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DE HAS FEW UNSIGHTLY BILLBOARDS TO SPOIL THE COUNTY'S NATURAL BEAUTY

Thousands of Tourists Who Drive Many Miles to View the Scenery of This Wonderful County Are Not Spoiled by Unsightly Road Signs, But Impressions are Strengthened by Unsurpassed Natural Beauty

Hyde County has few unsightly billboards along its highways to spoil the natural beauty. Tourists drive many miles to view the scenery of this wonderful county, often referred to as "God's acreage," and are not spoiled by unsightly road signs, which detract from the natural beauty of the county, but moreover, by a landscape that is not surpassed by any county in this section.

Advertising is entirely unnecessary in Hyde County business in most instances used for advertising to sell products, and by doing so they save the natural beauty of the land to cash in on the business.

Americans are going places to-day they are going right here in the United States for the most part. World War No. 2 has stopped them from vacationing in Europe. Every town, county and county in America is yelling for its share of the huge tourist business.

The yelling is done in vain, unless something is offered these vacationists they go elsewhere. One thing that always look for is natural beauty and the natural beauty is out of any scene by unattractive road signs.

Some of the citizens of the county, of whom are women, wish there was legislation to prohibit billboards along the highways. Within the jurisdiction of the county, if the proper laws are made, it is pointed out that once the signs start going up along the highways, they continue to go up.

Hyde County has few road signs at present time, it would be best to have legislation now prohibiting billboards along the highways. It is possible by the movement gets, possibly by "foreign" companies is a cash crop today. It is pointed out to every section that the County is a land of natural beauty.

It is this because it has natural attractions than other counties, or is it because it is behind billboards?

ENGELHARD STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOOR SUPPER
Novoline Long Acted as Master of Ceremonies
Home Ec girls and Agricultural boys of the Engelhard high school jointly entertained their parents and fathers at an outdoor supper on the school grounds last evening at 6:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Z. N. Deshields and John Swindell delivered the address of welcome for the farm and Miss Novoline Long for her part.
The crowd had roasted wieners, toasted their marshmallows, baked their apples, eaten beans and slaw, and drunk punch, they gathered in a back of the gym to witness an exciting contest, in which Mrs. Z. N. Deshields and John Swindell were proclaimed champions. They tied in the finals after defeating Vincent McKinney and Winstead. Rowell Lane was the champion high caller.

LINEBERRY SPEAKS AT ENGELHARD ROTARIANS
J. A. Lineberry of the State Department in Swan Quarter was the principal speaker at a recent evening meeting of the Engelhard Rotary Club. Dr. Lineberry told the Rotarians of the health department, explaining that the prevention of disease and the curtailment of physical defects was the principal work of the department.

Average of almost 3,000 claims are paid in the United States every day by life insurance companies, of which more than 180 are on the lives of persons whose policies were in force less than a year.

DAVIS RE-AFFIRMS SO. ALBEMARLE POLICY ON ROADS

Dare Representative Favors Coast Highway, and Three-County Union

Recovering from an influenza attack which kept him ill in Raleigh many days, and left him partially speechless, Representative Roy Davis of Dare has returned home, with some comments that help to clarify the road picture, insofar as it affects this section of the State.

Mr. Davis, who is now advocating construction of a road connecting all the villages of Hatteras Island, says he will lose no opportunity this year to talk up the importance of this matter.

Mr. Davis expresses himself in strong accord with the policy of the Southern Albemarle counties in their objectives, namely, the complete union of all counties with hard-surface roads in accordance with the original highway act. That means, connection of Hyde, Dare and Tyrrell County seats in a direct manner, which would call for bridges over both Alligator River and Croatan Sound.

"I think both bridges should be asked for as a unit," Mr. Davis says, "and do not see why, if the Currituck Sound bridge now being rebuilt costs less than \$550,000 for a 24-foot structure, that similar bridges over the Alligator River and Croatan Sound, could not be built for about the same price, or very little more. Oregon Inlet it appears, could be bridged for a much smaller sum."

"I think we should lose no time in working for free ferries, to see there is no hitch in the program, since it is highly important we have this service before the tourist season is over."

"The counties of this section cannot afford to diminish their efforts for good roads at this time," Mr. Davis said. One important reason is that the National defense program is making heavy demands on the resources of our highway funds to widen and construct adequate roads serving army camps and nearby cities. Unless we continually point out the needs and advantages of this part of the state, and keep the officials sold on the idea, we might experience considerable delay, or in some instances be overlooked."

Representative Davis, as well as Representative Earl Cohoon of Tyrrell, and Wilbur Darden of Washington counties, this week found much satisfaction in the enactment in the highway law of a provision for highway betterments, calling for an appropriation of three million dollars a year, which fund would be used to bring up to parity, roads in those sections heretofore overlooked. The law is identical with that sponsored originally some five years ago by Representative Wallace Tatem of Columbia.

The interest of Mr. Davis in any project of public concern is considered highly valuable, in view of his wide personal following gained in four terms in the General Assembly, and his close unity with the State administration. He ranks as one of the staunchest of administration supporters, and his advice and counsel is sought by many at the capital.

MEANEST MAN STEALS FROM WIDOW AT HER FUNERAL
If the person who broke into the home of Mrs. E. N. Vannoy in the Reddies River section of Wilkes County would reveal his identity, the age-old argument about who is the world's meanest man could be settled, maybe.

The housebreaking and robbery occurred while funeral service was being held for Mrs. Vannoy, a widow, at Reddies River church. Reports said the thief took a revolver and about a thousand pennies from the home of the dead widow.

And that is not all that happened during the funeral service. Attempts were made to break into the homes of two of her sons in the same community while they were attending their mother's funeral.

The marks on the suits of the earliest German cards were hearts, bells, leaves and acorns.



Housewives on North Carolina farms taking part in the supplementary cotton program have an opportunity this year to see their families better clothed and better fed. The program makes cotton stamps available to farmers who make a further reduction in their cotton acreage. The stamps can be used to buy cotton clothing and other articles made of cotton, such as the women in the above picture are doing. In addition, participating farm families also can qualify for an additional \$3 cash payment for producing more food for home use. Details of the supplementary cotton and food production program can be obtained from county farm and home agents of the State College extension service and from county and community AAA committeemen.

NEW YORK INTERESTS MAY CUT 100,000 CORDS OF PULPWOOD IN DARE

Old Dare Lumber Company Property May Soon Be Place For Employment of 100,000 Laborers to Harvest Crop of Scrub Gum and Pine For Marketing in Hopewell, Virginia

Rumor of a proposed pulpwood cutting project on the Dare County mainland indicates that some 120 men or more may be given employment cutting timber, beside numerous others whose work would be essential in the transporting of the wood.

The property is now owned by Roe Wells, New York financier who bought it a year ago from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Mr. Wells recently visited the property and found it well stocked with pulpwood, and stated that within a few days, engineers would come on the property and make a survey to see if it is practical at this time to attempt to cut off the timber in large quantities. They have a ready market for 100,000 cords of wood, it is stated.

The property was once the scene of a vast logging operation. Hundreds of workers cut timber for the mill of the old Dare Lumber Company in Elizabeth City, and Buffalo City and East Lake were thickly populated with workers and the section was a hub of great activity. Since its acquisition by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company the property has remained almost dormant, except for the limited sale of stumpage to local industries. Duvall Bros. the largest operators in the section own a saw mill on the property. Some 175,000 acres in East Lake and Croatan Townships are in the property.

SAYS TOW BAG CATCH MORE SHAD THAN POUND NETS
Tow bags catch more fish than pound nets, according to a well-known traveling man, who tells the story of Preston Gray of Stumpy Point finding 32 roe shad in a tow bag in Stumpy Point bay. The shad were left there when prices were high, but they had badly decomposed before Mr. Gray found them. Some fishermen, believed to be known to Stumpy Point people, had left the fish in the bag, before coming ashore to pack the catch. He was probably fishing for someone else, and figured he could take the 32 fish down to Hyde County in the afternoon and be some \$40 the better off. But when he went back to find the fish, which he dropped in the bay, with a buoy, he was unable to locate them. Several days later, Mr. Gray observed the bag and brought them in. The real owner of the fish suffered a bad loss, but the thief didn't profit at all.

So a saying has arisen around Stumpy Point that tow bags are better than nets for catching fish.

GOD'S BANK
The bank had closed; my earthly store had vanished from my hand, I felt there was no sadder one than I in all the land, The washerwoman, too, had lost her little mite with mine; And she was singing as she hung the clothes upon the line: "How can you be so gay?" I asked. "Your loss, don't you regret?" "Yes, ma'am, but what's the use to fret? God's Bank ain't busted yet." —Selected.

CHOSEN TO HANDLE TYRRELL TAX SUITS



A recent photo of Herbert R. Leary of Edenton, State Senator from the First District, who has been employed by Tyrrell County to handle the legal work in connection with its delinquent tax suits. Mr. Leary, a popular political figure, received much recognition for his espousal of a bill to abolish the death penalty in North Carolina. He has recently been honored with an unusual distinction, having been appointed on a body that will re-rodify the laws of North Carolina.

ROARING RIVER MINISTER DIGGS GRAVE FOR HIMSELF

"I guess I'm the first man since Joseph of Arimathea to dig his own grave."

Few would dare argue the point with B. C. Jordan, a Missionary Baptist preacher of the Roaring River section of North Carolina, who has his own grave ready for the time when he passes to greener fields beyond.

Others may have built coffins, may have constructed their tombs, but not having heard of anyone actually digging his own grave, there would certainly be no point in doubting the word of Preacher Jordan.

He was completely sold on his own idea and of the unusualness of what he had done and didn't object a bit to telling the world his story—in fact he thought it a good idea.

About Christmas time, 1940, Mrs. B. C. Jordan passed away. She was buried in the White Plains Baptist church graveyard. While at the plot in the graveyard one day doing some work, Jordan conceived the idea of digging his own grave. He wasted no time doing the job.

When neighbors passed they paused and inquired solicitously about the deceased.

"Oh, nobody's dead, yet," Jordan would say, "I'm just digging my own grave."

And the neighbors would go away shaking their heads.

"The man's queer," they would say.

When the grave was finished, Jordan brought a steel lid and enclosed the opening.

"Now," he says, "all they'll have to do is lay the sod off the lid, open it up and put in my coffin, with me inside. Then they'll put the steel lid back, pile the dirt on top, replace the sod and there I am!"

HYDE FARMERS ADVISED BY WOODARD TO COMPLETE FARM PLANS BY APRIL 15

Those Who Do Not Comply With This Requirement Will Not Receive Parity Payments; Some Practices Which Will Earn Units Is Explained by County Agent

LANGSTON SAYS COMPLETION OF 264 NECESSARY

Must Complete Route or Lose Many Tourist Dollars

W. H. Langston, retired Goldsboro publisher, who is making his home at Swan Quarter, sees completion of route 264 from Engelhard to Manns Harbor as a big asset to Hyde County. Mr. Langston says that many people from the Goldsboro section would drive through Hyde to get to Roanoke Island, rather than around by Elizabeth City, were it not for the stretch of dirt road between Engelhard and Manns Harbor.

Mr. Langston is of the opinion that the people of Hyde County should not relax fighting for the completion of this road to the ferry dock at Manns Harbor. Once a hard road gets there, it will not be a problem getting Croatan Sound bridged, according to the retired newspaperman. He is of the opinion that the traffic will increase to the extent that the State will be forced to construct a bridge.

The Lost Colony has become a National institution which brings hundreds of tourists to eastern North Carolina every year. Many of them spend the entire summer in Dare County and along the banks. This means a market for fresh vegetables, eggs, chickens and other farm products. Completion of route 264 will put the farms of Hyde within a few minutes drive of the hotels and homes where these tourists board. This is another reason seen for immediate completion of this road.

MATRRESS APPLICATION MUST BE IN BY APRIL 30

Farm families have until April 30 to make applications for material with which to make cotton mattresses and comforters, says Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent of N. C. State College. There is no assurance that the mattress and comforter program will be extended.

To date 169,222 North Carolina farm families have filed applications for mattresses, and 23,468 have applied for cotton and percale with which to make comforters. Of these, 134,149 applications for mattresses and 10,780 applications for comforters have been certified and approved.

A total of 95,359 mattresses and 613 comforters have been made by farm people in centers operated under the supervision of county farm and home agents of the State College extension service. They have been given cotton, ticking and percale by the Surplus Marketing Administration, and AAA committees have assisted in the certification of eligible low income families.

"The mattress and comforter program is now operating in 1,472 communities in North Carolina," Miss Current reported. "A total of 9,487,650 pounds of cotton has been ordered for mattresses, and 228,300 pounds of cotton has been ordered for comforters."

All families which have received mattresses are eligible to apply for material with which to make a comforter. Experienced supervisors are on hand in the mattress centers to explain how to make the comforters.

ENGELHARD PTA TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Engelhard high school PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday evening at the school auditorium. The following grade representatives will act as hostesses: Mesdames R. L. Patrick, B. C. Marshall, M. B. Rough-ton and S. S. Neal. This will be the last meeting during the school year unless a special one is called. All members are urged to attend.

HYDE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES MET AT MIDDLETOWN SUN.

The Hyde County Convention of Christian Churches met at the Middletown Christian church Sunday for an all day meeting. The Rev. John Walters of Wilson was the principal speaker. Mrs. Settle of Greenville spoke to the women in the afternoon. Dinner was served on the grounds.

HYDE GETS SECOND CALL FOR APRIL

Three Negroes to Leave April 17
The Hyde County draft board has received a call for three Negroes to leave for Army training April 17. This is the second call for draftees for April to be received by the Hyde board. The Negroes left Friday for an Army induction center. Seven white young men will leave Monday.

The number of young men to be drafted in the Army from Hyde County until now has been small, but it is expected to increase now that spring is here and carpenters are putting the finishing touches on a number of training centers.

SUNFLOWER CLUB WILL MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Engelhard Sunflower Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lee Pinkham. An interesting program has been planned and all members are urged to attend.