

AD FOR FARMERS IS TOPIC OF HYDE MEET WEDNESDAY

Senator Scott Meets With County Hurricane Damage Committee and Farmers

U. S. Senator Kerr Scott and his administrative assistant, Ben Rooney, met in Swan Quarter Wednesday morning with the Hyde County Hurricane Damage Committee to work out steps to aid the county's farmers, who have been hard hit financially by four hurricanes within the past year. The meeting was attended by about fifty farmers from throughout the county.

In the area of immediate relief, the senator advised contacting the State Commissioner of Agriculture to obtain surplus commodities for needy families—that is food supplies and also feed for livestock. The senator said he had found that there was only a bare possibility that any outright grants of money could be secured.

Mr. Scott explained how he believed the ASC would be able to pay the full cost of gypsum and lime for fields covered by water; presently they will only pay 75%. The senator's office is to get a clearer interpretation of the FHA regulations for county officials; two types of FHA loans are available, a one-year emergency loan at 3% and a twenty-year loan at 5%. The FHA will not make loans to refinancing existing debts now, however.

The group was told that crop insurance will soon be made available, either by the federal government or by private insurance companies, to give farmers some assurance of obtaining production cost of crops planted.

The senator promised to investigate the possibilities of constructing a system of dikes and flood gates to protect the land from flooding by high tides. This would of course be a long-range program. Legislation now being prepared would make some such projects possible, under authority of the state Department of Agriculture.

County agent Earl Topping is chairman of the county Hurricane Damage Committee, Leon Ballance is vice-chairman, and Vernon H. Rankin, secretary. Other members of the committee are T. V. Simmons, J. C. Williams, Jr., G. W. O'Neal, R. L. Gibbs, Ray M. Spencer, J. C. Bishop, H. L. Sadler, and J. M. Worrell. The committee was organized at the request of the governor after hurricanes Connie and Diane and held their first meeting on September 5.

Senator Scott and Mr. Rooney, accompanied by their wives, arrived in the county Tuesday night and spent the night at Mattamuskeet Lodge. Wednesday morning, prior to the meeting in Swan Quarter, they visited the Fairfield area to inspect a proposed drainage project already approved by the federal government.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SAFETY

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the first rule of gun safety.
2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded, and taken down or have actions open; guns should be carried in cases to the shooting area.
3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions, and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying. Remove oil and grease from chamber before firing.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble; keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger; know the identifying features of the game you intend to hunt.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot; avoid all horseplay while handling a gun.
7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored separately beyond reach of children and careless adults.
8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
9. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water; when at target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.
10. Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

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about all the week end business away, but some of the most active places of business on the beach still retained much patronage, among them being the Carolinian at Nags Head whose massive size offered a large windbreak to cars, and a sense of security to vacationers.

Electric service was interrupted in the Manteo area for nearly 24 hours because of a down wire along the Manteo causeway, from the high power VEP line. Telephone service was out on long distance lines for over a day because of a wire broken by a falling limb at Coinjock.

Electric current was interrupted only for a short time on Hatteras Island. In a few instances transformer shortage caused a long cessation of service.

Commercial fishing, as well as ocean sportsfishing ceased of course, but on Wednesday some good catches were being made by surf fishermen near Oregon Inlet and along the Hatteras Island strand.

On the mainland, the Durant Island Club on Albemarle Sound near Mashoes was badly damaged, one end of the main clubhouse being torn out.

Heat a can of condensed tomato soup with a cup of finely grated cheddar cheese over low heat. Serve over veal chops for something delicious and different.

BELIEVES HE BUILT ORIGINAL AIRPLANE MODEL



JOHN M. SMITH of Belhaven says he built an airplane model in the 90's that compares with the one that first flew at Kill Devil Hills. See story elsewhere in this paper. Photo of Mr. and Mrs. Smith by Roger Meekins.

BELHAVEN'S AVIATION PIONEER NOW PREDICTS HEATING WITHOUT FUEL

John M. Smith of Belhaven now states that he has an idea that homes will be heated without fuel before the passage of many years. A gimmick on top of the house will draw electricity from the air and this will provide all the necessary heat, says Mr. Smith. "I've been thinking about it some," he says, "but I'm too old to try to figure it out completely, and anyway, I reckon it would take about a million dollars, and I haven't got much money."

Mr. Smith is known for his experiments with an airplane in the 1890's. "If I had just had an engine, I know it would have flown," he says, "but you know there were no gasoline engines in those days."

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Power went off before midnight Sunday night; in some sections of the county it was restored Monday night, and in Swan Quarter it came back on about the middle of the day Tuesday. All phones were knocked out and the county was cut off completely from the outside.

The county schools did not operate Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, but were scheduled to reopen Thursday and run through Saturday.

As many of the area's sources of drinking water were contaminated, health officials urge that anyone who has not been inoculated against typhoid this year get this shot as soon as possible. The shots can be obtained at the Hyde County Health Center anytime during regular hours.

The Storm in Belhaven

Belhaven was better prepared than previously, and thereby suffered somewhat less damage Monday from Ione than from Diane, the August 17th hurricane. Stronger winds were reported though, as the center of the hurricane passed just east of the town.

Greatly exaggerated reports of the situation in Belhaven appeared in some state papers, and relatives of Belhaven residents were afraid that the town had been almost completely washed away.

Some residents voluntarily took refuge in the Christian Church and in the Belhaven High School, where refugee centers had been set up and stocked with food by the Red Cross.

Many homes were again flooded as the tide in most places came to within about an inch of the height it reached during Diane. Water-front homes in some instances received damage from the pounding surf. The pier at Rivert Forest Manor, which was still undergoing repairs from Connie and Diane, was again damaged as several sections were washed away.

Electricity was turned off Monday about 7 a.m., and came back on about 3 p.m. Tuesday. An auxiliary gasoline-powered pump had been installed to prevent interruption of water pressure, but the gas gave out, and as a result salt water went in the water mains.

The Belhaven schools reopened Wednesday, but damage to the lunchroom at John A. Wilkinson High School made half-day sessions necessary.

The scarcity of fresh food was a problem Wednesday.

SCRANTON WOMAN FINDS IONE WAS WORST STORM

"This is the third hurricane I have been through alone, with only my dog and cat for company," writes Mrs. Ethel Gibbs of Scranton. "Ione was rougher here than her predecessors, water was quite a bit higher and winds were decidedly worse. I escaped water in the house during Hazel, Connie and Diane, but Ione bought 4 inches in for me. But I am thankful it was no worse, some of my neighbors had from ten inches to three or four feet in theirs."

BELHAVEN MAN SAYS HE BUILT FIRST AIRPLANE

Retired Mill-Man, Now 80, Says His Invention Was Stolen From Him

John M. Smith, 80 years old, retired mill-hand of West Belhaven, says he feels sure he is the true inventor of the airplane, and that he built such a plane before he was 18 years old, and during the administration of President Cleveland in the 90's.

"At that time I was working around a sawmill," Mr. Smith said, "and I had very little money so I could not get anywhere with it. If I had had had enough money to buy me a motor, even a little one like they now use on bicycles, I know I could have made it fly."

"But they got it away from me. Some men from New York, by the name of Curran & Houston. They came into Pantego and stopped at Walter Clark's house which he ran near the railroad station. They looked over my model, and they told me it wouldn't work because the propeller was on the front end. That is the way now with most all airplanes."

"Some of the folks around here told me later that they believed these men had been sent down by the Wright Brothers, but I do not say so. I have no reason to believe so."

"But somebody did get my plane from me. But I can prove by Jay Bishop and other good men in Belhaven that I had such a plane. Why I even wrote to President Cleveland about it, but he didn't answer my letter. However, a man named George Gaskins who used to run on a boat told me he had hung around the White House and heard President Cleveland laughing about it, and calling we North Carolina folks crazy to think we could fly."

Mr. Smith is jolly and healthy-looking. He lives happily with his wife, who was the former Annie May Midget of Engelhard. They have three sons: Capt. Clyde Smith of Port Arthur, Texas, and Roland and Sherman Smith of Plymouth, employed on a tugboat of the Atlas Flywood Co. He says he was born March 11, 1875, at what was then known as Pantego Swamp, but now called Wilkinson Station.

President Cleveland was first inaugurated in 1885, served four years and was defeated. He was elected years later, and again inaugurated for term in 1893.

FRISCO PERSONALS

Harlon Willis Jr., U.S.C.G., is visiting his parents, having finished basic training at Cape May, N. J., and goes next to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Austin are home after a week in Norfolk with relatives.

Allen Bunyon Williams is a patient in the Anderson Orthopedic Hospital in Arlington, Va. His condition reported improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Austin are in Elizabeth City visiting their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney are at Engelhard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Gray and son, Davis, visited Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. Maggie Austin, after visiting in Florida.

Darrel Austin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Austin. Miss Eileen Austin has returned to school in Philadelphia, Pa, after spending a week here with her aunt, Mrs. U. L. Rollinson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Austin.

John Rollinson is here with his family.

Robert D. Basnett Jr., U.S.C.G., is here with his parents. Mrs. Eliza Ann Rollinson is home with her son, U. L. Rollinson, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Ballance in Hatteras.

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one of the Association's goals for 21 years. Governor Hodges recently allocated \$20,000 to make a sur-

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counties of the Albemarle, a part of which we are glad to be."

"Hardly since the first plane of the Wright Brothers rose in the air from the wind-swept sands at the foot of Kill Devil Hills has there been a more epochal event in the history of Dare County," the Elizabeth City paper commented editorially on Tuesday evening, September 30, 1930.

"In all the history of Dare County, of Elizabeth City, and of the Albemarle, the opening of the bridge across Currituck Sound is an event the significance of which is not to be measured by the half a hundred or so people who attended the opening, nor even by the two or three hundred motorists who drove their cars across the bridge one or both ways on Sunday.

"Fortunate indeed is Elizabeth City and all that section of the Albemarle north of the bridge, that the building of this bridge did not have to wait for tardy recognition by the State Highway commission of its importance. Had it not been for the courage, vision and determination of Carl Blades, William G. Gaither, W. L. Jones and others who co-operated with them, Dare County might have been lost to Elizabeth City before ever the bridge would have been built.

"Motorists coming from a distance Sunday, who had never visited the region before, were doubtless surprised to find no important road leading to the bridge on either the Currituck or the Dare County side. The bridge built, however, early development of these approaches is to be looked for, and not remote closing of all gaps in paved highway between Grandy and Manteo is to be confidently expected.

"But while the entire road must be paved all the way from Grandy to Manteo before the Currituck-Dare bridge can come into its own as a thoroughfare for tourists, so far as Dare and the counties north of Albemarle Sound are concerned the opening of the bridge already is of tremendous importance. Already the neck of the bottle that has prevented free intercourse between Dare and Elizabeth City has been broken. For us who are at home in this section and for the native of Dare, the sandy roads of the Outer Banks hold no terrors. Come another summer and, regardless of tourist traffic over the bridge, the local traffic will be of a volume that will insure its success and portend, and a new day of progress for the country on both sides of Currituck Sound of which Elizabeth City is the natural center, will have begun."

vey for this bridge. This week, Highway Chairman A. H. Graham gave it out that he thought a toll bridge would be the only way of getting this \$3,000,000 bridge along with a \$12,000,000 bridge at Wilmington. District Highway Commissioner Winslow pledged his support last year to the Alligator River Bridge project.

HELICOPTER MAKES FORCED LANDING AT SWAN QUARTER

A Navy helicopter made an emergency landing on the schoolyard at West Hyde High School at Swan Quarter Friday afternoon when it developed engine trouble. Two other helicopters arrived shortly to render assistance. The disabled craft was able to leave Saturday afternoon after repairs had been made.

CAFE IN SWAN QUARTER ENTERED FRIDAY NIGHT

Virginia's Cafe on the waterfront in Swan Quarter was entered during Friday night. Mrs. Odell Williams, operator, reported that a small amount of cash was taken from the cash register and the only merchandise missing was cigarettes.

IT'S TIME TO STORE YOUR SUMMER CLOTHES

Cold days and woollens are but a few days away now, and according to Julia McIver, State College clothing specialist, it's time to begin storing away your summer clothing until next year's warm season.

You needn't worry about moths getting into your summer cottons and linens and rayons—their appetite is for woollens. However, you may need to guard against silverfish who feast upon starch or cellulose materials like rayon and cotton.

Store summer suits and dresses clean, but unstarched, recommends Miss McIver. Starch will only help to attract silverfish. U. S. Department of Agriculture specialists say that the best way to control silverfish damage is to spray closets, chests or garment bags with a five per cent DDT surface or residual spray. They add that silverfish like warmth. During the summer months they may confine themselves to the attic, but when it's cold, they may seek warmer quarters downstairs.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies Aid of the Swan Quarter Christian Church will have a bake sale Saturday morning, September 24, at the Courthouse in Swan Quarter.

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