

BLIND VET TESTS NEW WORK AID



WITH HIS WIFE LOOKING ON, Andrew Tomanek, blind war veteran, tries out a new machine given him by the Veterans' Administration to aid him in his business with a Brooklyn, N. Y., utility company. The new gadget is a recording instrument specially designed for the needs of sightless persons. The Veterans' Administration is empowered to purchase this type of equipment for blind veterans. (International)

N. C. Navy Plans To Launch Sixth Vessel Shortly

RALEIGH.—While other naval powers debate disarmament the fleet that flies the Old North State ensign is preparing for the launching of its sixth unit—a 45-foot launch.

The naming of the new ship will be one of the tasks facing the State Board of Conservation and Development at its next meeting. Meanwhile the fleet's admiral, Captain John A. Nelson, commissioner of commercial fishing, is awaiting delivery of the powerful inboard engine needed to complete the craft.

The launch itself is already complete and was built by North Carolina craftsmen in Carteret County. Director W. Z. Betts of the Purchase and Contract Division who is attempting to locate the engine has advertised for bids for a 250 horsepower type which will make at least 2,400 revolutions per minute.

The State Navy operates mainly as a commercial fishing patrol in the Inland Waterway which threads its way through islands along the North Carolina coast, but its flag ship, the 75-foot Hatteras, frequently navigates out into deep water. The ships have in their time helped rescue many a shipwreck survivor. The story of their wartime activities is still to be told.

Captain Nelson, one of the State's oldest active mariners, has been in charge of the fleet for most of the years since its activation.

SEEK AUSTIN'S POST IN VERMONT



RALPH E. FLANDERS

STERRY R. WATERMAN

AN INDUSTRIALIST, Ralph E. Flanders, of Springfield, and Sterry R. Waterman of St. Johnsbury, are Republican candidates for Senatorial nomination in Vermont. They seek to replace Sen. Warren R. Austin, the newly-appointed representative on the United Nations Security Council, who succeeds Edward R. Stettinius. (International)

N. Y.-Mexico Sleepers Started By Railroads

NEW YORK.—Through Pullman car service to Mexico City from New York was inaugurated this week when the Pennsylvania and the New York Central each sent a sleeping car on its way to the Mexican capital.

Mexico's Consul General, Enrique L. Elizondo, spoke at the ceremony in the Pennsylvania Station, when the Sunshine Special, a through train to Texas carrying the through car to Mexico, left.

Pennsylvania Station took on the aspect of a Mexican fiesta as a nine-piece Mexican orchestra played rumbas, sambas, and vongsas.

Two hours previous to the departure of the Sunshine Special the New York Central's Southwestern Limited had pulled out from the Grand Central Terminal with a through sleeping car for Mexico.

Mr. Elizondo declared that the opening of the new sleeping-car service was another step in creating the atmosphere of peace.

July 4th Abroad

PRAGUE.—The town of Zechovia in South Bohemia, which a particularly cheerful group of American troops liberated, chose this United States Independence Day to change its name to Amerika.

The Bohemians insisted on spelling it with a K instead of the more conventional C.

Haywood Hospital Approved By V. A. To Treat Veterans

The Haywood County Hospital is one of 47 North Carolina hospitals approved by the U. S. Veterans administration for treatment of veterans' service-connected disabilities.

North Carolina was second only to Michigan in adopting the plan which permits veterans to go to their own doctors for treatment of service-connected illness, and to enter hospitals in their own communities when facilities of the Veterans Administration are unavailable. The "Home Treatment" program is being administered on a non-profit basis by the Chapel Hill Blue Cross Plan.

NO POINTS FOR WACS

WASHINGTON.—The War Department abolished the point discharge system for the Women's Army Corps here and announced that all Wacs will be discharged by October 31 unless they volunteer for extra duty.

All commands were notified that, upon this date, all Wacs who wish to be discharged, must be in separation centers or upon ships bound for the United States.

The order does not apply to Wacs who have agreed to stay on until June 30, 1947, or for the duration and six months.

United States To Free More Gold

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, (AP).—The United States has promised to release soon Argentine gold deposits held in the United States in the name of Banco de la Nacion and Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, the Foreign Office said last night. The deposits total about \$6,000,000.

The United States previously has released Argentine gold deposits totaling about \$637,000,000.

REA Loans in Year Total \$290,463,910

WASHINGTON.—The Rural Electrification Administration said that it had loaned \$290,463,910 during the fiscal year ended June 30, or sufficient to enable co-operatives to add more than 180,000 miles of power lines.

The new facilities will add approximately 565,000 consumers to refinanced rural power lines, the agency added in a statement.

Dark Picture Painted Of Rural Bridge Repairs

RALEIGH.—Many of North Carolina's 16,000 county road bridges have reached a "critical" condition with little chance of early repair because of material, labor and equipment shortages, State Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise reported today.

Natural deterioration and heavy war-time traffic loads during the past four years, he said, placed a heavy strain on these vital spans which link together the state's 50,000 miles of county roads.

War-time restrictions permitted no construction and only limited maintenance of the dirt and surface-treated roads used daily by the rural population as farm-to-market, school bus and mail routes, the highway engineer explained.

"We are not trying to make excuses," he said, "but the people should be informed of our difficulties in getting materials to do the work on these bridges. Despite boxcar loads per month—have not been received in 18 months. Some ordered in 1944 has not been delivered yet."

He said a current order for 2,500,000 pounds of structural steel, consisting chiefly of beams badly needed for county-type bridges, has not been delivered and will not be received before September—if then.

Paint, concrete pipe and metal pipe—used in large amounts before the war for repairs—has been extremely difficult to procure, Baise said. The amount of money available, there is a limit to what we can accomplish due to lack of material, labor and equipment."

The life of an average county-type bridge, constructed of untreated lumber, ranges from 8 to 10 years under normal conditions provided it receives periodic inspections and maintenance, he pointed out. The war stopped replacement of old spans, and prevented proper maintenance while the ravages of time, weather and extremely heavy war plant trucking traffic damaged county road bridges.

Baise pointed out that bids for 30,000 feet of untreated lumber advertised 60 times during recent months did not receive a single offer from 50 lumber dealers notified. Bids on creosoted lumber—normally used at a rate of five

asserted. Every effort has been made to use metal pipe where possible to replace unobtainable steel beams.

Bridge maintenance forces normally totalled 900 men, he added, but now stand at 300-350 because skilled workers could get higher wages working for private contractors.

Approximately 125 trucks were engaged in bridge maintenance before the war. No new vehicles were received for five years and only 19 new trucks have been obtained since the close of the war. Other essential equipment such as concrete mixers, pumps and pile drivers have been worked past their usefulness but cannot be replaced.

"The solution to this problem? When will the county bridge situation return to normal? "I don't know," Baise declared. "It is the most serious single problem facing the highway department today. I wish I knew how we could get the needed material, labor and equipment."

"We have made every effort to buy on the open market or purchase surplus material—with little or no success. The situation may become normal in three years if we can get the materials for repairs and construction, but meantime many bridges may fail."

Draft Officials Take Life Easy This Month

Draft board officials are taking life easy these days due to the no-draft order for July and August, the first time since December, 1940 when not a single Tar Heel is to be called to the armed forces. Rules prohibiting the drafting of 18 and 19 year olds virtually abolished the draft, since very few men 20 or older had been missed previously if eligible for service.

The peak month in North Carolina was January 1943, when 12,800 men were inducted. More than 300,000 Tar Heels were drafted, and more than 62,000 others volunteered or entered service through the National Guard. Of this number, more than 8,000 gave their lives.

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