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BUTLER BUYS THE FOREMAN TYRRELL TIMBER HOLDINGS FOR \$442,000; MILL PLANNED

Some 25 Million feet on 11,700 Acres Transferred This Week to Virginia Concern; Sawmill Contemplated at Travis; Near Columbia; Almost Last Big Stand of Timber in the Area.

Columbia. — A large timber transaction was recorded in the Tyrrell County courthouse Monday, this week, when all the land and timber holdings belonging to Annie Woodley Foreman, of Pasquotank County, most of which is in Alligator Township of Tyrrell County (better known to the average citizen as Foreman Blades land) were transferred by deed to Butler Land and Timber Co., Inc., a Virginia corporation. The estimated acreage of said sale and purchase was 11,700 acres. The revenue stamp purchased for deed registration was \$486.20.

For approximately the past year surveyors and representatives of the Butler Co. have been in the county, surveying the holdings and seeking purchase of mill site property. According to statement of one of the officials, they plan to construct and operate a mill near Travis—about three miles east of Columbia, and have in their employment 35 to 40 persons. The price paid, some \$442,000, at the prevailing stumpage values indicate that estimates have revealed something like 25 million feet of timber on the lands.

News of a probable new industry in the Columbia vicinity will be welcomed by labor and by businessmen. It is well known that the Butler Company has been interested in this area for several years. This timber was about the last unused big stand remaining in Tyrrell County. There is much demand for timber, particularly in large tracts, which demand has grown rapidly during the past several years as most of the forest lands have been acquired by the big pulpwood companies. The Foreman lands, part of the original Foreman-Blades holdings, are owned by J. W. and his wife, Annie Woodley Foreman of Elizabeth City.

VISITING ARTISTS BRING PROGRAM TO MUSIC CLUB

Mrs. J. B. Alderman and Rodney Trueblood of Musical Tempo Club, Elizabeth City, Render Vocal and Piano Numbers

Visiting artists from the Musical Tempo Club of Elizabeth City presented the program Tuesday evening for the Roanoke Island Music Club, meeting at the home of Mrs. Rennie Williamson in Manteo. Mrs. J. B. Alderman, vocalist, and Rodney Trueblood, pianist, who also accompanied Mrs. Alderman, rendered the following numbers: Recitative "See Now the Bridegroom Cometh" and aria "Prepare Thyself, Zion", from the Christmas Oratorio by Bach; "Art Thou Troubled, Music Will Calm Thee" from "Robelinda" by Handel; sung by Mrs. Alderman; Eighteenth Variation from Rhapsodie on a Theme of Paganini by Rachmaninoff, and the Prelude in C Sharp Minor by Rachmaninoff, played by Mr. Trueblood; "An Autumn Song" from "A Trilogy" by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl of Winston-Salem; and "Who'll Buy My Lavender?", a German song, Mrs. Alderman; Prelude, No. 1 by George Gershwin and "Liebesfreud", Mr. Trueblood.

Mrs. Alderman, who is first vice-president of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs made a short talk on "Why Federate?" Mr. Trueblood, president of the Musical Tempo Club, made a few brief remarks. Other out-of-town visitors were Mrs. Trueblood and Miss Bernice White. A number of other visitors were present.

During the social hour, Mrs. Williamson served iced fruit drinks and assorted hors d'oeuvres.

CANCER CLINIC TO BE IN ELIZABETH CITY FRIDAY

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday October 4 beginning at 1:00. This clinic is sponsored by the Elizabeth City Junior Woman's Club and staffed by local doctors and personnel.

A free chest X-Ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. Only 30 people can be seen at the Center each month due to limited facilities, so it is suggested that anyone who wishes to be seen should write in advance for an appointment. The quota has already been filled for the October Clinic. The next clinic will be held on Friday, November 1.

CAR OWNERS HAVE PROBLEM TO SHOW RESPONSIBILITY

Difficulties on Jan. 1 for Those Who Wish to Meet Financial Responsibility Law

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—A detailed plan for administering the Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law that becomes effective in North Carolina on January 1, 1958, has been developed, Motor Vehicle Commissioner Edward Scheidt announced today.

Commissioner Scheidt, who has the responsibility for administering the new law, said that the subcommittee of public officials and insurance industry executives who worked with him over recent weeks to perfect the procedures under the new act "has done a remarkably good job." He said that the subcommittee has been a cooperative endeavor of representatives of all insurance companies doing business in North Carolina together with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Insurance for the purpose of providing a system under which residents of North Carolina will be able to show evidence of automobile liability insurance at the time of registering their motor vehicles after January 1, 1958.

The new law provides that on and after January 1, 1958 no self-propelled motor vehicle shall be registered in North Carolina unless the owner at the time of registration shows proof of financial responsibility and also provides that such proof shall be maintained continuously throughout the period of registration. Commissioner Scheidt stated. Such proof of financial responsibility, he said, will usually be evidenced by insurance and a certificate of insurance, designated as Form FS-1, will be made available to policyholders by their insurance companies for presentation at the time of registration.

Persons who desire to drive a car, and who do not have sufficient property, money, or other resources to make them financially responsible for any mishaps which might develop from their driving or from the use of automotive equipment owned by them should get in touch with their local insurance agent and get full details.

RALPH W. POOLE, 64, OF NAGS HEAD DIES TUESDAY

Ralph Wilton Poole, 64, of Nags Head, died Tuesday afternoon at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City after an illness of 10 weeks. He was a native of Tyrrell County, and had lived in Elizabeth City for 36 years before moving to Nags Head five years ago, where he owned and operated Poole's Paradise motel.

He was the son of the late Steven Edward and Mrs. Lenora Mason Poole and husband of Mrs. Eva Winslow Poole, and was a member of the First Christian Church. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of American Legion Post 84 and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons, Alphonso W. Poole of Elizabeth City, and Ralph W. Poole Jr. of Portsmouth; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Rogers, Mrs. Mollie Cordan and Mrs. V. V. Diaz, all of Norfolk; one brother, Tom Poole of Ransomville, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were set for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Toxey and Berry Funeral Home in Elizabeth City conducted by the Rev. Lynn Robbins, pastor of the First Christian Church and the Rev. Maurice Grissom, pastor of the First Baptist Church, with burial in an Elizabeth City cemetery.

MRS. T. H. BRIGGS, SR. DIES

Mrs. Thomas H. Briggs, Sr., 81 year old native of Edgeville County, S. C., died at the home of her son, Phil Briggs, with whom she had been living for the past three years, in Roanoke, Va. on Thursday, September 26.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas H. Briggs, Jr. of Kill Devil Hills, Phil Briggs of Roanoke, Va. and Ingram Briggs of N. Augusta, S. C. Burial will take place in Edgefield County, S. C.

ROGER BELL OF MANTEO AWARDED WINGS OF GOLD



Kingsville, Tex. (FHTNC)—Designated a Naval Aviator Aug. 23 at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Kingsville, Tex., Navy Ensign Roger Q. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Q. Bell of Manteo, has his "Wings of Gold" pinned on by Navy Capt. William A. Sullivan, Commanding Officer.

He received his wings while approximately half way through advanced training at Kingsville. Upon completion of training, about Nov. 1, he will be assigned to an operating squadron.

COUNTY ALLOCATIONS OF SECONDARY ROAD FUNDS ANNOUNCED BY STATE

Raleigh. — The State Highway Commission has announced the individual county allocations from the special \$2 million secondary road fund recommended by Governor Hodges and approved by the General Assembly. The funds will be distributed to the 14 division engineers for use in the counties of each respective highway division.

The funds will be used on county road improvement on the basis of need during the current fiscal year. The Secondary Roads Department used a formula based on the unpaved rural roads in an individual county divided by the total miles of unpaved rural roads in the State.

Highway Director W. F. Babcock explained that the funds may be used in the various counties to pave, bring up substandard roads to "minimum levels of service" or general betterment, e.g., widening roads, resurfacing them, relocating them, or doing bridge work.

How the funds may be used will be left to the discretion of the division engineers and the individual county boards of commissioners, subject to the review of the secondary roads department and the Director of Highways.

The special allotment may be used for paving rural roads on a point priority basis or if the county See FUNDS, Page Eight

EARL W. WILLIS, FORMER COAST GUARD OFFICER, DIES

Earl W. Willis, who retired a few years ago from the Coast Guard service as Chief Boatswain Mate in charge of a station on Long Island for several years, died Sunday night in his sleep at his home in Wanchese. He was born at Cape Hatteras 52 years ago, the son of the late Joseph and Fannie O'Neal Willis. He married Miss Lucy Tillet of Wanchese who survives him. Some four years ago, they came to Wanchese to make their home, after he had sold his home at Hatteras. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Ruritan Club of Wanchese. He was a highly regarded and substantial citizen of the community. Two small sons, Earl Jr. and Joseph, survive him also.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Tuesday at 3 p.m. by Rev. L. C. Warren, the pastor, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Guthrie. "Does Jesus Care?" and "Sunrise" were sung by Mrs. Elmo Daniels, with Mrs. Dallas Tillet at the organ. The pall was made of red and white carnations with fern. Pallbearers were Arnold Daniels, George Daniels, Willie Daniels, J. T. Daniels, Earl Tillet, and Dallas Tillet. Burial followed in the Cudworth Cemetery.

HISTORY OF ENGELHARD PART II—Period Since 1900 By Mary Ann Marshall

Editor's Note: This is one of a number of historical articles written during the 1956-57 school year by civic students of East Hyde High School at Engelhard taught by Mrs. Ellen C. Watson.

Since 1900 Engelhard has grown rapidly even though the population of Hyde County has decreased. Since 1900, Engelhard has had the proud honor of having four of its citizens represent Hyde County in the State Legislature. They were Mr. Lucus, J. B. Watson, Sr., C. W. Davis, and George Davis.

The first auto was seen in Engelhard about 1912. It was a Ford.

There was an old woman who lived in Engelhard around 1900 whom the people believed to be a witch. All the Negroes and many of the Whites were afraid of her. She told fortunes and was supposed to have healing powers. A Mr. Patrick had some money stolen from him, and he wished very much to recover it as he needed the money for doctor's bills. He told Mrs. Neal, the fortune teller, and they spread the word that Mrs. Neal was going to spread a hex and that the person who had stolen the money would bat his brains out on a tree. That very night the money was left on Mr. Patrick's porch. Mrs. Neal died about 1905.

Engelhard sent many of its citizens to aid the American cause in the First World War. After the war, these soldiers returned to their homes to farm and fish.

Engelhard has been incorporated three times, but at present it is not incorporated. It once had a fire department, mayor, town officials, and at one time there was talk of putting in a town water and sewage system. Mr. Long was one time mayor of Engelhard. Engelhard is not incorporated now because many of the citizens refused to pay town taxes.

Engelhard's bank was the only one in North Carolina that failed to close when ordered to do so during the depression. The bank did not close because, with the bad roads and mail system, the message reached Engelhard a day or two late.

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUB ORGANIZED IN DARE CO. FRIDAY

Jack Tillet Temporary Chairman; Mrs. Doty Fry Attending Convention This Week End

At a meeting of some 25 persons, a Young Democratic Club was organized in Dare County Friday evening of last week, and Jack Tillet, young Manteo businessman was named temporary president of the club. Mrs. Doty Fry of Whalebone Beach was named Secretary.

About five precincts in Dare were represented, and committees were named to begin organizing precinct meetings in preparation for another meeting to be held in Manteo on October 11th at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened last week by Dr. W. W. Harvey Jr., who outlined the purposes of the young Democratic organization in the state, the work it might do, and the need expected for it in coming years.

Plans were discussed for holding a Democratic rally in Dare County sometime in November, probably toward the last of the month. Horace Hooper and Leland Wise gave an invitation to hold it at Stumpy Point, offering to furnish oysters for the event.

Some opinions held that the first rally might be more largely attended if held at the county seat, it being more centrally located. This issue was left open for discussion and decision at the meeting to be held on October 11th.

Plans are to bring some of the state officers to Dare County for the November rally. Mrs. Fry, her husband, Wayland, and A. H. Ward, Jr. are attending the State Convention being held this week in Southern Pines.

BIG CHANNEL BASS HIT DESPITE FOUL WEATHER

From Southern Shores to Ocracoke came reports of the best surf fishing of the season as September ended and October began. With northeasterly winds and rain during the past week end, the weather was just about as foul as it can get, but the fishing in the surf and from ocean piers was unusually good.

Harry Tillet of Elizabeth City caught a 32½-pound channel bass in the Southern Shores sector Saturday, one of several caught in that Kitty Hawk beach region during the past week end. Operators of the Kitty Hawk Pier reported that through Tuesday no large channel bass had been taken by anglers fishing from the piers but that plenty of "puppy drum," the young of channel bass that weigh from one to five pounds, were brought aboard.

Down in the Nags Head sector at Jennette's Pier it was a different story. In addition to plenty of puppy drum, starting on September 27 through Sunday, the 29th, a total of eight large channel bass were landed on the pier. Included in the eight was the largest reported during the past week end taken from anywhere along the Dare Coast.

The big channel bass, a 44-pounder, was landed on Saturday by Mrs. A. H. Bunting of South Norfolk. She was using cut bait. On the same day W. Randleman Jr. of Winston-Salem brought in a 37-pounder while fishing from the pier. On the previous day, September 27, B. B. Barbour, Arlington, Va., and Dr. E. J. Wenaas of Youngstown, Pa., had caught one each, weighing 27 and 19 pounds. From Jennette's Pier on Sunday, Mrs. Bradley Raper, Elizabeth City, caught a 33-pounder and Eddie A. Beter of Norfolk a 32½-pounder. Also on Sunday, Baxter Gray of Elizabeth City caught two from Jennette's Pier that weighed 33½ and 39 pounds.

On Hatteras Island Big channel bass began hitting in the surf at Hatteras Inlet early last week, and on Monday night they hit the surf at Cape Hatteras. Willie Newsome of Hatteras reported the best catch he had heard of early this week was 38- and 29-pounders landed by Jim Barnes and party of Charlotte. Unidentified anglers landed five big ones near Greer Hill from the surf on Monday night and three from Hatteras Inlet. Randy Jennette of Buxton reported at least five channel bass ranging from 30 to See FISHING, Page Eight

BRIEF SESSION OF COURT HELD MONDAY IN MANTEO

Walter Glenn Andrews of Raleigh, originally charged with speeding 60 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, was found guilty of speeding 55 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone and was fined \$20 and costs by Judge W. F. Baum Tuesday in Dare County Recorder's Court.

Three other cases on the docket Tuesday were all submissions as follows: Sidney Thomas Blanchard, Norfolk, operating a motor vehicle on wrong side of highway, \$5 fine and costs.

Raymond G. Swanson, Williamsburg, Va., drunk on state highway, \$25 fine and costs.

James Joseph Lisankis, Borden-town, N. J., fishing from state highway bridge, \$1 fine and costs.

70 DAYS AGAIN FOR WILDFOWL HUNTING PERMITTED; SEASON OPENS NOV. 7; FEW CHANGES

Season Closing January 15 With Same Bag Limits as Last Year; Early Fall Offers Some Hope For Better Shooting; Reservations Heaviest Ever Noted For Accommodations in This Area.

LIONS CLUB BEGINNING SEVERAL PROJECTS ON ISLAND THIS MONTH

Members of the Manteo Lions Club have several projects underway, with door-to-door solicitations planned for the area.

Number one project for the moment is the annual "Community Birthday Calendar." Members are calling on families and individuals to subscribe to the calendar which identifies patrons birthdays and wedding anniversaries for the year 1958. Calendars are seventy-five cents each, with listings costing 25 cents each. This drive will end about the latter part of the month.

Another drive is scheduled shortly—the annual broom sale—being delayed temporarily because of delay in delivery of brooms. This sale will offer several types of brooms, and the entire Roanoke Island area will be canvassed.

White Cane Drive The local organization with cooperation from members of Manteo High School classes will conduct a White Cane Drive beginning October 7 lasting through the 14th. A canvass will be made of all homes in the area, and donations are requested in any amount. One-third of the monies collected remain in the community for aid of blind, the remainder going to the State Association for its work.

The State Association uses its funds for many purposes: eyecare, providing glasses for needy, braille literature, etc. It is pointed out that there are 11,600 blind in North Carolina and that half of all blindness can be prevented if corrective measures are taken early enough.

The local organization has no set goal for monies, but it is hoped that a sizeable sum may be realized. The Manteo Lions Club recently purchased 10 pairs of glasses for local residents, amounting to some \$150.00.

WILLARD BURRUS' BODY RECOVERED NEAR HATTERAS

The body of Willard Burrus, 49, Dare County waterman employed on the Hatteras Inlet Ferry, who had been missing since early Saturday morning, was found Tuesday near Hatteras dock. After he and others had been shrimping in Core Sound, Burrus left his companions at the Austin Dock, at Hatteras Village, and was not seen afterward. A search, begun Saturday by Dare County authorities and the Coast Guard, ended with the finding of the body Tuesday.

Burrus was a native of Hatteras, and except for occasional employment on the pilot boat at Norfolk, Va., was a lifelong resident of Dare County. He was a former Coast Guardsman and was a son of Mrs. Annie Isadora Gaskins Burrus and the late Roscoe Burrus, Sr., merchant, of Hatteras and Manteo.

Surviving, besides his mother, are his wife, Mrs. Brittie Stowe Burrus; a daughter, Dora Anne; two grandchildren; three brothers, Archie and Carlson Burrus of Manteo and Roscoe Burrus Jr. of Hatteras; and eight sisters, Mrs. O. P. Anderson, Mrs. Norma Sandifer, Mrs. Dorothy Gibbs, Mrs. Ellen Midgett and Mrs. Ira Berry, all of Norfolk, Mrs. Iantha Sonoy of Chicago, Ill., and Misses Catherine and Matilda Burrus of Manteo.

WRECK INJURES THREE

A car belonging to Melvin Midgett of Manteo, and driven by George McKinney of Hyde County was wrecked in Currituck County Monday afternoon causing minor injuries to the two men and to Henry Midgett, also of Manteo. Mr. McKinney was hospitalized overnight for treatment and released while the other two were released after being treated at a hospital in Elizabeth City.

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE TO BE ELECTED TUESDAY

An ASC election will be held next Tuesday, October 8th, for the purpose of electing committeemen from Dare County. Voting will take place in the County Agent's office in the courthouse in Manteo, and polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All farmers are invited to vote.

Wildfowl hunters will again be permitted 70 days of shooting in the period set aside this year, which is substantially the same as last year, both as to length of time and bag limits. The season will officially open on November 7th, and closes on January 15th.

The early opening date usually works in favor of these birds, bringing, as it does, the larger part of the season during the prevailing mild weather of fall. However, requests for reservations are reported from many quarters as the largest ever known, and some forecasters predict an Autumn more cool and blustery than usual. Blustery weather is often desired by goose and duck hunters, as birds fly more in windy weather. On smooth, calm days they stay on the ground and feed.

Bag limits on geese will be two, and possession limit four; bag limit on brant will be six a day, and possession limit six.

Ducks are beginning to show up in quantity in some sections according to U. S. Game Management Agent H. B. Hines of Kill Devil Hills, who reports that Wildgeon, Blue Winged Teal and Black ducks have come into the Bodie Island area.

Hines Transferred - It will come as a disappointment to many that Mr. Hines, who has worked in the nearby territory for over five years, is to be transferred on November 1, to the Eastern Shore area, with headquarters in Maryland. Mr. Hines is highly regarded as an officer and citizen. Arrangements have not been made for replacing him, but at present the territory will probably be worked out of Washington. Mr. Hines is from Wilmington, N. C.

Robert Halstead at Washington, N. C. is the U. S. Game Management Agent in charge of the state, and he is assisted by George Ross of Morehead City.

In his new post, Mr. Hines will work the Eastern shore of Virginia and part of Maryland.

NORFOLK EDITOR PRAISES HATTERAS INLET FISHING

E. E. Edgar, writing in the Norfolk Ledger Dispatch last Thursday paid tribute to the blue fishing at Hatteras Inlet as follows: "You can walk across Hatteras Inlet on bluefish." That was the way no less an authority than Charley Foy, president of the Tidewater Anglers Club described fishing conditions on his return from Hatteras early this week.

Foy, with his father, Henry Foy, Joe Heller and Charlie Bentley, fished Hatteras from the beach at the Inlet on the week end. They caught more than 50 big choppers, from two to five pounds each, in a few hours of torrid surf casting. Anglers in boats in the Inlet were catching the fish by the hundreds. Foy maintains that water-skiers were skimming along on the backs of the blues instead of on the water at times.

Further up the Outer Banks, at Croatan Sound, anglers are now enjoying some of the best trout fishing ever. The weakfish, too, are being caught by the score, if not the hundreds. J. W. Powell and companions from Norfolk accounted for nearly 50 trout. They fished from an outboard.

NEW BEACH ROAD WIPES OUT ANOTHER OLD FIRM

The famous Jockey Ridge restaurant is no more, or that is it won't be next year, for the new beach highway to be built will wipe it out, demolish it. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bayne and Mrs. Margie Suthard have operated it with great success for several years, but they held their last dinner there Sunday night for the benefit of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of which Mr. Bayne is a vestryman. He is also a past president of the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the Dare Beaches Sanitary District Board at the present time. He has made no announcement of his plans for the future.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY SET AT NAGS HEAD OCT. 15

A benefit card party will be sponsored by the Nags Head Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening, October 15, at 8 p.m. at the Arlington hotel. Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served. Those who play are being asked to furnish their own cards.