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UNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD AT ENGELHARD

School Lunch Room Was Beautifully Decorated With Spring Flowers

The juniors of the Engelhard high school entertained the seniors at the school lunch room Friday evening, April 14th. The room had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The banquet was in the form of a spring festival rather than the conventional type. Mrs. Eunice Credle, junior sponsor, did much work toward making the occasion a success.

The table decorations were beautifully arranged spring flowers and yellow and green tapers. The place cards were miniature dolls dressed in the junior class colors. These were very attractive and were the handiwork of the juniors. The menus, which were green and white leaves, were laid for forty-four. The menu was in keeping with spring time and consisted of grapefruit cocktail, fried spring chicken, June peas in potato nests, sliced beets, lettuce, pineapple salad, hot biscuits, butter, iced tea, lemon pie, nuts and mints.

The master of ceremonies was Charles Lindburg Burrows who welcomed the guests. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. T. Brown. The junior toast to the seniors was given by Marjorie Gibbs and responded to by Evelyn Swindell, the senior class president. The junior toast to the faculty was given by Hilda Ruth Pugh and the response was by Mrs. Brown.

The waitresses were a part of the spring festival in their unique aprons of yellow and green. They were from the ninth grade and were: Anna Pearce Midgette, Mary Darks Gibbs, Imogene McKinney, Jean Selby, June Neal and Leticia Mason.

COMEDY AT SWAN QUARTER SCHOOL, THURSDAY, APRIL 27

The junior and senior classes of Swan Quarter High school will present "Here Comes Charlie," a farce-comedy in three acts by Jay Tobias, in the Swan Quarter school auditorium, Thursday evening, April 27, 1944 at 8:30 p. m.

The characters in the play are Nelda Williams, Maurice Berry, Marjorie Wheeler, Bill Carawan, Russell Blake, Coleen Harris, Grady Max O'Neal, Blandina Credle, Lucille Sadler, and Roy Swindell.

The play is directed by Mrs. Carolyn S. Harris.

BROTHER OF SWAN QUARTER MAN DIES IN FENTRESS, VA.

George Wallace Carawan, 59, brother of Robbie Carawan of Swan Quarter, passed away at his home in Fentress, Va., last Wednesday. He had been ill a long time.

Mr. Carawan, son of the late Marcus and Monetta Alex Carawan, was a native of Lowlands. He had made his home in Virginia for the past 24 years.

Funeral details could not be obtained by this newspaper Saturday.

LARGE AMOUNT COLLECTED IN N. C. BEER TAXES

The state collected \$781,364.11 in beer taxes for the first quarter of 1944, according to figures compiled by the Brewing Industry Foundation's North Carolina committee.

Collections by months amounted to \$242,696.38 for January; \$287,174.68, February and \$251,493.05 March. These totals included collections from all sources on beer including crown and lid taxes and licenses.

CANNERS

Canners have been asked to set aside about 40 per cent of this year's pack for war uses as compared with 25 per cent last year. More and better Victory gardens are needed this year.

WASTE

It was estimated in 1942 that the United States wasted enough food to feed its armed services and Lend-Lease requirements.

PLEDGES AID FOR RETURNING WAR VETERANS

Cherry Tells Robeson Legionnaires Mistakes of Last War Must Be Avoided

The annual barbecue and rally for Robeson county veterans of World Wars one and two was held in Lumberton, the county seat Thursday night, when several hundred service men heard addresses by Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, candidate for governor, and Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington.

The speakers discussed matters of interest to the former soldiers. Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton presided over the rally.

"The needs of the men, now in uniform, when they return to their homes will have the first call on the minds and resources of North Carolina and its government," Mr. Cherry told the county-wide group. "I know the problems of the men who came home from World War one to walk the streets and look for jobs. That must not happen again."

Mr. Cherry fought in France as captain of a machine gun company World War one. He pledged himself to the Robeson veterans to give sympathetic attention to the needs of their comrades of the present war. "The state must see that these men have every opportunity to take their place in civil life, with their full share of respect and all opportunity of gainful occupation," the candidate for governor added.

RATION REMINDER

Airplane stamp 2 becomes good May 1 and remains good indefinitely.

Veterans Quickly Find Jobs

Of the 11,516 veterans who applied for jobs, 6,361 found work immediately during a demonstration program opened in January by the U. S. Employment Service, the War Manpower Commission announced. This service for veterans will be continued and expanded to USES local offices throughout the country, where veterans will be permitted to "shop around" before deciding on a job. Job opportunities for physically handicapped veterans from this war will be better than they were for the handicapped veterans of the last war, in the opinion of WMC, based on recent studies. Placements of handicapped workers in 1943 were approximately seven times the number placed in 1940. A large proportion of the physically handicapped require only careful job placement. Veterans will be hired in OPA offices and boards throughout the country as rapidly as vacancies occur. About 2,500 vacancies occur each month.

New Shoe Stamp Announced

Beginning May first, Airplane Stamp 2 in War Ration Book 3 may be used for buying one pair of rationed shoes, OPA announced. The new stamp and airplane stamp 1 will be good indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One will expire April 30. From May 1 through May 20, children's low-priced shoes (maximum \$1.60 per pair) in sizes 8 1-2 through 12, ad misses' and little boys' shoes in sizes 12 1-2 through 3 will be ration-free. In 1943 sales of civilian rationed shoes exceeded production by more than 53 million pairs, which made it necessary late last year to decrease the number of shoes available to civilians.

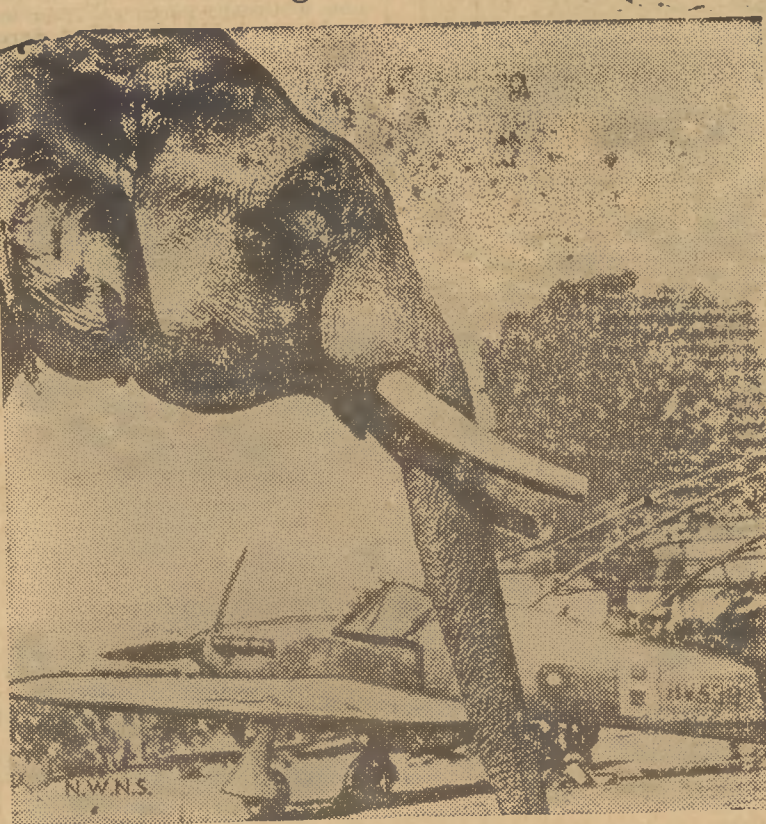
More Articles For Farmers

Of approximately 3,000 farmers interviewed in a recent survey, nearly half reported they had no trouble in buying any item on a list of 43 essential articles—ranging from flashlight batteries to cream separators, WPB announced. As a result of production programs previously approved by WPB's Office of Civilian Requirements, supplies of the following items have been increased: flashlight fence control and ignition batteries; "crescent" and monkey wrenches; grease guns; hand drills; floor brooders; and cream separators. In addition, farmers are now permitted to borrow engine and tractor fuel storage tanks from their petroleum suppliers.

BIRTHS

Greensboro
Lt. and Mrs. Jack L. Banner announce the birth of a son, Jack Linwood Jr., April 11, at Stenberg Hospital, Greensboro. Lt. Banner is with the Army Air Forces at March Field, Riverside, Calif. His wife, the former Miss Martha O'Neal of Fairfield is making her home with his parents in Greensboro.

Photogenic Elephant



"Jumbo," king-sized mascot of a unit of the Indian air force, poked his pachydermic profile into this picture at a jungle airfield in Burma. Elephant took advantage to insert his pictorial presence while cameraman was trying for a shot of the Vultee Vengances and Hurricanes of the IAF in background.

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION GETS JOBS FOR 4-F'S

Few Have To Leave Home to Get Into Essential Work; Jobs Listed

Hundreds of young men in 4-F classification have applied to local offices of the United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission during the past two weeks and have been placed in war essential or locally needed activities, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State MC director, announces.

Many of the 4F applicants at the local employment offices are already in essential work and contact employment representatives to make certain that their jobs are contributing to the war effort. Many others were either not at work at all or were in less essential jobs. These were referred to vital war jobs or jobs in locally needed activities.

Again, Dr. Dorton reminds that practically every 4F not in essential work can be placed in his own community, and only rarely will it be necessary to be sent any great distance from his home. He also repeats that essential industries include most textile mills; logging, lumbering and pulp wood producing; tanning and leather work; iron foundries, woodworking and construction; farming, food processing, fertilizer and farm machinery producing, mica mining; and such services as public utilities, transportation, communication, including publication, schools, hospitals, health, and welfare services, repairs and renovations of many essential items, such as automobiles, shoes and clothing, and others.

This heavy registration of 4F's is the result of discussions in Washington of the possibility of legislation designed to place all 4F's not in essential industry into some kind of labor corps, to make sure the young men so classed will be contributing to the war effort.

In an effort to avoid such legislation, War Manpower Commission and Selective Service officials are urging all 4F's to get into essential employment. Dr. Dorton advises them to visit the USES offices or contact the itinerant representatives of these offices, or to write any WMC area director who will put them in touch with a Manpower Recruiting Officer, if they are not sure they are in essential employment.

WHITFIELD WILL LEAVE FOR SCHOOL SATURDAY

Patrolman C. E. Whitfield of Swan Quarter will leave Saturday for Fayetteville where he will undergo three weeks of intensive training given by the State Highway Patrol and the F. B. I. courses which he will study will be criminal investigation, first aid and finger-printing.

ENJOYS HERALD

Lt. (jg) P. G. Gallop, USNR, writes us that he enjoys reading The Herald. His letter read in part, "The copies are read through and through, with much interest, I can assure you. It is much improved, Tom."

Lt. Gallop's address is Navy 1504, Group 10, F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

The Editor's Column

SOME THOUGHTS JUST BEFORE TIME TO GO TO PRESS.

There are scores of questions that run through an editor's mind just before press time. Right now my mind is full of them, because the make-up man is putting the type in the forms. It is Wednesday afternoon. The paper will be put "to bed" tonight Tomorrow morning it will be printed.

Some of the questions that are in my mind right now are: Are all of the stories in? Don't we need editorials? What will we write them on this week? Are all the ads listed on the ad sheet which I gave the printer this morning? These are many more questions are on my mind right now.

The intertype machine is ticking away as it methodically drops its letters that make the impressions in the hot lead. The saw where the cuts are being trimmed is buzzing. The typewriter on which I am writing this column seems to be loud. Maybe it is my nerves.

It is difficult to edit a paper 50 miles from the plant where it is printed. That is what I have done for nearly four years. This week I have done most of the work in Manteo. Mr. and Mrs. Meekins are away and I had to get out the Dare County Times. There are equally as many problems in the print shop, and more, too.

It has been a quiet week for a news hound around Hyde and Dare. But the bulletins that comes in some of the national dispatches tell of great happenings. It seems that everything is setting-up for worldshaking events. The impression one gets observing the news is that we are on the eve of the invasion of Europe. Will Germany crack if Allied armies make a successful landing or will there be battles until Berlin is reached? Would that be an editorial topic this week? Something local would be better.

The newspapers are playing a great part in the national life in America, and this includes the county newspapers. They are important, and the job of editing and managing one is important, for the public depends on you to give them the news and a sensible insight. (Please turn to Page 4)

LABOR SHORTAGE NOT HELPED BY JUMPING WAGES

Woodard Talks About Farm Labor Situation; Crop Outlook Given

The farm labor program for Hyde county in 1944 will be very similar to that of 1943 it was stated this week by county agent J. P. Woodard. No additional labor other than what is already in the county will be available.

The farm agent said that by shifting workers from one section of the county to another during peak labor periods it is reasonable to expect that such crops as potatoes and cotton will be harvested. Chopping various crops will pose a problem, he thinks and his advice is to cultivate the crop in such a manner that chopping will be held to a minimum.

"Last year labor in Hyde county was short and this year it will be at least 10 per cent shorter," said Mr. Woodard. "There will not be enough workers to get every job done the day every farmer would want it done," he continued.

He went on: "Bidding against one another's neighbor or of jumping prices is certainly not going to make any more labor available. In many instances, it will make less. Labor should be paid a fair wage, but if farmers have to give all their crop is worth to get it worked and harvested, then it may be better to use less labor and to work and cooperate fully with one another."

It was announced that H. G. Guthrie, principal of the Swan Quarter high school, has been appointed to assist with the labor program again this year during the summer months. Programs similar to those used during the potato and cotton harvesting season last year will be used again.

Any farmer who has acute labor problems or any community or neighborhood with such problems should report them to the county agent's office. Every effort possible will be made to help in seeing that labor is made available.

Crop Prospects

The crop production outlook compared with 1943 as given by the Hyde farm agent is as follows:

Corn, 10 per cent higher; Beans, same; cotton, 15 per cent less; potatoes, 65 per cent less; small grains, 25 per cent less; hogs, 50 per cent less; hens, 25 per cent less; and broilers, 50 per cent less.

SGT. LEHNER URGES CONTINUED COOPERATION

Staff Sgt. Charles Lehner of the U. S. Army Air Forces, Ground Observation Corps, Norfolk, Va., was in Hyde county last week visiting observation posts. He dropped by The Herald office to speak to the editor, a friend and former student in aircraft recognition.

Sgt. Lehner said that he was happy to say that the post in Hyde county are doing fine, but in order to maintain them to top efficiency he felt that "the cooperation of all red-blooded Americans, not half-hearted trying, was needed."

ALL HYDE MEN UNDER 26 PUT IN CLASS 1-A

All Hyde county men under 26, not previously examined, have been put in 1-A and will be called for physical examination, it was learned this week from the draft office. This includes those engaged in farming.

HYDE MASONS ATTEND MEETING IN RALEIGH

Wm. I. Cochran, Ben Harris, Bonner Lee and Dick Lupton of Swan Quarter and Jim Watson of Fairfield attended a Masonic meeting in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday.

WOODARD ATTENDS LABOR DISCUSSION IN TARBORO

J. P. Woodard, Hyde farm agent, attended a meeting in Tarboro Monday. The topic was farm labor, and problems resulting for the farmers.

The world's best investment is War Bonds—buy them today.

CONTESTS DEVELOP FOR HYDE ASSEMBLY SEAT AND RECORDER'S JUDGE

P. D. Midgette of Engelhard and Clifton Bell of Swan Quarter Seek to Represent County; Fisher and Respass Out For Recorder's Judge.

ABC OFFICERS CAPTURE NEW LAKE STILL

Raids Friday Net Officers 2 Illegal Whiskey Manufacturing Plants

A 50-gallon oil drum-type still was captured in the New Lake section of Hyde county Friday afternoon by State and Beaufort County ABC officials a few hours after they had captured a similar whiskey-making outfit in Beaufort County, just over the Hyde County line.

Approximately 150 gallons of mash was found at both stills. No one was apprehended in connection with the operation of either of the outfits.

The New Lake still was located about six miles from highway 264, near what is known as Bull Ridge. It was not operating when officers found it.

Officers making the raids Friday were Mr. Berry, State ABC officer, and Roy O'Neal and Walter Stowe, Beaufort County ABC officers. Patrolman C. E. Whitfield assisted in the investigations.

DISTINGUISHED MERIT BADGE FOR HYDE BOY

Sgt. F. B. Gibbs, of Engelhard, Cited For Bravery in Romanian Raid

The Distinguished Merit Badge has been awarded to Tech. Sergt. F. B. Gibbs, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gibbs, of Engelhard, formerly of Back Bay, Princess Anne county, and brother of Howard E. Gibbs, Oceana, Va. The award was authorized for his being a member of an organization cited for outstanding performance of duty in action on the famous Ploesti, Rumania, oil refinery raid.

Sergeant Gibbs, or "Gibby" as he is known to his friends, is a tall gunner with a B-24 Liberator bombardment squadron in Italy. He was awarded in November the DFC and the Purple Heart for participation in a raid on a Messerschmidt assembly plant in Wiener-Neutadt, Austria, and previously was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster for completing ten missions against the enemy.

A graduate of Creeds high school in 1938, he was employed by the Ford Plant in Norfolk prior to entering the service in July 1941. He attended AAF schools in Denver, Colo., and Las Vegas, Nevada, prior to leaving for overseas duty last August.

NEW SUGAR REGULATION FOR SERVICEMEN HOME

Servicemen on furlough will get their sugar rations in units of one pound, rather than on the previous basis of 1-4 pound for every nine meals at home, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh Office of Price Administration, announced.

Reason of the change, he explained, is primarily that servicemen have found it difficult to buy sugar in smaller amounts than one pound. In addition, handling of certificates for quarter-pounds of sugar creates needless banking and bookkeeping problems.

SPEEDERS GIVEN TICKETS TO APPEAR IN HYDE COURT

Patrolman C. E. Whitfield reports the following have been given tickets for their appearance at the May term of Recorder's Court during the past week: Bennie Blount, colored, speeding; John Bryant, Engelhard, Well Lumber Co., truck driver, speeding; John Gibbs, R. L. Gibbs Co., truck driver, speeding; James Green, Wells Lumber Co., truck driver, speeding.

SAM MARSHALL PROMOTED WITH ARMY IN EUROPE

Cpl. Sam Marshall, son of Mrs. Patsy S. Marshall of Engelhard has been promoted from Private First Class to Technician Fifth Grade, according to a dispatch sent this newspaper by the public relations office in that area.

Contests developed for only two of the nine posts up for nomination in the May 27 Democratic primary in Hyde County. P. D. Midgette, Jr., of Engelhard and Clifton Bell of Swan Quarter seek the Assembly seat and E. S. Fisher, incumbent, of Sladesville and John C. Respass of Engelhard are in the race for Recorder's Judge. No race developed for seats on the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education or Coroner.

The only contest that promises any interest at all is that for representative. Both of the candidates are well known and a lively campaign may develop. It is thought by many political observers, however, that such a possibility will not materialize.

Mr. Midgette is a successful Engelhard businessman and outstanding civic and community leader. He came to Hyde County in 1935 and established the Pamlico Ice & Light Company and its growth and success is inspirational.

A graduate of Trinity College, now Duke University, Mr. Midgette graduated in business administration. He later studied electrical engineering under VEP engineers. He taught school, did newspaper work and was employed awhile with utility companies before he started in business for himself in Hyde County with the aid of outside capital.

Mr. Midgette is a native of Wanchese, Dare county. He is married and has four children. Two of his sons are serving in the armed services.

Mr. Bell, member of a prominent Hyde County family, widely known in county political circles. He has held several elective offices.

Mr. Bell is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law school. He has been practicing law in Hyde County since graduation except for the time he was in the Army. He served in the assembly in 1921 and served two terms as Clerk of the Superior Court from 1927-1935.

A veteran of the first World War, Mr. Bell saw service overseas. He has not been active in community life in recent years, although he has served as chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

John C. Respass, Justice of the Peace in Lake Landing township, is attempting to ouse Judge E. S. Fisher, incumbent, of Sladesville for Recorder's Judge. Mr. Fisher has held the post for one term, and part of an unexpired term and before that time was a Justice of the Peace in Currituck township. Mr. Respass was a candidate in 1940.

A. L. Cuthrell of Fairfield, J. S. Mason of Swan Quarter and Ed Berry of New Holland were unopposed for County Commissioners, as were Dr. J. W. Miller of Engelhard, Geo. Cuthrell of Fairfield, and Forrest Sears of Sladesville for the Board of Education.

There was no candidate for Coroner. This post has been vacant since the resignation of D. L. Berry of Swan Quarter sometime ago.

MCDONALD UNABLE TO SPEAK TO GRADUATES

Dr. Ralph McDonald, president of the N. C. Educational association and candidate for governor, who had an engagement to speak to the Swan Quarter graduating class next month will not be able to fill the appointment, it was announced this week by H. G. Guthrie, principal. Mr. McDonald informed Guthrie that he was sorry he could not come to Swan Quarter for the speaking, but said it was impossible for him to do so.

Mr. Guthrie said that as a result of McDonald cancelling the engagement the school would have no speaker, but rather a student program. It will not be Friday, May 12, which was the date set for the speaking, but some time the next week the principal said.

Harry: "John, why did you leave your last position?"
John: "Illness, The boss got sick of me."

