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## FARMERS ELECT AAA COMMITTEES IN HYDE COUNTY

### Little Interest Shown In Voting; Many Committeemen Re-Elected

Meeting at various points throughout the county last week, Hyde county farmers elected their Triple-A community committeemen for the coming year and delegates to attend the county-wide meeting in Swan Quarter to elect the county committee.

There was little interest shown in the balloting. Many of the old committeemen were re-elected. Some have served since AAA was begun.

Committeemen elected were as follows:

Engelhard: B. B. Fulford, S. D. Cox and Cecil N. Williams.

Currituck "A": A. L. McKinney, Pud Brinn and D. S. Daniels.

Currituck "B": J. C. Bishop, R. Z. Sawyer and S. R. Clayton.

Lake Landing: W. W. Payne, S. A. Long and J. D. Silverthorne.

Swan Quarter "A": Ernest E. Hodges, Joseph C. Williams, Jr., and Charlie J. Cohoon.

Fairfield: P. E. Swindell, J. L. Blake and Carl Cuthrell.

Swan Quarter "B": D. M. Swink, J. A. Lee and H. G. Credle.

County committeemen elected were T. A. Jennette of Lake Landing, Gratz Credle of Scranton and H. Z. Jones of Fairfield. J. C. Williams was named secretary.

## CONSERVATION DIST. FOR EAST TO BE VOTED ON

### Hyde Will Be In New Area If Landowners Vote Approval

The proposed conservation district of Hyde, Dare, Tyrrell, Beaufort and Washington counties will possibly begin operation early next year if it is given the go-ahead by landowners who will vote on the issue. The county commissioners have voted to hold the referendum in Hyde.

The organization of a conservation district will bring aid in drainage, individual farm management, soil building, and conservation of forest and natural resources. It is stated by proponents of the idea that its biggest help to Hyde will be that with drainage.

There are possibilities of getting equipment that would not otherwise be made available. It is stated that possibly a dragline would be brought in to help. It is not known just when the referendum will be held. Full details will be carried in this newspaper before hand. Only landowners will be permitted to cast their ballots.

## ATTENDS CHURCH MEETING

Mrs. Preston Mooney of Nebraska attended a meeting of Methodist church workers in Hertford last Tuesday. Mrs. Mooney visited Mr. and Mrs. Walton Whitehead in Elizabeth City while on her trip.

Some of the best Irish potatoes for America are apparently some of the best for China, too, say agricultural officials, who have tested 52 American varieties of potatoes in several parts of China.

## To the People of this Community

The best way to observe the defeat of Hitler is to buy an extra War Bond. In thousands upon thousands of American homes today there is pride and sadness. From these homes have come fighting men who died to bring us this far on the road to decisive victory over all our enemies. It will take more sweat, more tears, more toil, more buying before we see Japan in the ruins these barbarians of the Pacific planned for us. How much more blood and tears depends on every individual American war worker and bond buyer.

The Sixth War Loan symbol—a bomb hurtling down on the rising sun—can only come to reality with your individual help. Buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond above your normal payroll savings. That's the least you can do to back up your fighting men.

THE EDITOR.

## BONNER ACTS TO HELP HYDE FARMERS



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT C. BONNER is acting to help Hyde County farmers who claim that their lands are being damaged by the salt water from the inland waterway. He seeks a congressional investigation of the matter.

Already the district army engineer has made an informal study of the situation and has advised Bonner that a thorough study is needed.

The inland waterway cuts across Hyde County between the fresh-water Alligator River and the saltwater Pungo River. Farmers along the banks of the canal claim that the salt water of the Pungo has backed up into the canal and is destroying the fertility of their lands.

Bonner has asked the Senate Commerce committee to include a resolution in the Rivers and Harbors Bill, due to come up soon in the upper chamber, authorizing an investigation.

## PLYMOUTH MEN KILL MUCH GAME IN HYDE

### One Day's Hunt Nets 4 Geese, 6 Squirrels, 12 Quail and Deer for 2 Men

Hyde County is known far and wide for its good hunting and sportsmen come from many states to shoot fowl and game in its borders. But few find shooting better than did two Plymouth men, Henry Hardison and Ben Snell of Plymouth, according to their home town paper, the Roanoke Beacon. Here is the Beacon's story:

One thing about hunting in eastern Carolina, there is variety as well as quantity of game. And two Plymouth men, Henry Hardison and Ben Snell, just about hit the jack-pot down in Hyde County last Saturday.

They went down Friday night to hunt geese the next day. Arising early, they had their limit, two geese each, before 10 o'clock Saturday morning. They had carried their bird dogs along "just in case," so they decided on a quail hunt. On the way, they passed a pecan grove full of squirrel, collecting six without leaving the highway more than a few feet.

Continuing on the bird hunt, they bagged a couple of quail apiece and then a big 8-point buck boiled out of a reed patch almost on top of them. Armed only with No. 8 shot, they banged away at the deer until they finally got him, with the help of the bird dogs. Then they resumed bird hunting and wound up the day with a total of 4 geese, 6 squirrels, 12 quail, and the deer. Not satisfied, they stopped on their way home and bought 9 bushels of oysters. And, incidentally, on the trip they almost managed to kill a couple of quail—but that's another story.

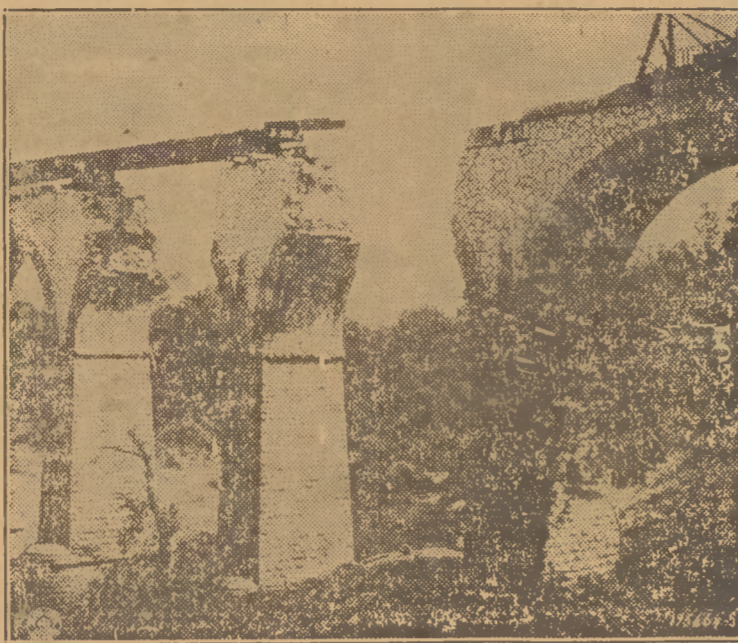
Too bad the boys forgot their fishing poles and didn't run into any rabbit, turkey or bear—about all they missed on which the season is open.

## BED DRAINAGE TRIED ON FRANK FORTESCUE'S FARM

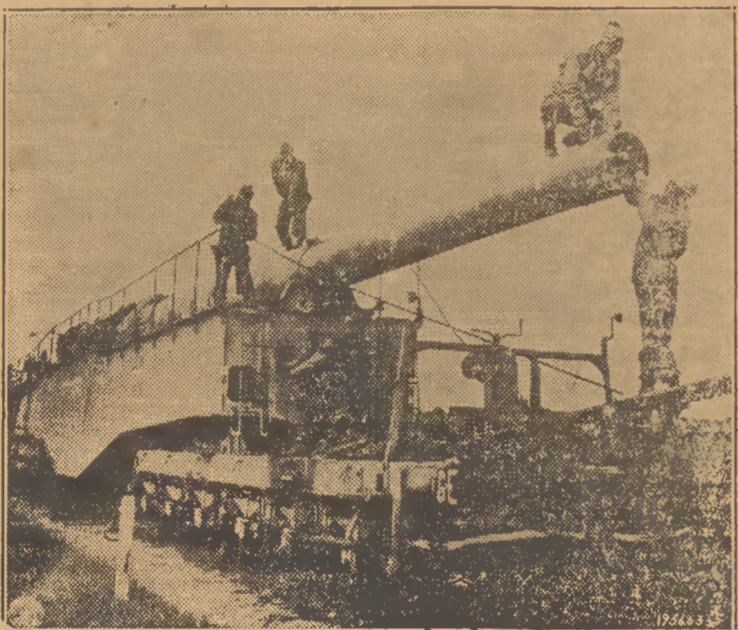
Bed drainage is being experimented by Frank Fortescue of Sladesville on the farm in front of his home on the Sladesville-Scranton road. This system is said to be coming to the front in the East with growing use of machines for farming. It is predicted that the open ditch drainage system will be replaced in the future wherever possible. A demonstration was given by H. M. Ellis, agriculture engineer with State College Extension Service on the Fortescue farm last Friday.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

## Germans Keep U. S. Army Engineers Busy



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. The Pont de l'Arc near Aix, France, as it looked after being wrecked by German demolition squads during the Nazi retreat.



Members of the 343rd U. S. Engineer Regiment found this captured German gun and salvaged the metal in its railroad carriage.



Four days later Pont de l'Arc was repaired and trains were in operation carrying stores and munitions to advancing American troops.

## T. B. GIBBS DOES FAST JOB FATTENING PIGS

You can't keep a man down like T. B. Gibbs of Sladesville—Uncle Thead to a lot of folks younger than his more than three score and ten. Here is a story which shows how by hard work he has a big supply of meat.

Mr. Gibbs neighbor, D. S. Daniels, gave him eight two-day old pigs last April 29th, when the little ones lost their mother. They were brought to Mr. Gibbs' house by his wife and daughter in an apple basket. When Mr. Gibbs butchered the hogs on November 21st they dressed out 1,450 pounds.

It took a great deal of work nursing the pigs, but that was the only way they could be kept alive in their early days. Mr. Gibbs fed them six times a day for the seven months. No sir, you can't knock a man like Uncle Thead down.

## SCRANTON CHURCH WOMEN RAISE MONEY AT PARTY

The women of the Ladies Aid Society of the Scranton Christian Church raised \$72 for the organization. A pretty quilt which was made by the women was sold for \$16.50 to Kenneth Dunbar. Sales from cakes, pies and candy netted \$45.60. Contributions were made totaling \$9.90.

Burning the woods destroys the food of birds and game. For good hunting, help prevent forest fires.

## COUNTY BUILDINGS ARE INSURED FOR \$20,000

If the Hyde County courthouse or agricultural building should be damaged or destroyed by fire or wind, the county wouldn't be hold the bag, so to speak. The County Commissioners for some time now have been carrying insurance on these buildings for slightly more than \$20,000. The cost of this insurance is only \$156 a year or thereabouts. Taxpayers are of the opinion that this is a good investment, and the move to take the insurance a wise one.

## ROTARIANS HEAR COLLEGE ENGINEER THUR. EVENING

H. M. Ellis, agriculture engineer with the Extension Service of State College, was the speaker at the Thursday evening dinner meeting of the Engelhard Rotary club last week. Ellis spoke on drainage in this area. He was introduced by County Agent J. P. Woodard.

## HARRIS, EXTENSION HORTICULTURIST IN HYDE

J. H. Harris, horticulturist with the Extension Service of State College, was in Hyde County this week assisting farmers in home orchard management. Hyde orchards suffered considerable damage in last September and many are puzzled as to how to best to put them back in good shape.

## The Editor's Column

### BERTIE HAS THE RIGHT SPIRIT

I learn through Roy Parker's column in the Hertford County Herald that Bertie County Legionnaires are going to build a home for their ex-servicemen. He reports that \$1,000 was pledged in a few minutes at an American Legion meeting the other day.

Windsor and Bertie surely have the spirit. It would be well if Hyde could do the same thing. There is more need for action.

Here is what Parker had to say in his Roanoke-Chowan column: "My county of Hertford has talked that thing for almost a quarter of a century. It has not constructed it yet, but I will. In each of the counties these undertakings will fit into the era of postwar construction and may well take the form of memorials to the fellows of both wars. They are money-raising jobs that should appeal for support to service men and civilians alike."

With an objective of this kind, the Hyde County American Legion post or some other organization would really have something worthwhile for which to work.

### A GOOD WAY TO TEACH THE YOUNGSTERS

The other afternoon while I was up at the Engelhard school hunting around for some bits of news, Mrs. Brown took me around and showed me some of the work they are doing and some improvements that are being made. The new coat of paint in a number of rooms makes a great improvement and there are a number of worthwhile projects under way.

One of the things that was impressive was a project which one of the elementary teachers, Mrs. Alese Mann, has under way to teach the children geography. By drawings, which were very good, Mrs. Mann is able to demonstrate the terrain and location of the country, something about the people and many other things. No one could fail to take in the lessons demonstrated in this manner.

I learned that Mrs. Mann does this drawing in her spare time. It is a fine piece of work, and must take a good while to do the job. Other teachers may use the same technique, but they have a lot of competition with Mrs. Mann in the field.

This way of teaching by demonstration is good, and it is speedy. One reason for the fast growth and development of our armed forces is the superb way that they are able to teach by demonstration by movies and by trained experts.

### MRS. NEAL'S COLUMN IS DISCONTINUED

Mrs. S. S. Neal's column, "Send Them A Card for Christmas," one of the most popular features ever run in The Herald, has been discontinued because government rules of censorship does not permit the publication of locations of military units. While our first interpretation was that we could run them (and we had seen them in other papers) after carefully looking over the rules again we took the view that APO numbers are not for publication.

Mrs. Neal received a large amount of correspondence from people wishing to have names of friends printed in order that they might get more Christmas mail. She will not be able to answer all of the letters. She and the editor regret that it was necessary to discontinue the feature.

Another difficulty some of our out-of-county readers had week before last was that they received The Dare County Times instead of The Herald. Mechanical difficulty caused a large number of that issue of the Herald to be torn up. The Times published a day later was mailed them in order that they might get advantage of the Hyde County news that appeared in that paper.

Production of meat, poultry, and eggs in North Carolina increased from 419 million pounds in the 1925-29 period to 696 million pounds last year.

Agricultural economists estimate that U. S. farmers will demand about a billion dollars worth of automobiles and motor trucks after the war.

## TO ATTEND MEETING IN CHAPEL HILL



O. L. WILLIAMS, who was re-appointed by the Hyde County Board of County Commissioners Monday to serve another two years as county attorney, will attend a state-wide meeting of county and city attorneys in Chapel Hill Friday and Saturday, December 8th and 9th. The meeting is sponsored by the North Carolina Institute of Government and is designed to inform these public officials in matters pertaining to their respective offices.

## A. Cahoon's Store Entered Sunday

### About \$50 in Cash Taken; County Commissioners May Buy Bloodhound

A. Cahoon's store at Swan Quarter was entered Sunday night and about \$50 in cash was stolen, according to Sheriff Pratt Williamson. No one has been arrested yet in connection with the crime.

Sheriff Williamson was called to the scene of the robbery Monday morning and immediately had bloodhounds from Greenville brought in. A number of people had been around the store and the dog was unable to pick up the trail.

Reporting the incident to the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, Sheriff Williamson suggested that the county might buy a blood hound to help track down crime. He reported that enough money has been spent in the last several months to pay for keeping one.

It was pointed out by Sheriff Williamson that a boy's life was saved at Fairfield and several other robbers had been at least partially solved by the help of one of these trained animals brought in from Pitt County. He stated one would be useful in getting bootleggers.

The board authorized Mr. Williamson to investigate the possibilities of getting a blood hound and the price and report his findings at their next meeting.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PFC. JOHN D. GIBBS of Aberdeen, Md., spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Gibbs at Engelhard.

SGT. LEON BALLANCE, who has served 19 months overseas in the American theatre, as a weather observer for the Army Air Forces is home on 30 days furlough. Ballance was returned to the states through the Army plan of rotation.

CPL. JACK MASON with the Army in Hawaii met up with another Swan Quarter boy on the island the other day. He was Sgt. David McGowan. He also spent a night with his cousin, Alton Gibbs, employed in defense work there. Cpl. Mason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mason.

## 11 MILLIONS INSURANCE PAID TO N. C. FAMILIES

North Carolina families received \$11,721,000 in life insurance death benefits in the first nine months of the year, under 14,251 claims, the Institute of Life Insurance reported today. This compares with \$11,958,000 in the same period of 1943, when 14,429 claims were paid, and \$10,279,000 in the same period of 1942, when 13,771 claims were paid.

Red Cross gave aid to 13,400 victims of the September hurricane.

## NEW TERMS OF OFFICE FINDS ONE CHANGE

### Oaths Taken Monday; Berry Is New Chairman of Commissioners

New terms of office began for a number of Hyde county officers Monday, December 4th. There is only one new name on the list of officials. C. L. Bell is the new representative. He did not take his oath Monday.

Old members of the Board of County Commissioners are: A. L. Cuthrell of Fairfield, J. S. Mason of Swan Quarter and Ed Berry of New Holland, who were sworn in to serve another term. Solicitor O. L. Williams who was re-elected to serve another term was scheduled to take his oath.

Ed Berry was named chairman of the board of commissioners to succeed A. L. Cuthrell. This is Mr. Berry's third term, and his first election to the chair. Both of the other members have served as chairmen.

O. L. Williams was named as county attorney for another two years and Mrs. Maud Jones was re-appointed for another one year term as county accountant. Her bond was approved at the meeting Tuesday.

Commenting on the beginning of a new term, county attorney Williams said, "Let us hope that the next two years will be our best. We must keep the home fires burning until the boys come home. It is up to us to do a good job while they are away."

## ENUMERATORS NEEDED FOR FARM REPORTS

### Great Value in Properly Reporting Farm Figures, Supervisor Lupton Says

Some enumerators are needed to help take the farm census in January, according to D. W. Lupton, well known Beaufort County man who is supervisor of the census for the First Congressional District. Two are needed in Dare County, and the rate of pay is \$3 a day while they are attending the training class in Elizabeth City.

Hyde has many farmers, but Dare has few. However it is considered important to get an accurate report, as complete figures often prove of great benefit. Instances have been noted recently when lack of complete farm figures has discouraged many possible investors. Mr. Lupton, whose office is in Washington, N. C., wants a thorough job of it this time.

The agricultural resources and the production of U. S. farms will be measured by the coming U. S. Census of Agriculture scheduled to begin on January 8. Basic information on agriculture, including statistics on farm acreage, crops, livestock, farm labor, and other items related to farm operations will be obtained.

Information obtained by the census takers will be strictly confidential and the records from individual farms cannot be used for purposes of taxation, regulation, or investigation, according to Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, who heads an advisory board of all agricultural agencies in North Carolina to work with census officials.

Who is a farmer? Under the census rules the grower must farm 3 acres or more or if less than three acres, his agricultural products in 1944, whether sold or used at home, must have amounted to \$250 or more, to be considered as a farmer.

The census schedule lists 184 questions but happily no one farmer must answer this number of questions about his own operations. The census committee working on the schedule began with more than two thousand questions and then boiled them down to one hundred eighty-four.

"The coming census will give the most complete picture of American agriculture that has ever been obtained and it is particularly needed at this time," Dr. Schaub said. "Let me urge every farmer in North Carolina to fully cooperate with the census workers and give the most complete information possible. The facts that are being gathered at this time will not duplicate the information being asked by other agricultural agencies."

The salvaging of household fat is just as necessary today as at any other time during the war, says WFA.