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RAINS KEPT CROWDS SMALL AT HYDE BOND RALLIES BUT PURCHASING WAS HEAVY

Ponzer, Fairfield, Swan Quarter and Engelhard Events Successful; Interesting Programs and Auction Sales; Gunshell At Engelhard Brought \$950 Bond Purchase.

Four successful Bond rallies were held in Hyde County during the past week despite heavy rains. Citizens of Ponzer, Fairfield, Swan Quarter and Engelhard on Thursday, Friday and Monday nights went out in drenching rains, and cold to attend the patriotic events.

Unofficial figures obtained Monday showed that a total of \$17,425 in Bonds were sold at the rallies, and many additional dollars in Stamps. Reports reaching this newspaper Monday showed that Bond sales at Ponzer were \$4,075; at Fairfield, \$4,295; at Swan Quarter, \$5,050; at Engelhard, \$4,005.

Auction sales were held at all of the events. Patriotic business people and citizens contributed items for sale. A box of 12 gauge gun shells brought \$950 at Engelhard; a home made cake brought \$600 at Fairfield; and two boxes of gun shells brought \$500 each at Ponzer.

The Ponzer rally was the first of the series to be held throughout the county. Citizens of that section filled the Community house to feast on a supper of oyster and chicken plates which they received through the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

There was old time group singing and other entertainment. There was also stunts led by Miss Iberia Roach.

Robert Edward Tunnell acted as auctioneer for the event. Some of the items sold were two country hams, a box of rifle cartridges, 25 pounds of flour, two boxes of gun shells, a dozen fruit jars, one metal top table and other valuable items contributed from that area.

The Fairfield rally, which was scheduled for Wednesday night of last week was postponed until Friday night because of rain. Rain fell that evening, too, but Fairfielders braved the storm to attend the programs and to put their savings in bonds.

An interesting program was presented by the school. There were singing, recitations, a pageant and two plays.

R. F. Baynes and P. C. Simmons acted as auctioneers for the Fairfield event. A home made cake sold for \$600. The box the items were packed in brought a sale for a \$50 bond.

Mrs. R. F. Baynes had charge of the auction sale and solicited the donations. Mrs. Ellen Watson, principal of the school, who helped with the program throughout the county, doing a good job, did much work along with the citizens of Fairfield.

The Swan Quarter event again saw Bob Tunnell on the auctioneer's stand doing a wonderful sales job and getting sales amounting to more than \$5,000.

The evenings entertainment was a program presented by the school. It included singings, several plays and recitations.

The Engelhard rally, like that at Fairfield was postponed. Scheduled for Friday night, it was postponed to Monday night, to have the weather even more stormy that evening than on the one for which it was scheduled, as was the case of Fairfield. But a hundred or more patriotic citizens braved a drenching rain, that was whipped by an easterly gale, to attend the activities.

The program was presented by the high school. Remarks came from P. D. Midgette, Jr., who assisted with the sales. Bob Tunnell again acted as auctioneer. Mrs. M. A. Matthews, local postmaster, was on hand writing the bonds.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

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CIVILIAN DRAFT BILL GOES TOO FAR

WASHINGTON.—A week after Mr. Roosevelt's demand for a civilian draft bill, his floor leader Barkley had not emitted a word of approval. His leaders on the house side went further and assured newsmen, off the record, the bill would not be passed.

Indeed, the prevailing congressional suspicion seems to be that the President possibly had entered upon promotion of the bill (in his message, at least) to remove the curse from his record on the strike situation. In any event, the bill will not be even seriously considered unless some manpower or strike emergency arises, which the leaders obviously do not expect.

The printed reaction out in the country was somewhat amazing. Endorsements came from conservative commentators largely—but also from the Bridges Communist-controlled longshoremen's union on the Pacific coast. When you get Communists and conservatives together, you may be sure someone is being fooled.

The reaction of the man in the street, as I get it conversationally, was likewise surprisingly approving. People generally hate strikes and sympathize with the unequal positions of the soldier with the war worker. They are irrefutably right in these positions.

But, in their righteous wrath, they are apt to be misled into espousing a remedy far more unjust than the injustices they want to cure. Few of them have studied the bill and understand what it would do to them and the country. Congress knows.

To me, it seems an unjustified using an axe to eliminate a flyspeck on glass, and in this case, the glass is the final container of individual human rights, individual liberty—all that we are fighting for and including our "way of life"—in favor of male and female enslavement to the state for war reasons that are not apparent to all—including congress.

NATIONAL MARTIAL LAW?

Theoretically, it would practically declare national martial law on all the people to make a few work—and this in a nation whose production (work) is already so good that Mr. Roosevelt justly brags it is the best in the world.

You can see this clearly by a detailed study of the bill—empowering the President by proclamation to (Continued on page 4)

B. W. BARNES INDUCTED INTO ARMED FORCES

By O. A. PEAY

Mr. B. W. Barnes, a graduate of A. & T. College, and for the past six years teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Hyde County Training School, was inducted into the army on January 17.

During the five years which he worked in this county he performed his duty with courage and enthusiasm. He worked hard in spite of many handicaps, and by so doing he built up a vocational department which is a credit to his untiring perseverance and professional skill.

Marines Who Led Marshall Invasion



These three marine corps officers planned the successful Marshall invasion. Left to right: Brig. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, and Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith. General Smith commands all marine and army amphibious troops in action. General Schmidt commands the Fourth marine division which established the Roi beachhead. General Erskine is deputy commander and chief of staff to General Smith.

HYDE GOES OVER TOP IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS DRIVE

Ocracoke Buys More Than County Quota; Negroes Make Good Collection

Hyde County went over the top in the recent infantile paralysis fund drive, raising \$515,766, 315.76 more than the quota which was set at \$200, it was announced Monday by N. W. Shelton, of Swan Quarter, who headed the campaign.

The drive was worked almost entirely through the schools, and much credit goes to the teachers and pupils who did a splendid job. The Negro population made liberal donations, reports from their schools show.

Ocracoke Island raised more than the quota for the entire county. \$213.60 was raised there during the campaign. \$126.60 of the amount was donated at the Ocracoke Naval Base.

A contribution of \$5 was made by the Hyde County Council of Home Demonstration clubs. Here is the report of the white schools: Swan Quarter, \$80.31; Engelhard, \$31.72; Ocracoke, \$213.60; Sladesville, \$41.16; Fairfield, \$28.73.

The Negro schools reported the following collections: Swan Quarter, \$12.46; Green Hill, \$7.10; Tiny Oak, \$2.50; Rose Bay, \$13.73; Hyde Training, \$19.86; Scranton, \$3.15; Fairfield, \$10.00; Car-Mur, \$5.00; Engelhard Ridge, \$13.14; Middletown, \$6.00; Nebraska, \$4.66; Sloucum, \$7.05; St. Lydia, —; California, \$2.60.

HYDE RECORDER TRIES SMALL DOCKET MONDAY

Judge E. S. Fisher of Hyde County Recorder's court tried a small docket in the monthly session held Monday. Cases tried were as follows:

Geo. Lee Simpson, colored, improper brakes, plead guilty, sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Tom Johnson, colored, improper brakes, plead guilty, sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Frank Peterson, colored, no brakes, plead guilty, sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Cassie Allen Austin, colored, speeding, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

M. V. Cahoon, speeding, plead guilty, sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

NEGRO HELD FOR ATTACKING A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL

New Holland Negro In Hyde County Jail For Alleged Crime Saturday

Isiah McCollough, New Holland Negro, is being held in Hyde county jail without privilege of bond charged with criminally assaulting Dora Mae Green, 15 year old Negro girl of the same community.

The alleged attack took place near the highway a few hundred yards from the New Holland post office Saturday afternoon. The girl told officers that McCollough forced her off the highway and assaulted her.

McCollough denies that he assaulted the girl or that he was even near the scene when the alleged crime was committed.

The girl was examined by a Swan Quarter physician, who according to sheriff Williamson, found that the girl had been attacked.

McCollough, 24, works in the log woods as a laborer. He is the son of Author McCollough of New Holland.

The girl is the daughter of Elizabeth Green. The young man will be tried in the May term of Hyde County Superior court.

FSA HAS GROUP MEDICINE SET-UP

Hyde FSA Officials Point Out Benefits Of Social-like Program

Every FSA family in Hyde county is assured medical attention when needed if they take advantage of the services offered them, according to county FSA officials.

There has been a medical association in Hyde county which these families have the privilege of joining for the past four years. They pay in \$15.00 for the first two members and \$2.00 for each additional member. This money is pooled and the doctors are paid off on a percentage basis. The family may call a doctor whenever needed or go to his office and instead of paying him, the doctor submits his bill and it is paid from the pool funds. This assures every member medical attention when needed.

Some families use three or four times the value of their money. Others don't call the doctor during the year, according to the officials.

A hospitalization association was set up February 1st. It will take care of a bed in a hospital for any member of the family for as many as thirty days. A plan is being worked out, where with a small additional sum, the operation fee will be covered. The plan will enable many low income farm people that need hospitalization to get immediate attention, and thus prevent more serious cases.

Through better balanced meals, instructions in caring for the sick, and medical attention when needed, there will be healthier families in Hyde county say FSA officials.

Mrs. Madeline E. Smith, Associate FSA supervisor has held discussion groups on health problems and will continue in the future to emphasize the health of the family as an important element in getting food production and winning the war.

POULTRY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 10 A. M. MONDAY

The poultry school for Hyde County poultry growers will begin Monday morning, February 21, at 10 o'clock and continue through three, it was announced today by J. P. Woodard, farm agent.

There will be an hour off for lunch. The Swan Quarter Home club will sell dinner at the scene of the meeting.

Farmers are urged to bring out their eggs for exhibit. Prizes will be awarded for the best dozen white eggs and the best dozen brown eggs.

HYDE MERCHANTS WOULD PROFIT BY AGREEING TO RUN SPECIALIZED STORES

Idea Advanced Would Benefit Customers And Mean Added Thousands Of Dollars In Business That Now Go To The Mail Order Houses, And Mean Better Class Stores For Little Towns In County.

By THOS. E. SPENCER

Hyde county merchants lose thousands of dollars in business to the mail order houses every year just because they are not organized. At least that is the opinion of some of the county's leading citizens.

The situation is this. Every merchant tries to carry a general stock. No store carries a complete line of goods. Buyers are therefore forced to order many items, and while they are making out the order they add other items to the list.

There is not what could be classed a first class store in Hyde county, although there are a number of well stocked and progressively managed mercantile firms.

According to those who think that both merchants and buyers would benefit by an agreement among merchants to specialize in certain types of trade, there is enough business in Hyde county to support well stocked specialized stores.

The idea boils down to this. The man who would deal in groceries would not sell ladies' underwear, nor would the man dealing in hardware sell drinks and cigarettes.

Under the plan, Swan Quarter and Engelhard would each have a hardware and farm implement store; a grocery and market, a clothing store (maybe one specializing in mens wear, one in women's wear, and one in shoes, or maybe in all), a soda fountain, sundry, and smoke shop combined, with maybe a drug addition, a furniture store, a feed and seed store, a bowling alley. Smaller communities would have more general stores.

The idea as advanced would, in no sense be socialist in nature, in no sense be socialist in nature. It would be a matter of voluntary action by the merchants for the benefit of the buyers and his own profit.

It is not likely that any such plan could be worked at this time. Hyde county merchants are individualist and their thinking does not show progressiveness to justify over optimism in such far-sighted planning.

It might be said that one reason why such a plan would not work is that the customers themselves do not seek the highest class establishments. They are contented with the service that is rendered. They do not ask why aren't the goods better displayed? Why isn't the wall kept painted and the windows clean? why isn't the goods advertised to tell what is in stock and how to use it? Establishments that do not give this service should be boycotted. The size of the firm should not matter. If it is operated clean and well advertised and on an up and up basis.

There is hope that such a system may be started after the war when the business, the biggest part of it at least, is taken over by servicemen. They will be young and they will have seen the progressiveness of other places. They will want to give that kind of service and to receive it.

The proposal is food for thought. It will mean more dollars for home merchants; better service for home buyers; more taxes for home government; more and better capital investments at home.

VISITING PARENTS

Cpl. Elbert Neal, U. S. Army, stationed in Tennessee, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Neal near Lake Landing. Elbert has been in the service more than a year. He drives various motor vehicles and likes his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal have two other sons, Glenn and Lloyd. They, too, hold corporal ratings. Glenn is in Italy. Lloyd is in Panama. He is instructor in a motor mechanic school.

R. N. Shearon of Franklin county produced a ton of pork a day for every day in 1943, except Sundays and holidays, reports Assistant County Agent Walter Fuller. Shearon's two sons are in the armed services.

TIGHTER TIRE RATIONING.

In an important change in tire rationing regulations, OPA has announced that eligibility for new passenger car tires will now be on an "occupational" basis rather than on the basis of mileage traveled.

This step was taken, an OPA statement said, to conserve inadequate stocks of new tires and the rapidly diminishing supply of used passenger tires available for rationing.

"Since there are not enough tires to meet all essential needs," Theodore S. Johnson, district OPA director at Raleigh said, "local rationing boards will have to do a most careful screening job in considering applications filed by persons eligible under the new program within the already tight tire quotas assigned to boards. Motorists doing work—most essential to the war effort, the public health and safety will have to come first."

Under the new program, tires will be rationed in the following order:

First: New tires (Grade 1) to the most essential drivers according to a list of essential occupations which has been furnished to local boards. Persons in these groups may also get certificates for Grade 2 tires, if new ones are not available.

Second: Used tires and "war tires" (Grade 3) will go to essential users.

Third: Motorists who do not use their cars in connection with their work will continue to be ineligible for tires of any sort and must continue to rely on repairs and recapping.

Fourth: In the southeast, no driver holding an "A" card is eligible to buy tires of any sort.

MISS WINDLEY AND CORP. PAYNE WED

Miss Laura Butt Windley of Washington and Newport News, Va., daughter of Mrs. S. B. Windley and the late Mr. Windley of Washington, became the bride of Corp. D. W. Payne of Major's Army Airfield, Greenville, Texas, son of Mrs. and Mrs. W. W. Payne of Middletown, at eight o'clock p. m. Friday, January 28th at Trinity Episcopal church, Fort Worth, Texas, after which a wedding dinner honoring the bride couple was given by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. R. S. Lancaster at the Den of the Texas Camp.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, organist, played the musical prelude to the ceremony, read by Rev. Miller M. B. Sale. White carnations and fern were used on the altar. Candles were used for lighting the church.

R. S. Lancaster A. R. T. 2-c of U. S. N. R. was best man for his brother-in-law and Mrs. Lancaster was the bride's only attendant. Mrs. Lancaster wore a gray wool suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. The Lancasters are from Vanceboro, N. C., and Fort Worth.

The bride wore a open blue wool suit with a fuchsia blouse and black accessories. She wore a corsage of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The wedding was attended by only a few friends.

A small-fruited, bush type pumpkin, developed by U. S. D. A., plant breeders, has just been released to seed growers for propagation. Seed will not be available for general planting until 1945.

MIDDLETOWN GIRL ON MAY DAY COMMITTEE

Louisburg, Feb. 16.—Miss Mary Elizabeth Midgette, daughter of Mr. B. J. Midgette, of Middletown, has recently been appointed to serve on the Costumes' Committee for the 1944 May Day Festival at Louisburg College.

The most practical method of sharing food is to eat more of the available and plentiful foods such as eggs, potatoes, oranges, breakfast cereal, peanut butter and the like.

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