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## LAKE LANDING BOY DESCRIBES FRENCH FARMING

### Sgt. Wesley Ballance Among First Assault Troops To Land In France

The French farmers have some nice cows on their little farms, writes Sgt. Wesley Ballance in letters to his brother, Orville, describing French farming as he has observed it since he went ashore in Normandy with the first assault troops on D-Day. Sgt. Ballance, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ballance of Lake Landing, is with a field artillery unit.

Said Sgt. Ballance of the farming in France in a letter written July 2: "You should see what nice cattle they have around here both beef and milk type. Some of them weigh 2,000 pounds, but I don't know what breed they are. They are really sleek and fat now but I wonder how they will be this winter. I haven't seen any hay or anything that they save for them. All of the fields are about three acre lots with a big hedge all around. We would starve to death farming like they do."

The letter was written after dinner on Sunday, and here is what the sergeant had to say about worship at the front.

"I have just finished lunch. This morning we had church service. I am glad to say we were able to hold it. We have it every other Sunday over here due to the conditions. There was a great number out this morning as the sun was shining for a change. We have been having a bad spell of weather and it seems good to see the sunshine again."

On June 25, Sgt. Ballance wrote his brother his first descriptive letter following his landing on France. Speaking of the fighting in that he said, "We were among the assault troops in the invasion. Our artillery was the first of its kind to land and the doughboys were really glad to see us, too. As you might know, the going was pretty tough at the beginning, it now that we are more used to the situation it isn't too bad."

His letter went on: "The few farm people left around here seem to be friendly. They have big herds of cattle and you can get all the cream and butter you want for a few cigarettes. One old farmer brought us over a nice piece of butter the other day and it was really good. We have a hard time making them understand sometimes, but we get by with the use of our little French book. There is a little boy around here that comes over every day and eats dinner with us. He speaks slowly and we can understand him better than the older ones. He is learning English very fast. He is doing better than we are by a long jump. "I suppose you are keeping up with the news and know about what is going on. There isn't much that I can tell you as you know. All of us boys (meaning Sam Dudley, Hyatt McKinney and Hugh Gibbs who are in the same outfit) are doing alright, and dishing it out to the Jerries every time we get the chance."

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### HOME FROM ICELAND

Charles S. Etheridge, USCG, who has been stationed in Iceland for some time, arrived Monday night to visit his family at Wanchese.

### VISITS A TAVON

Willie T. Whedbee, CBM USCG, of Fort Hancock, N. J., visited his sister, Mrs. Tommie Meekins, at Avon this week.

### PFC. BROCKIE DANIELS —TRANSFERRED TO—N. Y.

Pfc. Brockie Daniels, WAC, has just spent the week in Manteo visiting her father, E. S. Daniels. Pfc. Daniels has been transferred to New York from Seattle, Washington, where she has been stationed since completing her basic training.

### BOBBY SCARBOROUGH IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL

Bobby Scarborough, three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scarborough of Wanchese, was rushed to Norfolk last week end after he had inhaled a small object into his lungs. He has been quite sick and is a patient in a Norfolk hospital.

## Yanks Prepare to Take Farmhouse



Two American soldiers make a farmhouse their objective as they push their way into Northern France with the invasion army. The rifle of the soldier on the left apparently is still draped with the waterproof covering used on rifles during amphibious operations and warfare in very damp climates where rust sets in quickly.

## MANTEO METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL OVER

### 121 Young People Attend Daily Vacation Sessions

The Methodist church of Manteo recently completed a successful Vacation Bible School that lasted for a period of 10 days, sessions being held in the Manteo school building.

A Youth Activities program including study, worship, fellowship and recreation, was conducted at the church each evening for a week, under the direction of Mr. McChesney, a Duke University Divinity student. The enrollment for the Bible School and the Youth program was 121. Rev. M. W. Maness served as superintendent.

In the Beginners department Mrs. Edna Bell was superintendent, with Mrs. Ray Jones and Patricia Davis as assistants.

In the Primary department, Mrs. Claude Collins and Mrs. Newton Davis were assisted by Mrs. Nevin Westcott, Marjalee Midgett and Jean Parker.

Mrs. M. W. Maness headed the Junior department, with Joyce Holmes and Minerva Austin as assistants. Miss Holland Westcott and Marjalee directed the music.

Mr. Maness headed the Intermediate department.

A study period, project work, group singing, recreation and a period to serve refreshments made up the daily schedule.

An impressive commencement program was presented at the Church School hour on the Sunday following completion of the school.

## COTTON ACREAGE LOW THIS YEAR

The cotton acreage in this state this year is six per cent less than last season and the second smallest acreage since 1878, the State Agriculture Department Crop Reporting Service reports. The release estimates the acreage at 800,000 as compared with 850,000 in 1943.

Planting this season in North Carolina are the smallest since 1939.

The Department attributes the decrease to adverse weather at planting time, less labor for handling the crop, and more attractive income prospects for other crops, especially tobacco.

## FOG LIGHTS STOLEN FROM OFFICIAL'S CAR

The fog lights were stolen from the car of John D. Finley, assistant to the N. C. Fish and Game Commissioner, last Tuesday night while it was parked front of the Mattamuskeet Lodge, New Holland. Attempts were made to take the spot light but the thief or thieves were unable to remove it.

## DEATH OF MRS GODFREY RULED TO BE MURDER

### Cartaret Coroner's Jury Finds Ocracoke Woman Died By "Foul Means"

A Cartaret county coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Mrs. L. C. (Fannie) Godfrey, Ocracoke cafe operator, who mysteriously disappeared following her arrival at Horehead City, Thursday, July 6, and who was found dead in her car near the city of asphyxiation, Monday, July 10, found Sunday that she came to her death by foul means.

The jury recommended that all witnesses in the case be retained within calling distance for further questioning, but not be required to put up bond.

The witnesses are Ila Riggs of Atlantic, L. C. Godfrey, husband of the dead woman, and Richard Matthew Coster, a Marine of Toledo, Ohio.

Costner testified that he drove to the outskirts of the town with Mrs. Godfrey Thursday night and that when the car got stuck in the sand she refused to call a wrecker after he had tried to get the car in motion.

He said he later left her, walked to the nearby New Bern highway and boarded a bus for a further. He admitted he and Mrs. Godfrey had had a number of drinks.

An autopsy performed earlier in the week revealed death due to asphyxia and placed the time as Friday night and not Thursday night, as officers at first supposed.

## GEORGE WISE GETS ACQUAINTED WITH MARCIA



OF INTEREST along the North Carolina Coast is the above picture of George M. Wise of Stumpy Point getting acquainted with his new great-niece, Marcia Wechter. The young lady is the daughter of (Nell) Wise Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wechter. Mr. Wechter, a native of Wisconsin, is a Chief Pharmacist Mate in the Navy, and met Miss Wise while teaching school at Cape Hatteras. He likes Dare County and has changed his voting residence to Dare. Recently he was transferred to sea-duty, having served 24 years in the Navy. The baby is six months old and weighs 26

pounds. At the time the picture was made, it was four and a half months old. The Wechters now live at 2931 Shelter Road, Riverdale, Norfolk.

Old George Wise, one of the first citizens of eastern North Carolina, business man at Stumpy Point, is known and loved the length of the coast, for his loyalty to his friends, his hospitality, and community service. His son, George, Jr., is serving in the Navy, and has recently returned from service in the South Pacific. Mrs. Wechter, mother of the baby, is the daughter of his brother, the late Enoch Wise.

## ENTIRE COURT TAKEN UP WITH DRUNKEN CASES

### Many Disorders Develop At Nags Head Casino Over Week End

The entire court of Judge Baum, Dare Recorder, was taken up Tuesday of this week with cases arising out of drunkenness, nearly all of them at the Nags Head Casino where drunks are wont to congregate. On Saturday night while arrests were being made, Raymond Perry, young Collington man jumped up and without warning or provocation assaulted Chief Officer Blackman of the Naval Shore Patrol, breaking out his teeth and his glasses. Judge Baum charged Perry \$25 and costs for this job and ordered him to stay away from the Casino for six months under penalty of 30 days on the roads.

Erb Gallop and Dick Daniels of Wanchese who were charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace, got their case continued until next week. Three others who were at the Casino were tried, all pleading guilty. Frederick Burrus was up on two charges, one of them two weeks old, for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$5 on one count, \$10 on the next and ordered to stay away from the Casino for one year under penalty of 30 days in jail. C. B. Parker, Jr., of Manteo, charged with being drunk and disorderly was fined \$5 and costs. He pleaded guilty, also of destroying Government property when he broke out the glasses in the rear of the Navy Patrol wagon, but Judge Baum held the evidence insufficient, and dismissed the charge.

Robert Ashby, colored, charged with driving while drunk, was fined \$75 and costs, but took advantage of a respite by appealing to Superior Court.

The case against Thurston Gray of Stumpy Point who is charged with being drunk and disorderly and attempting assault at the Susie-Q at Stumpy Point, will come up next Tuesday.

## SEND IN FUEL OIL APPLICATIONS AT ONCE

### Further Delay May Mean No Oil In Time for Winter Heating

The Dare County Ration Board is asking that all persons who have not filled out and returned their fuel oil application blanks do so at once. The board has started processing the fuel oil applications for 1944-45 and finds that a large number have not been sent in. Further delay may mean that there will not be enough oil for winter heating, as it is necessary for the board to know how much will be required in this territory for the next heating season.

## MRS. MEIKLE ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB THURSDAY

Mrs. J. R. Meikle of Roanoke Rapids, who is visiting in Manteo at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson W. Davis, entertained at bridge Thursday evening at the Davis home. Guests were Mrs. Balfour Baum, Mrs. Juanita Parker, Miss Delroy Burrus, Mrs. McCoy Tillet, Mrs. Hugh McChesney, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. W. M. Jolliff and Mrs. Vernon Davis. Mrs. Jolliff won high score, and bingo prizes went to Mrs. Parker. At the conclusion of play the hostess served punch, sandwiches and cookies.

## STUMPY POINT MAN DIES

Robert Moran Payne, Stumpy Point man, who has lived three years at 913 Boissevain Avenue, Norfolk, died today, Friday, the 21st, after a long illness.

He was a son of the late William J. and Sarah Mason Payne and the husband of Mrs. Allie Basnight Payne. He was a member of the Stumpy Point Methodist church.

Surviving him besides his wife are two sons, R. L. Payne of Elizabeth City, S. R. Payne of New York; two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Lenemyer and Miss Carita Payne, both of Norfolk; three brothers, W. J. Payne of Elizabeth City, F. F. Payne of Stumpy Point, and R. M. Payne of New York; a sister, Mrs. E. E. Wood of Norfolk and a half-sister, Miss Farris Payne of Florida, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon. Burial will be made in Riverside Memorial Park, Norfolk.

## DARE SCHOOLS SLATED TO OPEN ON AUGUST 31ST

### Faculties Not Yet Completed But Supt. Leake Has Hope of Filling Vacancies Before Opening Date

Dare schools are slated to open on Thursday, August 31, and Supt. R. I. Leake is spending a busy summer trying to locate enough teachers to fill the faculty vacancies. Some of the faculties will be made up largely of the same groups of teachers serving the schools last year, while others will have to make almost a complete new start. Supt. Leake hopes to have all faculties complete before the opening date of school.

While the date of August 31 is being set as the first day of school this fall, the opening may have to be delayed if the polio epidemic now spreading across the state reaches such proportions that it will be unwise to let the children congregate. Definite announcements will be made later.

Keep stored foods in a dry place and prepare a place where canned foods will not freeze.

## One Shoe, Helmet, and Shorts



Reading was never like this in the living room back home. It's understandable why the well-dressed Navy man in the South Pacific might wear only a helmet and shorts, but what a shoe on the wrong hand has to do with the picture is something else again.

## STORM WARNINGS EMPTY BEACHES PAST WEEK END

### Great Exodus of People From Nags Head As Coast Guard Brings Report of Forth- coming Hurricane

Hundreds fled from the beach at Nags Head Sunday afternoon when Coast Guardsmen acting upon orders from their superiors brought a message that the tropical hurricane in West Indies was expected to arrive late during the night at the rate of 60 to 80 knots per hour. This sounded like something worse than had ever happened before, and although there is no record of anyone having been killed by a hurricane in Dare County, only the brave and the foolhardy dared tarry at the beaches.

Even unto Monday morning the rumor persisted that the gale was still coming, but the weather turned out the most beautiful in several days. Businessmen bewailed the unfortunate circumstances, but anyway, most folks considered it wiser to be safe than sorry and took no chances.

The hotels had a good week end business, and their patronage continues to grow despite the difficulty of travel.

## HYDE NATIVE TAKES LIFE WITH SHOTGUN

### Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon For Leechville Man, Suicide Victim

William Clarence Williams, 52, took his own life Saturday afternoon by shooting his head off with a shotgun in his home at Leechville. He had been in a despondent mood for some time and was reported to have made several previous attempts to take his life.

Mr. Williams was a native of Fairfield. He had resided at Leechville for the past nine months, moving there from Panteo.

Surviving are his wife, four sons and three daughters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Mt. Olive church, Ponzer. The Rev. A. J. Mackie of Belhaven officiated. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

## WANCHESE YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND LOUISBURG MEET

Young people from the Wanchese Methodist church attending the recent Young People's Assembly at Louisburg College were Janet Williams, Mona Gray, Barbara Etheridge, Donis Creaf, Tena Jane Gaskill. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. S. Meekins.

## TIME NOW TO START A FALL GARDEN

### Some Timely Hints Given By Dean Schaub of State College

Dean I. O. Schaub of State College has issued an appeal, through county and home extension agents, for the planting of summer and fall gardens in all sections of North Carolina.

Exceptionally hot, dry weather has seriously damaged gardens in many sections, but there is still time to produce an abundance of fresh vegetables, if gardeners will take advantage of good soil conditions created by recent rains.

Dean Schaub points out that commercial canning of vegetables especially tomatoes and snapbeans, is running far behind schedule—and the need for home canning is now greater than ever before.

He explains that all vegetables should not be planted at the same time, but that growers should follow a definite schedule. He suggests planting of snapbeans and lima beans as early as possible and the setting of tomato plants. Squash can also be grown in the east, if the squash worm is controlled with cryolite.

Irish potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, collards, and Chinese cabbage can also be planted at this time.

About August 1, beets, leaf lettuce, onions, kale, mustard, radish, spinach, and turnips should be planted.

"Don be discouraged because of the bad weather conditions that we have had thus far this spring and summer," says Dean Schaub to the gardeners "Just keep planting and working. We yet have time to produce gardens of which we can all be proud. This year it will be excellent fall gardens instead of summer gardens."

## MORE SWEET POTATOES THAN IRISH IN 1944

The Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture estimates that the sweet potato yield in North Carolina this year will be larger than the commercial Irish potato crop. The forecast for sweet potatoes was set at 6,800,000 bushels as against 6,177,000 bushels for Irish potatoes.

If prospects hold, North Carolina will rank second in 1944 in the production of sweet potatoes. Georgia is put in first place with 7,540,000 bushels.

## BAPTIST UNION MEETING TO BE AT TINY OAK

Hyde county Free Will Baptists will hold their Union meeting at the Tiny Oak, Swan Quarter township, church, Sunday, July 30. Elder Ross will do the preaching.