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PUBLIC RELATIONS MEET IN HYDE IS WELL RECEIVED

Dr. Ralph McDonald Declares Object Should be Better Schools and Not Cheaper

What was described by P. G. Gallop, Hyde County superintendent of schools, as one of the most successful meetings held in the county was the public relations meeting of some 80 school folk of Beaufort and Hyde counties at the agricultural building in Swan Quarter last week.

After the invocation by the Rev. E. R. Stewart Mr. Gallop presented the toastmaster, P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, president of the Greater Albemarle Association. The welcome was extended by Robert Edward Tunnell after which the toastmaster recognized Guy Phillips of UNC, secretary of the state school board association, who invited Hyde county to organize a unit in the association and explained the procedure. He stated that the association would challenge the next legislature for more of the tax dollar for schools.

Charlie Phillips, of the Woman's College at Greensboro, was also recognized for a few remarks.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, director of public relations at the University, in his keynote address stated that the state was trying to operate cheap schools when the object should be as good schools as possible.

Others recognized for brief remarks were Claude Teague, business manager at the Woman's College, J. E. Miller, principal of the John H. Small high school and president of the northeastern district NCEA, Frank Edmundson, Beaufort county superintendent, E. S. Johnson, Washington City superintendent and district chairman of the public relations committee, Frank Ruble, principal of the Washington high school and president of the high school principals association of the NCEA, high school principals, president of the NCEA unit of Beaufort county, the county commissioners of Hyde county, two of the board of education members of Hyde county, several school committee-men and other community leaders. Regrets were sent from school officials of Dare County at their inability to attend.

Special music was rendered by the Sladesville string band and by the Engelhard glee club under the direction of Miss Caroline Spencer.

Miss Mary Ward, state supervisor of home economics, complimented the Swan Quarter home economics girls who served the dinner under the direction of Miss Viola Alpin, teacher.

OFFICES IN HYDE TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Time Off Varies in Most Offices; Herald Office Closed Saturday and Monday

Hyde County is preparing to observe Christmas in a quiet way this year with many people taking advantage of the occasion to visit relatives or to hold family reunions by their own firesides. The bank and the postoffice will be closed all day except the window service at the post office which will be provided for a few minutes after the receipt of incoming mails. No rural free deliveries will be made.

The county commissioners, accustomed to meeting first Mondays and Tuesdays, will not start their session until Tuesday, the day after Christmas. The office of the county agent will be closed from Friday noon through Tuesday, December 26. The office of the superintendent of schools will be closed from the 21st through the 25th, inclusive. The offices of the register of deeds and the clerk of court will be closed Christmas Day only with the WPA and the Welfare offices taking Saturday and Monday.

The Hyde County Herald office will be closed Saturday and Monday in order that the editor can avail himself of the only vacation during the year. The next issue of the paper will come out on Thursday as usual but because the printing force will have several days off for Christmas, the news content of the issue is not likely to be up to par.

SYRUP

Experiments have shown that syrup prepared from sweet potato starch is comparable in appearance and flavor to cornstarch syrup prepared under similar conditions.

COUNTY AGENT TO HELP GET LIME TO HYDE FARMS

To be Furnished Farmers with Deductions Being Made From Soil Checks

Two car loads of ground limestone were ordered this week by County Agent J. P. Woodard for a number of Hyde County farmers who are cooperating to secure the limestone as grants of aid from the government. Mr. Woodard says he hopes to place several car loads of the lime in Hyde county and states that he will be glad to work with any farmers desiring to combine to order one car or more.

Applications are now being taken for the lime which will be delivered as soon as possible. The lime for Hyde county will come in cars to Belhaven and farmers are urged to remove same as quickly as possible from the cars.

"The amount which can be furnished any particular farm will be determined in the same manner as last year," he said, "that is, 90 per cent of the maximum soil-building payment (not the total payment) may be taken up in limestone."

According to information recently provided by the State office, the amount to be deducted from the payment for each ton of lime is \$2.80, according to Mr. Woodard, who pointed out that the rate of deduction will be higher if the limestone is not applied in a manner which will receive credit as a soil-building practice under the program.

Soil-building payments for the majority of farms in this county are so small that it is necessary for groups of farmers to get together and request carloads jointly, Mr. Woodard said. However, he stated there is little difficulty in this plan, as the car can be stacked off and each farmer given his proportionate part of the total. Cars will be placed at the nearest siding (Belhaven) and transportation to the farms will be the responsibility of those receiving the lime.

The farm agent said his office was in better position this year to receive requests for the lime than it was last year, and applications will be taken now for lime to be ready for delivery soon.

TAX LISTING TO BE IN JANUARY FOR FIRST TIME

County Accountant Calls Attention to New Provision Made by Last Legislature

Attention is called to the fact that the list takers appointed by the board of commissioners at their last meeting will begin their task of listing property for taxes on January 1, 1940.

Tax listing for the first time is set to begin the first of the year and to be completed during the month of January, says the tax supervisor. This change from April 1, the former starting time for returning property for taxation, was provided under an act of the last General Assembly.

Listers for each township have been appointed and arrangements are being made to get the work started promptly, it was explained, adding that taxpayers should bear in mind that January and not April is the time for listing.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Damage estimated at approximately \$50 was done to the auditorium in the second story of the Fairfield school Friday morning when the flooring caught from the stove. The high school boys under the direction of the principal succeeded in extinguishing the fire after the other students had been evacuated from the building.

County Superintendent P. G. Gallop stated this week that he had been advised by the insurance company representative to secure the best carpenter available to make the repairs and to send the bill to the company.

SWAN QUARTER FIRM INSTALLS MEAT CASE

Cahoon and Wahab, newest grocery firm in Swan Quarter, announces the installation of a Warren meat counter which is modern and sanitary in every respect. The new counter which enables them to carry fresh meats of all kinds in season has been added at considerable expense as an added convenience to the housewives of Swan Quarter, Messrs. Cahoon and Wahab stated this week.



GARNER TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT



THE PICTURE, made by Victor Meekins shows Vice President John N. Garner while fishing at Oregon Inlet in Dare County in 1936 as the guest of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, a close personal friend. The Vice President captured the friendship of Dare County people who met him. In fact, he has a strong following in North Carolina, second only to that of the President, who also visited Dare County in 1937. Mr. Garner on Saturday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

Speaking on the front porch of his rambling Uvalde, Texas, home, Garner dictated a 44-word statement to Bascom Timmons, a Texas newspaperman and Garner intimate. The statement said: "I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. A candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

Two facts stood out: Garner's assertion that he is in the 1940 political race for himself and not as a stalking horse to attract delegates who might be used to throw the nomination to another candidate. The implication that Garner's name will be placed before voters at state primaries and preferential balloting during the Winter and Spring.

The announcement made Garner the first unequivocal Democratic candidate for the 1940 nomination. NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO HYDE COUNTY HERALD

J. P. Woodard, Swan Quarter; Howard Blake, Wilson; Mrs. E. V. Fites, Steeleville; Ill.; Miss Ruby Jones, Chicago, Ill.; R. E. Dunning, Plymouth; Dr. B. L. Field, Salisbury; Mrs. E. L. Silgerthorne, Elizabeth City; J. D. Swindell, Baltimore, Md.; K. R. Burrus, Quarter; Mrs. A. M. Bonner, Cahoon; Mrs. Blanch Willis, Swan Quarter; N. M. C. Gaskins, D. L. Mackey, S. M. Mackey, Scranton; W. C. Bateman, Ponzer; Mrs. Willie O'Neal, Fairfield; Miss Ella Gibbs, Roanoke Rapids; R. G. Wolf, Philadelphia.

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The Engelhard Methodist church will be host to the Hyde County Young People's Union Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. The program topic will be God Among Men with Swan Quarter and Soule churches providing the speakers and the Watson Chapel providing the special music all members are invited.

HUNTING GUIDES OF HYDE CALLED TO MEET DEC. 29

Rupert West and Bill Sharpe To Address Guides on Sportsmen's Problems

All hunting and fishing guides in Hyde County have been invited to a meeting to be held at the agricultural building in Swan Quarter at 7:30, December 29. This meeting which is being held at the close of the duck and geese hunting season is being sponsored by the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce.

Rupert West, district game protector, will conduct an open forum on the game situation and the out-of-state sportsmen's problems. All guides are urged to be present and to participate in the open forum discussions.

Bill Sharpe, director of the news bureau of the North Carolina department of conservation and development, will deliver the address of the evening.

COMMITTEES NAMED AT DINNER MEETING

A county recreational committee in addition to the regular standing committee was named at a dinner meeting of the officers and directors of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce at the O'Neal Hotel last week. The committee composed of P. D. Midgett, Jr., R. L. Patrick and W. H. Cox of Engelhard and H. C. Jones, Dallas Cuthrell and Linwood Roberts of Fairfield was asked to confer with the county commissioners about becoming legal sponsor for the Bell Island recreation project in cooperation with the Biological Survey.

The committee was named after Jimmy E. L. Wade, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and commissioner of public works had revealed the number of projects in which the City of Wilmington had shared in WPA money and cooperation.

When H. C. Jones suggested that the primary road project to receive the attention and backing of the organization should be the road from Columbia to Hyde County, P. D. Midgett revealed that he had a resolution already drafted to put before the directors of the Greater Albemarle Association for endorsement. The resolution to make the completion of the road from Columbia to Fairfield and then to extend to N. C. 264 the No. 1 road project for the Greater Albemarle Association, received the unanimous endorsement of the Hyde County meeting.

COMPLETION 264 AND 94 PLEDGED SUPPORT G. A. A. DIRECTORS AT HERTFORD

Road Committee Appointed and Authorized to Prepare Tentative Map of Present and Future Highway Needs of Albemarle Area; Rep. Roy Davis, C. H. Pruden and L. S. Blades, Jr., on Committee

COMMUNITY TREE PROGRAM TO BE HELD DEC. 23RD

To Sing Carols and Distribute Gifts to Needy at Courthouse Saturday

The steering committee of the Swan Quarter community Christmas tree club met at the agricultural building Thursday night and planned the annual community Christmas tree. The tree and program will be at the side of the courthouse December 23, with local ministers conducting the devotionals and with everybody invited to participate in the singing of Christmas carols.

Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute baskets and Christmas gifts to 33 needy families. These gifts will be provided by the sponsoring organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, the Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs, the churches and the Parent-Teachers association.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

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

This Week... REV. E. G. COWAN

The subject of this sketch this week is perhaps a stranger to many people in Hyde County, for he has just come to Swan Quarter where he is pastor of the Providence Methodist church, Soule and Fairfield churches. To residents of Ocracoke he is more familiar for he was pastor there before coming to Swan Quarter. Ernest Gales Cowan was born at Mount Mourne in Iredell County March 9, 1886, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Cowan.

He was educated at Mount Mourne high school, Mooresville high school, and Westminster Theological Seminary at Westminster, Maryland.

Mr. Cowan served for nine years as statistical secretary of the Methodist Protestant conference and for three years was engaged in Christian Endeavor work. He is a member of the Methodist church of the North Carolina conference.

Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is transferring his membership to the Bayview lodge at Swan Quarter. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He has been financial and recording secretary in both lodges, has been a Vice Noble Grand in the Odd Fellows and district Councillor and Deputy State Councillor in the Junior Order. He is also a Past Councillor.

Mr. Cowan was married April 3, 1908, in Greensboro to Miss Myrtle Effie Kirkman. They are the parents of two living children, Robert F. Cowan of Washington, D. C., and Ernest Gales Cowan, Jr., who is boatswain's mate, first class, on the U. S. S. Milwaukee stationed at San Diego, California.

Besides his main hobby and main object in life—preaching the gospel and winning souls to Christ—Mr. Cowan enjoys fishing, pitching horse shoes, gardening, raising chickens and baseball. He also delights in working with young people.

MULE STABLES OPEN IN SWAN QUARTER

The old Ford garage opposite the post office in Swan Quarter has been converted into a lively stable where farmers may secure work stock. The firm, owned by R. W. Lee, an experienced mule dealer, has employed Evans C. Harris of Swan Quarter as salesman. Mr. Harris stated this week that shipments of mules and horses would be received about every two weeks and urges his friends to see him first for their work stock.

Convincing evidence of the regional consciousness of the officers and directors of the Greater Albemarle Association was asserted at the December meeting of the association at the Hotel Hertford, in Hertford, Thursday night.

A resolution was offered pledging the support of the association in two highway projects; N. C. 94 from Columbia to Fairfield and connecting with N. C. 264 and the completion of N. C. 264 from Engelhard to Manns Harbor.

The resolution was referred to a committee named by President F. D. Midgett, which committee is authorized to prepare a tentative map of the present and future highway needs of the Albemarle, with a view to adopting a road and bridge program on which the Albemarle can solidly unite. The directors of each county organization in the association will be consulted in preparing the proposed map, which map is to be submitted to the directors from all the counties in the association for their approval before its adoption. Members chosen to the committee are Representative Roy Davis of Manteo, Dare County, C. H. Pruden of Windsor, Bertie County, and L. S. Blades, Jr., of Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, Mr. Midgett as president and W. O. Saunders as secretary of the Greater Albemarle Association will also serve the committee.

W. O. Saunders, executive secretary of the association, was directed to take immediate steps to assemble information for the proposed map, and Mr. Saunders was instructed to give the fullest possible publicity to the proposed map and the work of the map-making committee.

Commenting upon the action of the association at Hertford Mr. Saunders said: "Fears that this association will go off half-cocked on any highway program to be sponsored by this body should have been dispelled by the action taken last Thursday night. If any section of the Albemarle is not satisfied with the highway program which will be adopted by this association, it will be because of the inertia of that county or locality and its lack of interest in the regional aims and objects of the association."

HYDE CCC QUOTA NINE IN JANUARY

Nine applicants, 7 white and 2 colored, has been set as the CCC quota for Hyde County in January according to Mrs. Elizabeth G. Lawrence, county superintendent of public welfare. More colored applications than the quota of recruits are already on file, Mrs. Lawrence said. White applicants, however, are wanted and these should register at the welfare office in the Berry building in Swan Quarter, Mrs. Lawrence said.

Following are the requirements: A citizen of the United States between the ages of 17 and 23; unmarried; unemployed and in need of employment; not under conviction for crime nor on probation or parole, willing to make an allotment if he has dependents, agreeable to serve at least one full term of 6 months, physically and mentally fit and able to do vigorous work; with stability of purpose and character, plus a desire for work experience and self-improvement.

Mrs. Lawrence emphasizes the fact that an enrollee who is more than twenty-three and one-half years of age on the date of acceptance is not eligible for enrollment; that no applicant who has not been unconditionally released from probation or parole is eligible, and that preference is given to those in the 18 to 23 year age bracket. The date of birth of those applicants in the 17 year group must be substantiated by documentary evidence.

SHOWS JUNGLE PICTURES

Students of the Belhaven schools were treated recently by the Lions Club and the Rotary club to a showing of jungle pictures in technicolor by Col. A. J. Macnab, retired army officer of New York City, who took the pictures while exploring in Africa. Included in the pictures was that of the only white giraffe known.