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DARE OVER THE TOP The raising of \$1,100 in a small county such as Dare, what with so many other campaigns for donations constantly underway, is not always easy. But again Dare is over the top in this recent campaign, and Chairman C. S. Meekins has just received congratulations from Thos. L. Carroll, Executive Secretary of State Headquarters.

EDITOR OBSERVES OVER-CONFIDENCE The editor of this newspaper has observed, what seems to be an over-confident feeling of the man on the street, that the war is nearing an end and that in a few short months everything will be back normal again.

We have gone a long way toward winning this war. We have much further to go before we win! America must continue to work as it has never worked... not a few more months, but many more months, until victory, and on into post-war days.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON Edited by Western Newspaper Union

How Stories of First Flight Were Sent Out (Continued from page 1) flown a thousand times as far just as easy. It was made to land with ease and in perfect safety.

There were more quaint messages—one of them on May 11, 1908, as the sensational flights continued: "In flying machine flights at Kill Devil Hill today, Wright Brothers made long gains over distances heretofore flown, the longest flight today—the distance being computed by the telegraph poles of the United States Weather Bureau seacoast wire—being two and seven-sixteenths miles, almost a mile in excess of their best record previous to today."

The speed of the flying machine was worthy of note, too, and was estimated at 46.774 miles an hour. The reporter, attempting to help his public visualize the strange goings-on, inserted this description: "Imagine a reaper flying through the air with its customary noise while at work and the rising and falling motion similar to that of a bird, and a fair picture of Wright Brothers flying machine action is obtained."

On May 14th, 1908, the first telegraphed news story of an airplane wreck was sent out. "On the eve of a great triumph with a sustained record of eight miles in the air just rolled off—the Wright Brothers airplane was completely wrecked on the beach at Kill Devil Hill shortly after one o'clock this afternoon."

ADMINISTRATION WORRIED The administration rushed every one of its national powers from Kentucky into the threatened final breach. Senate Leader Barkley and the recently cantankerous Happy Chandler, spent the last three weeks before election on the formerly dark and lody ground. Some Kentuckians think this was a mistake, too.

Mr. Roosevelt once spoke in Kentucky against Chandler in the early New Deal days when Happy was trying to crash the gate of big league politics and establish the gubernatorial machine he has enjoyed up until last Tuesday. The Democratic candidate was a Chandler man, J. Lyter Donaldson.

Chandler is one of the senators who returned from a world tour recently, with advice for changes in administration world policy which were sharply and publicly rejected by the White House. When he and Barkley rushed back to Kentucky to get into bed together with Donaldson and call for upholding (Please turn to page 4)

"COULD THAT MEAN US?"



ENGELHARD MAN SHOTS DOWN GERMAN FIGHTER

Sgt. Flave B. Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gibbs of Engelhard, gunner on an American bomber with the North African command was credited recently with shooting down a Nazi fighter last month while on a raid over Austria. Sgt. Gibbs has not mentioned the episode in letters to his parents, but they learned of it through news dispatches.

Sgt. Gibbs shot down the Nazi fighter over Weiner Neusadt, Austria. Fifty Nazi planes were shot down. The Allies lost 11.

FAIRFIELD FAMILY HAS PICKED MUCH COTTON

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Blake of Fairfield have picked 5,578 pounds of cotton this year, and their sons, eight and 11 years old, have picked 1,000 pounds. Mr. Blake is a veteran of World War I, and lost his right arm while serving in the army. The work of himself and his family was done in a spirit of patriotism more than for financial gain, for Uncle Sam pays a pension to Mr. Blake for the disability which came about while in service.

SWAN QUARTER BOY GETS RIBBON FOR GOOD CONDUCT Sgt. Bruce Lee Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hodges of Swan Quarter, stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, has been awarded a ribbon for good conduct.

"LIGHT HORSE HARRY" LEE SAVED BY DELAWARE TAVERN'S TRICK STAIRWAY



Robinson House, historic inn near Claymont, Delaware, and General "Light Horse Harry" Lee, who used its secret stairway to elude capture by British.

"Tavern saves life of Revolutionary General" might well be the caption for a story of the two-hundred year old Robinson House, at Naaman's Creek, near Claymont, Delaware.

For here it was that General Henry Lee, noted cavalry officer and father of Gen. Robert E. Lee of Confederacy fame, hid to elude a cordon of British soldiers who had carefully guarded all apparent avenues of escape, after trapping him inside. Lee, familiar with every foot of the inn, knew of its secret staircase whose entrance led through a sliding panel in what appeared to be a solid wall.

Returning after his escape, General Lee turned the tables on his would-be captors, by taking prisoner three officers from a British warship while they were at breakfast.

General George Washington made use of the tavern frequently for meetings with his staff officers. From August 23 to 25, 1777, according to one historian, Washington "was an anxious guest waiting to learn of the destination of British forces commanded by Sir William Howe, which came up the Chesapeake and landed at the head of the Elk River in Maryland."

Among its famous guests was General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, brother-in-law of the tavern's host, Abraham Robinson. Adjoining the inn, is an old blockhouse which was built in 1654 by John Rising when he was Governor of New Sweden, as that section along the Delaware River was known at the time. It was fired upon by Peter Stuyvesant's men in 1655, captured by the Indians in 1671, and taken by the British in 1776. With Robinson House, now known as Naaman's, it still stands as a memorial to the American heroes of an earlier day.

HYDE AAA LEADERS ARE NAMED FOR '44

Community and County Committee Members Named at Recent Meetings Held Throughout County

AAA committeemen to administer the farm program in Hyde for the coming year were elected at a series of community and county meetings held recently. Those elected as community committeemen were:

Swan Quarter-Rose Bay-Hodges Fork: E. E. Hodges, chairman, Gratz Spencer, and T. A. O'Neal. Alternates are Evans Harris and Joseph Williams.

Swindell's Fork-Juniper Bay-New Holland: J. H. Swindell, chairman, D. M. Swink, and H. G. Credle. Alternates are Lonnie O'Neal and C. C. Cahoon.

Engelhard: John C. Respass, chairman, E. E. Pulford, and Marion Swindell. Alternates are Frank Gibbs and S. D. Cox.

Fairfield: P. E. Swindell, chairman, J. L. Blake, and Carl Cuthrell. Alternates are H. L. Midgette and A. B. Harris.

Sladesville: E. S. Fisher, chairman, D. S. Daniels and A. L. Kinney. Alternates are Pud Brinn and Geo. W. Spencer.

Ponzer-Scranton: J. C. Bishop, chairman, S. R. Clayton, and J. E. Smithwick. Alternates are John Polson and E. R. Stowe.

Lake Landing: W. W. Payne, chairman, S. A. Long, and H. D. Cuthrell. Alternates are J. D. Silverthorn and J. W. Boomer.

The county committee, which was named by delegates representing each district at a county meeting, is as follows: T. A. Jennette, chairman, Gratz Credle, and R. L. Jones. J. H. Swindell and W. W. Payne are alternates.

ENGELHARD HOME CLUB IN REGULAR MEETING

Home Agent Speaks On "Let's Have Christmas" Officers Installed

"Let's Have Christmas" was the subject Miss Roach discussed at the Engelhard Home Demonstration Club meeting Wednesday afternoon. Miss Roach said, "When we say merry Christmas this year, we must mean it and believe it. Although it's going to be difficult to celebrate Christmas this year for most every home is affected in some way due to the war. But in spite of the confusion, uncertainty, anxiety and fear we cannot afford to let the children say when they are grown that was the year we didn't have Christmas. Why should we let the suffering of this world affect our children by failing to celebrate in a simple way this year?"

Sixteen members were present and one new member. \$1.60 was contributed in stamps for the club's album.

The club voted to put together the quilt squares the Engelhard 4-H girls had made and make the linings. The lap robes will be used in the hospitals for the soldiers who are convalescing.

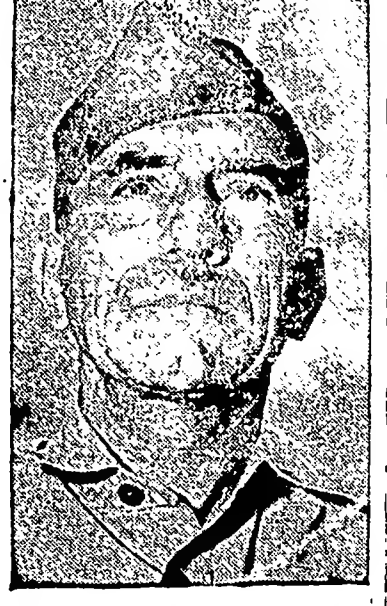
The new officers, Mrs. J. M. Long, president; Mrs. B. C. Marshall, 1st vice president; Miss Janie Mann, 2nd vice president; and Mrs. S. S. Neal, secretary, were installed in a very impressive candle lighting ceremony, conducted by Miss Roach.

Several Christmas games were played and the gifts were given out. The club presented Miss Roach with a nice gift. The refreshments consisted of fruits, grapes, candy and nuts.

HYDE PATROLMAN MOVES OFFICE TO BERRY BLDG.

Patrolman C. E. Whitfield of Swan Quarter has moved his office from the jury room on the second floor of the courthouse to the second floor in the Berry Company Building, next to the office occupied by The Hyde County Herald.

Mr. Aviation



Rated one of the best airplane motor mechanics in the U. S. Marine Corps, Master Technical Sergeant Clyde H. Jenkins, frequently is referred to as "Mr. Aviation" because of his keen mechanical mind. A Leatherneck since 1925, Sgt. Jenkins today is a member of a Marine Corps squadron now blasting the Japs.

WINGS OF THE WORLD

Flat-Top Warning—Again the Japanese have warned to look out, this time with the launching of the carrier, "Bataan". Previously, in revealing plans for 45,000-ton carriers, the Navy indicated an attempt to bomb the heart of Japan. They did it to us, in Hawaii.

That's getting the flat-top back to its basic purpose. It was conceived in the last war to take planes close enough to blast the German fleet in the Kiel Canal and Baltic Sea. The efforts ended disastrously. In 1922, however, the U. S. Navy converted a collier into the "Langley", first successful aircraft carrier. Last year this "mother" of fleet-based aircraft was destroyed by Jap planes.

PLANE FACTS THE CONSTELLATION, DESIGNED FOR THE AIRLINES BUT NOW ARMY-USED IS THE LARGEST LAND PLANE BUILT IN THE U.S. AND HAS THE SPEED OF A FIGHTER!

SWAN QUARTER PLANE SPOTTERS TO GET AWARDS

Army Men Will Present Them At Meeting Thursday; Interesting Movie Will Be Shown

A meeting of aircraft observers of the Swan Quarter observation post will be held Thursday evening, December 16th, at 8 o'clock to present awards to faithful observers, it was announced today by Sgt. Charlie Lanier of the Norfolk Air Defense Wing.

The meeting will be held in the Agriculture Building. The Awards will be made by Army personnel. Sheriff C. P. Williamson is chief observer at Swan Quarter.

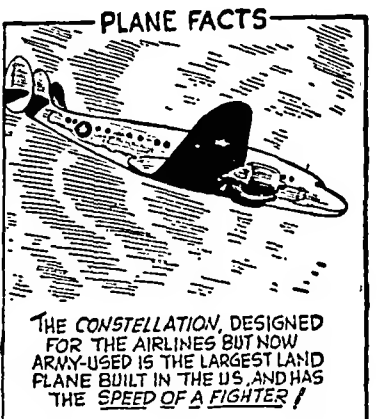
The public is not only invited, but urged, to come out and attend this meeting.

The work of volunteer observers has been reduced by the Army Defense Command because of the remote possibility of being bombed, here in America at this time, but this does not mean the danger has been entirely eliminated, and therefore a skeleton organization must be kept operating.

The posts operate Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers for this work and for emergency work is needed.

Awards are given those who serve faithfully for many hours. Those who deserve these medals at the Swan Quarter post will get them next Thursday evening.

A movie, "The Battle of Britain" will be presented by the Army officers.



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Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens SCROOGE had no occasion to be told that the bell was again upon the stroke of One. Now his bed became the very core and center of a blaze of ruddy light, which streamed upon it when the clock proclaimed the hour. Living green filled it that it looked a perfect grove. Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, barrels of oysters, red-hot chestnuts, oranges, and seething bowls of punch. In easy state upon this couch, there sat a jolly Giant. "I am the Ghost of Christmas Present," said the Spirit. "Spirit," said Scrooge, "conduct me where you will." Perhaps it was the Spirit's sympathy with all poor men that led him straight to Scrooge's clerk's. On the threshold of the door the Spirit smiled, and stopped to bless Bob Cratchit's dwelling with the sprinklings of his torch. In came little Bob, the father, Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Alas for Tiny Tim, he bore a little crutch. "And how did little Tim behave?" asked Mrs. Cratchit. "As good as gold," said Bob, "and better. Somehow he gets thoughtful, sitting by himself so much, and thinks the strangest things you ever heard. He told me, coming home, that he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day, who made lame beggars walk, and blind men see." Master Peter, and the two ubiquitous young Cratchits, went to fetch the goose, with which they soon returned in high procession. There never was such a goose as Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family. The youngest Cratchits in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows. "God bless us every one!" said Tiny Tim. He sat very close to his father's side. Bob held his withered little hand, as if he dreaded he might be taken from him. "Spirit," said Scrooge, "let me if Tiny Tim will live." "I see a vacant seat," said the Ghost, "in the poor chimney-corner, and a cold but not an owner, carefully preserved. If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future the child will die." "No, no," said Scrooge. "On, no, kind Spirit! say he will be spared."

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