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ORGE R. POUL RAISES YOUTH FOR THEIR HELP

Chairman of the ONSF Points to Letter From Chief

...s, sour-pusses and dys... who insist that the boys... of the present day are... thoughtless and shallow... had better watch out, de... Miss Margarette Silver... Hyde County chairman of... North State Fund as there... who will take violent issue... path of today, and that man... Ross Pou, state auditor... reasurer of the Fund.

...letter continued "for in... here is an extract from a... from Jimmy Overby, now... in Morehead City, which... am giving my cents and... to help buy a mercy plane... it does a whole lot of good... money was given me to go to... shows and to bowl but I... give it to the British for... plane." His brother, Dan... III, wrote "I want to give... of my money to buy a mercy... for the British. This is my... money but I am sending... to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Over... Danville, Va., who are fre... visitors to this state."

DE NATIVE PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 75

...services for Thomas S... 75, of Creswell, were con... at the home last Saturday... assisted by the Rev. E. R. M... Intermment was in the... Christian church... Spencer, a native of Hyde... who had lived the past 25... near Creswell, died last Fri... afternoon at 4 o'clock in the... Hospital. He had been... in health for the past... Spencer, a progressive far... was well liked and respected... who knew him. He had a... of friends in both Hyde and... ington counties.

WARD SADLER DIES AT HOME THURSDAY

...services for Edward... 76, of Swan Quarter were... at the Blake graveyard near... field last Friday morning at 11... with the Rev. E. R. Stew... graveyard. Burial was in the... Sadler had been ill for sev... weeks prior to his death... water. Mrs. Webb Alexandria... near Swan Quarter and one son,... Sadler of New Lake.



by VICTOR MEEKINS

I never saw so many folks from home as last Friday when I went to Norfolk to get a second operation done to the right hand of my little boy Roger, who got it badly crushed in his printing press during the winter. By home I mean, people from Dare County who now live in Norfolk.

Dr. M. H. Todd, who is a most splendid and skilful surgeon suggested I take him over to St. Vincent's hospital for his convenience, for at the time he had a number of patients in that place. I am not overly fond of the gloomy old place, and the serious-faced sisters swishing about in their long garments, always impressed me rather much as to the solemnity of being in a hospital, which is not always what a sick man is looking for.

But first thing, the little boy got admitted to a ward where a number of boys were being treated for broken legs and crushed bodies, and other ailments probably more painful than his own, and among them was a lady who had attempted to get in on the wrong side of a car, and was horribly crushed as a reckless motorist drove past. That was an impressive lesson. I have often cautioned my own boys about it. Twice during the stay, I visited the little boy, after he had his operation, and two fingers had been cut, the bones sliced and bandaged, and found him wrestling with the nausea that follows an anaesthetic.

Once I found from three to four people huddled around six of the eight beds in the ward, all anxious relatives visiting their sons or brothers. And there were many cheerful nurses in spotless white uniforms, whose smiles certainly would help to make a lad forget that he was in trouble and unable to have his mother with him all the time.

But getting back to the visit, among those present, in the corridors or waiting rooms were Leroy Baum, formerly of Nags Head, a brother of Capt. Tom Baum, Norris Baum, and Jesse Baum of Kitty Hawk.

He was there because a sister-in-law was critically ill in the hospital and expected to die. It was good to see Baum, for I had not seen him in many years. Then I ran into Loubett Cohoon of East Lake, who was there to see his wife, ill in the hospital. Loubett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cohoon, well known citizens of East Lake.

Sitting patiently on a bench was Elizabeth Drinkwater, the daughter of Watson Drinkwater of Manteo, now living in Norfolk. She was there to get a birth certificate for her young nephew, Watson III, born in the hospital about three months ago. He is the child of Watson Drinkwater Jr., who married Frances Howlett, an honor student some four years ago in the Manteo high school. Elizabeth had been waiting for hours to get the signature of an absent nurse.

Pretty soon I ran into a girl from Frisco. She was well known as Cynthia Fulcher, but she dressed like a boy, drove a horse and worked like a man. She was tough as nails. I didn't know her at first, but when I heard her voice, I recalled her. She said she had been married, but her husband is now dead.

Her father, A. J. Fulcher, once head of a flourishing mercantile business in Frisco, and his wife were also there, all visiting near friends. The Fulchers now live in Norfolk at 3108 Cottage Toll Road, and have been there several years. I have visited all the hospitals in Norfolk, and they have all shaken me down for something during the past few years, but I have never seen so many old acquaintances from Dare County in a single day, as I saw at St. Vincent's. Not even at the Marine Hospital, where I sometimes find so many seafaring men from the North Carolina coast. In this instance the folks I saw were visitors, rather than patients. Certainly, Dare County's people are spread far and wide, and one never knows when or where he will bump into someone from home.

SCHOOLS

La Prensa, Argentina newspaper, says 270 clandestine schools are being operated in the Argentine by the Germans as one of the principal means of carrying out infiltration into that country.

HYDE SCHOOLS END YEAR WITH LARGE DEFICIT

School Finances Are in Bad Shape as Result of Old Debts

According to the financial report just released by Supt. N. W. Shelton, the Hyde County schools ended the fiscal year on June 30 owing \$7500.25 exclusive of the sanitation project for the Fairfield, Swan Quarter, and Engelhard schools. The county school fund defaulted \$3944.46 on loans from the State. There were \$1031.85 in outstanding accounts against the current expense fund while the capital outlay account was \$2523.95 behind its payments. To meet these obligations of \$7500.26 the various school funds had a combined balance of \$3908.98. This left a \$3591.28 deficit. Since a one cent levy in Hyde County will bring in only \$296, it would take about a 12 1/2 cent levy just to pay the bills due July 1st and for which there were no funds in sight.

In addition to this \$3591.28 deficit hanging over the school funds, the county will have to increase its appropriation for its share of vocational salary increments and retirement as provided by law.

Although the Commissioners increased the school levy by four cents this will bring in only \$1184 toward paying the deficit of \$3591.28. It is hoped that back tax collection will be increased sufficiently to meet these obligations.

Because of the financial condition, the school officials will have to cut expenditures to the bone in order not to get further behind. The county has three choices with regard to its schools (1) spend less regardless of needs, (2) go further in debt, (3) raise the tax rate still further. Since the tax rate for this year has been set only the first two choices are possible at present.

Last year the County borrowed \$4,000 to supplement WPA funds for an auditorium at Sladesville. This was several hundred dollars less than the cost and these bills are unpaid. The County also borrowed \$5,000 for supplement W. P. A. funds for waterworks and sanitary toilets at Fairfield, Engelhard, and Swan Quarter. This project has not been completed.

The County is badly in need of some new buildings and others are in a deplorable condition. The white schools at Ocracoke and Sladesville are in need of replacement. Some of the negro schools are practically falling down. The County is not in a position to borrow money for schools now since it defaulted on outstanding loans last year and is behind in paying its current bills.

The school authorities are, however, trying to find some solution to an almost hopeless situation.

CALL 17 GETS NO MEN FROM HYDE COUNTY

The Hyde County Draft Board has been notified that it will not be required to furnish any registrants for the 17th call which has just been issued by State Selective Service headquarters.

HYDE AAA COMMITTEEMEN DISCUSS 1942 PROGRAM

Hyde County AAA committeemen met with J. L. Nickolson, district AAA representative, at the Agriculture building in Swan Quarter Tuesday and discussed the 1942 farm program. Certain phases of the 1941 program that have not been completed, were also discussed.

STRAY GOLD BUTTON LEADS TO FINDING ADMIRAL'S BONES

When Admiral Bob Evans Gives Woman \$50 For a Button Found on Wind-Swept Graveyard at Cape Hatteras

One of the most remarkable stories, coming out of the great treasure-house of human interest, the Hatteras Bangs, a gold button or insignia medalion, found by Mrs. Dan Barnett in an old graveyard that had been blown out by the winds that howl about the cape in winter, many years ago. Captain Robley D. Evans, later to become famous as "Fighting Bob," an admiral of the U. S. Navy, at that time inspected the lighthouses along the coast. On a visit to Cape Hatteras he saw this button in the home of Mrs. Barnett, and it excited his curiosity. Mrs. Barnett told him the story of finding the button, whereupon Admiral Evans asked for the button which was presented him by Mrs. Barnett. About six months later Admiral Evans, with a party of strangers,

AMONG HYDE'S BUSINESS FIRMS

A. CAHOON TAKES OVER QUARTER SERVICE STATION

A. Cahoon, well known Swan Quarter merchant and business man, took over Capitol Service Station in Swan Quarter last week, after the Sinclair building was vacated by J. Allen Harris. Mr. Cahoon is equipped to serve automobile owners of this section.

HEAT WAVE MAKES DEMAND FOR MORE ELECTRIC FANS

The heat wave of last week and week before found the Berry Company, Swan Quarter hardware dealers, without enough electric fans to meet the demand of the public. They have received a new shipment of fans now, however, and are ready to serve their customers.

ENGELHARD-WASHINGTON BUS CO. PUTS ON NEW BUS

The Engelhard-Washington Bus Company has recently put a new, larger and more comfortable bus on its Engelhard-Washington line. This is another step of this progressive transportation firm to serve the traveling public of this section. Watch for their schedule which appears in this newspaper regularly.

CROP OUTLOOK IS GOOD SAYS COUNTY AGENT

Hyde Farmers Have Better Than Average Crops

The crop outlook in Hyde County this year is good according to County Agent J. P. Woodard. Said the county agent, "I believe that the crops of the county as a whole are better than usual."

Mr. Woodard said that the boll weevil had done some damage to the cotton crop, particularly in Currituck township, but that in no part of the county had it been extensive.

In regards to the county's corn crop, the county agent said that the prospects were very good for a bountiful harvest, despite the damage caused in some sections by the rains of June and July.

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

The United States Department of Agriculture forecast last Friday that the nation's cotton crop would be the smaller this year than in any season since 1935. The department based its forecast on the basis of conditions prevailing August 1.

North Carolina agriculture statisticians predicted a 497,000 bale harvest by Tar Heel farmers, which is 21 per cent under the past 10-year-production.

SLADESVILLE METHODIST BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL

The Epworth Methodist church at Sladesville closed its yearly vacation Bible School and revival Friday night, August 8, 1941. A commencement was given by the Bible School and the following program presented: Opening prayer, "Jesus Saves Me," recitation by Glade Sears, "Thank You, God," and pantomimes of "Away in a Manger" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Several booklets containing pictures, poems and songs were on exhibit which had been made by the students. These booklets illustrated to the children "Ways in Which We May Worship God."

NEGROES FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MFG. WHISKEY

Hyde Recorder Tries Large Docket Monday Morning

Three of four defendants, charged with the illegal manufacture of whiskey, were found not guilty in Hyde County Recorders Court Monday morning, as the State failed to bring in enough evidence to satisfy the court of their guilt.

Those tried, all colored of the Last Chance section of Lake Landing township, were Clarence Fonville, Claudius Spencer, Dennis Blount and Syl Gibbs. The first three named plead not guilty, and were found not guilty by the court. The latter plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 90 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of the cost of the court and 12 months of good behavior.

Warrants were issued for the Negroes shortly after Sheriff S. O. Jones had raided a still in the woods near Last Chance on the night of July 30 and caught Syl Gibbs, who accused the other men who were tried, as parties connected with the manufacture of whiskey at the still at which the sheriff caught him. The State failed to prove this to the satisfaction of the court and thus they were found not guilty.

Other cases tried Monday were: The State vs. Harvey Lee Brown, reckless driving, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Alton Watson, haul netting, continued.

State vs. L. B. Midgette, haul netting, continued.

State vs. Ola Watson, haul netting, continued.

State vs. Cleo Hardy, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, defendant plead guilty of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 90 days on the roads suspended upon payment of a \$10 fine and cost of the court. Twelve months of good behavior.

State vs. Claud Mann, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, plead guilty, found guilty by the court, given 60 days on the roads suspended upon payment of the cost of the court and 12 months of good behavior.

State vs. Tim Smith, aiding and abetting drunken driving, defendant plead guilty of reckless driving, plea accepted, 60 days on the roads suspended upon payment of a \$10 and cost of the court and 12 months of good behavior.

State vs. Claud Mann, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, plea of guilty, found guilty, 60 days on the road, suspended upon payment of the cost of the court and 12 months of good behavior.

State vs. Nat Selby, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, capias and continued.

TOWNSHIP REVIVAL WILL END TOMORROW NIGHT

The Lake Landing township revival which has been going on at the Engelhard high school auditorium for more than a week, will come to a close tomorrow (Friday) night. The meeting which is sponsored by the churches of all denominations in the township is being conducted by the Rev. J. W. Frank, Methodist missionary of Mt. Airy, N. C.

The Rev. E. R. Stewart, who is the leader of the township revival, said this week that the business people of Engelhard had cooperated splendidly with the meeting. A large crowd has been attending and an invitation is extended to all the people of the county, and particularly those of the Engelhard section to attend the meeting tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) night.

HYDE SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 11

The white and colored schools of Hyde County will open for the 1941-42 term on Thursday, September 11, it was announced this week by Superintendent of Schools N. W. Shelton.

Further schedules for the coming school year have not been set as yet, according to the school superintendent. He stated, however, that he thought it likely that a two day holiday would be given for Thanksgiving. Anything more than that is not known.

HYDE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN AT \$1.85 FOR 1941-42 FISCAL YEAR

County Commissioners Approved a Budget Totaling \$129,470.58 at Meeting Last Tuesday; \$52,346 Set Up For Debt Service; Estimated Valuation of Real and Personal Property For the Current Year Is \$3,877,419

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners meeting last Tuesday adopted a budget totaling \$129,470.58 for the 1941-42 fiscal year and retained the same tax rate of \$1.85 per \$100 valuation for the ensuing year.

FARMERS HAVE TIME TO MAKE UNITS IN 1941

Hyde's Farm Agent Explains Program in Following Article

By J. P. WOODARD

Under the agricultural conservation program there is set up a soil building goal for each State, for each county and for each individual farm. In 1938 Hyde County made 94.3 per cent of the goal; in 1939, 97.5 per cent; and in 1940 90 per cent.

What percentage of our units will we make in 1941? As soon as farms are checked by local supervisors, notices are mailed to each farm that needs additional soil building units. (Farms that have made 100 per cent and over are not notified). With the changes that have been made in the 1941 program, it is very important that every farmer make as near 100 per cent of their soil building as possible, for payments are equal to or less than special payments (cotton, commercial vegetables). The farm payment will be based on the percentage of your soil building that you make.

For example: A farm with \$20 soil building payment and \$200 cotton payment, making a total farm payment of \$400, if only \$100 soil building was made one half or \$100.00 cotton payment would be made. Instead of a farm payment of \$400.00 this farm would earn \$200.00.

If you lack soil building units you still have time to make them. The program year does not end until October 31st. Several loads of lime will be ordered in September and early October.

Here are some of the practices you can carry out and the credit received:

Winter legumes seeded—vetch, clover, winter peas—one unit per acre.

Rye grass seeded—one half unit per acre.

Lime—1200—poundsone unit.

LAKE LANDING LIBRARY GETS MORE NEW BOOKS

A large number of well known books have recently been purchased for the Lake Landing public library. The purchase is a step by the citizens of that community to keep their library up-to-date. It is already considered one of the best rural libraries in this section of the state.

A list of the best books included in the recent purchase was released this week by librarian Orphia Berry. They include: (Adult) The Blue Window by Bailey, The Secret of Dr. Kildare by Brand, Where Three Roads Meet by Dell, Toph Oath by Prigden, Invitation to Live by Douglas, As The Twig Is Bent by Habman; M. D. Red Gardenias by Latimer, The Theme Is Love by Haliston, They Came to a River by McKay, Partulaca by Harris, Weep No More by DuMaurier, Dark Memory by Latimer, Doorbells by Black, and Murder in Stained Glass by Armstrong.

A list of juvenile books added to that department of the library includes: Mv Mother Is a Violent Woman by Wadleton, Jerry On Safari by Hoffman, Chronicles of Rebecca by Wiggins, Little Men by Alcott, Little Women by Lindman, Snip, Ricka, Dicka by Lindman, Peter-Panda by Walker, Floppared Hand Pig-O-Wee, and Little Jeemes Henry by Ellis Crelle.

150 POUNDS OF SCRAP ALUMINUM COLLECTED

The Aluminum drive in Hyde County, under the leadership of the County Civilian Defense Committee, resulted in the collection of approximately 150 pounds of scrap metal, according to a report issued this week by Mrs. Isabelle Cartwright, chairman of the group.

The detailed report issued by Mrs. Cartwright showed that one half of the 150 pounds was collected at Fairfield under the supervision of H. T. Midgette; 30 pounds at Sladesville under the supervision of Mrs. Jeff Credle and Forest Sears; 27 pounds at Swan Quarter under the supervision of Roy Cahoon; and 16 pounds at Engelhard and Lake Landing under the supervision of the Rev. Z. N. Deshields.

When issuing the report, Mrs. Cartwright said that she wished to thank each person who took part in the drive for scrap metal and to each person who contributed to the collection.

GOOD

Domestic market prospects for most farm commodities continue good, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.