

## Rail oddities

**RAILROADS HAVE A "NAVY" CONSISTING OF ABOUT 2,000 BOATS—CAR FERRIES, TUG BOATS, BARGES, LIGHTERS, ETC.**

**A BATTERY OF PRESSURIZED WATER JETS AND MECHANIZED ROTARY BRUSHES GIVE A 660-TON LOCOMOTIVE A BATH IN 25 MINUTES.**

**THE INHERENT ECONOMY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION IS SEEN IN THE FACT THAT AMERICAN RAILROADS MOVE A TON OF FREIGHT ONE MILE, ON THE AVERAGE, WITH ABOUT TWO OUNCES OF COAL OR ABOUT A TEASPOONFUL OF DIESEL OIL.**

ONE TON  
ONE MILE

20Z. COAL

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS, 1944

### Hoey Favors Modernization Of States Ports

WILMINGTON. — Expansion and modernization of North Carolina's outstanding natural ports facilities "will broaden the state's economic scope and react to the distinct advantage of every class and every region," is the belief of Senator Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, former governor, and well-known Christian layman.

The senior North Carolina Senator, in a letter to Col. George W. Gillette, executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, which will ask the 1949 legislature to approve adequate appropriations for ports development, says:

"I am greatly interested in proposals to expand and modernize the natural ports resources of North Carolina, and believe that all forward-looking citizens should support the project, for the benefit of every section of the state. It is my opinion that a comprehensive and competently administered ports program will broaden North Carolina's economic scope, and react to the distinct advantage of every class and every region.

"Surveys have been made and statistics gathered by those actively engaged in furthering the ports program, which show that for many years our sister states on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts have been reaping a golden harvest of dollars at North Carolina's expense, because they say long ago the advantages to be gained by furnishing their port cities adequate and modern facilities for the handling of waterborne commercial traffic.

"As a consequence, such cities as Savannah and Mobile, Charleston and Norfolk, and other which took long, careful looks into the future, have been expanding and growing, through the medium, in part at least, of the millions of dollars they receive each year in shipping revenues and other economic advantages, which should have been retained in North Carolina.

"If these cities and states can provide ways and means of gathering in this food-tide of dollars, I see no reason why North Carolina, which certainly has many citizens possessing intellects and business acumen of a high order, can not do the same. I truly hope that our people will awaken to the vast economic possibilities of our ports, both deep-water and the important smaller ones along our many navigable inland streams, and recaptures these millions which needlessly are being thrust into the hands of other states.

"I do not think anyone will question the wisdom of providing North Carolina with networks of improved roads and highways, of adequate educational facilities, of comprehensive public health programs, of far-reaching agricultural encouragement, and every other advantage for the comfort, convenience, progress and profit of our citizens.

"All of those worthy projects will cost money, and it will be money well spent. The ports program will cost money also, and will represent funds wisely invested. Proper ports development will produce extensive revenues for the treasury of the state, and will laid our state-wide economy in many other ways."

### War I Vets May Still Get Service Insurance

A veteran of World War I who served at any time from October 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921, may still be eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 of U. S. Government Life Insurance, the Veterans Administration said today.

As in the case of World War II veterans eligible, veterans of World War I may get term insurance or any of six permanent plans. The permanent plans available to World War I veterans are ordinary life, 20-payment life, 30-payment life, 20-year endowment, 30-year endowment, and endowment at age 62.

The veteran must pass a physical examination, which will be given without charge at any VA regional office or hospital. A veteran of World War I may apply for U. S. Government Life Insurance through his nearest VA office.

A service aggravated disability VA explained, is an injury or disease which existed before the person entered the armed forces and which was made worse by active duty. Such a disability gives the veteran the same privileges as one caused by service in the armed forces.

### Gold Star Lapel Pins Available To Widows

Gold Star Lapel Buttons are now available without charge to widows and parents of those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in World War II, according to Jack C. Winchester, District Officer of the State Veterans Commission.

Under the terms of Public Law 396, 80th Congress, children, brothers and sisters are eligible to purchase one of these buttons. They cost about \$1.50 each.

"Only one Gold Star Lapel Button can be furnished any one individual, so they should be carefully safeguarded," Mr. Winchester cautioned. The wearer's initials are engraved on the back of each button before issuance so they can be identified if lost or misplaced.

"Those desiring to apply for one of these Gold Star Buttons will be furnished application blanks and any assistance necessary in completing them," Winchester said. For further information call or write to Jack C. Winchester, Box 753, District Officer, N. C. Veterans Commission, Morganton, N. C., or visit your County Service Officer in the County Courthouse.

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