.

ROUND-UP

For the third time in a row, seven persons were arrested and jailed here by local, county and state officers last week-end. Two of the seven were booked for assaults, three for public drunkenness and one each for drunk driving and carrying a concealed weapon. The drunken driver, detained by patrolmen Saturday afternoon, was operating a large army truck and his drive was so wild that his brother hopped out along the highway before reaching here.

Rev. John W. Hardy Is Returning Here

The Rev. Joseph S. Huske, Jr., delivered his last sermon here Sunday morning at the Church of the Advent.

Mr. Huske's sermon held a three-fold message. First, that God is not dead, but that with many people He has been domesticated, made into a harmless household pet, with his teeth drawn. Mr. Huske said, "God is alive, an all powerful and just God, as well as a loving father. He is not a grandfather!" Secondly, one does not "join the church" as one would a club, but is made a member of Christ at baptism and becomes a part of His body, the church, just as the hands and feet are a part of the human body. Thirdly, church activity, constantly doing things, does not make a person a Christian. It is not what a man does that makes him a Christian—but what he is. A man does good works because he is a Christian.

Mr. Huske will leave this week for Fayetteville where he will visit his parents for a month before continuing his work. He has made many friends since coming to Williamston.

The Rev. John W. Hardy who was granted a leave of absence from the Church of the Advent during his chaplaincy in the army will arrive this week to resume his work here.

Veteran Suffers Attack On Street

A member of the crew of the U. S. S. "Intrepid" and recently discharged from the Navy, a South Carolina whose name could not be learned immediately, suffered an attack in his automobile on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets here yesterday morning. Following treatment in Dr. E. T. Walker's office, the veteran recovered rapidly and continued his journey to his home in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Accompanied by his wife, the veteran was driving south on Highway 17 when he suffered the attack and ran his coupe off the road. The car was not wrecked and his wife took the wheel and continued here. The man's condition becoming much worse about the time they reached the Sinclair filling station.

It was learned that the veteran had been badly wounded in the Coral Sea battle, that often his blood leaves his head and rushes to the stomach, causing the attacks. Before medical aid could reach him he was given a stimulant and that partly revived him.

Oak City Young Man Is Discharged From The Navy

Was recently discharged from the Navy at the Bainbridge, Maryland, Separation Center, the Oak City young man, in service six years, was last stationed on the USS Rienamer.