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COUNTY COUNCIL OF HYDE CLUBS MEETS FRIDAY

Miss Pauline Smith Speaks AT Meeting In Swan Quarter

Miss Pauline Smith, Northeast District Agent, was guest speaker at the Council meeting of Hyde County clubs held Friday afternoon, January 28, in the Swan Quarter Agricultural Building. Miss Smith was introduced by Mrs. R. F. Baumes, president of Fairfield Club.

Miss Smith presented the 1944 Plan of Work and discussed how more people could be reached this year. She called attention of many things that needed to be done to improve the surroundings and make our homes more attractive. "Definitely our homes contribute a vital part in good citizenship," said Miss Smith.

Mrs. W. E. Noble, vice president of County Council, presided at the meeting. Ten clubs were represented with a total of 20 officers. The Fairfield and Nebraska clubs were represented 100 per cent.

Mrs. E. A. Williams, Chairman of Red Cross Production, discussed the Red Cross activities for the year. The Home Demonstration clubs assumed responsibility of making 144 kit bags, which will cost \$1.00 each to equip them. The kit bags are urgently needed at this time, as the Red Cross had serious difficulty meeting the heavy demands for these kits at various embarkation points.

Miss Kathie Cooper, Secretary of the Hyde County Red Cross Chapter, made a report from the district meeting she attended in Rocky Mount recently.

The County Council voted to send a \$5.00 contribution to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The Council also voted for each member to pay five cents at the February meeting to the Friendship chain to renew our interest for the women across the sea who are going through much suffering.

The Council was honored by having three distinguished guests—Misses Vera and Faith Cassidy from Toronto, Canada; and Miss Christine Schrov, Assistant Home Agent for Beaufort county.

The Misses Cassidy's gave an interesting description of Canada and the collecting and making of dolls. They make dolls as a hobby and sell them in famous northern shops.

The social hour was enjoyed by all when the Engelhard, Nebraska, and Lake Landing clubs were hostess and served delicious sandwiches, cookies, salted nuts and hot punch.

FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR THOMAS HARRIS

Swan Quarter Man Passed Away At Age Of 81 After Short Illness

Funeral services for Thomas B. Harris, 81, of Swan Quarter were held at the home Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. W. B. Harrington officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Harris died at his home Thursday following an illness of several weeks. He had been in declining health for a number of years.

The Swan Quarter man was one of the oldest citizens of his community and he was highly regarded by his neighbors as a good man. He had lived in Hyde county all of his life and was a farmer. He had been married twice.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Pearl Harris, three sons, Thomas B. of Greenville, Henry of Portsmouth, Va., and J. T. of Swan Quarter; three daughters, Mrs. M. Jordan of Fayetteville, Mrs. Lunday Hudson of Roanoke Rapids, Miss Ava Harris of Portsmouth, Va.

TO DETERMINE TAX YOU OWE

As soon as wage earners get their wage and tax receipts from employers they should make out their annual income and victory tax returns to determine how much if any tax they must pay by March 15, the deadline for filing, the Treasury Department advises. Some wage earners will owe a substantial amount, many will owe a small figure, and others will get refunds.

4th WAR LOAN

Let's All Back The Attack

The Editor's Column

PREACH FIRE PROTECTION

I drove in Engelhard just after dark Friday evening after being away most of the day. As I approached the town from the East, it looked like some of the descriptions of towns bombed in the war zones. Smoke rose high from the Southeast of community and the business section was silhouetted against the red glow of the flames. Coming closer I discovered it was a pine swamp burning.

After I ate supper and looked over my mail I drove down to the edge of the burning woods to see if any of the homes in the outskirts of the town were in danger. I had an aunt, Miss Fannie Sencer, who lived out that way and I was particularly interested how close it might be to her home where some of my foreparents grew up. I discovered to my satisfaction that there were no homes in danger.

I sat and watched the flames as they ate through the sea grass and leaped up to burn the growing pines. They were pretty, but they should not have been burning. They were doing great damage, killing those young trees, which this country will need so much in the future.

I was reminded by the fire of a talk that I had with preacher Lennon of Swan Quarter the other day about forest fire protection. This young minister, who besides being interested in telling the gospel to the people, is also interested in public and civic work, and he expressed himself as wanting to see some type of fire protection undertaken in Hyde county.

Preacher Lennon has something there I think and I am glad to pass his thought along to you. It is a good thought and one that should be deeply considered by all citizens. Too many Hyde Countians, it seems, forget about fire protection until fire breaks out.

Fires do great damage in Hyde county every year. The woods around Swan Quarter haven't missed being burned out for several years now, and I am told that has been the case for a long period. Uncle B. Bateman wrote a column on forest fire damages up Ponzer way about two years ago, and other communities have suffered likewise. I know it was that way around Middletown while I lived there, because my dad owned some woods lands and I was interested in the little pines that grew on them. Fire burned them down almost every year.

If no program of fire protection can be worked out at this time, it seems that the one thing to do would be to keep on preaching it. Brother Lennon, on this score, we are in the pulpit with you.

RATION REMINDER

Gasoline—In 17 East Coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8, and A-9 coupons become good February 9, and remain good through May 8. In states outside the East Coast area A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

Tire Inspection—For A coupon holders, deadline is March 31. For B and C coupon holders, deadline is February 28.

Sugar—Stamp No. 30 in Book Four is good for five pounds through March 31. Stamp No. 40 in Book Four is good for five pounds of canned sugar through February 28, 1945.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good for one pair. Stamp No. 1 on the airplane sheet in Book Three is good for one pair.

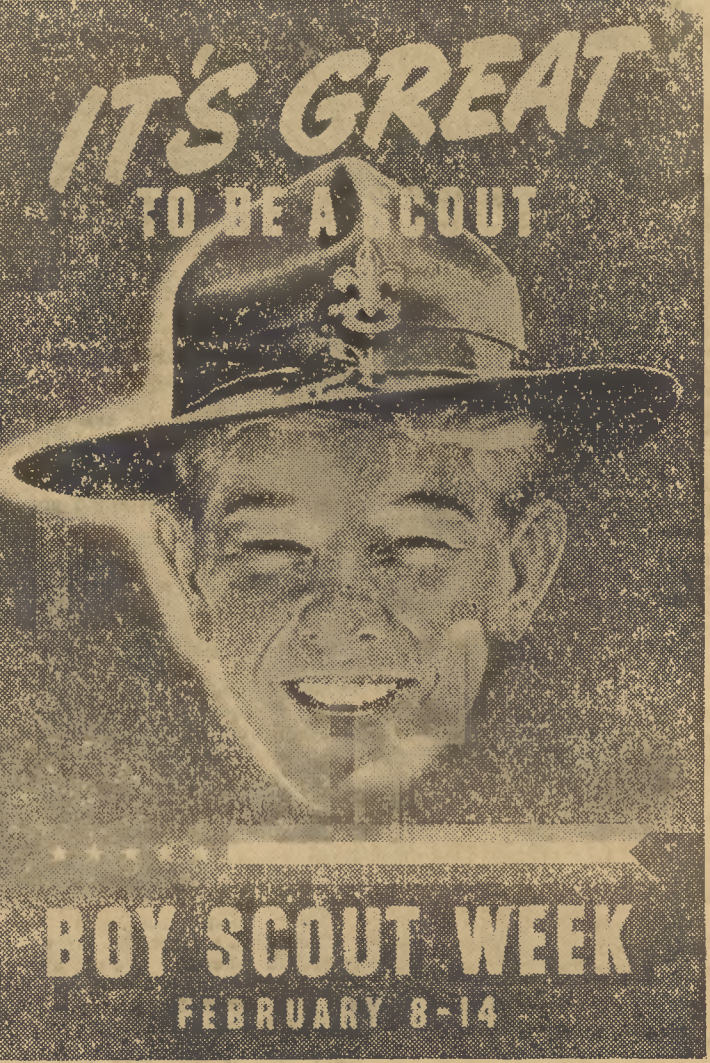
Fuel Oil—Period 2 coupons are good through February 7 in all areas except the South. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West, East, Far West, and South remain good through March 13 in the Middle West, East, and Far West, and through February 21 in the South. Periods 4 and 5 coupons, now valid in the South, remain good through September 30.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamp V and W good through February 26. Processed Foods—Green stamps G, H, and J in Book Four are good through February 20. Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20.

Income Tax—Deadline for filing returns, March 15. Earlier filing is desirable.

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

Scouts Mark 34th Anniversary



More than 1,600,000 Boy Scouts, Cubs and their adult volunteer leaders will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 to 14, marking the 34th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in the United States. Since 1910, more than 11,400,000 American boys and men have agreed that—"It's Great to be a Scout!"

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY FOR MRS. E. WINDLEY

Member of Prominent Fairfield Family and Wife of Late Dr. Windley

Funeral services for Mrs. R. Eugene Windley were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Dr. W. H. Carter in Washington with the Rev. D. A. Clarke, Methodist minister officiating. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. Windley, widow of Dr. R. E. Windley of Hyde county and a native of Fairfield, passed away at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in St. Elizabeth's hospital in Richmond, Va., following a critical illness.

Mrs. Windley was Pearl Mann of Fairfield before her marriage to Dr. Windley, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann, prominent Hyde county family. Her late husband practiced medicine at Engelhard and Swan Quarter for many years and was widely known.

She had lived in Washington, N. C., for the past 15 years. Her husband practiced medicine there prior to his death.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Christine Windley of Washington and Mrs. Claude L. Carrow, Jr., of Front Royal, Va.; one grandson and a half brother, Thomas Mann of Great Bridge, Va.

FARMERS MUST FILE TAX RETURNS BY MARCH 15

Income tax returns of farmers as well as of most other persons will be due on or before March 15, it is announced by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Even though they filed declarations of estimated tax in September or December, the following persons in general must file income tax returns on or before March 15:

1. Ever single person whose gross income in 1943 was \$500 or more.
2. Every individual married person whose gross income was more than \$624.
3. Every married couple whose combined gross income was \$1,200 or more.
4. Every person who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue advises all persons to file their returns early to determine how they stand. Many people will be about even with the government, a number of people will find they have a sizable amount to make, and still others will find that the government owes them money.

ABOUT PRESSURE COOKERS

Miss Iberia Roach, Hyde county home agent, announced this week that a new ruling now permits any person to purchase a pressure cooker that can locate one. They are no longer rationed and no purchase certificate from the AAA office is needed.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOUR WASTE FATS

The OPA not only urges all women to turn in left over kitchen fat for salvage, but it urges all dealers to ask for it, and remind customers of their patriotic duty.

In the official January Point Ration Chart, sent by OPA to all meat dealers and grocers throughout the land, the front page is devoted entirely in America's needs for used fats for munitions, medicines and manufacturing.

"Keep 'Em Flying," is the big type headline. "Collect every ounce of used fat to make explosives."

And here is the government's message to every dealer. "Ask EVERY customer to bring in used fats."

"Give her ONE POINT FOR EVERY HALF POUND—in addition to the two cents per pay for each half pound."

"Your renderer will pay you one point for every half pound."

"If your fats are not picked up by a regular collector, the Railway Express Agency will handle them. The renderer will pay the transportation charges."

"Remittance of both cash and points will be made to you direct by the renderer—not the Express Agency."

"There are no forms to fill out; no registration is required for retailers."

"Your function in this program is to collect all the salvage fats and give the housewife one brown ration point for every half pound you collect."

Don't wait, however, for your dealer to ask for your used fats. Your used kitchen fats, useless to you are needed and saving them is a small but important service to your country. Turn in every ounce you have.

MAHINERY FOR INCREASED FOOD

The food production goal announced for 1944 is the highest on record. It calls for the largest planting program in the nation's history—the planting of 380,000,000 acres, an increase of 16,000,000 acres over 1943.

"This vast production program will require the efficient utilization of machinery in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the farm products needed," says J. D. Blicke, Extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Although more new machinery will be made in 1944 than in 1943, it may not be available in large quantities when it is needed. Also, the quantity of new machinery probably will not be sufficient to meet the increased crop acreage and for replacement of worn equipment. This means that it is highly essential to have every usable machine now on the farms properly repaired and maintained for use in 1944.

"The machinery needs include inspection, checking, ordering parts early, repairing, servicing and maintenance. The machines, both new and old, must be used efficiently. Efficient use may make it necessary to include in the program some plan of sharing so that each essential machine will produce to its maximum capacity," Blicke points out.

Safety in operation is also needed to protect the machinery from damage, to protect crops from destruction, and to protect the operator from injury. This requires experienced operators, or the training of new operators to use the machines skillfully.

From all indications there is an increased need this year for a vigorous and effective machinery repair and maintenance program, due to the lack of normal replacement of machinery during the past two years, the shortage of farm labor, and the increased production goals for 1944.

CAN I APPLY TOO MUCH LIME TO MY SOIL?

Yes, say agronomists of the State College Extension Service. Injury to plants sometimes occurs from excess applications of lime or failure to clean up where lime has been piled in the field. They report however, that the overliming injury is frequently over-emphasized and many yields go unlimed because of fear of applying too much. They point out that the poor growth of legumes on many farms indicates the need for lime both for crops and for pastures. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture maintains a free soil testing service. Instructions for taking soil samples may be obtained from your county agent, agricultural teachers, and various other farm agencies in your section.

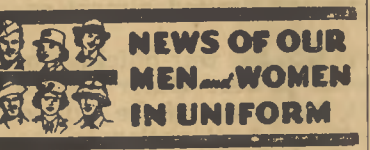
CHIMNEY FIRE AT HOTEL

A chimney at the Watson Hotel in Engelhard caught fire Sunday night and caused considerable excitement before it was extinguished. No damage was done.

The blaze was discovered about 9 o'clock according to Mr. I. B. Watson. A large crowd assembled in a few minutes.

ANOTHER REASON HYDE FOLK SHOULD BUY BONDS DURING 4TH WAR LOAN

Subscription Of \$65,000 Quota Will Permit County To Name Pursuit Plane Which Money Would Buy.



PROMOTED TO 1ST. LIEUT.

Lt. Avery Williams, 1st Air Cargo Control Sqd., APO 925, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., with the Army Air Forces somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, has recently been promoted from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant.

GETS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Sgt. Jessie W. Harris of Swan Quarter, who is stationed at Camp Tyson, Tenn., has recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, which represents a year of good conduct in the Army. Sgt. Harris also has a medal showing him as an expert rifle shooter.

The Swan Quarter boy has been in the Army since December 8, 1942. There are two things he says he enjoys above all else, and that is mail call and pay day. He has just recently returned to camp from maneuvers.

VISITS MOTHER

Julian Harris of the Merchant Marines has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Florence Harris.

SPENDS WEEK END HOME

Cpl. Waddell Emory of Fort Bragg spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Emory at Swan Quarter.

POTATO GROWERS FACE COMPETITION

There is a possibility that the early potato producing states will give North Carolina Irish potato growers keen competition this year, says H. L. Meacham, Extension marketing specialist at State College.

He points out that California and the Gulf States, who ship at about the same time as Carolina growers, are planning to increase their acreage from 25 to 35 per cent.

Another point which potato growers must take into consideration is that the old crop of about 400 million bushels, produced in 37 states, is only about half consumed.

"It is extremely doubtful if transportation can be provided or the markets absorb such heavy shipments as to move the old crop to market ahead of the 1944 potato season. This means that we also have the possibility of the old crop seriously interfering with this year's crop," Meacham says.

Information on prices or a Government purchase program for supporting the market is not available at this time. Meacham suggests that growers carefully consider all the facts in the case and follow any new developments on a cropping plan for 1944.

North Carolina growers harvested about 40,000 acres last year and it has been indicated that the 1944 crop will be about 19 per cent smaller, or around 35,700 acres. Unsettled conditions may, however, change this figure.

TO RELOCATE PHYSICIANS DENTISTS ON REQUEST

Any municipality, county, or other local subdivision of government suffering from an acute shortage of physicians or dentists may now apply to the Surgeon General or the district office of the U. S. Public Health Service or through the state health officer requesting the relocation of a physician or dentist. The Public Health Service agrees to pay moving costs and to pay the relocated doctor \$250 a month for the first three months. The doctor agrees to practice in the community for not less than one year, and the community agrees to contribute one-fourth of the Government's cost.

SHERIFF HAS MUMPS

Sheriff Pratt Williamson of Swan Quarter is confined to his home with mumps.

Hyde Countians have a special reason to buy bonds during the Fourth War Loan. Subscription of quota of \$65,000 will permit the county to name a pursuit plane. This would be a symbol of the effort of the folks at home.

The primary reason for buying war bonds is to loan the government money to finance the war and to take it out of channels that lead to inflation. But a local reason should give an added spirit to the drive.

Schools will participate in the campaign. Each school will be out to sell the most bonds.

The added thrill you will get from buying a bond that will help buy a flying ship named Hyde to help defeat the enemy should be enough to inspire everyone who can to purchase an extra bond.

The possible adventure and romance that could come from this story is great. One only has to vision a fast flying ship with Hyde written on its side shooting down enemy planes and becoming a horror to Nazi and Jap pilots to be thrilled to the extent of putting forth a great effort.

The drive under the leadership of M. A. Matthews and backed by many co-workers has gotten off to a good start, but it is yet a long way from being over the top. The appeal is urgent. Buy an extra bond today—right now.

Success of the campaign will be a star added in the crown of the homefront effort in Hyde. The soldiers will thank you. Indeed, the whole nation will thank you.

HYDE WOMEN URGED TO TURN IN THEIR OLD HOSE

All women are urged to make another search and turn in old hose during ebruary. Each county was asked to let the minimum be 100 pounds, thus far only 60 pounds have been collected.

The following stores have been designated for collection of hose: A. Caboon, Swan Quarter; R. S. Spencer, Engelhard; Muriel Swindell, Fairfield; Texas Sears, Sladesville; Flave Javin, North Lake; Preston Simmons, Ponzer; George Squires, Ponzer; Henry Berry, Sladesville.

If more convenient, they may be brought to the February Home Demonstration club meetings, said Miss Roach. Any mixture of old hose will be accepted except cotton.

SCHOOLS AT ENGELHARD AND SWAN QUARTER CLOSE

The Swan Quarter and Engelhard public schools closed this week because of sickness and a shortage of gasoline.

There is much sickness among the students due to mumps, measles and flu. Attendance some days recently was reported to be down as much as 50 per cent.

The Swan Quarter school was also forced to close because of the gasoline shortage. It was the second time in three weeks that the gas shortage had caused the school to close.

Both the schools will open again Monday, February 7.

FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY BROTHER SCRANTON WOMAN

Funeral services for W. H. Carawan, 74, of Belhaven were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Haas, pastor of the Belhaven Methodist church officiating. Interment was in Odd-feller cemetery.

Mr. Carawan died suddenly at his home in Belhaven Thursday morning. He was the brother of Mrs. Annie Rayburn of Scranton.

Other survivors are one son, W. F. Carawan of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Sykes, St. Bride, Va., and Mrs. W. R. Fortescue of Belhaven; one brother, Ben Carawan of Grimesland.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR EXTRA BONDS

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