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## BAILEY FOR WORLD CHARTER BUT THINKS NATION WILL DO WELL TO KEEP STRONG

### Senator Says It Would Be Unfortunate If We Should Lull Ourselves Into A Sense Of Security After Ratification; Believes We Should Maintain Strong Military Forces; Sees Threat From Pressure Groups Within Our Borders

By Senator Josiah W. Bailey

I wish to inform the people of North Carolina that I am heartily in favor of the Treaty recently agreed upon at San Francisco by the delegates representing more than 50 nations. I shall support ratification earnestly and without reservation. It is my judgment that we should ratify this most important treaty with as little delay as possible.

Probably it is well to warn our people that while this is a most excellent treaty, as good as could have been devised under all the circumstances, it does not guarantee peace or security. Probably it does all that a treaty can do. It is my opinion that the security of our country and the peace of the world will depend upon the people themselves rather than upon treaties, even great treaties like this one. It would be most unfortunate if we should lull ourselves into a sense of security upon ratification of this treaty.

There has always been a powerful will to peace in our country. Our people are peaceful people and they hate war. What I fear is that so many do not seem to understand that the security of this country depends upon the people themselves and upon their determination to keep this country strong and great. We must not only maintain our present great navy we must also have a very strong army. We must continue to be prepared. Few of us realize how nearly we came to losing this war by the fact that we were unprepared and it required fully two years to prepare us. We can afford to disarm and I am not at all in favor of preserving the military strength of our country and keeping this country at the very front in the world.

Latest comparative figures from the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, reveal that total mail has risen from 49,719,367 pieces in May, 1944, to 100,128,789 pieces in May, 1945.

Meanwhile the Navy has adopted a bulk-shipment plan for magazines, buying them for resale at every shore station and ship. These shipments, due to start in mid-July, are expected to give Navy men the same choice of magazines they would have at their home news stands.

### FARM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES DISCONTINUED

T. A. Jenette, chairman of the Hyde County Farm Transportation committee announced this week that this committee which has been serving the farmers in the county in connection with the Office of Defense Transportation and Price Administration in handling applications for off-highway gasoline was discontinued on June 30th. The services of the County Farm Transportation, County and Community AAA committees are not available for this purpose anymore.

All problems that arise in the future in connection with these programs should be taken up directly with the Offices of Defense Transportation and Price Administration.

These agencies will continue to render to farmers the same helpful service that they had in the past.

Ruby Pearson, former home demonstration agent in Johnston County, is the new leader of 4-H club work for girls in North Carolina. She succeeds Mrs. John D. Wall.

Veterans of this war are given preference over nearly all other prospective purchasers of new farm machinery through an order issued by the War Food Administration.

The other matter that concerns (Please turn to page two)

## LARD AND MEATS SCARCE IN HYDE STORES THIS WEEK

### Food Situation Becomes Serious In County Where Eats Should Be Plentiful

By THOS. E. SPENCER

The shortage of lard and meats in Hyde county stores this week was serious. A survey of a number of stores and markets by this reporter revealed that most of them had no large or shortening in stock and little meat or beef. Many other food items are no longer on the shelves.

Not in recent times has this rich agricultural county faced such a food shortage. Housewives are finding it most difficult to prepare balanced meals.

There are hundreds of acres of grazing land, but steak is a rare item; many chickens are raised, but dressed chickens are scarce in the markets, and cafe owners and hotel men from distant points are taking the surplus from the farms; hogs feed in the pastures, but there is little or no lard in most stores, and meat is scarce.

Sugar, rationed for a long time, became scarce in stores this week. Little canning has been done, and it appears that none requiring sugar will be carried on now unless the retail supply is increased.

There are fish and vegetables available, although sometimes these are scarce in the stores and markets.

The usually well-stocked shelves of the village stores have fewer canned foods than usual. This is particularly true of the meat items.

The shortage of lard, shortenings, and cooking fats is the most serious of any that has faced housewives. It prevents the making of good biscuits which is a staple food in Hyde and also important in frying vegetables and fish, as well as in other cooking.

These shortages which have come much more serious in the last 10 days are a subject of much conversation, for it is indeed unusual for this farm country to be without meats, lards and other food items not now available. Most people are not complaining although there are some who place the blame for the situation on poor management of the food program.

### COAST GUARDSMAN VETERAN OF PACIFIC

Coast Guardsman Elisha Balance, Chief Water Tender of the *Aracoke* is a veteran of Pacific invasion action aboard a Coast Guard manned vessel. In charge of the fire room of his ship, Balance says that air action at Leyte was the worst he ever encountered. Prior to entering the service, he was a fisherman.

Solitary sandpipers nest in abandoned robins' nests.

## Breakfast For Her Fighting Son



PEORIA, ILL. — Packing the army's famous "K" rations is Mrs. Esther Jacobson's war job. And as she packs the 50 millionth "K" meal produced at the Hiram Walker & Sons plant here, she hopes her son Don, a Marine fighting Japs on Okinawa, might get that particular one. In this fast moving war, men at the front would often go hungry if it weren't for "K" rations. These appetizing, highly nutritious pocket size meals, assure our soldiers three square meals a day even though field kitchens may be far away. Originally developed for parachute troops, "K" rations are now used by all military units. They will play an important role in the conquest of Japan.



A "K" ration consists of three meals for one man for one day. Here is breakfast, other meals are dinner and supper. The contents: Soluble coffee, a fruit bar, chewing gum, a can of chopped ham and egg, energy biscuits, sugar, compressed cereal, 4 cigarettes and toilet tissue. Each meal is packed in a wax dipped carton which is moisture, gas and insect proof. "K" rations are used only in combat.

### TOBACCO GROWERS ARE GETTING HYDE LABOR

Some Negro farm laborers are taking jobs with tobacco growers up-state at pay ranging as high as six dollars a day and room and board. Several farm agents have been in the county recently arranging to hire this help.

Agricultural officials would not permit any to be taken from the county before this week because all available farm help was needed in the potato fields.

The labor is not surplus, but is not available for doing the farm test which Hyde County farmers have for them at this time, which includes cutting ditch banks. Prices in Hyde are not as inviting as that offered by the tobacco growers.

It is difficult to hire farm labor in these times to cut ditch banks. Most can make enough doing the higher paying seasonal work to tide them over.

That large Scuppernon grape vine that has no grapes is probably a male vine, and will never bear.

### JOHN FINDLEY GOES BACK TO RALEIGH

John Findley, for the past two months acting manager of the Mattamuskeet Wildfowl Refuge with headquarters at New Holland, has returned to Raleigh where he assumed his new duties as state Game and Fish Commissioner Monday. Mr. Findley was assistant Game and Fish Commissioner before coming to Hyde County.

Many in Hyde will regret to learn of Mr. Findley's going, although glad to know of his promotion in the Conservation Department. His friends here will miss many friends in the county.

### GULROCK SOLDIER AWARDED COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

Pfc. Mather T. Gibbs of Gulrock, with the 103rd (Cactus) Division of the Seventh Army has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for outstanding performance of duty with the 103rd Infantry Division in ground combat against the enemy.

## ACTIVITY IN LEASING COASTAL OIL RIGHTS GROWS MORE FEVERISH

### Much Money Finds Its Way Into Circulation As Oil Company Agents Enter Home Stretch to Close Leases Before September Movement Stimulates Business, and Many Folks Agog Over Hope for Oil Riches

### MATTAMUSKEET HIGHWAY GIVES JOY TO BATHERS

#### Hot Days Make Dreams Come True For Those Who Projected Lake Highway

Hot summer days are bringing many people to Lake Mattamuskeet for bathing along the scenic highway near Fairfield. The new road with its shallow sloping sandy beaches is fulfilling the dreams of those who first advocated it, notably W. O. Saunders of Elizabeth City, and P. D. Midgett and M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, Geo. P. Carter of Fairfield, and others.

Hyde County with so few nice spots convenient to a road for bathing, is now finding this bathing beach worthwhile. Most of those who visit it for picnicking and bathing are Hyde County people, but more will come as travel increases throughout the country.

The BYPU of the Baptist Church of Fairfield held a fish fry on the highway Friday, and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

### MRS. SWINDELL NOT GOING TO GERMANY

An item in the Sladesville correspondence the other week to the effect that Mrs. Henry Lee Swindell of that community was going to join her husband in Germany was based on misinformation. The Hyde County Herald is glad to run this correction.

The news story, which passed through the Sladesville office, had much interest when it was circulated throughout Hyde County in the county newspaper.

It is believed that the government does not permit the wives of soldiers to go to the front, can do so even though the war there has ended. It is understood that the War Department is considering the possibility of such visits for wives of occupation troops.

### MRS. AND MRS. J. T. MIDGETTE MAKE GUT TO LODGE

The Mattamuskeet Masonic Lodge of Lake Landing has recently received as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Midgette of Lake Landing. Mr. Midgette's eighth interest in the Masonic Hall, known as the Academy. Here is Mr. Midgette's letter to the Masons:

Dear Brethren: My wife and I—she as an Eastern Star and I as Master Mason, for our love for Masonry, are donating my eighth interest in Ridge Academy, left me by my paternal grandfather, J. T. Midgette, for whom I was named, in his will, in donating this property to Mattamuskeet Lodge No. 328 A. M. and A. M., I am relinquishing all claim to any rent for said building that might be due me by said lodge for continuous occupation for past sixty nine years without paying rent.

Hoping that this gift to Mattamuskeet Lodge will assist said Lodge in its usefulness in building a stronger community, both morally and spiritually, I am sincerely and fraternally yours. J. T. Midgette. Warranty Deed enclosed.

### REVIVAL SOON AT SWAN QUARTER CHRIST CHURCH

A revival meeting will begin at the Swan Quarter Christian Church July 16th and continue through the 25th. The Rev. J. W. Lolis, pastor, will do the preaching. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Vance County is finding that its scrub bull eradication campaign is building a better dairy industry.

Millions of dollars in oil under the N. C. coastland; maybe billions. That's what some people believe, and they believe it so strong that it is getting difficult to find anyone who will even talk about selling a piece of land. Millions nothing, the doubters snort. It's just a plan for the oil companies to get some of Uncle Sam's money, they say, and maybe to save some taxes.

So while these two groups argue, the thinking man can give close scrutiny to what is going on, and find a serious determined effort on the part of the oil company representatives to get all the ground under lease, and to be prepared to protect their interests when the time comes to drill for oil. Nearly the whole of Dare County has been leased, and maybe it is about even as to who has the best advantage, Sinclair or Standard. Maybe Sinclair, with its lease on Fred Maloof's 168,000 acres has the most land, but Standard has the edge with more accessible acreage along the coast. Sinclair put out \$168,000 in one sum for Maloof's lease. Standard is leasing everything in sight at ten cents an acre, and in some instances advancing large sums to keep taxes up that were long delinquent.

Standard Oil has the best of the county sewed up with leases with only a few gaps to fill in. It had good connections in Dare County, and got a good start by putting one or two prominent citizens on the payroll. It has leased the bulk of the land between Hatteras Inlet and the Currituck County line, as well as a large part of Roanoke Island, for landowners have been very cooperative and readily signed up leases for ten cents an acre, with option of renewing in ten years.

Standard In Lead

However, a number of people are holding out against signing and maintain they don't want their lands cluttered with any lease for anything to anybody, and they don't intend to sign. So the race between Standard and Sinclair, for God and Texas picked up just a few acres and quit and while Sinclair may have more acreage, it is a certainty that Standard's holdings embrace the territory where the bulk of the county's population lives. In time to come they may expect a minimum of trouble, should oil be found in the county, for they will have as business partners, many of the county's most influential citizens, including office holders. Depend on it, if oil is found, Dare will practically belong to Standard, and Standard may easily be the biggest, the most powerful, and if it chooses, the most helpful factor in this section.

It is too much to go into detail about what the discovery of profitable wells in this county would mean. Time enough to enumerate it when it happens. Should there be oil, there will be a great jump in property values. Living costs will also soar, and wages will keep up and keep on going up. Real estate prices will be enormous. The increase in tax valuations will yield the county more money, but the cost of government will leap skyward, to pay for more jails and policemen, hospitals, schools, and other things. Hundreds of new jobs will be provided, and churches will even feel prosperity as their members roll in dough. These may sound like dreams, but the oil companies will try to make them come true.

Standard has been spending tens of thousands of dollars to bring in seismicographic experts to make tests throughout the region. Something like a half million dollars have been spent in the work during the past nine months, and another million is being set aside. September is the deadline for the beginning of drilling operations. Soon we shall see.

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## Should the U. S. Adopt Program Peace-Time Military Training?

NO, SAYS E. A. WILLIAMS, SWAN QUARTER MERCHANT

To the Editor: I am opposed to compulsory peace-time military training for American youth. It is undemocratic and is throwing on the scrap heap the principles that our forefathers fought and died for. I think it would be just another step in the direction of totalitarianism, the thing that we need to watch and guard against. I think it would tend to hamper the youth of our land in the preparation for a business career, and cause them to lose interest and initiative early in life, which many, no doubt, would never overcome.

Take France, Germany, Italy and Japan as examples of compulsory military training. What did they gain from all the many years of compulsory training? The outcome of the recent struggle in Europe has not demonstrated a market superiority in soldiers so trained as opposed to those not so trained. An examination of the results of compulsory service in these countries give no sufficient reason why the United States should abandon its

EDITOR'S NOTE: The question of whether or not the United States should adopt a program of peace-time military training is of interest to every home. The editor of the Herald recently invited a number of outstanding citizens to express their opinions. Today we carry the replies of two, one who favors compulsion as a national policy, while another opposes it. If you would like to express your views, let us hear from you. We cannot make any assurance, however, that they will be published. TES.

century-old Americanism and adopt European imperialism. These defeated countries when weighed in the balance—in the acid test of war—their compulsory service was found wanting.

Why the San Francisco Peace Conference, if we are going to ignore it altogether and start conscripting and training men for another war, even before the machinery for peace has been set up and given a chance to demonstrate its effectiveness? I re-

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YES, SAYS J. C. BISHOP, SCRANTON FARMER

To The Editor: The following is concerning the question you presented me a few days ago. I think our Lord knew what he was saying when he said, "Know the truth and the truth will make you free." We would not make any mistake if we took the time with our young to teach them the truth rather than the false way to peace, which I think means force rather than respect for our enemies.

If we really in sincerity want peace, which is not only absence of war, but also absence of hatred and strife, we must be willing to "do unto others as we would have them to do unto us."

If this were first taught to our young by teachers who believe it would work, we would be able to teach it successfully to other nations and in time would be able to overcome international strife.

In this age and world in which we live, we cannot live to our selves. We must learn to live with other nations, and our at-

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