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BATH CHURCH COMMEMORATES 210TH BIRTHDAY

Drive to Restore State's Oldest Church Begins

By ELIZABETH BARBER NOE

St. Thomas Church at Bath, North Carolina's oldest religious edifice, will commemorate 210 years of active service, on the second Sunday in October, and an offering will be presented to continue work of restoration.

The offering will be a memorial to the faith and courage of our ancestors, who in spite of hardships and privations, erected in this lovely homeland a temple of the Lord. All North Carolinians, in and out of the State, are asked to have a part in this contribution, in order that this State and national shrine of remembrance may be preserved as a beacon of faith for the present and future generations.

This quaint and beautiful old church, built of English bricks in 1734, is our common heritage, regardless of denominational affiliation, and we are justly proud of this visible evidence of the continued faith of a great people. It has been consecrated many times by its service to so many generations. Untold thousands of people from all over the world, have come here for inspiration and will continue to come through the years. It is a glowing symbol of peace and endurance.

Once in Diocese of London

St. Thomas Parish, in the State's oldest town and first colonial capital, was once a part of the Diocese of London, and has a large handwrought silver communion chalice, given by the Bishop of London to the Rev. John Garzia, first rector of the church. It also has three-branched Scheffield silver candlesticks, said to have been given by King George II of England. Its Queen Anne bell was cast in England in 1732 and recast in Troy, New York, in 1872. It is 18 years older than the Liberty Bell, and doubtless is the oldest church bell in the United States. The church also has a large Bible, which was printed in England in 1703, and was donated by the late Captain Samuel Ashe of Raleigh. In presenting this valued gift, Captain Ashe sent a letter, stating that his grandfather, John Baptista Ashe, who was speaker of the Assembly from 1719 to 1729, when he moved to Cape Fear, taking the Bible with him, and that since it was printed about the time the town was incorporated and appointed to be used in churches, he was reasonably certain it was the Bible used in the first service here. He also stated that his grandfather's children were born at Bath, viz: Governor Samuel Ashe, General John Ashe of the Revolution, and Mary Ashe, who was the grandmother of George Davis, attorney general of the Confederacy.

First Public Library

A unique feature of this old Parish and one which makes it of national interest is that it owned and operated the first public library by legislative enactment in the United States, one volume of which it still possesses. It was one of the Dr. Bray Libraries, sent from England in 1699 or 1700, and consisted of more than a thousand volumes. It differed from the other Bray libraries in that it was declared in 1715, by legislative enactment, to be the first public library in North Carolina. It was considered so important that Governor Charles Eden appointed himself and the members of his Council as trustees. It antedates the Benjamin Franklin subscription library in Philadelphia by about 30 years and the Boston subscription library more than half a century. Except for a small library set up in New York in 1700, we find no near rival.

MRS. RUBY JENNETTE OF BUXTON DIES

Mrs. Ruby Jennette, 32, of Buxton, died September 25, and was buried at Buxton. She is survived by her husband, Joe Jennette; one son, Joe Jennette, Jr.; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Jennette; two brothers, Isaac and Clarence Jennette; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Austin and Mrs. Andrew Stirling, all of Buxton.

VISITING PARENTS

Cpl. Royden Neal of Spokane, Washington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Neal at Engelhard.

HOEY, CHERRY, BONNER, PLYMOUTH OCTOBER 16



CLYDE R. HOEY, R. GREGG CHERRY, HERBERT C. BONNER, candidates for Senator, Governor, and Congressman respectively, all will be at Plymouth on October 16, at a Democratic rally to rouse the voters in the coming election. The meeting will take place at three p.m. H. Clay Carter of Washington has been appointed Chairman of the First District Executive Committee. State Chairman William B. Umstead will also be present at the meeting.

HUNTERS FIND DEER SHOOTING GOOD IN HYDE

Some 300 Out - of - County Sportsmen Gun For Game Monday

The deer season got off to a good start in Hyde County Monday. Warden Oscar Chadwick reports that an estimated 300 out-of-county sportsmen were gunning for game in the county Monday and that at least 25 and maybe 50 deer were killed.

Bill Sharpe, head of the State News Bureau was in the county with a party of friends making some pictures and getting information for publicity. Sharpe and his friends caught a two and a half pound bass and some 25 or 30 white perch in Lake Mattamasket and a large number of trout and sea mullets in Swan Quarter Bay.

Some reports reaching this newspaper Wednesday told of several parties killing deer Monday. John Radcliff's party at Leechville is said to have killed three deer; Roy Brickhouse's party at Fairfield got two; Cecil Sadler's party at Swan Quarter got 1; and Delama Topping, colored guide of Swan Quarter, had a party out which killed one. Some individuals killing deer were J. C. Williams of Swan Quarter and Capt. Billy Payne of Lake Landing. Capt. Payne, 80 years old, has been hunting off and on all of his life and his kill Monday was his first deer.

ANOTHER ALLIGATOR CAUGHT IN DARE CO.

An alligator, some seven feet long but weighing only 27 pounds was killed on Milltail Creek, near Buffalo City this week by Jesse Basnight, and James Cooper of Tyrrell County who were hunting in Dare. They gave the Alligator to the Columbia school children for study. Most of the alligators caught in the Alligator River section of Dare County are small ones, altho in years past, much larger ones were found. Almost every year a hunter finds one of them. They stay in the remote fastnesses of the swamp, and usually come out only after heavy rains.

SWAN QUARTER POST OFFICE LOBBY PAINTED

The Swan Quarter post office got a fresh coat of paint on the inside this week. The work improves the appearance of the lobby and office very much.

FULL SCHEDULE

The Hyde County Board of Education, meeting in regular quarterly session, Monday passed a resolution requiring all county schools to return to the full day schedule on or before Monday, October 30th.

Hyde County schools have been teaching short schedules in order that students might help in the harvest. It was stated that while all the cotton crop might not be harvested by the last of the month that authorities would not be justified in continuing the short schedule.

Other business transacted by the board was routine. Dr. J. W. Miller, chairman, presided. George Cuthrell and Forrest Sears were present, making it a one hundred per cent attendance for members.

BELL CONFIDENT

C. L. Bell, chairman of the Hyde County Democratic Executive Committee, just returned from a State meeting of party leaders in Raleigh this week, expresses confidence in a Democratic victory in the November election.

"The job facing us Democrats," said Bell, "is to get out the vote." This is a reiteration of the theme of the State meeting. Precinct chairmen are being urged by Bell to register every voter and see that they get to the polls.

Mr. Bell stated upon his return that those Democrats at the State meeting were confident and that harmony prevailed with McDonald supporters, as well as those of Governor-Elect Cherry, present.

FIRE WARDEN WARNS ABOUT FOREST FIRES

Hunting Season Brings Danger to Forests; Warden Hooper Asks Public Be Careful

The opening of the hunting season on October 1 brought with it the annual danger to forests from fires carelessly started by hunters, and Dare's forest warden, Alph. B. Hooper, of Stumpy Point asks the hunters to be particularly careful about fires in the woods.

Many a forest fire could have been prevented had hunters been careful not to throw cigarettes into the grass or underbrush unless they were positive the sparks were out; or by properly putting out a campfire. Each year, especially in the fall when the trees are dying, thousands of dollars worth of property is destroyed by people who forget to be careful about fires. At this particular time, with the country at war, with every inch of timber needing protection for future use, and with a large majority of men and boys of the various communities away with the armed forces, more care than ever should be taken.

There are few left at home to fight fires in the sections most heavily wooded, and the flame started from one careless match may mean the loss of valuable timber, the destruction of small game, perhaps the loss of a home or two, perhaps even a human life. So hunters, be careful.

Births

Swan Quarter
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith a daughter, Gloria Jean, September 27th at Fowl Memorial Hospital. Mother and baby are getting along fine.

Red Springs
Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Ruark of Red Springs announce the birth of a daughter, Rena Westbrook, Sept. 27. Mrs. Ruark is the niece of the late Mrs. A. G. Harris, Sr., of Fairfield for whom the baby was named.

Greensboro
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilkinson announce the birth of a daughter, Beverly Ann, on Sept. 30, in Greensboro. Mrs. Wilkinson is the former Miss Mary Anna Brown of Swan Quarter.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

HYDE OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED AT DINNER MONDAY

County Home Club Officers Entertain in New Demonstration Laboratory

The County Council officers of the Hyde County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs entertained the county officials at a three course dinner, on Monday noon, October 2, in the new Home demonstration laboratory.

The department was beautifully decorated with fall flowers with yellow and green predominating, which are the club colors. The tables were arranged in "T" shape with the County Commissioners as honored guests.

Those attending were: A. L. Cuthrell, Eddie Berry, Jones Mason, County Commissioners; Bonner Lee, Register of Deeds; Ralph Roper, Clerk of Court; Mrs. Maude Jones, County Accountant; N. W. Shelton, Supt. of Schools; O. L. Williams, County Attorney; J. P. Woodard, Farm Agent; Pratt Williamson, Sheriff; and Miss Iberia Roach, Home Agent.

Those giving the dinner were: Mrs. S. S. Neal, Mrs. W. E. Noble, Mrs. E. E. Hodges, Mrs. John Lee, Mrs. E. A. Williams, Miss Mildred Spencer and Miss Iberia Roach.

VETERANS HAVE FREE CHOICE PICKING JOBS

All manpower controls have been removed insofar as veterans of the present war are concerned of the present war are commission announces. Veterans do not need statements of availability in order to change jobs, they may be hired by any employer without regard to employment ceilings and in seeking employment through the USES they are entitled as a matter of right to a referral to any jobs of their choice, without regard to essentiality or priority status of such jobs.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations
ARMY POSTOFFICE BEHIND THE BATTLE LINE—These members of a mobile APO sort the mail for the day and keep moving forward with the advancing American front. Left to right, Cpl. Henry Ploucher, Staten Island, N. Y., takes time out to read his own letters; T/Sgt. Alan Braun, Biloxi, Miss.; Pfc. Alexander L. Civillo, Chicago, Ill.; and Pfc. Herbert Green, Philadelphia, Pa.

FALL COURT TERM BEGINS OCTOBER 16TH

Five Criminal Cases On Docket and Nine Civil Actions

The fall term of Superior Court will convene in Hyde County Monday, October 16, with Judge Q. N. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville presiding. There are five criminal cases on the docket for trial and nine civil actions, including two divorce cases.

Bennie Young, Jr., colored of Engelhard, is charged with trespassing at night time and assault; Jack Harris, colored of Fairfield, will be tried for reckless driving and damaging Stanley Armstrong's car; Sam Spencer, colored of Engelhard, is charged with being under influence of strong drink on the highway and resisting arrest; Will Basnight colored of Fairfield, is charged with reckless driving and hit and run driving; and Mrs. Lola Armstrong of Fairfield will be tried for trespassing on property and damaging personal property.

The following divorce actions are scheduled to be heard by the court Elijah Gray, colored, vs. Polly Gray, colored, and Richard Gaskill vs. Elizabeth Gaskill. Other civil cases which are on the court calendar are Gary Bragg vs. James Styron, C. P. Williamson vs. Harry McMullen, C. F. Gibbs, Adm. Closs Gibbs Estate vs. Ellen Midgette, S. R. Clayton and wife vs. Cecil Jones, Mattie Jones Boomer vs. Isabel Boomer, D. L. Berry vs. Albert Lewis, Walter L. Young et al vs. Frank M. Young, et al.

HYDE OES MEMBERS ATTEND DIST. MEETING

County Chapter Led Memorial Exercises at Washington Meeting

Fifteen members of the Hyde Chapter of OES represented that chapter at the annual district meeting in Washington last Wednesday. Those from the Hyde chapter led in the Memorial exercises.

Some 200 delegates attended the Washington meeting. Mrs. Maude Baynor Foye, district deputy Grand Matron of Kinston and Jasper Phillips, district deputy Grand Patron, of Kinston, president. Washington was the hostess group.

Those attending from Hyde were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long, Mesdames E. C. Miller, Sr., J. H. Jarvis, J. W. Miller, B. B. Fulford, R. S. Cox, Durwood Gibbs, W. W. Payne, S. M. Gibbs, Mary Jennette, J. D. Silverthorne, and Miss Iberia Roach, Miss Ella Berry and Miss Grace Berry.

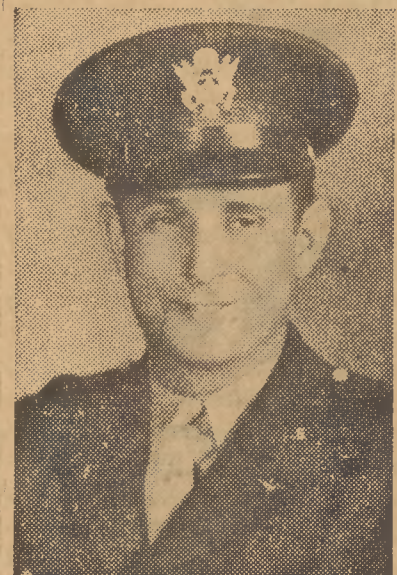
Growers have been warned to pick cotton free of trash and gin only when thoroughly dry. And yet, some farmers lose as much as \$15 a bale by not heeding these warnings.

A new egg candling and grading laboratory will be established at State College. The first egg grading short course begins in mid-November.

DRIVE TO RAISE \$1,250 FOR NATIONAL WAR FUND WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 9TH

Township Chairmen Listed for Big Campaign; Solicitors Named for Swan Quarter and Lake Landing Townships

ROWELL LANE IS PROMOTED TO MAJOR



ROWELL LANE, stationed with the Army Air Forces at Tampa, Fla., has recently been promoted from Captain to Major. Major Lane was a school teacher in Hyde County, serving with the faculty at Swan Quarter and later as principal at the Engelhard school, before he entered the Army. He married a charming Hyde County girl, the former Miss Hazel Asby of Swan Quarter and Engelhard. They recently announced the birth of a little boy, Robert Harold.

DAN BERRY TELLS OF BURYING THE DEAD

Dan Berry, Swan Quarter funeral director, spoke to the Engelhard Rotary Club Thursday evening on operating a funeral home in a rural area in the third of a series of vocational talks by Rotary members.

Mr. Berry, pioneer in funeral directing in Hyde County, told fellow Rotarians that one of the big problems of burying the dead was getting the families to understand that close cooperation between the mand the director is needed.

The Hyde County man explained that the profession of preparing the bodies for burial and putting them away was one of the oldest professions. He explained some of the means of embalming.

One must understand human nature, said Mr. Berry explaining that it is a touching job to work with the bereaved. He went on to say that it took a lot of tenderness and sympathy on the part of the director.

Mr. Berry said the name "undertaker", once applied to his profession and even used by many laymen today, is no longer claimed by those who work at it. He said he was engaged in "funeral directing."

Following Mr. Berry's talk, Dr. J. W. Miller, chairman of the program committee, announced that plans were being mapped for holding a ladies night banquet and having the Engelhard faculty as the guest of the club. It has been a custom of the Rotarians for several years to entertain the Rotary Annals and teachers. No date has been set for the event pending securing a speaker.

OCTOBER 15 IS DEADLINE FOR CANNING SUGAR

The Dare County ration board has announced that October 15 will be the deadline for accepting applications for canning sugar. Those who have not applied for their canning sugar are urged to do so at once, as the board positively will not issue coupons after the date set.

Coupons for a number of applications already on file have not yet been mailed out, but these will be taken care of. The coupons will be good indefinitely.

HOME ON LEAVE

John Willis Spencer, U. S. N., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Spencer at Engelhard.

The United War Fund drive will get under way in Hyde County Monday, October 9th, announces Miss Iberia Roach, county campaign chairman who states that the quota this year is \$1,250. Miss Roach, pointing out that the quota is \$100 more than it was in 1943, says that it is going to take a lot of hard work to raise the money. She urges that everyone make as liberal a contribution as they possibly can.

Miss Roach states that relief money, to aid American boys in service through the USO; to help those in prison camps; and to our Allies in need of help after years of living under the Nazi heel, is badly needed. The United War Fund is for the purpose of helping these people, she says. The county chairman announces that community chairmen have been named for all districts and that a full slate of solicitors have been obtained at Swan Quarter and Engelhard.

The Swan Quarter drive will be headed by F. V. Harris, who is township chairman. His co-workers will be Mesdames Bonner Lee, Reuben Berry, Howard Cahoon, Columbus Carawan, Charlie Cahoon, E. E. Hodges, John B. O'Neal, Joe H. Mason, Violet Harris, Elmo Swindell, Mrs. F. V. Harris and Misses Lola Watson and Lona Bonner.

Heading the drive at Engelhard it Mrs. S. S. Neal, community chairman, with Mrs. Fannie Selby Peebles and Miss Blanche Tuten serving as co-chairmen. Solicitors will be Mesdames W. W. Payne, M. E. Marshall, L. J. Weston, Ella Mae Gibbs, W. B. Neal, T. J. Eheridge, Clyde Berry, J. R. Brittain, and Misses Janie Mann, Helen Lavender, and Ione O'Neal.

Mrs. Charlie Flowers is chairman of the Currituck township drive with Mrs. Bunion Midyette serving as co-chairman. At Ponzer, Mrs. Macon Howard is serving as chairman and Mrs. E. J. Clayton as co-chairman.

The Fairfield drive will be headed by Mrs. R. F. Baynes with Mrs. R. G. Roebuck serving as co-chairman. Solicitors will be Mrs. J. L. Simmons, Jack Banner, Walter Jones and J. L. Blake.

The Negro drive will be under the direction of Prof. O. A. Peay of Scranton.

ENGELHARD BOY TRAINS AT MEMPHIS AIR STATION

Naval Aviation Cadet George E. Midgett, of Engelhard, N. C., has completed the course of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here. He has been selected to continue in the pilot program, and has been ordered to the Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn., to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett, Jr., graduated from Engelhard High School in 1941, and attended The Citadel for two years. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Columbia, S. C., and reported here from the CAA War Training Service School, Macon, Ga.

SELL OIL RJ

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session Monday and Tuesday, sold the oil rights to some 3000 acres of land owned by Hyde County in Lake Landing and Fairfield townships to the Standard Oil Company at the rate of ten cents an acre. D. E. Ford represented the Standard Oil Company.

The bond of Sheriff C. P. Williamson was approved for another year and the 1944 tax books turned over to him after settlement for the 1943 taxes was made. The insolvent list turned in by Sheriff Williamson, amounting to \$777.24, was said to be one of the smallest, if not the smallest, turned in in many years.

Other business transacted by the board was routine, including hearing reports by the officers and approving the bills.