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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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NORTH-SOUTH FEUD IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON. — Extraordinarily bitter attacks by Senator Joe Guffey upon his fellow Southern Democrats have raised curiosity as to what he is up to.

Guffey is an old huckster for the special New Deal line of goods, and when he tries to tear up his own Democratic party without any apparent cause, all politicians naturally suspect the left wing New Deal boys downtown, who usually furnish his material, have decided on a new course of action.

The personal bitterness of his attack on Senator Byrd and other Southerners is known to reflect the anguish of the White House New Deal crowd at their inability to get the soldier vote bill through congress.

They assumed the soldiers would vote for the commander-in-chief if the collection of ballots could be handled under federal jurisdiction. But now that it is to be handled by the states—with non-New Deal Democrats or Republicans in control of practically all states—the blow is greater than people outside the political trade have appreciated.

But there is another reason. Coming up shortly in the senate will be the poll tax bill; an anti-lynching bill is in the offing, and a Supreme court decision on the white primary in Texas is imminent.

The old war between the North and South within the Democratic party, therefore, is coming up to a new series of battles, and Guffey—rather the men behind him—are laying the ground for it.

Don't ask me to offer any reasonable accounting as to why this is so. The attacks on Byrd merely will furnish more water on his political wheel in the South. The Southerners have no intention of surrendering, and will block all action of the Guffeys.

The charge that they are in an "unholy alliance" with the Republican Joe Pew is only remote political banter. The basis of the Guffey charge is that the former Delaware Senator Townsend, as chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee, worked against the soldier bill.

Townsend is more Du Pont than (Please turn to page 4)

DR. CONSTABLE GETS POST AS STATE CHEMIST

Lived In Hyde Where His Dad Preached; Brother of Mrs. Watson

Dr. E. W. Constable of Raleigh, who lived in Hyde County while a boy where his father was a Methodist preacher in the Mattamuskeet charge and brother of Mrs. W. W. Watson of Lake Landing, was last week appointed as State chemist to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Benjamin W. Kilgore Monday night.

Dr. Constable held the post of senior food chemist with the State Department of Agriculture. He has worked with the State Department of Health and the Federal Government.

Hyde County friends expressed pleasure in the promotion of Dr. Constable who often visits in the county, and who has a love for this section. He has a host of friends in the county.

Dr. Constable, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Constable, who lived at Lake Landing four years, graduated from State College with a B.S. degree and from the University of North Carolina with an M.S. degree and Ph.D. in Science. He also held a fellowship at Duke for one year.

No successor has been named to fill the position of Dr. Constable and Commissioner Kerr Scott of the Agriculture Department said that it might be several months before the department can find a senior food chemist. Dr. Constable had been with the Agricultural Department since 1933. He will assume his new duties at once.

Lost and found columns of Tokio newspapers are crowded these days. Every time an American buys a War Bond, the Japs lose face. Buy your 10% every pay day.

RATION BOARD TWO YEARS OLD WED. JANUARY 5

Swindell and Spencer Have Served Since It Was Set-Up

The OPA rationing program was two years old Wednesday, a January 5th. That date marked two years of service for two Hyde County OPA board members. They are Preston Swindell of Fairfield and R. S. Spencer of Engelhard.

Mr. Spencer and Mr. Swindell are the only members of the original staff of workers that began in 1941. Lindsay Midgette who then served as chairman, resigned when he moved to Edenton to take employment. N. W. Shelton was named to take his place. Mrs. Helen Windley, first clerk, who resigned to go to Newport News to live with her husband, was succeeded by Mrs. Dorothy Cahoon.

The Hyde County office has grown in the past two years. It now has an assistant clerk. She is Mrs. Ina Jones. There have been two panels named to assist the board, too. One is located at Ocracoke to serve the island, and another to handle fuel oil and price ceilings for the county.

The Ocracoke board is made up of Rev. W. R. Dixon, James Garish and Capt. I. F. O'Neal. The fuel oil and price panel is composed of R. E. Tunnell, Swan Quarter, P. D. Midgette, Engelhard and D. W. Cuthrell Fairfield. The Ocracoke board has a part-time clerk. She is Isabelle Stuten.

The Hyde County office this week received letters of congratulations on their good work from W. Hance Hoffer, district rationing executive and W. A. Keavnaugh, district price executive.

Ration Board members are volunteers and serve without pay. They do not approve their own rations. That is done at the district office.

Mr. Spencer and Mr. Swindell both have to drive many miles to get to the Friday afternoon meeting of their board, as well as some of the panel board members. Sometimes, very seldom, they miss a meeting, but sometimes they meet two or more times a week. Mr. Spencer has to drive 45 miles to attend a meeting and return home and Mr. Swindell 34.

On the basis of attending one meeting a week Mr. Swindell has driven 3536 miles and Mr. Spencer 4680 in the past two years. This is besides the time taken out from their work. Mr. Swindell is a progressive farmer and Mr. Spencer a leading Hyde County merchant.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

VISITS RELATIVES
Bob Burrus, Jr., of the U. S. Army, stationed in Texas, visited his father R. B. Burrus in Swan Quarter last week. He also visited other relatives throughout Hyde County, including his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carter of Middletown.

HOME ON LEAVE
John Willis Spencer of the U. S. Navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Spencer at Engelhard.

VISITS MOTHER
John Gibbs of the U. S. Army, stationed at the University of Maryland, spent the week with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Gibbs, at Engelhard.

SUGAR RATION SAME

Sugar rations for home use will remain the same for another two and one-half months, according to the OPA. Sugar stamp number 30 in War Ration Book Four becomes valid on January 16, and will be good for buying five pounds of sugar through the end of March. Sugar stamp 29, now in use, is good through January 15.

RUBBER HEEL PRICES SET

Retail ceiling prices of 10 cents and 15 cents a pair on rubber heels sold to customers who desire to attach them to shoes in their own homes have been established by OPA.

LESS PIGS THIS SPRING

The USDA forecasts that the sows to farrow this coming spring will be 16 per cent below the record number which farrowed last spring. The increase in fall farrowings was about one-half the forecast increase of 25 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN FOOD IS WAR WEAPON



These large cabbages, weighing 22 lbs., 9 ounces and 21 lbs., 3 ounces, were grown on one of the eight large fruit and vegetable farms conducted by the Australian Army in Australia's Northern Territory. These farms have been filling the needs of all the Australian and American military camps in that area. They are producing fruit, vegetables, eggs and poultry. The last tomato crop on these farms yielded 38,400 pounds.

FARMERS MUST FILE 44 PLANS WITH OFFICIALS

Hyde Farm Office Must Have Information For Local Draft Board

Hyde County farmers will be called on within a short time to file their 1944 plans about farming with county farm officials so that Selective Service may be informed in regards to deferring 1944 farm workers, it was revealed at the farm office this week.

Farm committeemen will be working out in the communities. Farmers will be advised the dates that they will be in the various localities. Those who do not file their plans with these representatives, will have to file at the county office in Swan Quarter.

It was stated that it was necessary to have this information in order that draft officials can make proper classification.

Each man must make 12 units this year to win a deferment for 1944. Last year deferments were issued to farmer with as little as eight units and varying to 12. No one crop can account for more than 50 per cent of the units and no two crops can account for more than 75 per cent of the units.

TWO NEW PRINCIPALS FOR DARE SCHOOLS

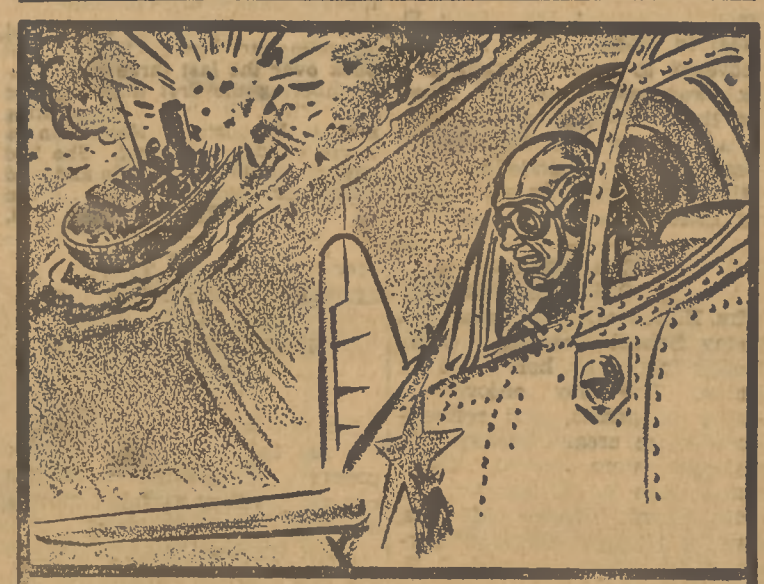
Henry M. Woods, Jr., Assumes Duties at Hatteras; Miss Eunice Burgess at Rodanthe

Two new principals assumed their duties in the Dare County school system, when school reopened on January 3 after the holidays. Henry M. Woods, Jr., who has a number of years experience as teacher and principal, is now principal of the Hatteras school, replacing D. P. Giles, who resigned in December.

Miss Eunice Burgess, who has recently been teaching at Gallivant's Ferry, S. C., is principal of the Rodanthe school. Other teachers at Rodanthe are Miss Evelyn Midgett and Miss Cynthia O'Neal.

Too little, too late, is as costly in advertising as it is in war!

AMERICAN HEROES



The South Pacific Aerial Exploits Cross has been awarded to First Lt. William P. Campbell, U. S. M. C., of Minneapolis for his solo bombing attack against five Jap transports and ten destroyers. While ship and shore batteries concentrated all their fire against him, filling the air with flak, he dive-bombed the ship formation, blasted a transport with a direct hit. The War Bond you buy today will help load bomb racks to shatter Jap supply lines.

U. S. Treasury Department

BUGGIES ARE ALSO HARD TO GET DURING WAR

Nebraska Man Has In Order For New One; Price Not Too High

New top-buggies, like most everything else, are hard to get in these days. At least, that is the way Everett Midgette of Nebraska in Lake Landing Township, Hyde County, finds it. He has had an order in for sometime now and hasn't gotten his buggy yet, although he expects to get it soon.

Like new automobiles, they just don't make many of them anymore. Material and manpower scarcities are the reason. And like most war items, they are not made of as good material as before, because the makers just can't get it.

Used to be that you could buy a new top-buggy for \$60 and \$75 but that is not so now. Mr. Midgette expects to pay \$125 for his new one when it comes from the assembly line. But that is not bad with prices like they are now. Corn was selling for 50 cents a bushel when you could get a buggy for \$60 and now farmers get about \$1.40. That comparison makes them cheaper.

Mr. Midgette is one of the few Hyde County farmers that still prefers the horse and buggy to a new automobile.

Some more farmers around Lake Landing way that use them are Harry Harris, Tom Marshall, Benjie Gibbs, and Tommie Gibbs. All of these men take great pains with their vehicles, harness and horses.

It hasn't been more than 15 years ago that horses and buggies were the principal mode of transportation in Hyde County. It was not until about 1927 and 28 that many automobiles came into the county.

Many folks recall the long slow trips. Those down in Lake Landing township, as well as at Fairfield and Sladesville, would take a day to go to Swan Quarter, which in these times would take much of a man's time considering the number of trips the average citizen has to make dealing with government agencies.

Few are the men of the past generation who don't recall pleasant evenings going buggy riding with their girl friends. Sometimes there would be races; sometimes the buggies went slow along the narrow wooded ways. Proud were these young men when they drove to church on Sunday night to show off their pretty long-skirted belles. It was always a pleasure, they recall, to help their lady friends in and out of the buggy. There was more chivalry then than now—adays when the girls get in and out of the automobiles, most of the times, without the assistance of their escort.

HYDE SOLDIER SEES LONG, HARD CONFLICT

Lt. Avery Williams of Swan Quarter Thankful To Be Back From Fighting Front

Lt. Avery Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams of Swan Quarters, has recently been transferred from the infantry to the air transport section of the Army and has been sent to Australia from New Guinea.

Writing home telling his parents of the change, the young Army officer expresses joy and thankfulness to get back to more normal ways of living. Part of his letter follows:

"Pardon the dearth in writing but I am back south in Australia. Civilization is wonderful again and I am enjoying it to the fullest. You should see me eat all those good foods that I have been doing without for nine months. Hot showers are grand, too . . .

"There is a very good chance that I will remain for leave over the holidays. They won't mean a lot but it will at least be a change. One never knows just how to appreciate the ordinary things in life 'til they aren't to be had. I'll never complain again.

"You must be in about the center of your Christmas rush about now. The scarcity of items should affect business considerably. The war seems a long way to the end even in the face of present victories. Many families will be sad before the end. We have been extremely fortunate."

Visit Engelhard Relatives
Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Spencer and boys, Hugh and Jerry, of Williamsburg, Va., visited Engelhard relatives last week.

LIQUOR RATION BRINGS MOONSHINE BACK TO SWAMPS OF EAST LAKE

Dense Wooded Section Once Famous for Great Supply of Illicit Liquor Now Begins To Come Back Into Production With Raw Liquor \$20 A Gallon; Old Times of Two Cars in Every Garage Are Recalled

SAYS HELL SUE FELLOW LAWYER FOR \$50,000



D. L. RUSSELL, erstwhile prosecuting attorney for Dare County who says this week he will sue Martin Kellogg, Jr., for \$50,000 damages, if Mr. Kellogg accepts appointment made December 7th by the Board of Commissioners of Dare County. Mr. Russell, who recently served a lengthy notice of protest to the Board of Commissioners, also notified Judge W. F. Baum of the Recorder's Court and Mr. Kellogg of his intention to not vacate the post. "That action of the Board of Commissioners was like the Jap attack on China December 7th, and Mr. Kellogg has no more right to this job than he has to take my house and sell it."

Naturally, Mr. Kellogg is unhappy over the viewpoint taken by the nervous and excitable Mr. Russell, and next Tuesday will probably tell the tale as to whether Mr. Kellogg is to be the object of the biggest damage suit yet brought by Mr. Russell who came to Dare County some 12 years ago and brought a number of suits, the largest being his personal suit for \$25,000 against Captain Thomas W. Midgett, 87-year-old retired light keeper, alleging the aged Captain broke up his home.

RATION REMINDER

WEEK OF JAN. 3-9
Canned Foods
Green "D" "E" "F" (Book 4) expire January 20, 1944.

Fuel Oil
Period "T" coupons good through January 3, 1944. Period "2" coupons valid through January 24, 1944 and Period "3" coupons valid through February 21, 1944.

Gasoline
A-8 coupons expire February 8, 1944.

Meats, Fats
Brown stamps "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" expire January 1, 1944. Brown stamps "R" "S" now valid, expire January 29, 1944.

Shoes
No. 18 (Book 1) valid indefinitely. Plane Stamp No. 1 (Book 3) now valid.

SUGAR
No. 29 (Book 4) good for five pounds through January 15, 1944.

ROSWELL D. GRAY DEAD

One of the finest and most neighborly citizens of Salvo, Dare County, died Friday the 7th. He was Roswell DeLose Gadagan Gray, husband of Mrs. Frances Midgett Gray. He was a retired Coast Guardsman and was 75 years old. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and was known far and wide to all his friends as "Dug" and "Cadugan."

He is survived by one son, Richard W. Gray, several grandchildren, and step-children. He was a brother of the late Mrs. Missouri Midgett of Manteo.

The business that neglects to keep its name and product, prestige and future policies before the public runs the risk of being forgotten.

The outgrowth of the work of liquor speculators in buying up liquor stocks, and making a scarcity, is now being manifest in Dare County, where two stills are reported as being in operation—on a small scale somewhat, but nevertheless with a product that brings as high as \$20 a gallon.

The first sale of one hundred dollars for a five gallon jug is reported from Engelhard, Hyde County, carried a few days ago by a young man from East Lake. Already officers are gathering evidence preparatory to crimping the activities of the moonshiners.

Evidence has already been obtained regarding the source of sugar supply, two in particular, and how the moonshiners got hold of their sugar may be most amazing if the facts get out. Liquor from these operations has already appeared in Manteo in competition with the South Mills liquor which has been on the market for sometime and being sold by Negroes living near Manteo. Local mechanics and other consumers have paid as high as \$3 a pint for it.

The flavor is reported far below that of the oldtime whiskey made in East Lake in prohibition days, when there were two cars in every garage, and many chickens in every pot. Liquor then only brought five to eight dollars for a five gallon jug, but many operators prospered. With stills hidden away in the remote swamps where detection was extremely difficult, it was seldom an operator was caught. Liquor from East Lake achieved great fame on the markets of this and adjoining states.

The old lure of easy money has come back and grabbed the fellows who remember the lush days of prohibition. They are gradually getting back to old tricks. While the liquor is bad, it is said to be better than the cheap grades now available in the State liquor stores.

SCRANTON BOY IN WRECK WEDNESDAY

Will Be Tried Monday For Reckless Driving; New Holland Man Hurt

Walter H. Jennette of Scranton posted bond for his appearance in Hyde County court, Monday, January 10, on a charge of driving recklessly and having no driving permit.

Jennette, a member of the Marine corps who was spending some time home during the holidays, ran into a car driven by Dr. Thomas Mann of Engelhard between New Holland and Lake Landing, Wednesday, December 29th. Herman Credle of New Holland, who was riding with Dr. Mann, was badly hurt in the accident. Dr. Mann received cuts on the face. Those in Jennette's car were not hurt.

According to patrolman C. E. Whitfield, who investigated the wreck, Jennette was driving at a rapid rate of speed. The 1938 Buick he was driving skidded 250 feet after it hit Dr. Mann's 1938 Packard, doing great damage to both cars.

RAINS CAUSE HYDE ROADS TO BECOME DEEP IN MUD

The rains and freezes of the past month have resulted in deep mud on many Hyde County roads. There have been times during the past few weeks when some of the dirt roads have not been so that traffic could go.

The Engelhard school closed Monday because some of the buses could not make their trip. It plans to open Thursday, a January 6.

NANCY TAYLOR CAHOON

Miss Nancy Taylor Cahoon, 89, died Wednesday, December 29, 1043, at her home at New Lake, Hyde County. Burial was in the Cahoon family cemetery. Surviving are one brother Ivey Cahoon and a sister, Annie Cahoon. She was a devoted member of the Christian church.