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PLENTY ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE INFLUX OF HUNTERS SOON EXPECTED

Leslie O'Neal Who Pioneered With Cottages at New Holland Near Lake Now Owns and Operates Hotel at Swan Quarter; Other Places Nearby Cater to Visitors

With only a few weeks before time for the influx of sportsmen who have made Mattamuskeet a mecca for the past few years, the one man who perhaps has had more to do than anyone else except the government itself in attracting sportsmen to this area is ready with accommodations calculated to bring more people to the hunting sections of Hyde County.

Reference is made to Leslie O'Neal, the popular proprietor of the O'Neal Cottages at New Holland at the main entrance to Lake Mattamuskeet. Mr. O'Neal, who has run a general store at New Holland for more than 25 years, foresaw the possibilities of the section some five or six years ago and erected the first of his cottages at New Holland for accommodating the visiting huntsmen.

Mr. O'Neal has formed the practice of catering to these sportsmen, providing not only comfortable rooms and meals at all hours of the day, but also all other necessities such as all size gun shells for sale right at his store near the cabins. He also has available for rent or for sale a large stock of boots, rain coats, aviation suits and other items to make the hunters more comfortable while hunting.

Three excellent cooks are also provided to furnish good meals and to prepare and cook game which the visitors bring in. Numerous guides make their headquarters at Mr. O'Neal's store, so that the visiting huntman has no occasion to have to go elsewhere for supplies or for guide service.

So popular have been the cabins and the service provided by Mr. O'Neal that each season has found many of his former patrons returning and bringing others with them to the Mattamuskeet hunting grounds, made famous the country over since the government took it over in 1934 to make it a fowl refuge.

Each year additions have been made to the cabins with the result that there are now 16 rooms, almost all of which are well screened and equipped to accommodate comfortably up to four persons. Hot and cold water is provided in the showers with the rooms being comfortably heated.

In addition to the cabins at New Holland, Mr. O'Neal a little over a year ago acquired the ownership and management of the hotel in Swan Quarter, 10 miles away. The hotel has been renovated, with some additions, and is being managed by Miss Pearl Sandler, sister-in-law of Mr. O'Neal.

Also accommodations for hunters are provided at the Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge, situated on the lake and leased by the government to J. S. Mann.

The Lakeview Cottages built last year by R. L. Gibbs and E. M. O'Neal, son of Leslie O'Neal, were since burned but are now being rebuilt and will be operated by Elbert Jones.

S. H. Barber who operates Barber Shanty at Lake Landing also has cottages for visiting sportsmen.

Other accommodations in surrounding territory are provided by Mrs. I. P. Watson who runs the hotel at Engelhard and by the Harris House and Mrs. Nat Credie in Swan Quarter and other private homes.

The open season on the refuge this season will be 45 days inclusive from November 15 to December 29, the same as last year.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

A brief sketch each week concerning some official or prominent citizen of Hyde County.

This Week: S. O. JONES
Sheriff of Hyde County

One of the most rabid followers of the European war in these days in Hyde County is Samuel Orlando Jones, high sheriff of the County of Hyde. One reason for his keen interest is the fact that he registered for the last draft during the last war but the war ended before he was called. And he is anxious to get into this one either by active service or by taking care of the women and children while their husbands and fathers go to war.

Born in Swan Quarter September 30, 1877, Sheriff Jones has spent his life in the county farming and serving as deputy and now as sheriff with the exception of about nine years when he worked on hydraulic dredges in New York. At present he is serving his third term as sheriff of the county, having been elected to two two-year terms and lastly to the newly made four-year term. Previous to his election as sheriff he served as deputy under Sheriff George E. Davis and also until he resigned under Sheriff Thomas E. Davis.

He married the former Miss Maude Williams who has served by his side and done much of the office work since he has been in office. They have no children.

A Mason and an Odd Fellow, Sheriff Jones has been Right Supporter of the Odd Fellows and in addition has held several small chairs. His church membership is with the Providence Methodist church of Swan Quarter.

The only hobby he would admit of when questioned was "cutting the fool" and at that he probably has few equals at teasing and practical joking even among those of a younger age and in which he could pass. It was partly because of his offer to several young wives hereabouts to care for the ladies and children while their young husbands go to war that he says "the ladies all made me mad and now I am determined to go to the war myself."

The reporter learned from others, however, that bird hunting is really the Sheriff's hobby and that he now has a young bottle-raised dog which he expects to train during the coming season.

THE Gift Wife
by ...
RUPERT HUGHES

A thrilling story of love and adventure in the Near East. Action centers on Dr. David Jebb, skilled surgeon, who, while in a strange land, is given temporary custody of a little girl. Cursed with an overpowering fondness for drink, Dr. Jebb finally succumbs to temptation, even in the face of his responsibility. When he regains his faculties, David finds himself in a foreign land, inhabited by a people unknown to him. The child has disappeared...

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READ EVERY INSTALLMENT IN THIS PAPER!

Be sure to start this thrilling story beginning next week.

PROGRAM OF FIELD EVENTS FOR HYDE COUNTY FAIR OUT

Field Events: Both Friday and Saturday For All Classifications

The program for the field events to be held in connection with the Hyde County Fair at Swan Quarter October 20-21 was announced this week by the Rev. Frederick Arthur Turner of Lake Landing. Accumulative points will be allotted the winners in the various events and these will be counted toward the winner of the fair loving cups and banner.

Friday, October 20, the field events will get under way at 10 o'clock with a bicycle race for girls only, a soap box derby for boys only, and obstacle race for girls and boys, a sack race for girls and boys and a spoon and egg race for everybody.

The events will continue Saturday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock with a hog calling contest for men, a rolling-pin contest for women and a corn shucking contest for men and women.

In order to compete for the prizes it is necessary that the name of the person and the event he or she wishes to compete in be mailed on a post card to "The Rectory," Lake Landing by Thursday, October 19. A person can enter as many events as he wishes.

FOOTBALL SEASON TO BEGIN IN HYDE TODAY

Because of the county-wide teachers meeting to be held in Swan Quarter tomorrow (Friday) the six-man football games between the high school teams of the county are being played today (Thursday). Swan Quarter goes to Fairfield and Sladesville goes to Engelhard.

Friday of next week the schedule will continue with Swan Quarter playing at Engelhard and Sladesville playing at Fairfield.

MODERN TRANSPORTATION HAS CHANGED THE LIFE OF OLD MIDDLETOWN IN HYDE

One of Oldest Communities in Hyde County Did Flourishing Shipping Business After the Civil War; Depression and Lack of Unity Credited With Decline of Shipping

By THOMAS E. SPENCER

On the upper shores of Middle Creek, about three miles south of Engelhard, lies the quiet and lazy village of Middletown. The large and dilapidated warehouses the rotting wharves, the vacant stores, an old rusty dredge, a tumbled-down boat house, rotting boats, and rusty equipment tell the tragic story of another once prosperous coastal trading center to go down with the sail boat.

Middletown is one of the oldest communities in Hyde County. It was settled during the early days of colonization in this part of the country. Before the white man settled here it is believed to have been the home of a tribe of Indians. Shell hills at the mouth of the creek and nearby sound shore, which were found by the early settlers, tell the story of great festive activities in early times.

The village was one of the largest if not the largest in Northeastern Hyde until the coming of motor transportation and the vanishing of the sail boat. Its stores and warehouses served the people of North-eastern Hyde. Boats loaded local grown produce and livestock at its wharves followed the creek's narrow and crooked channel to the sound, and hence went to Elizabeth City, New Bern, Norfolk, and New York to sell the produce and buy manufactured necessities produced in the cities, to bring to the citizenry of Hyde.

Middletown was one of the first settlements in the county to have postal service, having such a public service added about 1887 (exact date not known). Although the service was slow and far inferior to that offered by the local office today, it was one of the citizens to prize, and a credit for the young Republic to offer such services under difficult transportation conditions.

The war between the States found Middletown a busy little community. Many boats were being built here, which was an aid for the Southern Confederacy. This made the village a military objective for Union forces. The people knowing this, built a fort at the mouth of the creek to protect it from Union war craft, and an embank-

INVITED TO SPEAK AT QUARTERLY MEET



JUDGE I. M. MEEKINS

Judge Meekins federal judge of Elizabeth City has been invited to speak at the quarterly meeting of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce to be held at Fairfield Monday evening. Important matters are to come up at the meeting according to Secretary Robert Edward Tunnell, who requests that all members attend.

CIVIC AIMS DISCUSSED AT SWAN QUARTER WED.

A number of business and professional men of Swan Quarter, some members and some non-members of the Swan Quarter branch of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce, were called by P. G. Gallop to meet at the agricultural building Wednesday evening to discuss the possibility of forming a Swan Quarter chapter of the Greater Albemarle Association and other important matters. The meeting was held too late to permit details in this week's issue but these will be published in the next issue.

SPORTS FISHING IN HYDE CO. WATERS GETTING BETTER

Big Catch of Drum Reported Near Ocracoke; Bay and Lake Fishing Also Good

Sport fishing has picked up considerably in Hyde County waters in the past few days according to reports reaching Swan Quarter. Trout fishing in the Swan Quarter Bay as well as fishing on Lake Mattamuskeet and surf casting near Ocracoke have all figured in the good reports.

News from New Holland is that several parties have been having good luck on Lake Mattamuskeet for the past few days.

Capt. Bob Burrus carried a party from Swan Quarter to Ocracoke for the week end and when they came back they reported excellent luck. Included in the catches were 28 drum ranging from 12 to 34 pounds which were all taken within an hour and a half late Monday. Included in the party were Wilson Clark, Nox Britt and Bill Thompson of Washington, N. C., J. G. Pearce of Helena and Dan Roy of Kinston. The party had as their guide, Duck Williams of Ocracoke.

Mr. Narren, cashier of the bank at Macesfield and a party of four were taken out in Swan Quarter Bay Monday by Sam Overton of a catch of 164 trout.

Another party consisting of J. T. Stokes, Jack and Lou Whit Powell and Mr. Warren of Windsor were carried out by Sam Overton Tuesday and likewise reported good catches of trout and mullet.

ENGELHARD ORGANIZES A FIRE DEPARTMENT

J. M. Long Made Chief; Community Buys 750 Gallon Pumping Outfit

Citizens of Engelhard have organized a strong company to fight fire. By popular subscription, they have bought an American-La France fire engine with a 750-gallon pump. J. M. Long was made chief at the meeting, while M. A. Matthews, banker, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The recent fire at Manteo has impressed the people with the need for an effective fire fighting organization. The company will hold regular semi-monthly meetings. Failure to meet will exact a fine.

The following were unanimously elected to fill the respective positions and places, viz:

J. M. Long, chief; M. A. Matthews, secretary-treasurer; Hubert Selby, 1st assistant chief; A. G. Silverthorne, 2nd assistant chief; Frank Swindell, 1st engineer; Derwood Gibbs, 2nd engineer; George Litchfield, Max Mann, Royden Neal, Sam. C. Spencer, nozzlemen; R. R. Spencer, captain; Leslie Gibbs, lieutenant; William A. Patrick, Mendall H. Long, Jule Midyette, Ben G. Midyette, E. C. Miller, Leewood Swindell, L. W. Gibbs, section hose-men; Keith Cohoon, A. J. Schmitt, Timothy W. Williams, electricians; James W. Miller, medical director.

HYDE FARMER EXPECTS 75-BUSHEL GRAPE YIELD

Hyde's Scuppernon grape crop yield is good this year and the quality and flavor is unusually good. The crop ripens in September and harvest has been going on for some time.

Most of Hyde's crop is grown in the North Lake region, which is north of Engelhard on the Engelhard-Fairfield road. Lee Gibbs is the largest grape farmer in the section. Mr. Gibbs has one big vineyard which he says will yield 75 bushels this year. The farmers receive \$1.50 a bushel for their grapes.

DARE AND HYDE PAPERS TO PAY CASH PROFITS FOR CIRCULATION WORK

Manteo Times and Swan Quarter Herald Offer Unusual Opportunity to Men and Women Who Will Enter the Work of Selling Subscriptions; Good Chance to Raise Money For Schools or Churches.

GEO. P. CARTER OF FAIRFIELD TALKS TURKEY

Seeks Change From Old One Crop System and Will Raise 1,000 Turkeys a Year

Regardless of the outcome of the controversy with the President over Thanksgiving, Geo. P. Carter of Fairfield, is doing his part to make of that institution a success. He has 140 prime birds coming on in fine shape, and declares it is his intention to point the way for a change from the one crop system that has bothered Hyde County so long.

Mr. Carter has built a new house for his 140 birds, and now he is so well pleased with his success with them he is getting ready to build a house of 1,000 bird capacity. With turkeys bringing \$3 or \$4 apiece on the markets, he ought to be able to realize a nice profit when they can be raised for about \$2 apiece.

Mr. Carter, who is one of the most farsighted citizens of Hyde County, many years ago envisioned a ferry across Albemarle Sound. The result of that vision is a magnificent bridge over the sound. Today, he is looking far ahead, and attempting to show the people of Hyde County, how to diversify and find more profits from their labors.

His new turkey house will be 100 x 150 feet. A 12-acre section of his 140 acre farm will be devoted to pasturage for the birds. He has sowed a patch in crimson clover, and his arrangements permit a part of the land to be grazed at the time—about four acres.

"We have been raising too many caterpillars and army worms," Mr. Carter says. "Now is the time to change. We can grow anything in the world in Hyde County, and its rich pasturage suggest profits in livestock, as well as crops."

HYDE COUNTY BOYS ENLIST IN U. S. NAVY

The New Bern Naval recruiting office has sent in 17 boys for enlistment during the month of September. Of the 17 boys enlisted 3 of them were Hyde County boys. Foster Linwood Jarvis, son of Mrs. Mattie Bell Jarvis, Swan Quarter; Henry Isadore Morris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isadore Morris, of Lake Landing; and John Israel Watson, son of Mrs. Fannie Watson, Engelhard.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected for the Hyde County Young Peoples' Union at the monthly meeting at Watson Chapel Sunday night. Miss Hazel Asby of the Soule church was elected president and Miss Grace Watson of the Watson Chapel church was elected secretary-treasurer. Miss Lois Cahoon of the Providence church of Swan Quarter was named reporter.

The installation service for the new officers will be held at the next meeting the fourth Sunday night at Swan Quarter with the Providence church.

H. B. WYATT'S FATHER DIES IN PETERSBURG

News was received here this week of the death Sunday of George W. Wyatt, 80, father of H. B. Wyatt, foreman at the New Holland CCC camp, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Ramsey, in Petersburg, Va. Mr. Wyatt was preparing, when stricken, to celebrate his 80th birthday September 27.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of a son in Rocky Mount Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. F. H. Craihill, rector of the Episcopal church, in charge. Interment was in the Pineview cemetery.

Born in Elizabeth City, Virginia, Mr. Wyatt had been a contractor until his health forced his retirement.

Besides his son at New Holland, other survivors are two sons, W. R. Wyatt of Rocky Mount, George W. Wyatt, Jr., of Fort Lee, N. J.; his daughter, Mrs. Ramsey of Petersburg, Va.; two brothers, Robert Wyatt and W. H. Wyatt of Hampton, Va.; and a sister, Mrs. Cady Chiler of Hampton, Va.

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