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TIMES FOREMAN ENJOYS VISIT HYDE COUNTY

Tells Of Meeting Many Folk At Swan Quarter And Engelhard

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In setting type and advertisements for a newspaper, one becomes familiar with many places and people that he seldom has the opportunity to come in contact with. He learns, in this manner, something of the lives and problems of many people, but he is never able to get a clear picture of them. What they look like? What they think about? What they talk about? He can, it is true, learn much of the different characteristics of many people, but until he knows them he can never get a clear picture of the communities in which they live or what they really are like.

Through nearly a year and a half I have been making up, setting some of the type and the advertisements and printing The Hyde County Herald, doing job work, as we call commercial printing, for a great many business concerns in Hyde County, yet had never had the good fortune to be in the county. Few people realize what a vast amount of hard work goes into the printing of the country weekly they get in the mail. It takes hard and conscientious work to build a small weekly on a solid foundation, to maintain intact the principles upon which it is based, to see that fair play is given to every community in its territory, to protect and inform the people in its territory to the best of its ability. This takes hard work, and constant, ceaseless effort.

I have long wanted to see what Hyde County was like and meet some of its people and last week the opportunity came. As the guest of Thomas E. Spencer, editor of The Hyde County Herald, who incidentally, is a very good friend of mine, I left Manteo Friday afternoon. We crossed the ferry plying between Roanoke Island and Manteo Harbor, and leaving that thriving little fishing village, took the road through Stump Point to Engelhard.

We passed through some of the vast holdings of The Dare Corporation. I could not help but attempt to visualize what much of this territory would be like in the future. Major R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for Governor, in speaking in Manteo, stressed the need for all-weather roads to connect up the communities along this section of the coast. Such roads would link all this great section of North Carolina and with the completion of the North Carolina Cape Hatteras Seashore National Park would bring much outside capital in and I feel that much of this capital would be used in developing much of the land all down through Dare and Hyde Counties, clearing and draining it and opening it for settlement.

I could visualize much of this land dotted with farms, homes and industries and the towns along the coast as healthy, growing communities.

Arriving in Engelhard I found a with one of the strongest and most up-to-date banks in this section of the state, a power and light company, a very comfortable hotel and stores which surprised us, due to the amount of stock they carried on their shelves. Perhaps we were surprised at this because we are accustomed to so many shortages in so many things.

We were received hospitably and cordially. Among the people we met in Engelhard were Sam S. Neal, a genial and able merchant; W. D. Gibbs, retired now after many years as a farmer; we also met the law enforcement officer for that end of the county in the person of Deputy Sheriff Claude Davis who is a very likable fellow and appears to be a conscientious and able officer.

Driving over to Middletown we met George L. Cox, veteran store keeper, who keeps up to the minute in the news and politics. Saturday morning we drove over to the County seat at Swan Quarter. The land along the way looks rich and productive, but we noted that a great deal of land was unemployed and to all appearances would remain unemployed. We knew by reading The Hyde County Herald that there was a serious manpower shortage in Hyde County and we were amazed with the ever increasing need for food and grain crops, cotton and corn, all of which Hyde County produces in abundance, that in spite of all the government propaganda about growing more crops, the government appears to be doing nothing (Please turn to Page Three)

GIBBS FAMILY OF ENGELHARD GETS BAD NEWS

Telegram Received Wednesday Advising That Son Missing Over Europe

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gibbs of Engelhard received a telegram from the War Department Wednesday morning advising them that their son, Tech. Sgt. F. B. Gibbs is missing in action over Europe. Young Gibbs was a gunner on one of the big bombers based in Italy.

Information obtained by this newspaper Wednesday a. m. was with the Army. Mrs. Mason, former nurse over the continent of Europe. Apparently his plane did not return.

The young Air Force gunner was 24 years old. He was fondly known by his pals in service as "Gibby." He was only recently awarded the Distinguished Merit Badge for outstanding performance of duty in action on the famous Ploesti Rumania oil refinery raid, the story of which was carried in The Herald last week.

Gibbs was raised in Princess Ann County, Virginia, where his parents, natives of Hyde county, lived for more than 30 years, before returning some years ago to live at Engelhard.

CREDLE PROMOTED CORNELL FACULTY

Alexander B. Credle, a native of Swan Quarter, has been promoted from assistant professor of electrical engineering at Cornell University to associate professor, it was announced last week by president Edmund E. Day.

Dr. Credle, son of Mrs. Etta Berry Credle and the late Geo. Veal Credle of Norfolk, and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Berry of Swan Quarter, holds the following degrees conferred by Cornell University: E.E., 1930; M.E.E., 1931; and Ph.D., 1939. He has had practical experience in the field of electrical engineering and served as an assistant professor at Clemson college for six years.

The Hyde county man was first appointed as an assistant in physics at Cornell in 1931, instructor in electrical engineering in 1933 and promoted to assistant professor in 1942.

Dr. Credle has two brothers and one sister. They are Geo. Veal Credle, Jr., attorney, Norfolk; Joseph Credle, U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. E. D. Herbert, Norfolk.

4-H CLUBS IN REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY

The Fairfield and Engelhard 4-H clubs held their regular meeting Thursday morning, April 20.

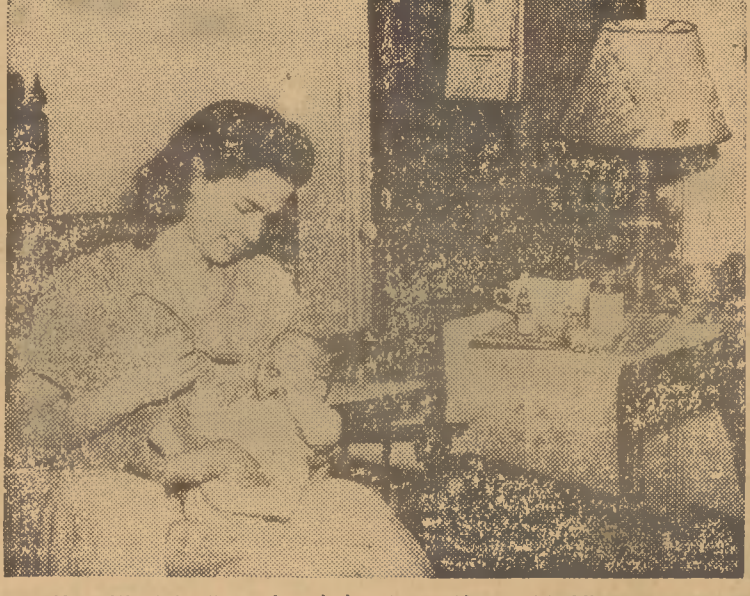
Both clubs held joint meeting at which time a health kit "The Seven Champions of Health" was presented. Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, was narrator and as each of the seven groups was explained, giving their importance in the diets of growing boys and girls; a club member uncovered a chart and told how a 4-H club member could supply those items. The following Engelhard 4-H club members took part on program: Joe Davis, Mitzi Watson, T. J. Mann, III, Jimmie Spencer, Billie Davis, Justin Patrick, and June Long. A reading "Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown" was given by Jane Credle. Mrs. T. J. Etheridge, local 4-H club leader, was present for the meeting.

The following Fairfield 4-H members participated: Rex Guthrie, Joyce Ballance, Dennis Simmons, Theo Brickhouse, Gene Midyette, Evelyn Clarke, and Dorothy Nixon. Tommy Jones gave a reading "Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown." Mrs. Franklin Midyette, local 4-H club leader, made an inspiring pep talk to the boys and girls.

RATION REMINDER

Meats, Fats — Red stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.
Processed Foods — Blue stamps A8 through K8, good indefinitely.
Sugar—Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for 5 pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.
Gasoline — A9 coupons, good through May 8.
Fuel Oil—Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30.
Shoes—Stamps No. 1 and 2 Airplane in Book Three, good indefinitely.
The worlds best investment is War Bonds—buy them today.

Putting Her Red Cross Knowledge Into Practice



Mrs. Virginia Osgood and daughter, "Jenny Lind," known as the "Home Nursing Baby" in Hyde County, N. C. She was born the day after Mrs. Osgood completed the Home Nursing Course. A Home Nursing student accompanied her on the 50 mile drive to the hospital, and when she returned, neighbors who had taken the Red Cross training took care of mother and baby.

FISHING IS GOOD ON LAKE MATTAMUSKEET

Fishing is good at Lake Mattamuskeet this season and many anglers are making good catches. White perch and bass are biting especially good. Oscar Chadwick, State game protector, reports that 199 fishing permits were issued for fishing on the lake last week. There were almost 100 fishermen on the lake Sunday.

BAPTIST TO MEET IN SWAN QUARTER SUNDAY

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Hyde county Baptist churches will be held at the Swan Quarter Baptist church next Sunday, April 30. The Rev. W. B. Harrington and the Rev. J. R. Byerly of Elizabeth City will be the guest speakers. The program will begin at 10 o'clock with the regular Sunday school hour. Service will be held at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Mr. Harrington doing the preaching. The Rev. Mr. Byerly will deliver the sermon at the afternoon session.

Dinner will be served on the church lawn. The Rev. J. T. Lennon invites the public to these services. He states that the Baptists are fortunate in getting the guest speakers for the meeting Sunday.

SWAN QUARTER BOYS DO GOOD JUDGING LIVESTOCK

The Swan Quarter high school livestock judging team which represented the agriculture department at Wenona in a district contest made a good showing winning first place in judging hogs and third places judging dairy cattle and beef cattle.

The team was composed of Carl Cahoon, Lindsey S a d l e r, Pete Griffin, Grady Max O'Neal and William Wheeler. Cahoon and Sandler tied for first place in hog judging.

COMPLETING STORY

Our story last week telling of those who filed for office failed to list O. L. Williams as filing for county solicitor. We were not aware that this was an elective office until it was called to our attention Saturday by Mr. Williams. Mr. B. F. Mason, chairman of the county election board, did not mention this when we contacted him for the names of those who filed.

According to Mr. Williams there has never been any competition for this office. Both Mr. Williams and Geo. Davis have served in this capacity. We regret that we failed to complete our story last week, and are glad to finish it now.

HOTEL "FINE" MONEY GOES TO RED CROSS

A money bank kept on the dining table in the O'Neal Hotel at Swan Quarter to hold money obtained from "fines" on boarders and guests being late to meals and talking business while at the dining table was found to hold \$2.66 when it was recently opened. The money was given to the Red Cross War Fund.

Good, volunteer stands of lespedeza should be kept by all means this year because of a shortage of seed for hay crops, says County Agent W. C. Boyce of the State College Extension Service.

Cook collards, and like other greens, in as little water as possible. They contain Vitamin A, B1-B-2 and C.

FERRY SERVICE MANN'S HARBOR IS INADEQUATE

Local Interests Anxious To Get Extra Trip To Relieve Handicap

The travel situation is beginning to get serious between Roanoke Island and Manteo Harbor, due to the congestion on the ferry. The Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Manteo Rotary club are taking steps seeking relief of the situation. The matter has long since been under discussion by the Board of Commissioners and Monday night of this week, the Rotary club moved to ask the State Highway Commission to provide two more trips after 6 p. m. daily.

The growing mercantile activity on the mainland and the beginning of the tourist trade have made the situation critical. The boat can carry only seven automobiles and makes eight round trips a day. On certain days of the week, particularly Sundays, cars must line up ahead of time for the better part of an hour, and it is often the case that some of these are left. On Sunday afternoon last, five cars were left behind on the Dare County mainland at the last trip. It so happened that a motorist bound for Engelhard paid the Ferry man \$15 to return to Manteo Harbor so that he could continue his journey but by that time the cars had dispersed.

HYDE FSA WOMEN PLAN FOR CANNING SEASON

Thirty-five FSA group leaders in Hyde county received training in cleaning and taking care of their pressure cookers under the direction of Mrs. Madeline E. Smith, associate FSA supervisor, who has recently attended a pressure cooker clinic at Washington. These women will help service the 175 cookers owned by FSA women in Hyde county. Every Farm Security family is getting ready for the canning season, Mrs. Smith reports. Already they have a variety of fifteen different vegetables planted in their gardens, she says, and by successive planting every two weeks they hope to have fresh vegetables all the year and enough extra to can from 80 to 100 quarts per member in spite of the rainy season.

According to Mrs. Smith, Hyde FSA women canned 42,176 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats, and are planning to double that for 1944. To make this possible they are planting their gardens with extra vegetables, seeding cane for molasses, planting Irish potatoes and bedding sweet potatoes to store next fall. Scarcity of food on the market will find FSA women with their shelves full of canned goods, meats, syrup, flour and potatoes, stored to carry them through the shortage period.

FSA FARMERS IN HYDE TO GET AWARDS THURS.

Twenty three Hyde county FSA farmers will be awarded "Merit Awards" at a meeting Wednesday evening, May 2, at 8 o'clock in the agricultural building in Swan Quarter. There will be several speakers on hand and the public is invited to attend. The certificates will be awarded the farmers for food production in 1943. They will represent those FSA clients who did the best job producing food and feed crops.

No benefit is so small that a political orator will not magnify it.

HYDE GOES OVER TOP IN RED CROSS DRIVE; \$2,260.50 IS RAISED

Final Reports Not In From Ponzer Or The Negro Division; Fairfield Record Showed Largest Individual Donations, Averaging About \$4.00 Per Family That Contributed.

13TH HOME CLUB ORGANIZED HYDE COUNTY APRIL 18

Miss Roach Organizes Club In The Pleasant Grove Community

The 13th Home Demonstration club was organized in Hyde county last Tuesday, April 17, in the Pleasant Grove community, at the home of Mrs. William Mooney. There were 10 members present. Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, gave the aims of a home demonstration club and a brief history of club work in North Carolina. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lonie T. G. Gibbs, president; Mrs. Rbbie Gibbs, vice president and Mrs. Jim Mooney, secretary-treasurer. The year book was given out and explained. The club will meet in various homes each month.

MRS. BERRY HEARS FROM SON IN JAP PRISON

Mrs. R. M. Berry of Engelhard last week received the following telegram from the government about her son Bryan, a war prisoner in Japan.

Following shortwave broadcast from Japan has been interpreted. Quote, I am in good health and hope you and family are also. I think of you all very often. I received your letters. They take about nine months. Try sending a radio message. How is Robert? Love and best wishes, Bryan. Pharmacist mate Bryan Webster Berry, USN Unquote. This broadcast supplements previous official report received from international Red Cross Stop Gullion Provost Marshall General.

The Engelhard youth was captured by the Japs with the fall of Guam shortly after the outbreak of the war. His reference to Robert in the broadcast was in regards to Robert Burrus, a home town pal. Burrus is taking officers training in the Navy at the University of Louisiana.

FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY FOR SLADESVILLE WOMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Alonza Sawyer were held at the home near Sladesville Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. C. W. Guthrie officiating. Interment was in Soule cemetery.

Mrs. Sawyer passed away Thursday, April 20 in a sanatorium at Tarboro. She had been confined to the institution for 11 months.

Mrs. Sawyer was born and raised near Swan Quarter. She was twice married. Surviving are her husband; 3 sons, J. E. McKinney, Tarboro, J. R. McKinney, New Bern, and Forrest Sawyer, Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Swindell of Engelhard and Mrs. Effie Byrd of Portsmouth, Va.

BUXTON BOY REPORTED DEAD BY U. S. NAVY

Mrs. William Midgett of Buxton has been notified by the Navy Department that her son, Darius Thomas Midgett, fireman first class, USN, has been classified as dead. Midgett was listed as a prisoner of war of the Navy Department's Prisoner of War List Number One on May 14, 1943.

CORN

With good rotations and fertilizer, about as much corn can be produced in one year as in three years of continuous corn on the same land, tests of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College show.

ROTONONE

Victory gardeners should use rotenone only when absolutely necessary because of limited supplies, says J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist at State College. Try pyrethrin or nicotine sulphate on insects.

Serve eggs often in omelets, scrambled with tomatoes, scalloped with macaroni, baked, or in angel food or sponge cake.

The Hyde County Red Cross War Fund drive is over the top it was announced this week from campaign headquarters in Swan Quarter. \$2,260.50 had been reported through Monday and final reports had not been received from Ponzer or the Negro division. The quota was \$2,200.

Reports from the various school districts showed the amounts collected from the various sections of the county. They were as follows: Swan Quarter, \$510.84; Sladesville \$138.05; Fairfield, \$432; Engelhard, \$569.19; Ocracoke, \$281; Ponzer, \$25.50; and the Negro division \$304.

It was stated that the success of the drive was due to the hard work of the volunteer workers throughout the county. A list of solicitors will be carried in The Herald soon. District chairmen were Mrs. Grady Credle, Swan Quarter; Mrs. S. S. Jennette, Sladesville; Mrs. R. F. Baynes, Fairfield; Miss Blanch Tuten, Engelhard; Mrs. Tom Howard, Engelhard; Mrs. E. J. Clayton, Ponzer; Negro division, O. A. Peay.

Ocracoke was the first district in the county to report going over its community quota, with Fairfield coming in the for second place and with the first final report. Figures show that individual donations were on an average larger in the Fairfield district than in any other section of Hyde county.

Names of individual contributors are being run in this newspaper. Donators can compare their donations with those of their neighbors. Watch for this feature which will appear for the next several weeks. Hyde county had a quota of \$1,300 last year. It raised \$1,644. The increase this year was due to war needs.

A large part of the money raised remains in the county for emergency use and to take care of expenses of the local chapter handling such jobs as checking on needs of soldiers at home and assisting them in many other ways.

FINDING IT HARD TO GET REGISTRAR AT OCRACOCKE

B. F. Mason, chairman of the Hyde County Board of Elections, is having difficulty getting a registrar and judges to serve in Ocracoke township. He has written several letters to Ocracoke Island residents, but through Monday he had been unsuccessful in securing anyone.

Arrangements were made Monday for Rouse Lupton of Swan Quarter to take the books to Ocracoke sometime this week and personally contact citizens for the election board and attempt to secure help in this important task in democratic government. Registration begins Saturday.

VETERINARIAN TO BE IN HYDE COUNTY MAY 2

J. M. Worrell, agricultural teacher at Swan Quarter, announced this week that Dr. J. W. Wood would be in Hyde County, May 2 for the purpose of vaccinating horses. Those interested should see Mr. Worrell.

Births

SWAN QUARTER
Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Shelton, a daughter, Mary Jane, in Powle Memorial hospital, Friday, April 21.

NEW BERN
Cpl. and Mrs. Jack N. Mason announce the birth of a son, Jack Nicholson, Jr., April 12 in the New Bern hospital. Cpl. Mason is with the Army. Mrs. Mason, formerly Miss Mary Hopkins of Hobboken is making her home with her parents in New Bern.

TRUCKS
It is doubtful if agriculture will get more than 25 to 35 thousand new trucks this year, less than twenty per cent of its anticipated needs, if production schedules are met, say Government reports.

Crimea Becomes Nazi Dunkirk



The Crimea again occupies the historical spotlight as Red forces push the Nazis into a pocket at Sevastopol. This close-up reveals how German and Rumanian armies were trapped (1) when Reds reached Dzhankoi and (2) cut communications link. Meanwhile amphibious forces took over Kerch (3) and moved rapidly toward Feodosiya and Simferopol. Nazis made desperate attempt to evacuate by boat as Russ moved swiftly to check this means of escape.