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DEFERMENT OF FARM WORKERS UP TO BOARDS

Those Classed 4F Must Have Boards Permission To Leave Farm

The unit system has been scrapped by Selective Service and the deferment of farm workers left on the shoulders of local draft boards. It was announced in dispatches from Washington Saturday. The Hyde County draft board had received no instructions in this connection Monday.

The news from Washington indicated that local boards would decide which farm workers were irreplaceable. This would be done without regard to units. The workers provided in the Tyding amendment to the draft laws, must show that he is irreplaceable and engaged regularly in an agricultural endeavor essential to the war effort.

The order making the change in the system of deferring farm workers provided that men in 4-F, physically deferred to 1A-L, fit only for limited service, shall be given farm deferments in 2-C if they now are in agricultural work or they get into it. This will also apply to those who are examined hereafter and found to be 4-F or 1A-L.

The Office of War Information in its weekly release of national news to this newspaper stated that preinduction physical examinations for all occupationally deferred, under 26, had been ordered to get young men in service. Deferments are granted only those in a few important war jobs and are classified as indispensable. The armed services want young men and lots of them.

The war manpower problem has become grave and ways and means are being sought to get men in industries to replace those called to arms. Plans to direct 4-F's into war work or draft them in labor battalions are being drawn by a Congressional subcommittee.

Under the plan these men, now deferred for physical disability, could be drafted into work unless they hold essential civilian or war jobs. If they refused to take this work they would be drafted into the service and put into work battalions. It has been estimated that 1,000,000 such men would be affected. Most of them would be taken from retail, finance and service trades.

FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR MRS. BECKWITH

Mrs. Stuart J. Beckwith Passes Suddenly At Home Of Daughter

Funeral services for Mrs. Stuart J. Beckwith, 76, an adopted daughter of Hyde County and a school teacher at Lake Landing a generation ago, were held at the Amity Methodist church in Lake Landing Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. D. A. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist church in Washington, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Davis, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Beckwith died suddenly early Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. Henry Moore in Washington. She had been in ill health for more than a year but her condition had been improving. Her death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mrs. Beckwith, a native of Franklin County, had spent her entire married life at Lake Landing in Hyde County. She moved to Washington to live with her daughter's family in 1927 following the death of her husband. She had lived there since, but had kept in close contact with Hyde County friends and visited her home at Lake Landing every year.

SWAN QUARTER SCHOOL CLOSES FOR LACK OF HEAT

The Swan Quarter high school was forced to close last Thursday and Friday because the heating plant was out of order. Teaching was resumed Monday, but the agricultural building, the Methodist church and the vocational department were used as class rooms. Plans for repairing the plant are being made. Getting replacement parts is the big job facing officials.

Cockerels to head next season's poultry breeding flocks should be selected before the birds are 8 weeks old, say poultry specialists.

LONG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB

Silverthorne, Vice President; Lennon Secretary-Treasurer

J. M. Long, Engelhard contractor, was elected president of the Engelhard Rotary club at the weekly dinner meeting in the Watson Hotel last Thursday evening. He will succeed L. A. Dudley and will assume office July 1.

Mr. Long is a charter member of Hyde County Rotary club, and has served on a number of important committees. He is active in other club and community activities, and serves as Master of the Masonic lodge. He is Mayor of Engelhard and has served on the County Board of Education.

A. G. Silverthorne, traffic manager for the Engelhard-Washington Bus Company, was elected vice president. That office had been vacant since the death of Lancy Wade Gibbs.

Rev. J. T. Lennon, Baptist minister for the Hyde County field, was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Tom Spencer, who has held that office for the past two years. Carl Whitfield, state highway patrolman, of Swan Quarter was elected to the post of sergeant-at-arms.

The Engelhard club was congratulated for doing a good Rotary job by the International office last week. In a letter to the Secretary, Leon F. Montague, executive assistant, had this to say: "... you have a top-notch little club down there in Engelhard and we offer our hearty congratulations to you and every member of your fine club."

BONNER SEEKS \$27,000 GRANT FOR HATTERAS

Avon Channel \$16,500 and \$5,000 For Rodanthe Included In Bill

Representative Herbert C. Bonner has been interested in a bill which has passed the House and which provided a much needed \$27,000 for dredging out Hatteras Channel and harbor, and which is expected to soon become available. The channel would extend from the wharves a depth of six feet and 100 feet wide, and with annual maintenance fund.

Avon will get improvements costing \$16,500 with annual maintenance of \$1,000. The channel will be 100 feet wide and six feet deep, and with a basin at the shore and the same depth 100 feet wide and 300 feet long. Rodanthe will get improvements costing \$45,000 with \$2,000 annual maintenance. The channel will be six feet deep, 100 feet wide, extending from the six foot depth in Pamlico Sound to the shore with a basin 800 to 1000 feet wide of the same depth and a total length in all of 1,200 feet.

HYDE MEN RECENTLY ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

Four Hyde County men, two white and two colored, reported for military service during the month of March and two white men left Monday for Fort Bragg to be inducted into the Army. Those reporting for service were as follows:

Madrie W. Whitaker, Swan Quarter and Herman Murray, Fairfield, colored, Army, March 6.

Claud Litchfield, Engelhard and Jack Pugh, Lake Landing, Marines, March 29.

Arthur Bell Harris, Fairfield, and James Harry Simpson, Scranton, Army, April 3.

HYDE FARM OFFICIALS ATTEND RALEIGH MEETING

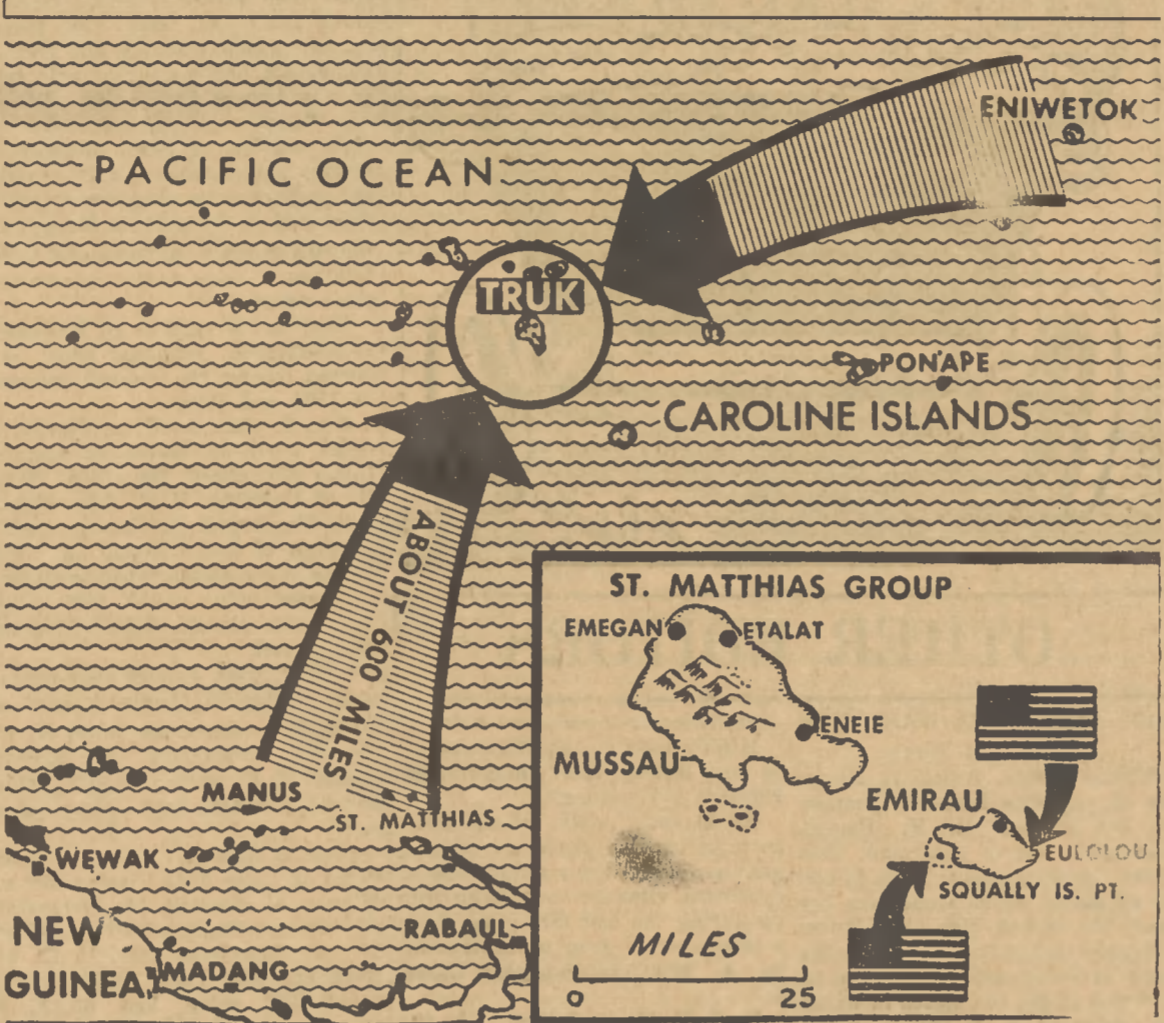
Hyde County farm officials including J. P. Woodard, County agent, and J. C. Williams of Swan Quarter; T. A. Jettette of Lake Landing; and Gratz Credle of Scranton attended an AAA meeting in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Friday and Saturday. The topic of the meeting was food goals.

The officials were told that farmers must work for larger yields, since labor shortages and other problems will prevent cultivating as many acres as usual. The report that the outlook painted at the meeting was good.

Candid Comment

In accord with the eternal fitness of things, a girl with teeth like pearls often will be as dumb as an oyster.

U. S. Marines Move Closer to Truk



Edging closer to Truk with the successful landing of U. S. Marines on the islands of the St. Matthias group, the United States now is in possession of an air field less than 600 miles from the huge Jap base. American occupation of the islands located just north of Kavieng also completes the encirclement of the Bismarck sea area in which the Manus Island victory recently played an important part. Inset is a closeup of the seized area and points of landing.

CITIZENS ASK THE COMMISSIONERS TO GIVE HOME DEPARTMENT MORE SPACE

Meeting Held In Register Of Deeds Office Friday Afternoon At 3:30

A number of Hyde County Home demonstration leaders and several men from various parts of the county met with members of the Board of Commissioners Friday afternoon in the office of the Register of Deeds and urged them to make every effort to get Miss Iberia Roach the necessary floor space to carry on the work of the home department. Miss Roach has unsuccessfully tried to get the commissioners to get additional suitable space for two months. It appeared at the close of the meeting Friday that the Board would take favorable action in their meeting this week if suitable space could be found for moving the Health department.

P. E. Swindell of Fairfield told the Commissioners that he thought it would be "an awful mistake" to take the chance of losing the home department by not providing adequate needs and said he thought that they would be wise in "finding some way" to get space. He said that he thought money spent for rent would be well spent and as a taxpayer he was glad for his tax money to be used for that purpose.

E. A. Williams, Swan Quarter merchant, said that he agreed with Mr. Swindell. Pointing to the fact that Hyde County's general fund is "out of the red" for the first time in about 50 years, Mr. Williams said that one reason for this was the better ways of living and making a living shown by the extension departments. Said Mr. Williams, "The benefits we will get from a large home agent's office will off-set the cost of rent for additional floor space."

Mrs. E. A. Williams of the Tiny Oak club, Mrs. E. E. Hodges of the Rose Bay club, Mrs. W. E. Noble of the Scranton club, Mrs. J. A. Lee of the Swindell club all appeared and supported Miss Roach's plea for additional space for her department in the agricultural building. Tom Spencer, editor of the Herald, who was covering the event, endorsed the proposal and urged that it be carried out as quickly as possible.

Hyde County lacks office space in the county buildings. The commissioners are hesitant to rent additional space which is available in the county seat. Already space is being rented for the Welfare and FSA departments. All ideas that they have proposed for using available space rearranging offices and making alterations to present buildings have not been satisfactory to meet the needs of the home department.

Miss Roach and the extension service say that they need two additional rooms. Since the agency is a part of the agricultural program, it should and must be located.

SWAN QUARTER IMPROVEMENTS TO BAY, \$22,500

Rivers and Harbors Bill Also Provides Additional Maintenance of \$900 Yearly

The Rivers and Harbors Bill advocated by Representative Herbert C. Bonner, and which has passed the house provided \$22,500 for the existing project connecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep Bay. It will provide for a channel 60 feet wide and eight feet deep, extending through the present waterway to Swan Quarter Bay, and thence through the Swan Quarter Canal to a basin of the same depth about 500 feet long and 60 to 300 feet wide at the head of the canal.

The bill provides \$900 annual maintenance in addition to that already provided, subject to certain provisions.

HYDE POLITICAL POT NOT EVEN SIMMERING

Hyde County politics had not even begun to simmer Monday, despite the fact that the deadline for filing was only 12 days off. This newspaper was unable to contact Mr. B. F. Mason, chairman of the Board of Electors, but as far as we could learn no one had announced for office.

The Board of Commissioners, county Representatives, Board of Education and Recorder's Judge are to be voted on this year. Deadline for filing is April 15.

There is a change in electing members of the County Commissioners this year. They have been elected by district for the past several years with one from Swan Quarter - Ocracoke district; one from Fairfield - Currituck district; and one from the Lak Landing district. This year the three members of the board can be nominated any place in the county. District lines have been taken away by a law enacted in the last General Assembly.

WANTED "SNUFF-BOX" FULL OF DIRT; FRIEND SENT IT

A "snuff-box" full of dirt from North Carolina was the one thing above all else that Lt. David McGowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman McGowan of Swan Quarter, wanted, he wrote a friend, and the friend as obliging. Lt. McGowan said he was glad to get the package and a little of the dirt rubbed on his hands and under his finger nails took that home-sick feeling away.

The Swan Quarter boy is the Marines stationed in Hawaii. He writes friends that the copies of The Hyde County Herald sent by relatives are read through and through, even to the want ad column.

Wrong Stop

A woman riding a trolley car was anxious not to pass her destination. She poked the conductor with her umbrella.

"Is this the First National Bank?"

"No, ma'am," replied the conductor. "That's my stomach."

SWAN QUARTER MEN SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL FIELD

Bell, Spencer, Credle and Swindell Make Good In Other Places

Many Hyde County men and women have gone to other places and made good in different fields, among them Doctors Baxter Bell, Fred Spencer, Carrol Credle and Lewis Swindell from Swan Quarter who have been successful in the practice of medicine.

Dr. Baxter Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bell of the Juniper Bay section, has made especially good in medicine, practicing in Williamsburg, Va. He owns his own hospital. It is a three story building and has 34 rooms.

Dr. Bell practiced for a while at Swan Quarter after he completed his medical training. He went to Williamsburg to work with the state of Virginia. After working several years in a state institution there he bought a hotel and converted it into a hospital and started private practice.

Dr. Bell sold this building late in the 1920's to interests which were rebuilding historic Williamsburg. He made good on his investment and built a hospital elsewhere in the town. It was a 22-room building. He has added to it since then until today it houses 34 rooms.

Besides his hospital property, Dr. Belle owns other Williamsburg real estate of much value, and a nice home.

The Swan Quarter native serves as physician at William and Mary College, a position which he has held for about eight years. He also serves the Pennsylvania & Ohio railroads in Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell visit Dr. Bell's parents and relatives several times a year. They keep in close contact with many Hyde friends. Dr. Bell owns property in Hyde County.

Another Swan Quarter boy who has done well in the field of medicine (Please turn to page four)

COMMISSIONERS WON'T TALK ADS ANY MORE

Say They Have Nothing To Do With It—Decision Up To Tax Commissioner

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution Monday saying that they would not discuss the matter of advertising land sales any more. The action was the result of a meeting with the editor of this newspaper last month.

The commissioners said in their resolution that the information gathered by their attorney showed that it was not in their power to advise a tax commissioner as to how to advertise land sales properly and legally, and therefore they would not further discuss the topic.

The resolution, approved by Mr. J. S. Mason and Mrs. A. L. Cuthrell, dealt at length with the cross-examination of the editor of this newspaper and information taken from Judge Parker's ruling of 1942. A letter which the county attorney had received from the state attorney general was also entered in the minutes in connection with the resolution.

The question of advertising land sales is an old one and one which has never been settled by the Supreme court. It is the result of a local law of 1931.

It appears as the matter stands that it is left to the tax commissioner to advertise as he deems best.

The commissioners also passed a resolution Monday which will provide for the recognition of Hyde County service men. The suggestion was made to the board by attorney, O. L. Williams.

The resolution which was unanimously adopted said that Mr. Williams was "authorized to arrange and provide for an honor roll of Hyde County service men."

Clay W. Gibbs of Engelhard was appointed rabies inspector at the meeting of the board Tuesday. The resolution of Mr. Gibbs the appointment provides that he make weekly reports to the commissioners.

At the insistence of chairman A. L. Cuthrell. The board also passed a resolution asking the State Highway commission to put in a pump to lower the water in the lake. It was stated that this bill would help protect the causeway and benefit neighboring farms and roads.

RAINS CONTINUE TO HAMPER FARM WORK

Farmers Won't Have Much Time To Grow Watermelons This Year

Rains and cold continued to hamper farm work in Hyde County early this week. The situation resulting by delays in planting is becoming serious.

Hyde farmers are far behind in their work. Most of the land has not yet been broken, and only a few of the potatoes planted. This work, for the most part at least, should have been completed last month.

Farmers are eager to plant their corn, but it will be several weeks before most of them get around to this task. The farm agent again reminds farmers to be careful buying hybrid seed corn and get varieties adapted to this area. Otherwise it will be best not to use the hybrid variety.

Gardeners are behind in their work as well as farmers. Few people have been able to do any gardening as a result of the wet weather.

Because Hyde County farmers will be busy with major crops it is thought that the local watermelon output will be small and will not fill local demands. Hyde farmers do not grow watermelons in large numbers, but most farmers generally have large patches and market a few melons locally.

BISHOP REAPPOINTED ON WELFARE BOARD

J. C. Bishop of Scranton has been reappointed to the Hyde County welfare board by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

AT THE GARDEN CLUB

"How is your garden doing this year?"

"My cutworms and beetles are better than ever before, but for some reason my potato bugs look under-nourished."