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SPANISH FORCES IN HYDE HARASSED CITIZENS 200 YEARS AGO OFF OCRACOKE

People Thrown on Relief 200 Years Ago, When Spaniards Carried Off Their Cattle; Many Depredations Reduced People Along Entire Coast to Poverty, and Cost Colonial Government 10,000 Pounds to Aid Them

Federal relief is no new thing in the North Carolina coast for 200 years ago Spanish pirates came to Ocracoke, stole cattle and committed such other depredations as reduced the people to poverty, and the Colonial government had to come to their rescue, to the tune of 10,000 pounds.

Other interesting things recently told in an article written by the North Carolina Historical Commission: Ordinarily we do not think of the North Carolina coast as having had direct contact with Spain or other people, and yet 200 years ago the chief fear of the inhabitants of the eastern part of the colony was that the Spaniards would attack them. This was no idle dream, for upon several occasions Spanish marauders did actually come and had to be driven off by force of arms.

From 1740 to 1748 a long drawn-out struggle was fought in Europe, known there as the War of Austrian Succession and in the British Colonies in America as King George's War. Great Britain and France were on one side and Spain, the French, Spanish, and the colonies in America were on the other. It was during this time that the Spaniards were raiding the North Carolina coastal area.

In 1741 several Spanish privateers came to Ocracoke Inlet, and carried off a number of vessels, and the cattle of the inhabitants of the nearby sandbanks. So they had to be supplied by the colonial government at a cost of more than 10,000 pounds. In 1744 the Spaniards were again prowling off the coast.

It was toward the end of the year that the most serious attacks were made. In August, 1744, the Spaniards attacked and captured the town of Beaufort, where they remained until they were driven several days later by a force commanded by Colonel Thomas Spotswood. Ten or more of the inhabitants were captured.

The next summer several Spaniards visited the mouth of the Fear River, and in September another expedition came to the same place. Concerning this last one we have detailed information taken from the South Carolina Gazette (Charleston), October 1748. On Saturday afternoon, September 3, three sloops arrived at the bar. The next morning the pilots went out to bring in the vessels turned out to be two Spanish privateers from Havana and a captured sloop from the Carolina. The largest was the Fortune, of 130 tons, and ten six-pounders and fourteen guns, and was commanded by Don Lopez.

Spaniards Arrive

The Spaniards forced the pilots to take them to the town of Brunswick, several miles up the river, where the inhabitants did not disingenuously had them anchored before the town. The meantime a party of men had landed several miles beyond that which was able to run, with their boats, and they first lay their hands on the Spaniards and several small craft which were in the bar, and proceeded to plunder the

town. In the meantime the alarm had been sent out, and by Tuesday the town and black. This force marched into the town, killed several of the invaders, and drove the others off. The Fortune now opened up compelling the colonists to seek such shelter as they could find.

"The town being thus cleared of the enemy, our men lay on their hands under cover of a high bank, preventing the landing of any more Spaniards, which was not attempted; but the commodore's sloop (the Fortune) continued firing, when to our great amazement and (it may be said) joy, she blew up. A tremendous explosion, and it may be said, a pleasing sight. As they had

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HYDE'S RECORD COMPARES GOOD WITH NEIGHBORS

County Has 78 Miles of Rural Power Lines and 481 Customers

According to figures from the office of the State Rural Electrification Authority, which came out of Raleigh in news releases this week, Hyde County ranks 84th among the 100 counties in the number of miles of rural electric power lines and 83rd in the number of customers.

The figures show that there are 27,173.98 miles of rural power lines in North Carolina on which there are 140,740 customers. Davidson leads all the counties with the number of miles of lines, having 860.05. Guilford was second with 851.81 miles. Tyrrell was at the bottom with 1.75 miles.

As to customer rankings, Guilford held first place with 7,515. Forsyth was next with 5,276. Tyrrell again ranked 100th with 20.

The ratings of other Albemarle counties are: Dare 131st in the number of miles with 91 and 82nd in the number of customers with 482; Currituck 86th in the number of miles with 73, and 88th in the number of customers with 290; Washington 97th in the number of miles with 32 and 97th in the number of customers with 155; Beaufort 75th in the number of miles with 116.80 and 50th in the number of customers with 801; and Hyde 84th in the number of miles with 78 and 83rd in the number of customers with 481.

AMONG HYDE'S BUSINESS FIRMS

ENGELHARD MERCHANT PAINTS STORE INTERIOR

S. S. Neal, leading Engelhard merchant, dealing in general merchandise and specializing in hardware, has just completed painting the interior of his store and cleaning up his stock of goods. The new coat of paint greatly improves the appearance of his merchandise.

HERALD OFFERS WOMEN READERS FREE BOOKLET

The Herald, the only newspaper that gives a hoot about Hyde County, this week offers its women readers and friends another feature. In cooperation with the National Needlecraft Bureau of New York City we are offering absolutely free a booklet entitled "How to Crochet."

Home Economic girls will find this to be a great help in learning this profitable pastime, and we will send them to home economics teachers in any numbers for their classes. Women whose hobby is crocheting will find the booklet of interest in learning new designs. Just send a stamped envelope to The Hyde County Herald, Swan Quarter, N. C., and we will send you a copy of this helpful booklet at once.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED FOR WINTER GREENS

Bountiful supplies of winter vegetables growing in the garden of every North Carolina farm family is the objective of a new campaign launched by the State Agricultural Workers Council, according to John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College extension service.

Blessed with a climate that makes it possible to grow vegetables the year around in most sections, North Carolina could easily grow plenty of greens to keep its people supplied with these diet essentials during the fall and winter.

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, has prepared for distribution to every farm family information which lists vegetables suitable for winter gardens, best varieties, planting dates, amount of seed needed, maturity dates, and seed cost.

In his guide, the horticulturist suggests rape and kale for all sections of the State; mustard and tendergreens for the Eastern and Piedmont sections; collard plants, spinach, and onion sets for the Eastern and Lower Piedmont areas; and beets and carrots for the Tidewater and warmer parts of the Coastal Plain.

Goodman explained that the winter vegetable campaign is being conducted in response to a request from M. L. Wilson, director of extension for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The tremendous campaign in this state will be conducted by workers of the following agricultural and welfare agencies: Farm Security Administration, AAA, Soil Conservation Service, WPA, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, State Vocational Education Department, and the extension service.

HYDE NATIVE DIES AT HOME NEAR COLUMBIA

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Irene Smith Reynolds, 40, of Route 1, Columbia, who died at the Columbia Hospital Friday after being ill for a few days.

A native of Hyde County, Mrs. Reynolds had made her home in Tyrrell County for the past several years. She was a member of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist church.

Her husband, Alton M. Reynolds; a son, Richard Reynolds; a sister, Mrs. A. E. Cuthrell of St. Bride's Va.; and her father, J. W. Smith of Wenona, survive.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scarborough announce the birth of a son on August 15, weight 8 1-4 pounds.

DRAWS PRAISE FROM HIS DISTRICT CHIEF



W. W. Watson, well known Lake Landing man, who is in charge of the air-craft warning system in week from district chief Frank W. Hyde County, drew praise last Millar, Jr., of Washington, N. C., for the fine work he has done in building up the Hyde County organization. Millar reported that while Mr. Watson and his co-workers had done a good job in Hyde, the program was lagging in some other counties of this section. The Government has requested a speed up in the program.

ALL REGISTRANTS CAN APPEAL FROM A CLASSIFICATION

Every registrant is entitled to appeal from any classification by his local board and no one has the right to deny him that privilege, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, declared this week.

In all cases local board and government appeal agents must make every effort to insure protection of the registrant's right of appeal regardless of whether they think the appeal is justified or not, he asserted.

Any registrant who is dissatisfied with a determination of his local board may appeal the decision to the board of appeals and no one has legal power to interfere with his efforts to get a review of the case, Van Metts said.

Citing Selective Service regulations relating to appeals, the director pointed out that a registrant, any person who claims to be a dependent of a registrant, or any person who has filed written evidence of the occupational necessity of the registrant, may appeal from any local board classification.

The regulations also provide, he said, that appeals may be taken by a government appeal agent for his local board area, a State Director of Selective Service for any local board area in his state, and the Director of Selective Service.

Pointing out that the registrant or his dependents must appeal within ten days after mailing of the registrant's notice of classification (unless the time is extended), the director outlined the provision of the regulations on how an appeal is taken:

"Any person entitled to do so may appeal in either of the following ways:

"By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.

"By signing the 'Appeal to the Board of Appeals' on the questionnaire (Form 40)."

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal, or to his questionnaire, a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred; may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight; and may set out in full any evidence which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file, Director Metts emphasized.

Neither registrants nor representatives of the system are permitted to appear before boards of appeal, however, the director said.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO ROANOKE ISLAND PRAISE LOST COLONY

Two distinguished visitors, Dr. John Finley Williamson, founder of the Westminster Choir, and Richard Reynolds, Jr., of Winston-Salem, witnessed the 218th performance of Paul Green's historical drama The Lost Colony, now in its fifth season here, and considered it "the greatest cultural asset in America today."

F. V. HARRIS IS SPEAKER AT ROTARY MEETING

Supervisor Tells Engelhard Rotarians of Purpose of FSA

F. V. Harris, Farm Security Supervisor in Hyde County, who was the guest speaker at the Friday evening meeting of the Engelhard Rotary Club, told the Rotarians that the FSA was not a loaning agency, but a rehabilitation department whose business it is to help low income farmers.

Said Mr. Harris, "While our department loans money to needy farm families, loaning money is only a small part of the work of our administration." He went on to explain that the FSA does not compete with private business or other government agencies, but moreover extends a helping hand to a class of people that cannot get help elsewhere.

The supervisor told the Rotarians that the main objective of the Farm Security Administration is to help the very poorest farm families get up in the world where they can help themselves and thus have a better outlook on life. He pointed out to the businessmen, the fact that if these people did not get help so that they could continue to live on the farm, it would be necessary for them to turn to WPA for help. He showed the group that it cost much less to keep a farm family on the farm than to keep them on WPA.

Mr. Harris told the Rotarians that the advice given these families, who for the most part are poorly educated people, by FSA experts is a great help to them in managing the farm and home in a modern, yet economical way.

DRAFT RECORDS OPEN TO PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES

All non-confidential information concerning Selective Service registrants is a matter of public record and must be made available to any person upon request during business hours of local boards in North Carolina, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, declared this week. The State Director pointed out, however, that the public is not permitted to handle records.

The only data to be withheld as confidential are the records of the physical condition of a registrant, all answers on the questionnaire under the subject of dependency, except the names and addresses of claimed dependents, the answers to questions on previous military service, and the registrant's court record.

Pointing out that Selective Service Form 100, the Classification Record of Registrants, contains practically all the pertinent information of a non-confidential nature, Director Metts emphasized dependents or because they are not that this form is subject to examination by the public during local boards business hours.

This record includes the name of the registrant, his order number, his serial number, his age and his race.

If he volunteered, the date of his volunteering is shown. If his record is transferred to another board for the purpose of classification, physical examination or induction, the date of such transfer and the date of the return of the registrant's record from the transfer board are indicated.

Form 100, the Director said, also shows the date the questionnaire was mailed, the date of its return, if the time for its return is extended, or the date of a claim for deferment made by a person other than the registrant.

The date of notice to appear for physical examination, the date the registrant appeared, and the date the classification notice was mailed to the registrant are also indicated. It further shows what class the registrant was put in.

It further shows the date of an appeal to the board of appeal, the outcome, the date of the order when the registrant should appear for induction, if he is so ordered, and the time he is to report for transportation to the induction station giving the hour and the date, and then shows the final disposition of the registrant at the induction station and the date when he was accepted or rejected, or if he failed to appear.

"Form 100, therefore, is virtually a complete history of the registrant as to specified confidential matters," Director Metts said. Furthermore, he said, if local boards or local board clerks refuse to give out the requested information without adequate cause for refusal, the matter should be reported to state headquarters immediately.

HYDE COUNTY WOMEN ARE MAKING GARMENTS FOR BRITISH REFUGEES

Red Cross Opens Sewing Room in High School Building in Swan Quarter Where Women Volunteers Can Work; Centers Are to Be Opened in Other Communities in the County; Mrs. O. L. Williams Heads Production

JEFFRESS STRONG FOR TWO BRIDGES IN DARE-TYRRELL

Former Highway Chairman Impressed With Potential Value to Region

Edwin B. Jeffress of Greensboro, who considered the building of bridges over Croatan Sound and Alligator River shortly before a sudden illness forced him to relinquish the Chairmanship of the N.C. State Highway Commission, is now greatly restored in health, and was in Manteo Saturday, as strong as ever in his faith that these two bridges would be a sound investment for North Carolina.

Mr. Jeffress viewed the greater portion from the air, and told Melvin R. Daniels, President of the Southern Albemarle Association he hoped soon to return for the dedication of one of the bridges, and hoped the other could be built right away afterward. He wondered if a \$200,000 investment wouldn't finish the Dare-Hyde road.

Mr. Jeffress seemed to think the Southern Albemarle road program a sound policy to follow, and was much interested in the completion of Route 94 between Columbia and Swan Quarter, which was one of the important projects he attempted, shortly before he became ill. He has always been popular in this section because it was generally felt that he had a true picture of this section's needs.

WILDCAT DIVISION TO MEET IN RALEIGH

Veterans of the 81st Division—better known as the Wildcat Division—will hold their annual national reunion at Raleigh, October 4-6. It will be the first time the veterans have met in North Carolina.

A giant parade on the afternoon of the 6th will be the outstanding feature of the event. Eight divisions, including U. S. Army units, along with Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard units; reserve units, and other organizations will play a part in the big occasion.

It is expected that a number of veterans from this section will attend the reunion. Reports from Raleigh last week said that reservations are pouring in from all over the nation.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED AT LAWN PARTY

Mrs. M. E. Marshall and Mrs. J. R. Brittain delightfully entertained at a lingerie shower on the lawn at the home of the Watson sisters August 12, honoring Miss Hazel Asby of Engelhard and Swan Quarter whose marriage to Lieut. Rowell Lane of Tampa, Florida, and Bostic, North Carolina, will take place Sept. 4, 1941 at the First Baptist church in Tampa.

Mixed flowers were arranged in exquisite old stone jars around tables set up for bingo.

After several games of bingo the hostesses served iced pink lemonade and two-tone cak.

Following refreshments Little Martha Jane Midgett and Beverly Williams presented Miss Asby with a little Army truck loaded with many beautiful gifts.

Party guests were: Mesdames B. C. Fulford, B. C. Marshall, D. H. Selby, P. D. Midgett, Jr., R. L. Gibbs, B. C. Spencer, Mayhew Selby, Kate C. Makely, Fannie Watson, R. S. Spencer, Ellen Jones, R. S. Cox, J. H. Jarvis, A. J. Schmitt, T. W. Williams, Mane Watson, I. B. Watson, J. Harry Swindell, J. H. Swindell, Jr., C. L. Bonner, Mattie Davis; Misses Robena Gibbs, Christine Fulford, Dorothy and Noveline Long, Ellen Roper, Rebecca Jarvis, Carolyn and Julia Spencer, Lona Bonner, Dorothy Davis, Frances Watson.

25 Subspecies

There are 25 recognized subspecies of American mountain lions, 8 of which are found in the United States.

NETTING PRICES EXPECTED TO GO HIGHER IN FALL

Increasing Cost and Scarcity of Raw Materials Predict Sharp Increases

Fisherman who wait until late to order nets for fall or Spring fishing may expect sharp increases in prices for the constant rise in costs of and increasing scarcity of raw materials will not only make nets cost the fisherman more, but will be hard to get.

Del Fowler, manager of Ederer's net house in Philadelphia stated this week that he has had to postpone several attempts to visit his fishermen friends in North Carolina this summer because it requires he spend much time in keeping on hand a sufficient supply of raw material so that orders received may be supplied. Prices are advancing every day, and by November first he believes we will really feel the effects of the past year and a half. For these reasons it will well for the fishermen to order nets now and not wait until fall.

The Ederer Company has always done a large business in this section, and enjoys a wide friendship they have usually contributed largely to matters of public interest.

BONNER AND DOUGHTON AID GAS SITUATION

North Carolina Congressman Told There Will Be No Appreciable Gas Tax Loss in N. C.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner yesterday held a conference with the Coordinator of Petroleum with respect to the reduction of gas and oil in North Carolina. The Congressmen were assured that the reduction would not be as drastic as the public has been led to believe. That re-assignment of oil tankers from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast and transfer of railroad tank cars from the central and western area to the eastern area would greatly help the loss in transportation caused by the leasing of oil tankers on the Atlantic Coast to the British Government. Mr. Davis stated that there would not be more than 10 per cent reduction in the deliveries on the Atlantic seaboard and that with a 13 per cent increase in consumption this year over last that the 10 per cent reduction would therefore not cause the State of North Carolina any loss in its gas revenue.