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HOME CLUBS ENTERTAIN AT XMAS PARTIES

Ponzer, Lake Landing and Engelhard Clubs Report Activities

Hyde County Home Demonstration clubs are celebrating the holiday season with Christmas parties. Already Ponzer, Lake Landing and Engelhard have held their festivities, with the Ponzer Club having the Scranton club as their guest.

The Ponzer Home Demonstration Club was hostess to their families and Scranton club and their families at a Christmas party Tuesday night, December 5 at the Ponzer club house.

Red candles burned in each window and when one entered the building an atmosphere of Christmas prevailed.

80 people joined in the singing of Christmas carols and the many contests, stunts and games led by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, and Mrs. Riley Williams were thoroughly enjoyed—judging by the laughter of everyone.

A beautiful table arranged with a tray of apples surrounded by attractive individual home made paper cups filled with hard candies was placed in center of room for all to enjoy the refreshments.

Mrs. E. J. Clayton then presented a lovely gift in behalf of the club to Miss Roach in appreciation of what she had meant to the club and community.

Engelhard Party
23 Engelhard Home Demonstration club members enjoyed a Christmas party at the Community Building Wednesday afternoon, December 6. The building was decorated with ever greens and red and green crepe paper.

Mrs. J. M. Long, president, opened the meeting by the club singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" followed by the club collect in unison.

Mrs. T. J. Etheridge gave a reading, "Giving at Christmas." Several items of business were discussed, then Miss Helen Balance led a very interesting contest, "words pertaining to Christmas."

The exchange of gifts was very enjoyable and the refreshments of fruits, grapes and candy.

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Lake Landing Entertains
The Lake Landing Home Demonstration Club was hostess to their families at a Christmas supper held at the Library Friday night, December 8.

The building was decorated with cedar, youpon, ivy and flickering red candles.

The supper was served buffet style and the table was beautiful. The menu consisted of baked chicken, oyster dressing, gravy, potato salad, deviled eggs, collards, pone bread, celery, cranberry sauce, hot biscuits, coffee and mince-meat pie.

After supper 30 people joined in the singing of many Christmas carols with Alton Baum at the piano. Miss Lucy Sadler gave several readings, then Miss Iberia Roach led two contests and the famous Christmas poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was read and played as a game.

Mrs. J. D. Silverthorne welcomed the group and wished every member of the club and her family could have enjoyed the club's first Christmas supper.

Mrs. Annie Payne presented Miss Iberia Roach with a nice gift from the club.

Rev. F. R. Davis dismissed the gathering with an excellent Christmas prayer.

SLADESVILLE 4-H CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS
The Sladesville 4-H club meeting for the last time this year last Friday afternoon elected new officers. Those elected were Roy W. Garrish, president; Connie Midyette, vice president; Grace Sawyer, secretary and reporter.

The Sladesville club will meet each first and third Friday afternoon.

PONZER SOLDIER WOUNDED IN FRANCE IMPROVING
Pvt. Orman Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sawyer of Ponzer, who was wounded recently in combat in France is improving in a Rome, Ga., Army hospital. His parents recently visited him at the hospital and report that they were pleased at the splendid hospital service given their son.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps

The Editor's Column

HYDE GEESSE WOULD'NT POSE FOR LIFE CAMERAMAN

It had been hoped that among the pictures of North Carolina scenes in a forthcoming issue of Life magazine there would appear pictures of wildlife on Lake Mattamuskeet that would advertise this great hunting paradise. But it won't be that way.

The geese, it seems, wouldn't pose for the Life cameraman that was in Hyde week before last. It seems that no geese came to his blind where he was all equipped with his photographic equipment to get the pictures. But a Life reporter in another blind nearby found the hunting good, and that may save the day. It may be that he'll write about this great wild fowl hunting mecca.

Of course, nothing may be said about Hyde in Life. Editors don't always use what reporters write.

But anyway the cameraman did get some shots here in Hyde, if there were no good ones of wildlife. Shots were taken of the Engelhard waterfront, forest fire warden Archie Berry and his truck, and the Engelhard Bank, that widely publicized institution that didn't close down on the bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt after he entered office for the first term because the message was late in arriving.

Publicity obtained in a national magazine with as large a circulation as Life is worthwhile. Of course, the greatest boost a community gets is through the columns of its own newspaper, no matter how small, for it is the one who pinch hits for it week after week.

Sam Lamb, manager of the Mattamuskeet Refuge, was helpful to the newsmen and was much disappointed that no better shots could be gotten before they had to go on to Manteo and Dare County to get some shots there. Sam, who hasn't been in Hyde very long, takes a great interest in development of the county.

FINDING ENJOYMENT

READING THE ADS

I find myself reading most of the ads in the papers and magazines these days. When I became aware of this, I began to question myself "why?". I think I know now. It is the interesting story that most of them carry, even some of the classifieds.

This does not mean some of the poorly planned sales ads, but rather the institutional ads and those that carry a message. Some of the best human interest stories are found in some of this copy. Look for yourself the next time you are reading your paper or magazine.

Some examples appear in The Herald. There is the Brewing Industry Committee ads, Bill Cochran's Jefferson Standard Life Insurance ads, the American potash ads, among others.

Yes, there is enjoyment reading the ads. And often bargains, too.

GARDEN CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Engelhard Garden Club gave its annual Christmas party last Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. R. Brittain and Mrs. Charles Patrick, hostesses.

The Town Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Christmas music was by Mrs. David Peoples. Games and contests were enjoyed during the evening. Each guest had a string tied to their finger leading them to a present from Santa Claus after opening and displaying the gifts, a delicious salad plate with hot coffee was served.

Plans were given out for the Community Christmas Tree that the club sponsors every year to be held at the Hall on Saturday night before Christmas when Santa Claus will be there to treat all the children. A program will be given. Gifts will be taken to the shut-ins.

The public is invited to come out and see the children made happy by Santa's visit.

Stocks of canned evaporated milk held by wholesale grocers on September 30 showed a moderate decline from stocks held on June 30 and were less than half as large as on September 30, 1943.

HYDE 4-H CLUBS ARE REORGANIZED FOR 1945 WORK

Officers Elected for Engelhard, Fairfield and Sladesville Farm Youth Groups

Hyde County's three 4-H clubs were reorganized at recent meetings, making ready for the 1945 club work. This included the election of new officers in each of the clubs. A report of these meetings is given in the following story, beginning with the one at Engelhard.

The Engelhard 4-H club met Wednesday morning, December 6, in the school auditorium as a joint meeting.

Mrs. T. J. Etheridge, local 4-H club leader, was in charge of the program.

"Jingle Bells" was sung as a group. Seven boys and girls read the Christmas scripture then all bowed their heads and sang softly "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Connie Midyette gave a Christmas reading.

New officers were elected as follows: Allen Hooker, president; Justine Patrick, vice president; Guelda McKinney, secretary; and Mitzi Watson, reporter.

J. P. Woodard, Farm Agent, explained the new enrollment card and urged the club members to fill them out with the assistance of the parents.

Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, made a few remarks in closing this year's work and few plans for 1945.

The meeting adjourned with all giving the 4-H club pledge.

The regular meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:45 a.m. **Fairfield Meeting**

Mrs. Franklin Midyette was in charge of the program for the joint meeting of the Fairfield 4-H Club Thursday morning, December 7.

Miss Alice Reid Berry, retiring president, opened the meeting by the club singing "Joy to the World" followed by seven club members reading the Christmas lesson, then all bowed their heads and sang softly "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Alice Reid Berry gave a reading, "Giving at Christmas," then entire club sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

Election of new officers was then held which are as follows: Tommy Jones, president; Evelyn Clark, vice president; Lydia Midyette, secretary; Alice Reid Berry, reporter.

Mr. Woodard gave out the new enrollment cards and explained them. Miss Roach made a few closing remarks in regard to the close of this year's work and some plans for 1945.

In closing the 4-H pledge was given in unison.

The regular meetings for 1945 will be the first and third Thursday of each month.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR HYDE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Hyde County school children, both white and colored, will have five school days off for Christmas, it is announced by school officials. For the white children of Swan Quarter, Fairfield and Engelhard this means a nine day holiday with schools closing on Friday, December 23rd, and opening again on Monday, January 1st, adding two week ends to the five days. Dates for other school closings were not available at this writing.

NORTH CAROLINA MAY BE THE "FIFTH STATE" IN MANY WAYS

but it's a poor 42nd

in Number of Hospital Beds Per 1,000 People

Why not ask your Legislator to Support the proposed State-Wide plan for MORE DOCTORS-MORE HOSPITALS MORE INSURANCE

North Carolina Youths Win Market-Gardening Awards



Four North Carolina entrants developed a dairy herd which gave him returns of \$1876 in 1944. Elizabeth, daughter of Bennie L. Womble, lives on a 100-acre farm and is a senior in high school. On a half-acre garden she produced 22 kinds of vegetables worth \$452. She was named outstanding camper in the 1944 Nash County 4-H Club camp and won five seconds and seven firsts on vegetables at the county fair.

Marcelene, daughter of John A. Simmons, had a three-acre garden with marketable okra, potatoes and cabbage. She ranked first in her high school class in 1944 and has entered Meredith College at Raleigh after five years in 4-H Club work. She and her sister sold vegetables, as well as some of the fruit from their father's 1,400 peach trees.

Mildred, daughter of J. C. Jester, ranks first in scholarship in her junior class in high school. She had an acre garden with 21 kinds of vegetables which produced crops worth \$211. She has been president of the county 4-H Club Council, active in church, scrap drives and bond sales. In school she won a scholarship medal two years in a row and has been participating in oratory, debating and athletics.

Yours in 44 states competed for sectional and regional awards and for national honors. The national championship award of \$500, Prof. Snyder announced, was won by Donald F. Sullivan, 19, Potsdam, N. Y.

HYDE COUNTY TAX LISTERS NAMED FOR 1945

No Revaluation This Year Because of War-Time Conditions

Mrs. Maude Jones, Hyde County tax supervisor, announced this week that tax listers had been named for the 1945 work which begins January 1st. It was also stated that no revaluation would be held because of war-time conditions.

Tax listers who have been appointed, Swan Quarter: T. E. Sanderson and Miss Maggie Bridgman, Lake Landing; C. E. Baum, Fairfield; Gratz Credle, Currituck; and T. W. Howard, Orange. All of these people served as tax listers last year except Mr. Baum and he has held the job of tax lister in years gone by.

Mrs. Jones stated that the revaluation scheduled for 1945 had been called off because officials deemed it advisable to do so because of war-time inflationary trends. She stated that such a course was advised by state officials and quite a number of counties are following this course.

Hyde County tax payers who have adjustments which they think should be made will be requested to take them before the Board of Equalization and Review which meets in March.

The tax listers will meet with the Board of Commissioners and the Tax Supervisor sometime before they start their work on January 1st. This meeting will likely be held the last week in the year.

O. E. S. MEMBERS IN HYDE AT BELHAVEN INSTALLATION

Fourteen members of the Swan Quarter Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star No. U. D., attended the installation of a Chapter of the Eastern Star in Belhaven Thursday night, December 7.

The Masons of the Belhaven Lodge was hosts to visitors from Eastern Star Chapters from Swan Quarter, Hyde, Plymouth, Kinston, Aurora, Greenville, Washington and prospective members of the Belhaven Chapter at an oyster roast prior to the installation. The Belhaven Chapter was instituted with 51 charter members.

To encourage the harvesting of more seed, a purchase and loan program for winter cover crop seed harvested in 1945 will be undertaken by the Commodity Credit Corporation and operated as in 1944.

FURTHER RELIEF FOR COAST FOLKS IS BEING SOUGHT

Red Cross Workers With Governor's Committee Investigate Situation

An investigation as to the need of further relief for the people who suffered in the storm of September 14, on Hatteras Island, is being made by Red Cross workers, and a committee appointed by Governor Broughton, following a conference in Manteo Friday. The committee delegated John E. Ferebee and John A. Meekins to go to Rodanthe and Avoon with the Red Cross workers, and make a study of the situation to see if help could be given. It is estimated that about \$25,000 will be needed to build chimneys, and make homes habitable for winter use.

Governor Broughton, upon hearing of conditions here after Red Cross Workers had completed their emergency relief task, sent June Rose of Greenville, N. C., to make a report on the situation. Mr. Rose reported that he had found numerous homes without chimneys, and unable to have fires. He found that some homes had not yet been removed to their original locations. The chief trouble he found, was due to a shortage of manpower, and it was impossible to get workers from distant points to go to the coast for prevailing wages. Mr. Rose reached the conclusion that it would be necessary to pay premium wages to attract bricklayers, housemovers and other mechanics to the area.

Governor Broughton this week appointed a committee consisting of Melvin Daniels, John Meekins, D. V. Meekins, I. P. Davis to assist in handling the proposition, providing funds could be found to pay the difference in costs, for such people as are unable to pay the extraordinary costs involved.

HYDE GIRL TYPIST FOR COLLEGE ANNUAL

Miss Gladys Gibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Gibbs of Swan Quarter has been elected typist for The Oak, the Louisville College annual. Miss Gibbs, who is a junior, is taking a commercial course and is very popular with students and faculty.

Pork production at federally inspected plants was 168 million pounds for the first week in November, or 42 million pounds less than a year ago.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

ADD SERVICE MEN
PVT. MACON HOWARD, who has been visiting his wife and family at Ponzer has returned to an Army hospital for further treatment. Pvt. Howard was wounded while with the Army in France.

FLOYD MANNING, U. S. Army Air Corps, is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Manning at Ponzer.

SGT. HILTON DUNBAR, son of Mrs. Lonnie Dunbar of Wenona, home from the Pacific war on a well earned furlough, visited his aunt, Mrs. G. L. Squires and uncle, Cleveland Smithwick at Ponzer.

CPL. FRANK O. HARRIS, son of Mrs. Charlie R. Harris of Swan Quarter is a truck driver in aservec squadron attached to the AAF's oldest fighter group, which has been awarded a Presidential Citation and two War Department Citations, announces the 15th AAF in Italy.

Cpl. Harris' squadron, commanded by Major Robert E. Davidson of Chicago, Ill., has served the veteran fighter group through the campaigns of Sicily, Italy and Southern France.

MAJOR and Mrs. Rowell Lane and son have returned to Tampa, Fla., after spending a week at Swan Quarter with Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Swindell. The Lanes visited friends in other parts of the county while in Hyde.

MAX FLOWERS, U. S. Navy, is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Flowers at Sladesville.

CENSUS INFORMATION TO BE WIDELY USED

The information on crops and livestock to be gathered by the 1945 Agricultural Census in January will be used in many ways by farmers and by varied groups from Federal agencies to manufacturers and advertising organizations.

Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, who heads an advisory council of all agricultural agencies cooperating with the Census Bureau, urges that farmers give just as complete information as possible. He points out that the information collected from growers is strictly confidential and will not be used for taxation or regulation.

When all of the information is classified and published, it will present an invaluable digest of agricultural facts. Cooperative farm associations can use it as a guide to intelligent credit and as a basis for marketing plans. Individual farmers will know better how to make acreage changes in crops and regulate the number of their livestock.

The agricultural census will provide basic information for dealers in agricultural products, railroads, insurance companies, manufacturers, advertising agencies, marketing organizations, experiment station and extension workers, and such agencies as the Farm Credit Administration and Soil Conservation.

In times of disaster, the agricultural census will provide much of the information needed for drought relief, seed loans, and other rural relief agencies.

"Agriculture will be able to make much greater progress in the future, if we have full information at hand on which to make our plans," Dean Schaub said. "We especially need all the facts in the case as we face changing conditions after the war."

LIME RECEIVED IN 1944 SHOULD BE SPREAD NOW

All limestone and phosphate that has been received through the Hyde County AAA office should be spread prior to January 1, 1945, according to T. A. Jennette, chairman of the Hyde County AAA committee.

December 31, 1944, is the end of the 1944 program year and all conservation materials that have been received through this office should be used at once so that credit may be given under the 1944 program, Mr. Jennette pointed out.

Used motor oil and mortar coloring are good for "painting" out buildings on the farm. Several colorings are obtainable.

ENGELHARD IS TO HAVE A COTTON GIN

R. L. Gibbs & Company Plans For Construction Early Next Year

Engelhard is to have another industry added to its slowly growing list of businesses. R. L. Gibbs & Company, wholesale and retail produce and seed and feed dealers, announce plans for the construction of a cotton gin near their warehouse site on the waterfront some time early next year.

The new gin, which will cost something like ten or twelve thousand dollars, will have a capacity of approximately 30 bales a day. Work on construction will begin soon.

R. L. Gibbs & Company has already purchased a lot near their warehouse for building the new industry, although it hopes to swap around and get one nearer their site than the one they have purchased which is just beyond J. M. Long's two story machine shop building.

The only other cotton gin in Hyde County is located at Sladesville and is owned by Jeff Credle, prominent Currituck township businessman and former sheriff.

R. L. Gibbs, head of the produce firm, says that his company will continue to buy cotton in the seed as he has been doing from those farmers who don't want to gin their crop.

Engelhard business people looking around for possibilities of new interest have advocated the location of a gin in their town, saying it was needed by farmers in that section of Hyde County. They look with favor on this new expansion of R. L. Gibbs & Company.

NEWS ABOUT LAW ON FILING INCOME TAX

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, today reminded individual income taxpayers that Congress has changed from December 15, 1944, to January 15, 1945, the final date for filing Declarations of Estimated Income Tax, either original (as in the case of farmers), or amended, and paying of installments of estimated tax for the calendar year 1944.

Among the taxpayers affected by this change in dates are: farmers who exercised their right to defer filing declarations last April 15; others who have already filed 1944 declarations but desire to change their estimates by filing amended declarations; all persons who owe the final installment of 1944 estimated tax.

If a taxpayer who would otherwise be required to file an original or amended Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1945, files his annual income tax return for 1944 (on Form 1040) and pays all tax due by January 15, his return will serve as both a return and declaration and he need not file the 1944 declaration.

Also, if a taxpayer files his final 1944 return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15, he need not pay the final installment which otherwise would be due on his estimated tax.

A bill from the Collector for the final installment of 1944 estimated tax may be ignored by a taxpayer who files his annual return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15. These changes will enable a taxpayer, if he desires to do so, to wind up all of his 1944 income tax obligations by January 15, but it does not affect the filing of his 1945 declaration which will be due March 15. Also, taxpayers who do not file their final 1944 returns by January 15 must do so by March 15.

MISS CREDDLE'S ENGAGEMENT TO MR. GIBBS ANNOUNCED

Miss Carma Blair Credle of Lake Landing, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blair Credle whose engagement to Mr. Horace Gregory Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Gibbs of Engelhard is announced by her sister, Mrs. J. C. Roper. The wedding will be solemnized December 26, 1944, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roper, Newport News, Va.

Supplies of fresh eggs in the United States were heavier during October than a year earlier but still short of needs, says a government report.