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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

The Editor's Column

MONEY DRIVES

My attention has been vividly called to the many "money drives" that are underway in Hyde and throughout the county at this time, not only by being called on for donations, but by seeing a great many workers volunteering their services to collect funds for these worthy causes.

Nollie Shelton was busy around Swan Quarter Monday getting up money to put Hyde County over the top in War Fund drive which should have ended in November. Dan Berry was giving some help while Nollie was soliciting in the Berry Company store and a little while Mr. Zeb Hayes, Mr. Smith, Mr. Berry, Robert E. Tunnell, among others, had forked up between five and ten dollars and some of them had already made liberal donations. Besides this the school kids were around town getting money for the infantile paralysis drive.

But what I want to say here is that these drives are something that must continue. Right now we are in the midst of the Fourth War Loan Drive and chairman M. A. Matthews has been asked to sell \$65,000 worth of Hyde county goes over the top and backs up its part, someone is going to have to buy a lot of bonds. Then within the next month or two the Red Cross membership drive will begin and Hyde county's part is \$22,000—69 per cent more than it was last year.

All of this means that we citizens are going to have to give more money to charity causes. This is the result of war. Time and time again we must dig in our pockets and give—give freely. It is tiresome, but we must keep it up. In all cases the money goes for a worthwhile cause—to help folks more unfortunate than you and I.

During the past year, two Hyde county families whose homes were destroyed by fire; a young draftee awaiting induction and without room or lodging for the night; a soldier, sick in an Army hospital, reported to his parents by commanding officer as AWOL, were helped by Red Cross funds you have given in the past. This is just a few cases. I could report scores of them but space for this column doesn't permit.

Don't let heaven's sake don't, get the idea that the causes are not worthy. . . . not the Red Cross, USO, Infantile paralysis, War Bond sales. It may seem hard earned dollars, one after another, but some giving their lives. Money is little compared with this sacrifice.

Donations should be made, of course, according to one's earnings and wealth. It is doubtful that it works that way very often. The man with plenty many times gives very little, compared with those with less money and a free heart. I am sorry that space, and typesetting won't permit us to report individual donations.

That none of us has fully appreciated these facts, however, is due to several natural reasons. In the first place, collapse of the

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BEER TAXES PAY LARGE SUMS TO STATE TREASURY

The state collected \$2,773,963.66 in beer taxes for the calendar year 1943, according to figures compiled by the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina Committee.

Despite wartime shortages, the 1943 total was an all-time peak. The state collected \$2,688,741.38 in 1942; \$2,111,397.59 in 1941 and \$1,321,024.37 in 1940.

In the space of three years, the state has more than doubled its collections from beer sales although the rates have remained the same.

MORE HOME OWNERS MAY NOW GET ELECTRIC SERVICE

More Hyde and Dare homeowners may now be able to get electric service, it was announced this week by P. D. Midgette, manager of the Pamlico Ice & Light Co., of Engelhard.

According to Mr. Midgette, under the new government ruling homeowners may now be taken as customers of the electric company, if they don't live a great distance from the line.

Announcement is made in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

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Many Red Cross Workers Overseas . . .



Red Cross men and women are with troops on fifty-three continental and insular battlefronts, and have gone into the theatres in many instances right along with the invasion forces, or else have followed soon after. Above is Miss Barbara Sweetland, American Red Cross worker, chatting with a small native boy, "somewhere in India." American Red Cross for the Office of War Information.

WANCHESE NATIVE DIES IN NEVADA

Clarence Pugh, Who Left Roanoke Island As Young Man, Passes After Brilliant Career As Lawyer

Clarence Pugh, native and former resident of Wanchese, died Sunday night in a Reno, Nevada, hospital, following a long illness and a recent operation. He was about 60 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Reno and burial was made there.

Mr. Pugh, son of the late St. Clair and Holland Wescott Pugh, spent his childhood and youth at Wanchese, later attending Trinity College (now Duke University), from which he graduated with honors. He has had a brilliant and successful career as a lawyer, and has made his home in Reno for many years. He last visited Roanoke Island in 1941, when he attended Paul Green's Lost Colony.

Mr. Pugh is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Pugh of Reno; one brother, Earl S. Pugh of Smithfield; one aunt, Mrs. John T. Daniels of Manteo; and a number of cousins.

SLADESVILLE 4-H CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Certificates Awarded Those Successful With Homemaking Projects

The 4-H club of the Sladesville high school met last Friday in their first meeting of 1944. New officers were elected and certificates were awarded to members for their achievement.

The new officers elected were Grace Sawyer, president; Roy Garrish, vice president; Mary Fisher, secretary.

Certificates were awarded the girls who had satisfactorily completed the Homemaking project. Receiving certificates were Doris Sawyer, Eula May Baynor, Sally Blane Credle, Mary Fisher, Doris Marie Sawyer, Grace Sawyer, Wanda Smith, Eleanor Wheeler, Jean Wheeler.

The Chohan Baptist Association is now sponsoring a series of programs over radio station WCNC, Elizabeth City, and the series will continue throughout the year.

The Chohan Baptist hour is at 1:30 each Sunday afternoon, and at that time a prominent Baptist will speak. Dr. Truett will be the speaker for the immediate week.

DAUGHTERS OF HYDE NATIVE DIE IN FIRE

Tragedy Strikes in Home of Wm. A. Neal Formerly Of Swan Quarter

Three sisters, Minnie Lee Neal, 29, Sophronia Neal, 19, and Annie May Neal, 14, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal of New Bern situated in an up stairs bedroom of their apartment house home Tuesday night in one of the most tragic fires in the history of New Bern.

The girls' father was a native of Hyde county. He was a son of the late Benjamin and Elizabeth Neal of Swan Quarter. He left home and went to New Bern when a young man.

Origin of the flames which caused the death of the sisters was not determined immediately, but it was believed to have started on the second floor of the building.

The youngest sister apparently awakened in the smoke filled room and went to the window for aid. One of the other two bodies was on the bed; the third on the floor. Water poured into the burning house by firemen scalded their bodies but there was no indication that flames touched them.

Hyde county friends of the family were sorrowed by the bad news. Funeral was scheduled for Thursday or Friday. Burial will be in Cedar Grove cemetery, New Bern.

Surviving are the parents, a brother, William in the Army in Oklahoma, a sister, Mrs. Annie Carawan of Swan Quarter and an aunt, Mrs. Martha Credle of Swan Quarter. There are many other distant relatives in Hyde county.

WILL SPEAK SUNDAY ON BAPTIST HOUR

DR. C. C. WARREN



"Faith in God and Man" is the subject of Dr. C. C. Warren in his Baptist Hour message next Sunday morning, January 30th—7:30 CWT—8:30 EWT—as announced by the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Warren has recently assumed his duties as Pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, North Carolina, having come from the Emmanuel Baptist church of Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was well established in the confidence of the people as a preacher, pastor and religious leader.

The Baptist Hour network now carries 36 stations, covering the area from the Eastern Seaboard to the far Southwest. The programs can be heard in our area over stations WPTF, Raleigh, and WBIG, reensboro.

GARDENING WILL BE HOME CLUB TOPIC IN FEB.

Schedule of Meetings For Hyde Club Announced Monday

The month of February will be devoted to the study of "Gardening" in the Home Demonstration clubs. The vegetable garden should be given a definite and prominent place in the farm program.

The 1944 garden will serve a triple purpose (1) in providing health insurance policy (2) a saving account for the farm family, (3) and the war can be shortened with food, said Miss Iberia Roach, Home Agent.

All members should profit from this timely demonstration on this important place on the home front this year. Non-club members have a cordial invitation to attend the meeting in her community.

Below is the February schedule of Home Demonstration meetings.

Tuesday, February 1, Ponzer; Wednesday, February 2, Engelhard; Thursday, February 3, North Lake; Friday, February 4, Rose Bay; Tuesday, February 8, Sladesville; Wednesday, February 9, Tiny Oak; Thursday, February 10, Seanton; Friday, February 11, Lake Landing; Tuesday, February 15, Swindell Fork; Wednesday, February 16, Nebraska; Thursday, February 17, Fairfield; Tuesday, February 22, Swan Quarter.

NO KIDDING...ARE YOU REALLY DOING THE BEST YOU CAN, TOO?....

BUY EXTRA BONDS

4TH WAR LOAN

U. S. Treasury Department

TAX LISTING GOING WELL IN HYDE COUNTY

Monday Is Last Day For Listing, Mrs. Jones Reminds Taxpayers

Tax listing in Hyde County is proceeding well, but many people still have not listed, Mrs. Maude Jones, tax supervisor, reported this week. Listing has been completed in Fairfield township.

Mrs. Jones reminds tax payers that there are only a few days left in which to list their taxes, and that those who fail may be tried for a misdemeanor.

Mrs. Jones had much trouble finding tax lists this year, especially in Lake Landing township, where T. E. Sanderson and Miss Maggie Bridgman were finally secured. Other listers in the county were Mrs. Lila Mason, Swan Quarter township; Mrs. Mary Simmons, Fairfield; Tom W. Howard, Ocracoke; and Gratz Creed, Currituck.

HYDE AT LAST GOES OVER TOP ON DRIVE

War Fund Goal of \$1,100 Reached, Although Three Months Late

Hyde County went over the top in the War Fund drive this week, it was announced Tuesday by P. D. Midgette, county chairman. The drive should have ended November 1st.

Mr. Midgette credited the success of the drive to the persistent efforts of the township chairmen. They were Mrs. E. N. Murray, Fairfield, Miss Lona Bonner, Swan Quarter, Mrs. S. S. Jennette, Sladesville, Mrs. E. J. Clayton Clayton, Ponzer, Miss Blanch Tuten, Engelhard, and Rev. Wm. R. Dixie, Ocracoke.

Mr. Midgette had word of praise for N. W. Shelton for his work in helping organizing and working the campaign. Prof. O. A. Peav was credited with doing a splendid job heading the Negro division of the War Fund drive.

Hyde County had a quota of \$1,100. The funds went to war relief agencies. USO got half the sum.

YOUNG ENGELHARD WOMAN DIES WED.

Miss Isabella Lawson, young Engelhard woman, died in the Columbia hospital, Wednesday after a short illness. Her health had been poor for several years.

Miss Lawson was a native of Whitestone, Va., but had lived at Engelhard with an aunt, Mrs. Belle Neal, since a small child. She came to live in Hyde shortly after the death of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Neal Lawson.

The young woman was highly regarded and well liked in her community where she was active in church and club activities.

Miss Lawson attended ECTC in Greenville and taught in the public schools of Hyde for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held at the home this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. Davis, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Brown, officiating. Interment will be in Fulford cemetery.

Surviving are her father C. L. Lawson; a sister, Mrs. J. C. Robbins; three brothers, Carral, Luther and Dolphas, all of Whitestone, Va.; an aunt, Mrs. Belle Neal of Engelhard; three uncles, S. S. Neal and L. M. Neal of Engelhard and H. A. Neal of Lake Landing.

Palbearers will be Merle Marshall, John Patrick, R. L. Patrick, Charles Patrick, Burl Spencer and Ben Midgette.

HATTERAS ID LOSES TWO GREAT LANDMARKS

Edward J. Midgett of Buxton and Andrew J. Meekins of Avon Dead

Two of the best known old men of Hatteras Island are dead. On Tuesday of last week, Edward J. Midgett, 82, of Buxton passed away while sitting reading, at a table in his home at Cape Hatteras. His funeral was conducted Sunday.

On January 25th, one week later, Andrew J. Meekins, 78, of Avon died after a long illness.

Mr. Midgett, a retired Coast Guardsman had been an active man for his years up to the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Midgett, and following children: Mrs. Baxter Jennett and Carlos Midgett of Buxton; John E. Midgett of Belhaven; D. D. Midgett of Coinjock, Don D., Ed, Dallas, Luther and Thompson Midgett, all of the U. S. Coast Guard, and Mrs. Venus Sande of Norfolk.

Two brothers, Evan J. Midgett and P. W. Midgett of Elizabeth City, and a sister, Mrs. O. J. Gray of Avon.

Uncle Andrew Meekins was affectionately known to all the people of the "banks". He was universally loved by his neighbors. He is survived by one son, Branch E. Meekins, and a daughter, Mrs. C. G. Grav, and two foster children, Mrs. Cecil Williams, and Mrs. M. Gray of Avon.

The funeral was conducted by the pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, Wednesday afternoon.

USO PRESENT WRITES ON THIRD ANNIVERSARY

The following letter was written recently by the president of the USO, Inc., expressing appreciation for the things done by means of the USO, which will celebrate its third birthday next week.

TO THE EDITOR,
Dear Sir:

Friday, February 4th, is the 3rd Anniversary of USO, and on this occasion I should like to extend greetings to the millions of Americans who have made its services possible.

Every day we hear "Thank you" from boys in uniform. He's glad to find stationery to write home. He's relaxed in a deep chair, listening to music, between trains. Maybe he's been dancing, having a fine time at a party. "Thank you," he says. And he means it.

Well, so do we. We've done our best these three years. We've done quite a lot, but by comparison with the soldiers, sailors, marines, and coast guards we so gladly serve. And whatever we've been able to do USO donors have made possible.

Through almost a thousand Hometown USO's American families are extending traditional hospitality to boys away from home. More than a hundred USO units go by truck to isolated posts where servicemen are otherwise cut off from amusement, bright lights, and the theater.

Across the country, USO travel lounges are furnished for soldiers en route, to drop in for a bite to eat, a nap, or to freshen up. And from Alaska to Brazil, the USO clubs are open with a bit of home and laughter for men far from their own homes.

Outside the western hemisphere, troops with volunteering stars bring music, jokes, plays—some good old American fun to audiences of armed men in combat zones around the globe in desert wasteland, field hospitals, ruined cities, even on remote Pacific islands among war-splashed palm trees and fox-holes.

When those men thank us, we just say "Sure, you're welcome, it's all yours." We know that our million volunteers and our donors of \$100,000,000 feel the same way—because we all realize our best is not good enough. It can never match the epic courage, the unflinching devotion to duty, so amply demonstrated every day by the American serviceman.

Chester I. Bernard,
President United Service Organizations, Inc.

HYDE FARM AGENT ADVISES BUY LESPEDEZA SEED EARLY

Hyde County Farm Agent J. P. Woodard advises lespepeza growers to buy their seeds early this year because there is a shortage, and they are hard to get.

He points out that the need for lime and fertilizer becomes greater and longer lespepeza is grown on the farm, due to the depletion of the soil's natural supply of plant nutrients by removal of the hay. For this reason it now pays to fertilizer lespepeza on land where formerly it did not.