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HOUSING IN HYDE COUNTY INADEQUATE

The housing situation in Hyde County is bad. There are few decent homes for rent to the middle and poor income class of people, and most of those that are for rent are poorly built, inconveniently located, and not worth the money charged for them. The housing is particularly poor in Engelhard.

Engelhard could support families for a number of additional homes. Some 20 or 25 buildings are possibly needed considering the need of replacing those that are not decent in their present condition, but are used because of lack of nothing better.

Then there is the Negro housing situation, which is deplorable in every section of the county. It calls for the rising up of both white and black to see that it is corrected. A country that brags of a high living standard cannot permit such a condition to exist without making some effort to do something about it.

There are houses in Hyde County with only two or three rooms, unpainted, poorly planned for heating, and leaky which rent for more than \$5 a month. They aren't worth it. In the first place they are not decent to live in.

It is doubtful that anything can be done about the situation until the war is over. But now is the time to plan! It is a wonderful opportunity for local capital, if it is not too hoggy for big profits. If the men with the money fail in this situation then the government should be called in to help. The day is gone when those with the money and big real estate can do as it pleases to its own fattening. The working class is finding its rightful place that it should have in a democracy.

WHO'S THE BOSS?

At the time of the settlement of the nationwide strike tie-up of coal production in which the government took over the coal mines and complied with miners' demands under pressure of work stoppages, thoughtful observers looked with foreboding upon the proceedings. The disgraceful spectacle of the United States bowing before the threat of mob force was there for all to see. The country is paying a high price for that exhibition.

The Secretary of the Interior reports that since the United Mine Workers' no-strike pledge of last November, there have been some 1,300 walkouts involving approximately 350,000 men and costing seven million tons of vitally needed fuel. The government has again resorted to seizure of many mine properties. The Secretary's comment on the situation resembles the complaint of a cowed school boy who has just received a beating at the hands of the town bully. He said: "I cannot conceive that the mine workers can turn their backs on their government by continuing to strike at a time when the nation greatly needs every ton of coal that they can produce in order to speed the winning of the war."

This is just so much conversation. The Secretary knows and everyone else knows that the miners have struck against the war effort again and again. As for turning their backs on government, that's a joke. The bitter truth is that they don't have to turn their backs on government—the government takes what they dish out.

How long is the bully going to boss the government?

WHERE THANKS ARE DUE

A country grocer recently said to a somewhat irate customer: "If you had to keep track of all the rules and regulations that I get from those pencil pushers in Washington, you would be more lenient in your attitude toward the merchant. Men who apparently know nothing about meat cutting, tell us how to cut meat, what cuts we can keep in our show case, and how we can prepare it. We are all glad to help ration supplies and control prices but the rationers and price fixers ought to be required to have some practical experience before they are allowed to make their fancy rules and regulations."

We can all allow for many mistakes under the price control act, but we never want to accept the idea that after the war it will be necessary to continue indefinitely the restrictions which the buying public and the producers and merchants have had to endure.

Rationing and price control have been a success because of an efficient retail merchandising system which was able to carry out a rationing and price control program which, without the cooperation of the merchants, would have been impossible of accomplishment. The nation has its merchants to thank for the unprecedented distribution of necessities and luxuries which it has enjoyed during the war emergency.

HYDE SCHOOL TEACHERS ATTEND DIST. MEETING

A number of Hyde County school teachers and Supt. N. W. Shelton attended a district meeting of the N. C. Educational Association in Rocky Mount last Tuesday. Those attending were Miss Lilly Mae Warren of Sladesville, Mrs. W. W. Watson of Fairfield, Mrs. Alice Williamson of Swan Quarter and Miss Blanch Tuten of Engelhard.

Mrs. Watson and Mr. Shelton attended the business session Monday evening. The entire list was present at the meeting Tuesday.

Included on the program were speeches by Dr. Ralph McDonald, Charles Phillips, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, and others outstanding in the field of education. The meeting which covered 22 north-eastern counties was held in the

OUTLOOK FOR LIVESTOCK PRICES IS PROMISING

With fewer hogs to be marketed this fall and winter and with large non-civilian pork purchases, the hog price outlook is more promising than a year ago, the Department of Agriculture says. Total calf slaughter this year will reach an all-time high. The large slaughter has resulted from high butterfat prices in relation to dairy cow prices, a weak demand for calves by cattle feeders, relatively high prices for veal calves for slaughter and record numbers of cows on farms. Prices for lambs are likely to average higher this fall and winter than a year ago, and ewe prices, now lowest since the fall of 1941, are expected to continue lower than a year ago.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

"YAY, TEAM!"

By COLLIER



WAR HOUSING AUTHORITY TO HELP VETERANS

To provide living quarters for war veterans, honorably discharged since December 31, 1940, who are unable to find them, the WPB and the National Housing Agency offer immediate priorities assistance for construction, alteration or betterment of houses. Veterans should apply on Form WPB-2896 at the nearest office of the Federal Housing Agency office. If the veteran does not know where the nearest FHA office is situated, his local banker should be able to tell him.

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More Water for Stock Urged



Adequate water for livestock, on range and pasture, increases effective utilization of grazing areas by better distribution of livestock and aids the production of more and better meat and dairy products for war, according to the War Food Administration. Livestock will not thrive, no matter how palatable and plentiful the forage may be, if they do not have all the water they need at regular intervals.

Under the conservation program administered by the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, farmers in most States may receive assistance in starting, improving, and maintaining various types of water-water developments.

Watering facilities are of two kinds, natural and constructed. Springs, streams, and lakes fall under the first classification. Wells, artificial reservoirs and ponds, ditches, and troughs and storage tanks attached to springs and reservoirs form a part of the second group, requiring drilling, excavation, or other construction work to make water available.

Many old developments can often be repaired or reconstructed to provide a more economical and dependable water supply than a new project with a less suitable location. Improvement of existing natural water supplies from lakes and streams is usually given first consideration, springs coming next, followed in importance by wells and

reservoirs. Experience has shown that where soils, terrain, and drainage are suitable for the construction of a reservoir, it may prove a cheaper means of water than a well. Maintenance costs may be about the same, but most wells require installation and operation of pumping equipment.

Development of springs and wells varies with the type available on the land, and the proposed plan for handling the water. Different types of reservoirs are also required, but it must be kept in mind that the total capacity of a satisfactory stock-watering reservoir should be several times greater than that needed to provide the amount actually used by the livestock. Adequate spillways are a requisite to prevent uncontrolled overflow from the dam, and protect against storm damage.

Inadequate watering facilities are as likely to occur on farm pastures in humid States as on the ranges of arid and semiarid States, says WFA. More is required than development of enough wells and springs and ponds to supply the water needed by livestock. Proper distribution of stock water in relation to the available forage must also be taken into consideration. Full utilization of an abundance of forage in a given area cannot be realized if adequate water is not accessible to livestock grazing any part of the area.

DON'T TAKE THE WHOLE PIE! . . . By COLLIER



CHESTER MORRIS NAMED TO REVIEW LAND CLAIMS

Currituck Attorney Appointed Special Master In Fort Raleigh Dispute

Chester R. Morris, District Solicitor and Currituck attorney, has been named by C. S. Meekins, Clerk of Dare County Court to review the claims of persons not willing to sell their lands near Fort Raleigh and which are under condemnation by the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission.

Several landowners have appealed to the court in an effort to stop the proceeding, and also are asking prices for their land which is considered rather high. For instance, one man, who has been trying to sell lots from a piece of land, and who has just sworn it is worth only \$180 for purposes of taxation, now takes oath that it is worth \$26,400, since the State has manifested an interest in buying it and made the money available.

It will be the duty of the Special Master to try to determine what is the actual value of the property, and to set a figure, somewhere between in the realm of commonsense. If the prices set are not satisfactory, appeals may be made to the higher court.

It will probably be some months before the matter is finally settled.

STUMPY POINT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wise and daughter, Phyllis, of Elizabeth City spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hooper and children, Retta, Gilbert and Archie, spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Payne.

Myrtle Payne, who is attending school in Elizabeth City, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper spent the weekend in Norfolk with relatives. They were accompanied home by their little granddaughter, Bobby Lee.

Mrs. Tracy Hooper and children, Bobby Lee and Tracey Elizabeth, are spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper.

Mrs. Jarvis Midgett of New Smyrna, Fla., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Hooper.

Birthday Party

Ray Midgett was given a sur-

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat



PENN AT 22. BASED ON HIS PORTRAIT IN THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WILLIAM PENN

OCTOBER 24, 1644 — JULY 30, 1718.

FOUNDER OF PENNSYLVANIA, "A CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH DEVOTED TO LIBERTY AND JUSTICE"—AND OF PHILADELPHIA, "CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE." HE MADE PEACE WITH THE INDIANS AND GRANTED THE EARLIEST CHARTER OF LIBERTIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY—GUARANTEEING TO ALL INHABITANTS FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS CONSCIENCE AND "THE RIGHT TO BE GOVERNED BY LAWS OF THEIR OWN MAKING."

BORN 300 YEARS AGO— A FOREFATHER OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

prise party Thursday night by his mother, Mrs. Eadie Midgett, the occasion being his eighteenth birthday. Most all the young people attended the party and Ray received many gifts. Mrs. Midgett served delicious refreshments.

Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. Royce Twiford was given a miscellaneous shower Friday night by her mother, Mrs. Ada Hooper. The honoree received several gifts and refreshments were served by Mrs. Hooper and Helen Hooper.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

FARMERS ADVISED TO ORDER FERTILIZER

D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, has urged farmers to order their fertilizer as soon as possible in order to avoid bottlenecks in manufacture and distribution next spring.

"By ordering now, the farmer may be sure of an adequate supply and he will also render a patriotic service by evening the load, helping to get the most out of experienced labor," said Coltrane.

He predicted there will be more phosphate, more potash, and less nitrogen this year.



COMING FROM HITLER—German prisoners of war come across this beautiful French farmland with their hands in the air to give themselves up to T/Sgt. Olin Dows, Rhinelander, N. Y. His fluent German induced them into surrendering. He was under the impression that he was speaking to a small group, but to his surprise 56 "Jerries" joined the throng.



YANKS WELCOME IN LUXEMBOURG—Citizens of Velfingen, Luxembourg, stood by the roadside to cheer American infantrymen who liberated the town and followed retreating Nazis. A little girl runs out to press a flower into the hand of an American soldier.