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## FACULTIES FOR WHITE SCHOOLS ANNOUNCED BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Swan Quarter and Ocracoke Have Full Staffs; Engelhard, Fairfield and Sladesville Each Need One Teacher; Hyde and Tyrrell Principals Met in Fairfield Tuesday

Swan Quarter and Ocracoke schools will have full faculties when they open for classes Monday morning, announces N. W. Shelton, superintendent of schools for Hyde County, who states that Engelhard, Fairfield and Sladesville each have one vacancy to be filled. It was also announced by Mr. Shelton that the Swan Quarter and Engelhard schools each gained a teacher over recent announcements as the results of a new ruling by the State Board of Education.

The list of teachers for each of the schools follows:  
Swan Quarter—Mrs. Carolyn Harris, principal; Mrs. Claude Sawyer, Mrs. Marina J. Baum, Mrs. Ada T. Harris, Mrs. Marietta J. McKinney, Miss Lona Bonner, Mrs. George Makely, and Miss Lola Watson.  
Sladesville—B. F. Martin, principal; John F. Carson, Mrs. Jessie W. Moye and Miss Lilly Mae Warren.

Fairfield—Mrs. Ellen C. Watson, principal; Mrs. Edna C. Cuthrell, Mrs. Gladys B. Midyette, Mrs. Mildred Guthrie, and Miss Ella Lee Boomer.  
Engelhard—Mrs. Mary E. Brown, principal; Mrs. Eunice Credle, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum, Mrs. Myra B. Patrick, Mrs. Juanita Y. Miller, Mrs. Alese S. Mann, Mrs. Lola Cahoon Manning, and Miss Carma B. Credle.  
Ocracoke—Miss Helen J. Taylor, principal; Miss Ruby Austin, Miss Dezzie Bragg, Miss Lelo Howard and Miss Brightsie Savage.

Teachers will go on the job two days before students go to the classrooms for study. All teachers will report to the Swan Quarter high school today (Thursday, Sept. 14th) for a two-day work conference designed to speed work when classes begin by teaching and discussing routine administrative programs, records, and reports, supplies and instruction.  
Principals of Hyde and Tyrrell counties met with the county superintendents of the two counties and Mrs. Julia Wetherington, representative of the Instructional Service of the State office of Public Instruction, in the Fairfield school Tuesday. Improvements in instruction was the main topic of discussion. The meeting began at 9:30 and lasted until noon.

Mr. Shelton said that schools may operate on a four-hour schedule during the cotton picking season. This decision was reached at the July meeting of the County Board of Education. The decision of whether or not the short schedule will be put into effect rests with local officials.

### NEGRO FAMILY HAS GOOD GARDEN DESPITE WEATHER

Tom and Elgie Credle of the Bell Store community in Currituck township won't go hungry anytime soon. They had a good garden this year and Elgie did a lot of canning.

The Negro family is an FSA client and F. V. Harris, county supervisor makes this report: The family has canned 610 quarts this year and has 80 quarts left out of 700 canned last year. They expect to can an additional 100 quarts this year which will give them a total of 800 quarts.

Besides canning all of this food Tom and Elgie supplied a family of seven with vegetables and sold \$23 worth of garden produce.

### ENGELHARD SOLDIER IN ASHEVILLE HOSPITAL

Alvah Midgette, U. S. Army, has returned from overseas, and is a patient in a government hospital in Asheville. Midgette is the son of Mrs. Addie Midgette of Engelhard.

## OLD WINDMILLS WOULD ATTRACT FOLKS TO HYDE

Charles H. Scarborough, Former Resident, Favors Reconstruction of Them

A reconstruction of the picturesque old mills which used to spread their broad sails to the wind in Hyde County would be ideal for tourist attractions after the war, in the opinion of Charles H. Scarborough, former representative of Dare County who is now in the furniture business in Hampton, Va. Mr. Scarborough tells why these old windmills used for grinding grain and pumping water, have so strong an appeal to the visitor:

I was very much interested in an article in your paper concerning post war plans of the people of Engelhard in Hyde County for reconstruction after the war. This recalls to mind trips to this charming little village years ago. One thing that impressed me was those old Dutch windmills that were in existence at that time. I cannot recall anything more interesting; although I did not have speaking acquaintance with any of them. They are still vivid in my memory.

I think if I were a citizen of Hyde I would propose to recreate one of them for a new generation to see. No doubt there are a number of people living in the vicinity who do remember them. Perhaps a lot of them and surely there may be some parts of the old mills lying around. Enough to get working plans from. When the roads get full of automobiles again, there will be thousands of people who will want to visit every point of interest that can be reached.

To my mind Engelhard would be ideally situated for it, especially when the new Croatan bridge is built. The Last Colony found again, and the road is paved from the Croatan Sound bridge to Engelhard.

What do you people in Hyde think of it?  
C. H. Scarborough  
Hampton, Va.

## RECORDER'S COURT

The following cases were tried at the monthly session of Hyde County Recorder's Court Monday morning:

Alfred Hooker, colored, public drunkenness, plead guilty, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

Jason Spencer, colored, public drunkenness, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.

Sam Spencer, colored, appearing on highway under influence of intoxicating drink, resisting arrest and abusing a public officer, entered a plea of guilty to two charges, sentenced to 6 months on the roads. Appeal was noted to Superior Court. Bond was set at \$500.

Tom Moore, colored, having in his possession non tax paid mash liquor, plead guilty, 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost.

B. Martin, lac kof funds to take care of check, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost and taking care of check.

Emory Howard, colored, drunken driving, plead guilty, 6 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost and driving permit revoked for one year.

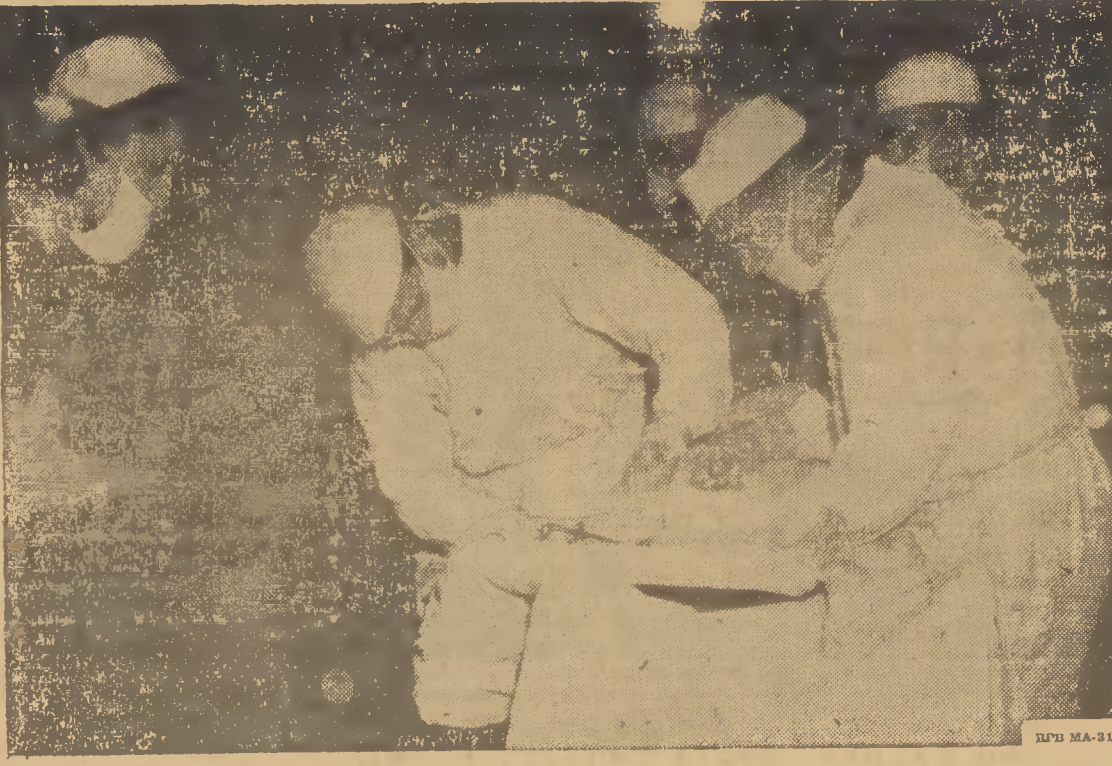
Robert L. Bryant, colored, driving without driving permit, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.

Mack McCade, colored, driving without lights, capias and continued.

John T. Bryant, colored, speeding, plead guilty, 3 months on the roads suspended upon payment of \$25 and cost.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

## All-Charlotte, N. C., Surgical Team Performs Medical Miracles In Italy



Together for the past fourteen months, these Army medical officers and technicians from Charlotte, North Carolina, perform a difficult operation near the battle front in Italy. Left to right: Second Lieutenant Sara Moran, an Army nurse, Major Henry Munroe, Captain John C. Montgomery, Captain Duncan G. Calder, Jr., and Sergeant Clarence O. Kucster, Jr.

## FOREST FIRE CONTROL PROGRAM HAS ALREADY SAVED MORE THAN COST

Warden Archie Berry of Fairfield Reports Large Fire Checked in Juniper Bay Section Last Month Saving Hundreds of Acres of Trees

The county-state forest fire prevention and control program, which was started in Hyde County August 1st, as the result of action by the Board of County Commissioners in June appropriating \$2,000 to join with the state in paying for the program, has already saved enough trees and timber to many times pay for the cost of operations this year. Warden Archie Berry of Fairfield reports that a fire spotted August 25 in the Juniper Bay section was put under control after it had burned over some 50 acres of woodland on a large area of marsh and threatened hundreds of acres of nearby woodland.

A forest fire prevention and control program has been advocated by landowners and interested citizens for many years. The Board of Commissioners reacted to this sentiment this year and made possible the program. Their action which was applauded as a wise step is coming in for more praise now that the benefits of the program are seen and the taxpayers can see that their tax-dollars are well spent.

Mr. eBerry reports that the fire was spotted in the Juniper Bay section on August 25th and that he and a group of volunteers made immediate efforts to put it out. Operations were delayed because the party was unable to find a route to it at night. Work was started next day and the fire was put under control.

The fire was on lands owned by the government. Manager Sam Lamb of the Mattamuskeet Refuge helped Warden Berry direct operations and fight the blaze. It is the only forest fire reported since the program of control went into effect August 1st.

Hundreds of acres in the vast woodland between Engelhard and the Dare County line at Long Shoal River burned over during the summer. A program of control could have saved thousands of feet of lumber and hundreds of little trees that would have meant a wealthier county in years to come.

### HAS NARROW ESCAPE

T. S. Spencer of Engelhard and Elizabeth City had a narrow escape Saturday night when his car overturned in the canal at Gum Neck when a front tire blew out on a curve. He was pulled from the almost completely submerged vehicle by two Tyrrell men who happened to be nearby. He was only slightly injured. Spencer was traveling from Elizabeth City to Engelhard at the time of the accident.

Hyde County farmers have applied almost one ton of limestone to every third acre of cropland in the county this year.

## PLANS MAPPED TO LAUNCH WAR FUND DRIVE OCT. 16

Hyde Volunteers Meet With UWF Officials in Swan Quarter Monday

Plans for launching the 1944 United War Fund drive in Hyde County the week of October 15th were drawn at a meeting in Swan Quarter Monday afternoon. Hyde County's quota this year is \$1,250. James T. Little, district chairman, and T. J. Collier, field representative, attended the meeting Monday afternoon which was attended by 22 volunteer workers of the county chapter. Confidence was expressed by those attending the meeting that Hyde would go over the top in the drive again this year.

Miss Iberia Roach of Swan Quarter, county chairman, presided at the meeting. It was opened by singing "America," followed by the pledge of allegiance. The general picture of how the United War Fund organization worked was given the Hyde county workers by Mr. Little. Mr. Collier, UWF representative, gave a detailed account of how the money donated was used by showing illustrations in pictures. The program was very informative.

Miss Roach announced at the meeting that the organization for Hyde County was almost complete. Announcement of community will be made shortly.

## HYDE BOY WORKING IN GLASS SHOP IN ENGLAND

Headquarters, European Theater of Operations—Normandy-bound armored vehicles are given 15-minute shatterproof windshield replacement service at a United States Army Ordnance depot in England where skilled soldier glass-workers have cut, ground and polished an estimated half-million windshield glasses in the past year.

Working in the only "G.I." glass shop in southern England, Corporal Erdis Leon Lewis, 27, Fairfield, North Carolina, is one of the Ordnance soldiers who is helping to turn out windshields, anti-dazzle headlight glasses, lenses for welding goggles, dials for instrument panels, protection guards for grinders and any other glass accessories.

Corporal Lewis is the husband of Mrs. Alma Lewis and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis, all of Fairfield. A graduate of Engelhard high school, he has been in the Army for two years. Before his induction he was working as an apprentice pattern maker.

## SWINK BUYS LARGE FLOCK OF PUREBRED SHEEP

D. M. Swink, Swan Quarter farmer, recently purchased 85 head of Hampshire sheep from the Sheppernong Farms in Tyrrell County. There are 15 purebred ewes and 5 purebred rams in the flock.

Mr. Swink's flock is the outstanding flock of sheep in Eastern North Carolina, according to County Agent J. P. Woodard.

The Gold Sand Home Demonstration Club of Franklin County has canned 913 quarts of fruits, vegetables, and meats for the school lunch room.

## STORM THAT STRUCK SECTION THIS MORNING DOES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

Hyde County Crop Losses 75 Per Cent Farmers Report; Nebraska Methodist Church Blown Down; Telephone Lines Cut and Electric Power Off; Other Damages

## JAPS ARE POOR SHOOTERS SAYS HYDE VETERAN

Middletown Boy Home After Two and One Half Years in Pacific

"The Japs are poor shooters," said T. Sgt. George Thomas Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gibbs of Middletown, home on leave after two and one half years of service in the Pacific war, when asked what kind of fighters the little men of Nippon were. "Of course," he went on, "they can't help but do a lot of killing, because there is so many of them."

Sgt. Gibbs was in the bloody fighting at Guadalcanal. He has more recently been at a rest camp in the Fiji islands. The Middletown boy said that the Red Cross was right up to the front helping the fighting men. He tells the same story that every veteran of this war tells regarding the good job being done by this great American organization. They are in there doing their best for the soldiers.

"I saw Joe E. Brown's big mouth while on Guadalcanal," said Sgt. Gibbs, speaking of entertainment. He said that there were movies for entertainment even up near the front. There were a number of the big shows that came to the rest camps featuring outstanding players.

Some comment about his travel over the Pacific were that the most beautiful waterfront he had ever seen was in New Zealand; the Australians are very much like us Americans, but a little behind time in fashions, and lots of pretty women.

Sgt. Gibbs says the Jap soldier doesn't compare with the American doughboy. "The Jap is a poor shooter," he said, adding "No soldier can compare with the American."

The Middletown man was a cook with an artillery outfit. He saw and ate a lot of pineapple and coconut. "I don't care to see another pineapple or coconut," he said, explaining that his taste has changed since he went into service almost four years ago. "I am enjoying fish, oysters, shrimp and cabbage while home," he said, explaining that the Army often had cabbage but they didn't taste good cooked in the water they used out there.

Sgt. Gibbs earned his furlough through the new rotation system for servicemen which allows those with a long period of service overseas a opportunity to come to the States and to their homes. He will report back to Miami, Fla., when his leave is up the last of this month.

And when the war is over and the Army gives him his discharge, Sgt. Gibbs will be coming to Hyde to make his home—at least, that is what he said when interviewed this week. And—and if he gets married, and he don't change his mind, he will marry a Hyde County girl.

## FAIRFIELD BOY TRAINING SCOTT FIELD, ILL. SCHOOL

Scott Field, Ill.—Pvt. Crawford L. Cahoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cahoon of Fairfield, Army Air Forces Training Command radio school. At the completion of training here, he will be qualified for further duty as a radio technician and may become one of the many Scott Field graduates serving as members of Army bomber crews, at AAF ground stations or on the world wide battlefronts of the Army Airways Communications System.

Pvt. Cahoon, a graduate of the Engelhard high school, was an aircraft motor mechanic in civil life. He is the husband of Mrs. Alice Cahoon. Pvt. Cahoon is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Price ceilings for turkeys, live weight, will drop 1/2 cent a pound October 1 and a like amount on going to November 1, says WFA.

The storm which struck throughout this section this (Thursday) morning did extensive damage to crops and buildings. Farmers estimate crop losses in Hyde County at 75 per cent.

Winds of gale proportions began blowing in the early hours of the morning and reached a peak about 10 o'clock.

Residents had been warned that the hurricane was coming. D. L. Barty, chairman of the Hyde County Chapter of the American Red Cross, was notified to be on the alert with his organization. Radio stations carried the announcement at in bulletins all day Wednesday.

When the wind stopped blowing and the sun came out this afternoon crops were flat on the ground and farmers were estimating losses at 75 per cent. Fruit orchards were damaged throughout the county and the peach crop was said to be an almost total loss. The grape crop, already short, also suffered damage.

Mr. Barber of Currituck township, was reported missing. He left to go crabbing and at last reports today had not been found. A search was underway this afternoon to locate him.

The county was cut off from the outside world except by private motor transportation. Telephone lines were down and it was impossible to reach points out of the county. Some local calls could be made but some of the circuits were not in working order.

Electric power went off about 6 o'clock this morning and remained off. Linemen of the Pamlico Ice and Light Company were able to get lights operating in the Town of Engelhard this evening. Damage to the power lines was extensive with numerous breaks in the lines of rural lines running to Swan Quarter, Fairfield and Manns Harbor.

The Engelhard Bus Company did not operate either its Columbia or Washington routes today. Trees were blown across the highway on both sides of Swan Quarter hindering motor traffic. Some were able to get through, however, and this afternoon highway crews were clearing the path.

The U. S. Mail truck came in from Washington. Rural mail carriers made their routes at Swan Quarter and Fairfield, but Mr. Fisher at Lake Landing and Mr. Watson at Serranton did not make theirs.

Workstock was reported killed in Lake Landing and Currituck townships when barns and stables blew down. Details were not available.

The Watson's Chapel Methodist church at Nebraska was leveled by the wind. Another building reported blown down was the George L. Cox warehouse at Middletown located in front of his store.

Reports coming in from the Swan Quarter section tell of a great deal of damage. The Methodist church was damaged to the tune of something like \$100 and Soule church was damaged by a falling tree.

Three chimneys were blown off the Fairfield school building. Details of other damage in that community were not available.

At Engelhard, half of the new roof on J. H. Jarvis' store was ripped off and about two thirds of the roof on the Pamlico Ice and Light Company plant was blown off. Numerous small houses were blown down or damaged.

The storm, part of a great Atlantic hurricane that swept up from the South, was said by old timers to be one of the most severe to strike this section in recent years. No official word was available as to the rate of the wind, but some estimated it at 100 miles per hour. The hurricane reported heading in this direction yesterday was reported to be blowing 140 miles per hour.

It is believed to be even more destructive than the one of 1923, which was one of the most damaging to strike in this section in (Please turn to Page 4)