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## \$155,000 HIGH BID FOR 167,000 ACRE PROPERTY ON DARE CO. MAINLAND

### Three Distinct Interests Now Contending For Vast Area On Which Mortgage Is Being Foreclosed; Julius Heller's Representative and Martin Kellogg Jr. Outbid Thos. D. Campbell's Offer of \$141,650; Further Bidding Must Start at \$162,750.

For the third time Attorney W. A. Worth of Elizabeth City has read the hour long description of the 167,000 acres of Dare Corporation property at the courthouse door in Dare County during the past 90 days, and asked for bids. The highest bid at Thursday's sale was made by Martin Kellogg Jr., Manteo attorney, who has previously represented W. A. Julian of Washington, D. C., the holder of the mortgage.

The resale was required because Mr. Julian's last bid of \$135,000 was raised some three weeks ago by Col. Thos. D. Campbell of Washington, D. C., who raised the bidding to \$141,650. Mr. Kellogg again placed high bid this week in the amount of \$155,000.

Bidding on the property were Martin Kellogg Jr., and J. C. Meekins, Columbia attorney, the latter who is said to represent Julius Heller, a Hungarian businessman who came to this country at the outbreak of the war, and who has purchased immense holdings of land in Washington County near the Scuppernon re-settlement project, which properties are not far from Dare County.

If no raise of the bid is made, the sale will become final in ten days. During this period anyone may deposit ten per cent of the high bid, or \$7,750 and cause a resale. Bidding would then start at \$162,750.

There is much interest locally as to whether Col. Campbell, who is called the world's largest wheat farmer, will become interested further in the property. Of the many who have looked it over, his record of achievement seems to excite most interest. He was once concerned about the Mattamuskeet Development in Hyde County, but never got around to buying into it, for the owner, August Hecksher, sold it to the Government for a game preserve.

Col. Thos. D. Campbell is listed by Who's Who in America as an agricultural engineer. He was born in Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 19, 1882; son of Thomas and Almira Cathrine (Richards) Campbell. He is an A. B. of the Univ. of N. D., 1903, M. E., 1904, LL. D., 1929; took post-graduate study at Cornell University, 1904-05. He is a Doctor, University of Southern California, 1929. He has engaged in farming since 1898, and is president and chief engineer since 1922 of Campbell Farming Corporation, operated 95,000 acres of land in Montana and raising wheat and flax. He was a special investigator of available farmlands on Indian reservations for U. S. Dept. Interior, World War. Special adviser and consulting engineer for Russian government, 1929, to assist in forming plans covering operation of ten million acres in Russia. He is a member Am. Soc. M. E., Am. Soc. Agr. Engrs., Am. Assn. Engrs., Soc. Am. Mil. Engrs., Am. Inst. of Consulting Engrs., Delta Tau Delta (Shrine). Author of "Russia, Market or Menace," inventor of Campbell Grain Dryer; developer of Campbell windrow method of harvesting and threshing grain and furrow dammers on grain drills for conserving moisture. He lives at Hardin, Mont., and Washington, D. C.

### VISITING IN FRISCO

Capt. Julian H. Austin, well-known lighthouse keeper, passed through Manteo Wednesday en route to his old home at Frisco for a short visit to look after his property which was damaged during the storm on Sept. 14. The Austins now live in Elizabeth City.

## SWAN QUARTER P. T. A. HOLDS FIRST MEETING

### Officers Elected With E. A. Williams, President; Committees Named.

The Swan Quarter Parents and Teachers Association held its first meeting of the year Monday evening, October 16th. Officers were elected for the school term, and a program on "Safety" was given by the program committee.

E. A. Williams, merchant and community leader, was elected president for a second term. Mrs. Madeline Smith was elected vice president; and Mrs. Claud Sawyer, secretary and treasurer.

The association voted at the Monday evening meeting to give a picture to the room best represented at P. T. A. meetings. It was also decided to hold the monthly meeting on the first Monday evening of each month.

The following committees were appointed: Publicity: Miss Lola Watson, chairman, Mrs. Fred Harris and Mrs. Nat Credle. Program: Miss Lona Bonner, chairman, Mrs. Olive Cahoon and Mrs. Ruth Credle. Finance: Mrs. Alice Williamson, chairman, Mrs. Metrah Swindell and Mrs. M. L. Carawan. Budget: Mrs. Carolyn Harris, chairman, Mrs. Robert Glenn Baum, Mrs. Ruth Credle and J. M. Worrell. Refreshments: Mrs. N. W. Shelton, chairman, Mrs. Alice Williamson and Mrs. A. Cahoon. Attendance and membership: Mrs. Pratt Williamson, chairman, Mrs. E. E. Hodges, Mrs. Melvin Swindell, Mrs. R. W. Berry, and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

The following grade mothers were appointed: Mrs. Mackey's room: Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mrs. F. V. Harris and Mrs. John Wildman. Mrs. Lona Bonner's room: Mrs. Mildred Williamson, Mrs. John Berry, and Mrs. Elizabeth Blake. Mrs. McKinnel's room: Mrs. Nat Credle, Jr., Mrs. Elmo Swindell, Mrs. Wm. Cochran. Mrs. Sawyer's room: Mrs. John O'Neal. Mrs. Baum's room: Mrs. Ephron Williams, Mrs. Robert Cowan, Mrs. Henry Boomer and Mrs. Marvin Swindell.

An invitation to all parents to attend the meetings and help make the school year a success was made.

## MIDDLETOWN CHURCH GROUP SENDS GIFTS TO SOLDIERS

Servicemen from the Middletown Christian church serving overseas will get Christmas gifts from the Young People's Class. Six dollars was collected at their semi-monthly meeting Wednesday night, October 12th, to buy the presents.

The group made plans for a Halloween party to be given Wednesday night, October 25th, to which the public is cordially invited.

On the program at the Wednesday evening meeting were Mrs. H. E. Cahoon, Miss Evelyn Spencer and Miss Verna Gibbs. They gave talks on the invention of the radio.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Otis Mason and H. E. Cahoon.

## LAKE LANDING HOME CLUB IN REGULAR MEETING

The Lake Landing Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting at the Civic Center, Friday afternoon, October 13th. The session was opened by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." The devotional was by Mrs. T. J. Mann and Mrs. Lucy Midgette.

## Danes Free Compatriots



CITIZENS OF THE DANISH city of Odense rush to stop a prison van loaded with local compatriots arrested by the Germans. Before German reinforcements could be rushed in, the people were able to overturn the truck and free the patriots for more of the resistance and sabotage which has been steadily plaguing the German invader in Denmark.

## PLENTY OF CROPS; NOT ENOUGH LABOR IN STATE

### Farmers Suffering From High Price of Supplies and Labor; Big Losses Expected.

North Carolina farmers are again in a favored position regarding their 1944 crop year according to Frank Parker, crop reporting service statistician of the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Of course, setbacks, droughts, floods, insect pests, late spring plantings, extreme shortage of labor, wartime prices of things farmers must buy, lack of adequate transportation, and other handicaps have been experienced.

The big thing is that despite all these, by overtime work of "old" men, wives, children, and the rare real farm "young" men, farms have produced almost record crops. Prices have been generally good, but comparable profits with other industries are rare. Tractors have often been operated all night. Livestock was cared for during the dark morning and evening hours. There was no loafing on the farms.

The labor shortage is telling now, declared Parker. The harvest of cotton is far behind, preparation for fall seeding of small grains has been delayed, and hay making extended over a longer period than usual.

The fall season has not been as dry as usual. Thus, fall plowing was permitted when time would allow. Soybean prospects are poor due to insect ravages, late summer pasturage about average for most counties, and farm fruit crops better than usual. Tobacco, cotton, and peanuts as cash crops made extra good yields per acre.

## SLADESVILLE CLUB ADDS NEW MEMBERS

The Sladesville Home Club held its regular meeting in the high school lunch room Tuesday afternoon, October 10th. Two new members were added to the roll. They were Mrs. George Maye, new member of the school faculty, and Mrs. Z. B. Midgette.

Mrs. Linwood Lupton, president, made three interesting book reports. The devotional was by the hostess, Mrs. Edgar O'Neal.

The club reported a large number of activities. Members turned in 32 Red Cross kit bags which they had made since last meeting. Plans were discussed concerning Achievement Day to be held in Swan Quarter November 3rd.

An interesting demonstration on "Saving What We Have" was given by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent. Miss Roach also gave a talk on the State Council meeting which she attended.

The following members were present: Mesdames George Maye, Joel Swindell, Sam Spencer, S. S. Jennette, Linwood Lupton, John Lupton, George Swindell, Carson Midgette, Charlie Flowers, Z. B. Midgette, Kate Richards, and Aubrey Swindell.

The hostesses, Mrs. Edgar O'Neal and Mrs. Jeff Credle served delicious refreshments.

## DEMOCRATS PRAISING PLYMOUTH MEETING

### Dare Delegation Returns With Good Report; Occasion Highly Successful.

The Dare County delegation of the District Democratic rally at Plymouth on Monday returned with glowing reports on the success of the meeting and the hospitality of Plymouth folks. A highlight of the convention was a touching message from former Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, who conveyed this sentiment:

"My heart is always with the First District. Give them my love and best wishes, and tell them I wish I could get away and be with them."

Melvin Daniels, M. K. Fearing and I. P. Davis of Manteo, John A. Meekins of Rodanthe, Newcomb Midgett of Waves, A. B. Hooper, C. E. Payne, E. M. Hooper, L. W. Hooper, and Rev. W. B. Parkin of Stumpy Points, C. B. Midgett, C. L. Midgett, R. E. Burrus and H. R. Craddock of Manns Harbor were visitors from Dare.

Representative Herbert Bonner was described as making the best speech of his career, and in which he predicted the war would last much longer if Roosevelt is not re-elected.

R. Gregg Chery, the State's next Governor drew much applause when he declared a "much better" system of highways was going to be provided for the state after the war.

The Washington County courthouse was packed to capacity.

## SCRANTON NATIVE PASSES AWAY IN WASHINGTON

Capt. William Ed Bell, 68, native of the Scranton section of Hyde County and highly respected citizen of Washington, died early Saturday morning in a Washington hospital. He had been in failing health for several months.

"Capt. Ed" as he was familiarly known, was born February 6, 1876, in the Scranton section of Hyde County, son of the late Frank M. and Lodena Bell. He went to Washington a number of years ago and operated a boat there. He was registrar for the Washington Park precinct for a number of years and was a staunch Democrat. He served for the past several years as an oyster inspector for the State.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Paul Funeral Home with the Rev. G. Curtis Jones, pastor of the First Christian church officiating. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery with the Masons in charge at the graveside.

Surviving are his wife and a host of relatives.

## FAIRFIELD SOLDIER WITH HARD FIGHTING 5th ARMY

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Pvt. Joseph W. Cuthrell, of Fairfield, mortar gunner, is a member of the 350th Infantry regiment, one of the 88th Infantry Division units which paced Lt. General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army smash from the Garigliano to north of the Arno river in Italy.

Men of the 350th, hardened mountain fighters, went into action in early March and during the drive up the peninsula, skipped cities and towns to capture innumerable strategic heights which paved the way for other Fifth Army units.

## FUNERAL HELD FRI. CAPT. TOM CREDE

### Swan Quarter Man Stricken Suddenly Wed.; Hyde Court Crier For Past Ten Years.

Funeral services for Capt. Thomas M. Credle, 75, were held at the home at Swan Quarter Friday afternoon with the Rev. C. W. Guthrie officiating. The Masonic lodge had charge of the services at the graveside in Soule cemetery.

"Capt. Tommie," as he was familiarly known around Hyde's county seat where he was well known and highly regarded, died at his home Thursday morning. He was stricken suddenly Wednesday morning. His health had been failing for sometime.

Capt. Credle had been court crier in Hyde County for ten years or more. Courthouse observers missed him when Superior Court convened Monday and he was not in his usual place.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Jay Britton of Conway and Mrs. S. R. Williams of Swan Quarter; three sons, M. T. Credle of St. Clair, Pa., E. T. Credle of Utica, N. Y., and B. L. Credle of Newport News, Va., and five grandsons.

## HYDE HERALD LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

Not a week goes by that letters do not come into the Herald office from natives and friends of Hyde living elsewhere telling how much they enjoy the paper. Here is an example which just came in:

"Enjoy your paper thoroughly. Read everything in it. A real visit to Hyde each week. Best of luck, Albert Fisher, Columbus, S. C."

Another comes from Mrs. Rowell Lane who lives at Tampa, Fla., where Maj. Lane is stationed. It reads: "We enjoy the Herald very much and look forward to its arrival from week to week."

We suggest that you send your copy to a friend away from home. It might cause them to subscribe to the home paper and help boost it along. Subscriptions can be sent to the Herald office at Swan Quarter or given to agents in any community.

## YOUNG SET ENJOYS PARTY AT THE WILLIAMS HOME

Misses Bertha Winstead and Grace Cahoon entertained a number of friends at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, Jr., in Swan Quarter Tuesday night, October 10th. Games were enjoyed and music was by an electric record player. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Those present included Nat Williams, Maxine Gibbs, Russell Blake, Corinne Harris, Linwood Harris, Sam Guthrie, Maurice Berry, William C. Cahoon, Billie Williams, Carl Cahoon, Burtha Winstead, Grace Cahoon and Edith Faye Harris.

The hostesses served Pepsi-Cola and cake, candy and peanuts.

## FAIRFIELD BOY COMPLETES SPECIAL ARMY TRAINING

Sergeant Elmer C. Spencer, well known in Fairfield and son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis S. Spencer of RFD No. 1, is a recent graduate of a course of specialized training in the Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center at Drew Field, large Army Air Base near Tampa, Fla.

## HYDE SUPERIOR COURT ENDS THREE-DAY TERM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

### Engelhard Negro Convicted As "Peeping Tom" and Sentenced to 30 Days On the Roads; Only Three Other Criminal Cases Were Tried; One Divorce Granted.

## WILDFOWL HUNT SEASON LONGER AND MORE BIRDS

### Scarcity of Labor Will Handicap Guides in Entertaining Sportmen.

Just when prospects are good for hunting, the season has been extended, and the bag limit raised. The hunting horizon is clouded for guides and others who entertain sportsmen. The scarcity of shells is not the only cloud on the horizon. It is a scarcity of labor to help the guides carry on their work, and to help the womenfolk to the cooking. Consequently, it is reported many who formerly entertained duck hunters, may not operate this season.

Already, from Mattamuskeet to Currituck we find an increased growth of wild grasses, and news that the birds are coming down south. We are now hearing their hooting, and the rustling of their wings at night. On November 2, the seasons opens. It will be an 80-day affair, extending to January 20. The Federal game laws also have liberalized the bag limit from 10 to 15.

The bag, however, must not contain more than 10 of the higher class ducks, like canvasbacks, redheads or blackheads. It can contain 10 of any of these and five additional gray mallards, widgeon or pintails.

It is permissible to kill 15 of either or the aggregate of widgeon, pintails or gray mallard. Reports from Currituck Sound to Ocracoke on the principal feeding grounds for wild fowl in the coastal area, indicate a plentiful supply this year. Much damage to grasses was done by recent storms, however.

Already the black duck and widgeon have been seen. They will be followed by the pintail and mallards in the next few weeks, but the canvasback, probably the best of the flock, will not be along until December or January. The redhead usually arrives about the same time and they frequently are seen feeding together.

## MISS MARSHALL BECOMES BRIDE OF CORPORAL NEAL

Miss Charlotte Marshall of Engelhard and Col. Royden Neal of the Army Air Base, Spokane, Wash., were married at the Amity Methodist church at Lake Landing, Tuesday evening, October 17th, at seven o'clock. The Rev. F. D. Davis officiated.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends in the beautiful old church, decorated with autumn flowers and potted plants. Mrs. W. J. Bosman of Fernandina, Fla., an aunt of the groom, was matron of honor and B. J. Midgette was best man.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. David Peebles. The double ring ceremony was used.

Mrs. Neal is the daughter of Mrs. S. S. Marshall and the late Mr. Marshall.

Corporal Neal, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Neal, is serving as crew chief at Geigen Field, Washington, where he has been stationed for the past 18 months.

After a short wedding trip, they will return here to spend the remainder of his furlough and then will leave for Washington where they will reside.

## R. F. BAYNES HOST TO BRIDGE CLUB

R. F. Baynes was host to the members of the Bridge club Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. N. Murray won high score, and Mrs. H. L. Cuthrell, second high.

The Fall term of Hyde County Superior Court adjourned Wednesday afternoon ending a three day session in which four criminal cases and several civic actions were heard. Judge Q. K. Nimmo's of Fayetteville presided.

Bennie Young, Jr., Engelhard Negro, was found guilty of peeping into the home of Mrs. Nancy Berry at Engelhard on the night of June 3rd and sentenced to 30 days on the state roads. Young, who was also charged with attempting to enter the erry home for the purpose of larceny, was found not guilty on this count. It was nol pros by the court.

The case against Lola Armstrong of Fairfield, charged with trespassing and damaging personal property, was nol pros.

Jack Harris, Fairfield Negro, charged with reckless driving and damaging the car of Stanley Armstrong, was found not guilty, and Will Basnight, colored, charged with hit and run driving, was found not guilty on that count, but guilty of reckless driving and was taxed with costs.

Several civil actions were heard during the session. One divorce was granted, that of Richard Clinton Gaskill of Ocracoke from Elizabeth M. Gaskill.

## Grand Jury

The Court opened Monday morning with a charge to the Grand Jury by Judge Nimmo's in which he told them of their responsibilities as members of that body, saying "Let me impress on each and everyone of you that the general reputation of Hyde County rests on your actions."

The Judge charged the jurors to inspect all public property of the county, including the schools and school buses. They were also told to check the county officers and the work of the county holders.

Members of the Grand Jury were L. A. Dudley of Lake Landing, foreman; W. M. Credle, Richard Mann, T. C. Tunnell, C. H. Carawan, Rupert Spencer, Liston Harris, Jr., T. C. Gibbs, James A. Mooney, W. R. Cuthrell, W. A. McKinnel, George Ewals, Fred B. Gibbs, Robbie Gibbs, W. J. Twiford, Leo Flowers, J. L. Swindell and Frank Blake.

## Report Praises Officials

The report made to the Court by the Grand Jury praised the work of county officers. It read in part as follows:

"We have examined the various offices in the county and find them to be in good condition and we commend the various officers of our county for the efficient manner in which they are performing the duties of their offices. We find that the insolvent list returned by the sheriff in his capacity as tax collector has been less than one per cent of the total assessed. We believe this to be an unusually good record and desire to recognize this splendid return in our report."

"We find the county officers are well kept and the records in good condition."

"We have inspected the various schools of the county and in general found them in fair condition under the present circumstances that exist due to the shortages of material and scarcity of labor. We feel that our county superintendent is doing all he can to keep the building in good condition. We have recommended to the superintendent various repairs to be made to the different schools whenever materials and labor are available. We report that all school buses were found in safe condition for transportation of school children and that they are driven by safe and competent drivers who have been certified by the Highway Safety Division."

"We have examined the County Jail and found it in good and sanitary condition."

"We also visited our Agricultural building which houses the office of the County Agent, the Home Demonstration office and the local ration board. We found this building attractively finished and equipped for practical work to be done there. We take note of a comment of Mr. Ferguson, Dis-

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## THE WORLD'S SAFEST INVESTMENT WAR BONDS