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EFFORTS TO MAKE FORT RALEIGH GREATER SHRINE MAY BE UNDULY DELAYED

W. J. Griffin Pleads His 12 Acres Is Worth \$2,200 an Acre; Hearing October 7th on Validity of State's Effort To Buy 650 Acres, and to Review Claims as to Sudden Rise in Values on Land Valued for Taxes at \$10 an Acre

The efforts of the State of North Carolina and the National Park Service to make of Fort Raleigh a truly great historic shrine may be unduly delayed while attorneys fight the matter through the courts in an effort to satisfy a real estate man leading a group of owners of land in the area, and who ask large sums for their lands.

An answer filed by Attorney Henry LeRoy of Elizabeth City, representing W. J. Griffin, claimant of the largest sum, and others, attacks the legality of, and seeks to stop the whole proceeding. The state had, in order to make satisfactory certain apparent imperfections in titles had brought a condemnation proceeding in order to round out a tract of some 655 acres of land. As matters now stand, the projects may be hung up in the courts a long time before anyone gets a settlement. Meanwhile, the property runs the risk of depreciation by the depredations of fires, winds, and woodchoppers. The beauty that once was Roanoke Island has rapidly disappeared in recent years for lack of adequate protection.

Mr. Griffin, who is a well-known real estate man owns 12 acres of land near Fort Raleigh which he values for taxes at \$180. It was purchased of M. L. Daniels of Manteo about six years ago for \$2,500, and Mr. Daniels still holds a mortgage on the property in the amount of \$2,500. During the first five years of his ownership, Mr. Griffin has sold five lots in the property, as shown by the public records, but he still has visions and dreams of making a nice thing from the tract, dreams that were inspired by the growing success of the Lost Colony pageant, and because he was farsighted in picking out good real estate. Two houses have been built on the property, the homes of Thos. Cowell and Mrs. Irene Smart. Mr. Griffin now says his lots are worth \$400 apiece, and there are 66 remaining unsold.

Mr. Griffin, when approached by the State's representatives who sought to make an agreeable purchase of the property, said he had spent \$5,000 developing the tract, so no bargain could be reached. He has since leased the oil rights to the Standard Oil Company for \$1.20 a year. He contends in his answer to the proceeding that the sale of lots in Fort Raleigh City is his principal business and that the property is worth \$26,400. He contends that the purpose of condemning the property has singled him out arbitrarily, and without due process of law to deprive him of his property and his business, and says other homes within 70 feet of Fort Raleigh are not included in the proceeding. However, no home is that near Fort Raleigh.

But the State could not make any terms with Mr. Griffin, and when it instituted proceedings to purchase he land by condemnation along with other tracts on which it sought to perfect the title, Mr. Griffin got busy, enlisted a number of other land owners, some of whom had already made firm offers to the state that were mutually agreeable, and got them to join him in retaining an attorney to fight the whole proceeding.

Among those who are filing objections are J. B. Griffin of Norfolk, son of Mr. Griffin, who owns some 200 acres on the end of the island, and which he has attempted to value for taxes at \$1,600, but is actually valued at \$3,600. Mr. Griffin refused any offer for this property when last approached, of less than \$20,000. J. D. Hayman of Manteo, who had already contracted to sell his 138 acres to the state for \$3,900 and a life interest in the property and who would have been paid long ago, except he could not give a title that satisfied the state's attorneys, has joined Mr. Griffin and jumped his figure to \$13,380. Ten acres in the woods owned by O. J. Jones, offered for \$300 a

DEER HUNTERS WILL TAKE WOODS MONDAY

Men and Hounds Eagerly Await Opening; Quail Season Opens Nov. 23

Hunters with yelping hounds holding their heads to the ground for the scent of a trail, will go forth Monday morning to gun for deer and squirrel. The hunting season opens on both of these animals on that date.

Prospects for bagging much game the first day of the season are bright. Deer are reported plentiful in Hyde County, and the supply of gun shells in the hands of many hunters is more than it has been since the war began. This is the result of the lifting of restrictions by the Federal government.

Oscar Chadwick, Hyde County game protector, has been advised by the Board of Conservation and Development that the season for quail, wild turkey, rabbit and grouse will open on November 23, the date set by Governor Broughton for observance of Thanksgiving Day, instead of November 30th, the last Thursday of November, which gives the sportsmen a break of seven extra days in which to hunt this game.

The migratory hunting season opens on November 2 and will last through January 20, instead of January 10 as in previous years.

ROTARY SPEAKER PRAISES WAR MOTHER

The young wives of servicemen who are raising children and helping with homfront activities were praised as a courageous lot who deserve the comfort of the older citizens by Tayloe Attmore, Washington businessman and member of the Washington Rotary Club in a speech before the Engelhard Rotary club Thursday evening.

"Have a cheery word for these young women when you meet them," said the Washington man, adding that it was much better than to ask about her husband who you know she has not heard from for sometime.

"Every night thousands of mothers kneel with their babies and pray that God bless and comfort daddy who is on a distant battlefield," said the Beaufort county leader who continued, "These women don't question the acts of their loved ones and they all have faith that God will send their husband back home."

N. W. Shelton, secretary, announced at the close of the business session that there was a 100 per cent attendance.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Herald readers will welcome the announcement of the appointment of a number of new correspondents in communities that have recently been without anyone to report the local happenings. Editor Tom Spencer announces that reporters have been secured at Belhaven and Ponzar after considerable effort, and that Mrs. Edna Cuthrell has agreed to send in the Fairfield news again whenever possible.

Miss Iris Wilkinson, young Belhaven woman who aspires to become a journalist, will next week begin a section of Belhaven news that should prove of great interest not only to Belhaven subscribers, but to those in Hyde as well. Miss Wilkinson will appreciate the help of Belhaven citizens in gathering the news.

Mrs. P. N. Simmons has agreed to write up the Ponzar news and to take subscriptions in that community.

Mrs. Edna Cuthrell will send in the Fairfield news until someone can be obtained. Items of interest should be given Mrs. Cuthrell or mailed to The Herald office.



WASHINGTON'S MONUMENT IN PARIS—When a lone GI stopped before the equestrian statue of George Washington in Paris he was instantly surrounded by French cyclists. The scene symbolized the great day of liberation for France. (U. S. Signal Corps photo.)

FOREST FIRES IN 1943 COST STATE OVER A MILLION

Wartime Forest Fire Prevention Campaign Begins October 1

The third annual Wartime Forest Fire Prevention campaign opened October 1 in the eleven States of the Southern Region under sponsorship of the U. S. Forest Service, in cooperation with State Forest Services, Extension Services, and a number of other public and private agencies.

The campaign will continue throughout the fall, winter and early spring months, which usually are the periods of greatest fire danger in the great wooded areas lying south of the borders of Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

"Fire prevention has always been of prime importance in the forestry program," said Regional Forester Joseph C. Kircher of Atlanta. "But in wartime, prevention assumes an expanded importance because of the scarcity of manpower for detection and suppression of fires, and because of the No. 1 position occupied by lumber and forest products as critical war materials. The campaign was set up at the request of the Armed Forces."

Acting as campaign director in North Carolina is State Forester J. S. Holmes, assisted in the Raleigh office by W. K. Beichler, chief of fire control for the Division of Forestry, and Paul Tillman, also of the division. Also helping the field staff of the division are Extension Forester R. W. Graeber and his staff, and personnel of the U. S. Forest Service.

Government records show that North Carolina had 4,292 official recorded forest and woods fires in 1943, which burned over 457,000 acres at an estimated damage of \$1,007,485. Besides monetary loss, these fires damaged or destroyed seedlings that would have been the forests of tomorrow, damaged or destroyed wildlife habitat, burned up valuable humus and impoverished the soil, and diverted to fire fighting thousands of man-hours of what could have been productive labor in logging camps and saw mills, on the farm, and in war plants.

In commenting on the campaign, Regional Forester Kircher quoted U. S. Department of Agriculture figures which show that of the 210,326 forests and woods fires in the Nation last year, 165,706, or 79 per cent, occurred in eleven Southern States. Out of 32,333,000 acres burned over in the Nation in the year, 29,395,000 acres, or 91 per cent, were in the South.

"The most regrettable fact in (Please turn to Page 4)

THIRD CLASS OFFICE

The Fairfield post office has recently been raised from a Fourth Class office to a Third Class office, announces Postmaster Guy Cuthrell. The rating comes to the Fairfield office because of increased business. Office receipts last year amounted to only little less than \$2,000.

Mr. Cuthrell was informed this week by Senator Bailey of his appointment as postmaster under the new rating. This act was more a form than anything else. The Fairfield man has served as postmaster for 12 years.

SWAN QUARTER BOY WEDS RYE, NEW YORK, GIRL

Miss Audrey Millicent Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving J. Purdy of Rye, N. Y., was married to Gilbert Lawrence Cahoon, USNR, boatswain's mate, son of Mrs. Viola Cahoon of Swan Quarter, on September 10, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Marmaroneck, N. Y. Dr. Frank Dean Gifford officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a light blue suit and a corsage of roses.

Following a wedding trip to Swan Quarter, the bridegroom, who was recently returned from Nova Scotia, will report to Norfolk, Va.

A reception was held at the Purdy home after the wedding. Mrs. Cahoon is a graduate of the Rye high school and is employed by the R. B. and W. Bolt Company.

Mr. Cahoon is a graduate of the Swan Quarter high school.

HEARS MRS. MARK CLARK SPEAK IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of General Clark commanding the American Fifth Army in Italy, was speaker at the luncheon held in Washington Monday, September 18. The luncheon was given by the Business and Professional Woman's club of Washington for the United War Fund Workers in 21 Eastern Counties.

Mrs. S. S. Neal, Mrs. Charlie Flowers, Mrs. Macon Howard and Misses Helen Roper and Iberia Roach attended the luncheon and meeting.

Dr. Yang, Chinese Educator, spoke that afternoon, also Mrs. Clark again addressed the men and women.

HOLD SERVICES AT NEW CHURCH AT ROSE BAY

Primitive Baptist Move Mason's Point Building to Turnpike Road

The Primitive Baptist at Rose Bay held their semi-annual meeting in the new church building located just off Highway 264 on the Turnpike road September 9th and 10th. The building which has not yet been completed is the result of efforts of church members who have received help from many friends.

The building was moved to Rose Bay from Mason's Point, formerly a strong church, but one which seen its congregation grow smaller in recent years. The members agreed to let the building be moved to Rose Bay where it would be better located to serve a large number of members.

The church building is the result of hard work of members, the cooperation of ministers, members of other Primitive Baptist churches, and interested people. W. T. Howard of New Holland is credited as being most instrumental in getting permission to move the Mason's Point building.

The Rose Bay church was organized in May, 1940. It had no church building until now. Meetings were held in temporary quarters through the courtesies of others in the community. W. D. Daniels is prominent among those who contributed to the success of the institution.

Among those attending the meeting on the 9th and 10th of this month were Elder P. E. Getzinger, pastor of Smithwick's Creek church in Martin County, together with a number of members from that church; Elder Robert E. Johnson of Four Oaks; Licentiate A. J. Carter of Caswell County, and also their regular pastor, Elder O. S. Young of Angier.

Regular services are held each month on Saturday before the second Sunday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and on Sunday at 11 a.m., War Saving Time.

Store a few pounds of onions this fall and help correct the storage situation. There's an especially large crop.

HYDE OFTEN KNOCKED DOWN BUT NEVER OUT BY STORMS AND RAIN

When Crops Are Cut Short By Acts of Nature, Citizens Turn to Sound and Creeks for Livelihood; Good Hunting Provides Jobs for Many in Season

LINDSAY WARREN EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO COASTLAND



Lindsay C. Warren, for many years the able Representative of the First District in Congress, extends through the columns of this newspaper his deep sympathy for the people of Currituck, Dare and Hyde Counties who suffered so terribly in the recent storm. "Feeling so close and near to these three coastal counties, and knowing so many of their people, and entertaining for them such high regard and friendship," he says, "I wish them to know that I have been constantly thinking about them during this terrible ordeal, and my heart and sympathy go out to them."

Back in 1932 a terrible storm swept the coast, and found people less prosperous even, than now. Their losses were more keenly felt. It was Lindsay Warren who led a delegation of Dare County people to the office of John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Red Cross in Washington, and as a result, the citizens of the Coast who had suffered greatest losses received aid in the amount of more than \$35,000. Homes were rebuilt and nets furnished, and other relief given through this aid. In the delegation were R. Bruce Etheridge and Victor Meekins of Manteo and Jesse Baum, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners at that time. It was the first time in the history of the county that outside aid had been sought for the people of these storm stricken counties. After 18 years in Congress Mr. Warren was appointed Comptroller General of the United States. But he has never lost his interest and affection for these folks who elected him 18 years without opposition, and he often visits us.

There are always good times to follow the bad ones. Mr. Watson says that while it took the profit of a few good years of farming to overcome the losses, farmers always make a comeback.

When crops are a lean the farmers take to the sound to fish and oyster. This was especially true in years gone by when there were many boats working out of the villages. It is true to some extent today, but on no such scale as in the past.

Tourist Trade Now

Many farmers in this day and time make extra money in season acting as hunting guides. It pays well, and with the prospects bright for a good season, it is likely that many farmers will turn guides. Many served in this capacity before the war, but had stopped because of increased work tending the crops. It offers an opportunity to earn needed cash at a time when farm work is in its slackest season.

Tourists business brings in a large amount of money each year and it is something that should be sought with more vigor. Filling stations, tourist homes, stores and farms all benefit.

Some farmers make extra money trapping. Fur bearing animals are plentiful in Hyde swamps and woods. Many will possibly devote more time to ginned-falserc as more time tending to their traps this year in their search for revenue to make up farm losses.

Poor crop years are always hard, but Hyde can bear them as easy as any. It is indeed a bad time when it must beg its bread—especially if the economic conditions of the country are well-off.

A selective timber cut is like cropping tobacco. You only take the part of the crop that is ripe for picking.

Christmas Mailing Time

PACKAGES FOR OUR ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS
must be mailed between
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15