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CORN PLANTING DELAYED BY WET WEATHER

Most Farmers Like To Start Putting Seed In Ground About Now

Most Hyde County farmers like to plant corn about this time in the year but as far as we could learn Monday not a single farmer had planted any corn this year, and very few had their land broken and ready for putting seed in the earth. The rains have kept the farmers behind in their work and the downpours of Sunday and Monday further delayed operations.

Some farmers planted Irish potatoes last week, but most farmers haven't been able to do this yet. There are many who had planned to put in some potatoes this year, but have changed their plans because it is getting late for this planting.

Onion growers are in the same plight as the potato farmers about getting out their seeds and plants. Some plants were put out last week.

These crops will be late this year because of the late start in planting and this may work a hardship on the potato farmer. Late crops many times bring low prices compared with early diggings.

Another thing that has caused a slowing down of farm operations in Hyde County is the uncertainty of the draft situation. Most young farmers don't know what to do and most of them are doing nothing until they learn something more definite.

It was stated by farm officials in Swan Quarter Monday that nothing had slowed up farm work more than the uncertainty of the draft. Officials in charge of this in Washington have poorly managed this part of their work by waiting until planting to change regulations.

Some farmers have seed and fertilizers, but fear to start a crop because they don't know how long before they may be called to the colors. Once they get started in a crop, unless they can carry on themselves, there is no getting back to run it. They don't feel like taking such a chance and losing what they have invested, which is often all the savings that they have.

MORE TOWN AND CITY GARDENS ARE NEEDED

Commercial vegetable growers and canning plants will probably not be able to produce and conserve as much food this year as last because of the labor shortage. The situation will become more critical as additional men are drafted.

Reports are reaching the State College Extension Service that many town and city people are thinking of not growing a garden this year because of the dry weather last summer and the fact that they were able to get all the vegetables they needed.

Director I. O. Schaub warns against such false reasoning and states that it is not only patriotic but also a matter of vital necessity to grow a garden. "Last year more than one-half of our fresh vegetables were grown in home gardens and the need this year is for 10 per cent more gardens and not fewer gardens," the Director says.

He points out that last year all records were broken in the number of gardens grown and the amount of the food produced. In North Carolina alone it is estimated that there were at least 544,948 gardens, producing approximately \$68,118,500.00 worth of food.

Schaub recommends that everyone in the towns and cities make an effort to produce some food, even if only a very small plot, and that farm gardens be enlarged where the need exists. He also recommends that a succession of crops be planted in the garden so as to give a continuous supply of food through the summer and into the fall. He suggests that farmers can supply a large amount of extra food by planting gardens in their tobacco plant beds after the plants have been pulled.

IN ARTILLERY SCHOOL

Benjamin Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bland Gibbs, of Leechville, is at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Sill, Okla., where he will receive his 17 weeks basic training. Pvt. Gibbs has been attached to Battery B, 29th Battalion, 7th Training Regiment. He was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg on February 18. Prior to induction he was a student in the Belhaven High School.

MOST YOUNG FARMERS WILL BE CALLED SOON

Hyde County farm officials said this week that it appeared that few young farmers between the ages of 18 and 26 would be deferred. Only those who show that they are essential to the operation of a farm and are producing 16 units will have a chance of deferment, and it was not definite that this would be sufficient.

The status of those over 26 was still in doubt it was said. As far as is known they must produce 16 units.

Recent announcements out of Washington indicates that few physically qualified men under 26 would escape induction into the armed services.

POSTAL RATES WILL BE MORE AFTER MAR. 26

Mrs. Swindell of Swan Quarter Office Reminds Patrons of Change

Postmaster Mrs. Louella Swindell of Swan Quarter announces that effective on or after Sunday, March 26, 1944, all first class mail for local delivery will require 3 cents an ounce or fraction thereof.

This means, pointed out Postmaster Swindell that letters mailed in Swan Quarter for delivery in Swan Quarter, or likewise any other town, beginning March 26, must carry three stamps instead of two as heretofore.

Mrs. Swindell also calls attention to one other change in postal rates that will go into effect on that date. Air mail for United States and Alaska will require a postage rate of 8 cents an ounce instead of the former 6 cents.

There will be no change in Air Mail rates of 6 cents for one-half ounce or fraction thereof to be sent to or by members of the armed services overseas.

Other postal changes will include an increased rate on insured parcels, registrations, collection and delivery and money order fees, Mrs. Swindell pointed out.

ROSE BAY HOME CLUB MET FRIDAY

The Rose Bay Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Carrol Gibbs, Friday afternoon, March 17, for its regular monthly meeting. An interesting program was presented and a number of business matters attended to at the meeting.

The group opened the meeting by singing "The Star Spangled Banner". Devotional was by Mrs. Carrol Gibbs.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll call made. Collection taken for kit equipment was \$9, a splendid sum for this small club. The members decided to meet some afternoon and work on the 12 kits which the club has promised to make.

A contribution of \$1.50 was taken up for the Jane McKimmon fund. Names were drawn for writing letters to men in service.

Mrs. E. E. Hodges read an article on poultry. Miss Iberia Roach talked on "How to Stretch Your Meat Supply." After this members took part in a food quiz.

The club will hold its April meeting with Mrs. E. E. Hodges.

FAIRFIELD HAS A THREE ACT PLAY

"You're the Doctor!" A farce in three acts was presented by the members of Fairfield High School at the auditorium, Friday evening, March 17.

Mrs. E. C. Watson, principal of the school, directed the play. The cast of characters were as follows:

Bob Morrison, in search of trouble—Billy Cuthrell.
Sniffy, who supplies it—Curtis Blake.

Officer Dugan, on the trail of the culprits—Theo Brickhouse.
Dr. Thorpe, himself—Macon Sexton.

Moe Rosenberg, his lawyer—Gene Midyette.
Professor Sockum, physical culture instructor—G. L. Roberts.

Dr. Theophilus Peck, who aspires to write—Garland Berry.
Archie Landis, Bob's friend—Dennis Simmons.

Velma Matthews, owner of the Sanatorium—Doris Cuthrell.
Clementina, a permanent patient—Carolyn Blake.
Melinda, the colored cook—Elvira Hudson.

Rita Harborough, a movie star—Marcelline Smith.
Katrina Dummelmever, a lady from Vienna—Selma Blake.
Blanca Bachagolna, looking for a rich husband—Evelyn Clark.

Japan's Feeder Line to Pacific Bases



With Japan's Pacific bases reeling under the surprise blows of U. S. forces, the maintenance of her supply lines to these areas becomes a difficult problem. It is the opinion of some Allied military experts that those troops she is sending to reinforce garrisons are coming from Sumatra, in the Dutch East Indies. It is possible that our overall strategy aims at the severance of this line.

FUNERAL TUESDAY FOR SWAN QUARTER PTA YOUNG GULROCK MAN URGES PATRONS OUT

Funeral services for Calvin Coolidge Midgett, 19, of Gurlock were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. J. T. Brown of the Engelhard Christian church officiating. Interment was in the Gulrock cemetery.

The young man died at the Fowle Memorial hospital in Washington Sunday morning. He was rushed to the hospital with appendicitis. He never recovered.

Calvin was employed on an oyster boat. Like most of the men folk of his community he took to the water to make his living. He attended the Engelhard high school.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Clyde Midgett; two brothers, Dan P. Midgett of Gurlock and Sherrill Midgett of Norfolk; four sisters Mrs. Velma Ballance, Sarah and Sylvia Midgett and Mrs. Mabel Quidley of Gulrock.

LUMBER SITUATION STILL SERIOUS

The War Production Board still considers military needs for lumber to be sufficiently serious to preclude the possibility of relaxing present restrictions on construction for civilian purposes.

1943 production fell short of actual needs by 4 billion board feet. Workers in all forest industries are being urged to produce these highly essential war products to the limit. Farmers may earn a part of their deferment units by producing sawlogs or pulpwood.

Timber owners can supply the required trees without resorting to destructive practices. Only mature, crowded or defective trees need to be cut now. This will insure an adequate supply of timber for peace-time needs. Full details may be obtained from any County Agent, State or Federal Forester.

ENGELHARD BOY RATED MARKSMAN WITH CARBINE

Pfc. Israel Gibbs, son of Mr. Harvey W. Gibbs of Engelhard and now stationed at Pope Field Army Air Base, where he is assigned to the First Troop Carrier Command, has recently qualified as Marksman with the Carbine.

HYDE SENT TWO NEGROES INTO SERVICE FEBRUARY

The Hyde County Selective Service Board sent two men into service in February. Both of them were Negroes. They were Charlie Randall Moore, Scranton, and Davie Julian Bryant, Engelhard. Both of them were accepted for Naval service and reported for duty February 21.

WANTED—A SERMON EACH WEEK FOR THIS NEWSPAPER.

As a regular feature each week in the columns of this newspaper, we would like to have a sermon of about 1,200 to 1,500 words from some pastor of a church in this county, or a church immediately near the county.

We invite all the pastors to submit us for publication a sermon that is suited to local conditions so far as possible. Since we are inviting sermons from pastors of all faiths, we request that controversial sectarian issues be avoided.

In brief we want the type of sermon that leads to stimulating thought, that inspires a desire for better living, and at the same time it should impress the reader with the advantage of his or her church as a militant, inspiring force for progress in the community.

We hope this feature will be made use of by the various ministers to help others and at the same time make their own church and its works better known. Sermons will be published shortly after receipt, each taking its turn. A short biographical sketch of the minister contributing will also be acceptable. Address the Editor of this newspaper.

HOME FOR FEW DAYS

Pvt. Onslow Gibbs, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., is spending a few days in Swan Quarter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Gibbs.

VISITING WIFE

Kenneth Mason, U. S. Navy is visiting his wife and other relatives at Swan Quarter.

POLITICAL FRONT IS QUIET IN HYDE

The political pot has not yet begun to boil in Hyde County. Not a single candidate has announced. Offices up for election this year are members of the Board of Commissioners, County Representative, Members of the Board of Education, and the Recorder Judge.

An inquiring reporter around the courthouse Monday received answers to his question that revealed little light on the situation. Present office holders questioned had not made up their own minds as to what they were going to do.

JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET HELD THURS. EVENING

Swan Quarter Juniors Entertain Seniors At Annual Banquet

The Junior class of Swan Quarter High School entertained the seniors at the annual junior-senior banquet in the home economics building, Thursday evening, March 16.

The St. Patrick's Day motif was carried out in the menu decorations using a color scheme of green and white. White narcissus, white carnations, ivy and white candles were used as table decorations in a banquet hall treated as St. Patrick's garden. Favors were in the form of shamrock and St. Patrick's hat.

A three-course dinner consisting of grapefruit cocktail, boiled ham, string beans, potato salad, glazed apples, hot biscuits, ice cream and cake, and coffee, was served. The menu was planned and supervised by Mrs. Alice E. Williamson and served by the ninth grade girls.

The program conducted by the toastmistress, Blandina Credle, included:

The Invocation, Wilbur Wheeler; to the Shamrocks, Nelda Roy Williams; to the Irish Lads and Colleen, Maxine Gibbs; the arp of St. Patrick, Lucie Sadler; an Irish Medley.

After the toasts to the faculty and seniors a series of toasts was given as follows, to Henry Spencer, Our Ladies' Man; to Rachel Equil, who gets what she wants when she wants it; to Dottie Williams, the quietest girl; to Seth Credle, Jr., and Marjorie Wheeler, the captains of the basketball teams; and to Grady Max O'Neal, the president of the class of '44.

The Swan Quarter P. T. A. meets the first Monday night of each month. All patrons are urged to attend. The cooperation of everyone is needed.

The guests were the juniors and seniors, the faculty, Mrs. N. W. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cahoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swindell.

The feature entertainment for the evening was the dance which followed the banquet. Piano music was furnished by oleen Harris and string music by Bill Carawan, Maxton Midyette, and Cecil Flowers.

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS PLANNED FOR IMPROVING AIR STATION AT MANTEO

New Proposal Would Expend \$1,500,000 In Addition to Recent Grant of \$400,000 For Early Expenditure Plans Indicate Long-Time Program Is Contemplated For Project; May Mean Great Development of Other Facilities On Coast.

The proposal announced last week by the House Naval Affairs Committee to provide an additional one and a half million dollars for developing the Manteo Naval air station indicates that this project is considered a valuable one among the series of stations that radiate from the great Naval air center at Norfolk. It has been only a few days since news came that the Navy would spend more than \$400,000 on improving the barracks and other buildings at this base.

More than one and a half million dollars has been spent on this base, for in the beginning the Civil Aeronautics authority spent over \$400,000 building the airport for the county on land owned by the public. The project has paid for itself, in that no levy has been made upon the taxpayers for the \$20,000 worth of property furnished by the county. And it has brought a huge business to the county since its construction in that the Navy took it over at the start of the war, invested a million dollars or more, and local business men, landlords, mechanics and laborers have reaped huge benefits from the business it has brought here.

Such projects as this, adjacent to the great farming interests of Hyde, Tyrrell and Currituck, and the fisheries of Dare, will mean the development of greater markets for producers of vegetables, poultry, eggs, and fruits, and other staple crops, as well as seafoods of all kind. It will maintain a steady labor market whereby satisfactory wages will be paid people close at home. It will bring new business to our hunting, fishing and summertime resorts.

We may look forward for an increased clamor for roads along the coast and for new bridges and pavements in the Southern Albemarle counties, for vast numbers of new tourists will come to the coast through Hyde and other counties. Hyde County, as well as Tyrrell and Dare will find much profit in the new travel business that will come this way.

WE CANNOT MAKE PLANS NOW FOR WILD SPENDING

Cherry Says Long Range Spending Should Not Be Fixed on Basis of War-time Income

"It would be foolish now to plan for wild spending on the basis of wartime economy," R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor is telling North Carolina audiences this week. Mr. Cherry's common-sense views are based upon actual knowledge of the state's economy, long experience, and the realistic view that if taxes are to be reduced within the power of our people to pay after the war, we must consider our people will not have incomes as large as now.

Mr. Cherry advocates making jobs for our people who will be out of jobs in the various essential projects for roads and other things in the state, and he favors being prepared with money enough to aid the returning soldiers and sailors. It is apparently not common-sense now to say exactly how, nor how much money we can spend, when no one actually knows.

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A war-generated surplus in North Carolina state funds will not solve the financial problems of the state, Mr. Cherry has pointed out in his discussion of the financial structure of the state government.

The general fund surplus should be considered as "a trust fund for the people of North Carolina," the candidate said. He added that it may be possible to bring about some tax reductions safely, and that the state may also be able to expand "services properly demanded of it, but it is obvious that the future fiscal policies of the state must in a large measure be determined in the days ahead."

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YOUTH OF COUNTY INVITED TO JOIN IN FOOD CONTEST

Nationwide Vegetable Production and Marketing Competition for \$6,000 in Scholarships Announced

North Carolina boys and girls, between the ages of 14 and 20 and with two years' experience in vegetable gardening, are eligible to compete in the \$6,000 wartime food production and marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association, it has been announced.

L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader, joined with Earle Parsons, Jr., (Mass.) president of the association, in inviting farm and town youth to register for the fourth annual contest immediately. Additional information may be obtained from county 4-H Club leaders or by writing Harrill at North Carolina State College in Raleigh.

Contestants from this county will compete for a \$500 national scholarship, a Southern regional award of \$200 or for one of the ten sectional awards of \$100 from the association by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Parsons said. In addition two \$25 war bonds are offered to other outstanding contestants from the state.

"Our association feels that by encouraging boys and girls to study and utilize more efficient methods of producing and marketing vegetables we are helping conserve manpower in a year in which every pound of food is needed," Parsons said. "In this contest it is not how big a vegetable grower you are, but how good a grower."

A First-Class Investment for the future—Buy War Bonds.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Hallett T. Bridgman of Newport News, Va., announce the birth of a daughter at Elizabeth Buxton hospital, Wednesday, March 8. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman were formerly of Scranton.

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