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SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE FOLKS MEASURE CHARTS AND HOPE FOR BRIDGES

Distance Reveals Either Bridge Over Alligator River or Croatan Sound Would Be Shorter Than Currituck Sound Bridge; Location at Croatan Sound Ferry Shortest Point in Sound by Half a Mile

As the time approaches when the people of the Southern Albemarle County anticipate the carrying of Governor Broughton's promise of free ferries, an impatient place is beginning to discuss the possibilities and a large portion of the people are hopeful that bridges will be the outcome rather than ferries. Farmers are bringing out dusty government charts and measuring distance across the waters of the Alligator River and Croatan

Sound. Such to their amazement and surprise they now discover that the distance across Croatan Sound is really one-fourth mile shorter than the Wright Memorial Bridge over the Currituck Sound. This indicates that a bridge can be constructed at far smaller cost than the bridge over the Currituck Sound. The estimates, ranging up to \$10,000,000 for the bridge over the Croatan Sound, would be a large item of the project. In addition, the excellent opportunities for cooperation and unloading of materials, experienced people considered for less than a half million dollars, certainly not as much as being spent to reconstruct the bridge over the Currituck Sound. The location of the sound shows comparison with that of Currituck Sound at point of construction, with a hard sand bottom all the way across, being less than two and one-half miles in width and one-half mile narrower than at any point of Croatan Sound, according to actual exact measurements on government charts.

The Alligator River apparently presents less of a problem in that it is not quite so wide and offers excellent opportunity for water (Please turn to Page Four)

CENSUS GAINS SHOWN IN TYRRELL AND DARE CURRITUCK, HYDE LOSE

Greatest Losses Shown in Communities Neglected by State's Roadbuilders Where Once Flourishing Coast Guard and Other Government Activities Have Been Curtailed; Swan Quarter, Columbia and Manteo All Growing

Gains in population for the counties of Tyrrell and Hyde are shown in figures released by the Census Bureau, in the 20 years between 1920 and 1940, while losses in population are shown for Currituck and Hyde Counties.

Hyde is shown to have lost 526 people in the 20 years; Tyrrell's gain is 707 and Currituck's is 926. An analysis of the figures reveals a substantial loss in citizenship that is not wholly attributable to the curtailment of government activities in Currituck, Hyde and Dare.

For instance, the largest loss in citizenship occurs in Poplar Branch communities on Currituck Sound. The Government has abandoned several Coast Guard stations which sustained several small villages now either abandoned or in process of disintegration. Many of these citizens have moved to Dare County, as well as other places.

Hyde County has suffered a loss of 62 people on the island of Ocracoke, in excess of the normal gains from migration, which is largely due to curtailment of employment and other opportunities peculiar to the coastal regions. But Hyde's count of 87 in population, and the township shows a large increase, while practically every other township shows losses noticeable in the loss in Fairfield township, which was lost by the water transport ceased to be a lifeline of this town and others similarly situated.

Columbia shows a gain of 352 people, making it the largest town (Please turn to Page Four)

STAMP PROGRAM MEANS INCREASE SALES IN HYDE

E. R. Willis of the SMA Explains Program to Retailers

E. R. Willis, area representative of the Surplus Marketing Administration, told a group of Hyde County retailers, meeting at the Agriculture building in Swan Quarter Thursday evening to discuss the cotton stamp program, that the set up, which is being started by the Government as a way of reducing the Nation's surplus cotton, would mean an increase in sales for them.

Said Mr. Willis, "it is a retailer's proposition." He pointed out, however, that the cotton stamps could be spent with the mail order houses, but that under the program it would be easier for the cotton growers taking part in the program, to spend their stamps with local firms. "The main thing," said the government representative, "is that you must let the farmer know that you are taking part in the program."

It will be approximately \$5,000 worth of stamps turned loose in Hyde by the Department of Agriculture under the cotton stamp program. This means that the merchants of the county have the opportunity of increasing their sales by \$5,000 this year—if they don't let outside firms beat them getting the business.

While all merchants selling all-cotton goods made from American grown cotton are eligible to take part in the program, only those who comply with the Government regulations will be allowed to take part in the money making program. Cotton stamps will be issued on or about July 1 and those merchants who want to get the most business as a result of the program should register with the county agent at once, and do such things as will make them eligible to take part in the program.

The first step is the filling out of the "Retailer's Statement," which must be signed by the person of the firm who will endorse all the cotton stamps handled by the firm. Upon receipt of the "Retailer's Statement," the county agent will furnish the necessary information in regards to the program.

J. H. Jarvis of Engelhard, chairman of the Hyde County Cotton Industry committee presided over Thursday night's meeting. Following Mr. Willis' talk, the merchants, upon motion of Warren Williams, turned the printing of placards, advertising the cotton stamp program, over to Thos. E. Spencer, editor of The Hyde County Herald and chairman of the publicity committee of the Cotton Industry group.

CECIL RHODES LUPTON TAKING BAND COURSE

Cecil Rhodes Lupton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lupton of Swan Quarter, is in Chapel Hill taking a six week course which is being given band students. Rhodes, who is a member of the Hyde County Band, did good work in that organization last year. He is deeply interested in music.

HYDE FARMERS ADVISED KEEP CARE MACHINES

County Agent Woodard Gives Some Helpful Suggestions

With the price of farm tools and machinery going up with each day, and with the outlook for an increase in the farm income very dark, County Agent J. P. Woodard said this week that he would advise the farmers of Hyde County to take every precaution possible to increase the length of efficient service of their machinery.

The county agent explained that many farmers thoughtlessly neglected caring for their equipment, without thinking of the cost—a cost that amounts to so much in these times that it will put many farmers out of business.

"Like all items made of steel and other material necessary in the manufacture of guns, tanks and other weapons of war, the price of farm machinery and tools is taking a rise similar to that of World War I," said the county agent. "The only way that the farmer can compete with this situation," he continued, "is by taking the greatest care of his present machines and tools in order to lengthen its life for doing good work."

Mr. Woodard said that the efficiency and length of service of most farm machinery depended upon proper care, such as oiling and general overhauling at regular intervals. Some suggestions on caring for certain types of machinery are given below.

The Plow Bottom

One of the first rules a plowman should learn is to polish the bright surfaces of his plow bottoms and apply a light coating of oil whenever the plow is not in use. Strict observance of this rule will save many hours of difficulty in getting a rust surface repolished. A heavy coating of good hard oil should be applied to the bottoms when stored. (Please turn to Page Four)

POSTMASTER AT OCRACOKE QUILTS AFTER 40 YEARS

Thomas W. Howard Had Interesting Career as Island Postmaster

Thomas W. Howard, for 40 years postmaster of Ocracoke, is retiring and a new postal officer for the island will be selected.

A notice for publication relative to the U. S. Civil Service examination for the selection of the new postmaster has been received at Beaufort, where examination for the job will be held. Applications for the job will close on June 27.

During the 40 years that Mr. Howard has served as postmaster, he has had many trying experiences with the mails. It has often been delayed due to storms.

During the big freeze of 1917 Ocracoke was out of touch with the mainland for 17 days. The first mail Postmaster Howard sent then was carried by the mailboat piloted by Capt. Will Willis via Cape Lookout to Beaufort, due to the ice that clogged water transportation in Pamlico Sound.

Postmaster Howard has the distinction of sending the first sack of U. S. mail from Ocracoke Island by airplane. He did his three years ago. The plane flew to Kitty Hawk.

The postal receipts are high at the Ocracoke office. For many years Postmaster Howard says he averaged writing approximately \$36,000 annually in money orders. Much of this money went to mail order houses, whose catalogues are an institution in the homes of the island.

HYDE OFFICIALS PAY VISIT TO OCRACOKE

At the invitation of the Ocracoke Parent-Teachers Association, a number of Hyde County officials went to Ocracoke last Wednesday and spent the day with the people of that village. Included on the trip was A. G. Berry, Ed. Berry and Jones Mason of the County Board of Commissioners; Dr. J. W. Miller and Forrest Sears of the county board of education; superintendent of schools, N. W. Shelton; county attorney O. L. Williams; and rabies inspector, Fenner Cherry.

The officials went to Ocracoke Wednesday morning in Mr. Williams' yacht. They were entertained at lunch at the Wahab Hotel and spent the afternoon looking over the conditions of the island and acquainting themselves with its problems. They were entertained at dinner that evening by the island people at the Wahab Hotel.

They returned to Swan Quarter Thursday morning very much impressed by the hospitality of the people and expressed themselves as eager to help them solve their problems.

Lose a Hook—Save a Life

It is a hard matter to release a fish so skillfully that it will not die later. Once the tender, slinty outer covering is injured, the fish dies. He may look frisky as a colt when you let him go—but an unbelievably high percentage of the fish you handle die later.

Cut your snell or leader and release the fish with hook in him. You only lose a hook which can be bought for a nickel a dozen, and two or three inches of line. The hook will gradually disintegrate inside the fish with no ill effects.

HYDE HOTELMAN SEES MORE TOURISTS COMING TO THIS SECTION 1941

Influx Seen as Coming Gradual and Lasting as Long as the Defense Program Goes on; Based on American's Urge to Travel and Hyde's Appeal to the Traveler; Leslie O'Neal, One of Section's Leading Hotelmen

Leslie O'Neal, Hyde County's leading hotelman and tourist cabin operator says that this section can expect an increase in the tourist business during he months ahead. Said Mr. O'Neal, "We have had many sportsmen come to our section this year and it looks as if they will continue to come in increasing numbers."

The hotelman is of the opinion, that as long as the defense program goes on business can be expected to be good. Men who work seek recreation and Hyde County offers a place to relax as any place on the face of the earth, according to Mr. O'Neal.

It offers a diversity of attractions to vacationists. There is beautiful Lake Mattamuskeet, which offers splendid fishing; Ocracoke and its inviting bathing beaches and accommodations for deep sea fishing; the quiet green-clad countryside for those seeking rest; and the woods and streams are a mecca for hunters and fishermen. Few counties along the coast have more to offer vacationists than Hyde. It is a land of "tourist appeal."

Mr. O'Neal, who owns the O'Neal Hotel at Swan Quarter and the O'Neal Cabins at New Holland, says that he thinks that the present tourist accommodations will take care of the increase that is expected. The influx of vacationists as seen by Mr. O'Neal will not be large, but one that comes gradually and lasts for a longer period of time than usual.

It is pointed out that Americans are going to travel as long as possible for they have the natural urge to "go somewhere." Since they cannot go to Europe as of late has been in the past few years they must travel at home. According to Mr. O'Neal Hyde County will get some of these travelers when they go on their vacation.

MRS. BRANCH SPENCER ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. Branch Spencer delightedly entertained members of her bridge club at her home in Swan Quarter last Tuesday evening.

The high score prize was awarded Mrs. C. R. Lupton; second high prize went to Mrs. Don Harris; guest prize went to Mrs. Stacy Lupton; and floating prize went to Mrs. C. L. Sawyer.

Those attending the party were Mrs. Stacy Lupton and Mrs. E. K. Mann as guests and members were Messames Nat. Credit, C. L. Sawyer, C. R. Lupton, Pratt Williamson and Don Harris.

Too Hot to Handle

Ever burn the third layer of skin off trying to fry some fish over a hot campfire? We did this until a handy kink came to our attention and now we do not practice the harsher side of our vocabulary so much and there is a wicked smile of revenge on our face when frying. Just punch a hole in the center of a tin or paper plate and slip it over the handle of your frying pan. This will protect your hands from the heat of the campfire and from hot, splattering grease when frying.

ITALIAN CLOCK

One of the oldest clocks in the world is on the old Clock tower of Venice, Italy. It has been ticking time since 1496, or for 447 years. On its platform are two black giants who have struck the hours 24 times every day or nearly four million times.

FARM COMMODITY PRICES SOARING SAYS SPECIALIST

Housewives of North Carolina are now paying from 6 to 143 percent more for seasonal meats, fruits and vegetables and seafoods compared with prices prior to the outbreak of hostilities in September, 1939, A. B. Harless, marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, reported.

Enlarged consumer purchasing power, low production yields as a result of the drought, plus Government financial support of certain commodities are the principal stimulating factors behind the price increase of most farm products, Harless said. "While it has not been determined what share of the abnormal increase paid for farm products is going to the grower, it is a known fact that farmers in general are receiving financial benefits from sales of most livestock and perishable products."

Harless explained that "while June prices are not exactly representative of market conditions for farm commodities compared with September, the upward price trend is definitely established."

Retail prices in early June compared with early September, 1939 prices, showing "representative percentage increases," were reported by Harless as follows:

Fish: (Retail)—porgies, 12½; sockeye trout, 43; croakers, 6; Spanish mackerel, 23.

Hogs: (Prices to farmer)—Rocky Mount, 39; Richmond, 38; Baltimore, 37. Chicago, 40.

Butter: 92 score, 42.

Cattle: (Prices to farmer)—Choice steers, 21; cows, all weights 20; vealers, all weights, 6; bulls, all weights, 26.

Spring lamb: (Prices to farmer)—Good and choice, 25.

Fruits and vegetables: (Retail)—Apples, 18; beans, 15; sweet potatoes, 12; peppers, 106; spinach, 30; tomatoes, 143; corn, per dozen, 51.

Old pork: (Retail)—Bacon slabs, 12; backs, 14; bellies, 23.

SUNFLOWER CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING WED.

The Sunflower Club of Engelhard held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clydia Berry.

An interesting program was presented by the entertainment committee, with Mrs. A. G. Silverthorne giving an interesting paper on "Flag Day" and "Our American Flag." Contests on "Housekeeping" and "States and Capitals" were enjoyed.

The members of the club made plans to make their annual summer trip to Manteo to see the Lost Colony in July and annual August party. They decided to call off their regular meetings for July and August. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. E. L. Cartwright on the afternoon of Sept. 30.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

YOUNG DEMOS MEET NAGS HEAD FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Banquet First Colony Inn, With Paul Liverman, District President, Ralph Gardner, Speakers

A banquet at the First Colony Inn, Nags Head, with Ralph Gardner, principal speaker, is to be held by the Young Democrats of the First District on June 28 at 8 p. m., Paul Liverman, of Columbia, District president, said this week.

Mr. Gardner is president of the State organization, and is the son of former Governor Max Gardner. Victor Meekins has been asked to deliver the address of welcome, and Miss Patsy Davenport of Greenville will make the response, while Ralph Gardner will be introduced by Hoover Taft of Greenville.

About 100 will be present, and many from Dare County will participate. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Roxie Atkinson, Mrs. Estelle Tillett, or Miss Natalie Gould at Manteo.

GAA TO SPONSOR ROAD OPENING CELEBRATION; SAA INVITED TAKE PART

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey Has Already Signified His Intention of Attending; Comptroller General Warren to Be Invited; Directors Also Pass Resolution to Cooperate With SAA in Its Road Program For Section

The Board of Directors of the Greater Albemarle Association meeting at the Virginia Dare Hotel in Elizabeth City Thursday evening passed a resolution to sponsor a road opening celebration for the road across Mattamuskeet Lake, when that road is ready to be opened. The secretary was instructed to invite the Southern Albemarle Association to co-sponsor the celebration. President P. D. Midgett stated that former Governor Clyde R. Hoey has already signified his intention to attend the celebration providing a satisfactory date can be arranged. He stated also that Comptroller General and former Congressman Lindsay C. Warren would be invited to be present. Those two men, he explained, had much to do with getting the road across the lake and the celebration would not be quite complete without them attending.

A resolution was also passed to cooperate with the Southern Albemarle Association in its road program for the section; the Greater Albemarle Association's road program coincides with that of the Southern in those counties represented by the Southern.

President Melvin R. Daniels expressed himself as well pleased at the unity of action on the matter. The resolutions, beside asking for early completion of Route 64 by bridges to Manteo, also favor building from regular appropriations the following roads first:

Hyde and Dare counties: Highway U. S. 264 connecting the county seats of the two counties.

Tyrrell County: N. C. 94, connecting Hyde and Tyrrell county seats.

Washington County: No. 97, connecting the county seat of Hyde with the county seat of Washington.

FUNERAL MRS. GEO. P. CARTER HELD FRIDAY

Well Known Fairfield Woman Passes Away After Long Illness

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Fairfield Methodist church for Mrs. Geo. P. Carter, well known Fairfield woman, who died at her home in Fairfield Thursday morning at 5:00 o'clock following an illness of the past two years. Mrs. Carter's condition had been considered critical for the past two or three months.

Mrs. Carter, who was a sister of the late Judge Garland Midette of Jackson, was a highly esteemed resident of her community and Hyde County. She was an active member of the Fairfield Methodist church, and was beloved for her kind deeds and understanding ways.

The Rev. E. G. Cowan of Swan Quarter, assisted by the Rev. R. Grant, the Rev. E. R. Stewart, and the Rev. Roe Harris, officiated. Interment was in the Fairfield cemetery.

In addition to her husband, Geo. P. Carter, she is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Grease it, Eh?

OCRACOKE CO-OP. TO MAKE SURVEY IN HYDE COUNTY

Beaufort Group Hopes to Run Line in Poner-Scranton Section

County Agent J. P. Woodard announced late last week that the recently organized electric co-op in Beaufort County, known as the Woodstock Electric Membership Corporation, plans to construct a power line in the Poner-Scranton section of Hyde County and bring electric current to many rural homes in the Western section of Hyde County that is not served by any power company.

The county agent said that he had been informed that the Beaufort group would begin a survey at Bath Monday, June 16, and continue through the communities that they plan to serve. They include: Ransomville, Winsteadville, Free Union, Pike Road, Poner, Scranton, Sladesville and possibly Kilkenny and Gum Neck.

It has been learned that the J. B. McCray Engineering Construction Corporation of Atlanta has been awarded the job of constructing the Rural Electrification Authority power line for the Beaufort co-op, which plans to serve parts of Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

TICKETS FOR CONVENTION ON SALE CLERK'S OFFICE

Tickets for the First District Convention of Young Democrats are on sale at the clerk of the court office. The convention will be held at the First Colony Inn at Nags Head, Saturday, June 28. Young Democrats are urged to attend the meeting.

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