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TWO KILLED IN HYDE'S FIRST FATAL ACCIDENT IN MORE THAN A YEAR

Creswell Mother Killed, Daughter Fatally Injured, In Wreck Near Lake Landing Early Monday Morning; Ed Patrick Seriously Hurt

Two women were killed and a man seriously injured when the automobile in which they were traveling wrecked about two miles west of Lake Landing early Monday morning in the first fatal highway accident in Hyde County in more than a year. The dead are Mrs. Marie Lucas and her daughter, Mrs. Lezatta Lucas Spruill, both of Creswell. Edward Patrick, also of Creswell, is in the Columbia hospital as the result of serious injuries. Mrs. Lucas was killed instantly. Mrs. Spruill died en route to the hospital in Columbia shortly after her blood stained body was found amid the wreckage, where the scent of whiskey was strong and pieces of five gallon jugs lay around dangerously in the night hours which were made darker by the rain clouds that hovered overhead. Patrick, who is known in Hyde County, was living Thursday. His injuries are serious and according to reports including a skull fracture and serious internal injuries. The 1941 Mercury in which there were traveling toward Engelhard left the highway on the curve just west of Barber's Shanty and ploughed through a canal before it came to rest on its top in the front yard of Wesley Barber, Negro. It was completely wrecked. Patrolman Carl Whitfield of Swan Quarter, who with Sheriff C. P. Williamson, investigated the accident, said that the car was traveling at a rapid rate of speed. He stated that parts of several jugs lay among the wreckage and that the car was saturated with whiskey. Mrs. Lucas, a native of South Bend, Ind., had lived in Creswell for the past 20 years. She was the widow of Roy Lucas. Surviving are two sons, Everette Lucas of the U. S. Army in the Pacific and Ronnie Lee Lucas of Creswell. Surviving Mrs. Spruill is a daughter, Barbara Gay of Creswell.

COUNTY'S RANK IN AID RENDERED ITS DEPENDENTS

Hyde, Dare, Give More Than State Average to Needy

The counties of Hyde and Dare are giving more than the state average for the purposes of old age assistance, dependent children, and general relief, according to the University News Letter.

Comparison of the standing of the counties based on the figures for August 1944 are shown as follows:

Rank	County	Amount
Old Age Assistance State Average \$11.33		
7	Dare	\$13.69
11	Hyde	\$12.78
Average Per Family Aid to Dependent Children State Average \$21.45		
6	Hyde	\$29.21
25	Dare	\$23.48
Average General Relief Grants State Average \$9.80		
24	Dare	\$10.00
28	Hyde	\$ 9.50

As the accompanying tables indicate, the size of grants for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, and county financed general relief, vary widely from county to county. Since the Federal Government pays half and the State one-fourth of all grants to persons eligible for old age assistance and aid to dependent children, it is to be expected that such grants would be larger than general relief grants which are paid entirely from county funds. In July, 1937, the first month of old age assistance and aid to dependent children in North Carolina, the average general relief grant in the State was \$4.61 while the average old age assistance grant was \$9.39. The average grants for August 1944 show that while the average general relief grant has more than doubled, the average old age assistance grant has increased only a little more than 18 per cent.

The laws relating to the establishment of the old age assistance and aid to dependent children programs in North Carolina provide for State-wide systems to operate uniformly throughout the State and in every county thereof, and with due regard to the varying living conditions and the financial, physical, and other conditions of the recipient. In regard to old age assistance it is provided that the amount of assistance which any person shall receive shall be determined with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the individual and the conditions existing in each case, and shall be sufficient when added to all other income and support of the recipient to provide such person with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but the grant shall not exceed \$30 per month. The maximum amount of which the Federal Government will pay half is \$40 per month.

The provisions of the State law with regard to aid to dependent children are similar except that grants are limited to \$18 per month for one eligible child and \$12 per month for each additional child.

Although it is to be expected that the size of grants would be larger in urban centers than in rural areas, there is not as much difference in the cost of living between urban and rural areas as the difference in grants might seem to indicate. Nor is there any appreciable difference in the cost of living among rural counties although grants vary sharply.

Fifty-three counties participate in the State equalizing fund for old age assistance and aid to dependent children. Participating counties are those in which the tax rate required for old age assistance and aid to dependent children grants, and for the cost of administering the two programs, exceeds 10 cents. This means that these counties pay less than one-fourth of the

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A Crust of Bread



THIS VERY YOUNG GREEK, like many of his elders, is making the best of a difficult situation. His name happens to be Charalambos Makris. But he is only one of thousands who have survived three and one-half years of war and German occupation. Head bandaged, he is seated upon a beam that once formed part of his home, now in rubble. He has a morsel of bread, but his distended stomach indicates malnutrition. He has an expression in his eyes old beyond his years. He has the sunshine, but not much else.

MRS. SMITH GOES TO DUPLIN COUNTY EAST LAKE SOLDIER IN CALIF. HOSPITAL

Came to Hyde in 1935 as FSA Home Supervisor in County Office

Mrs. Madeline Smith, Hyde County FSA home supervisor for seven years and home economics teacher at Swan Quarter two years, left this week for Warsaw to become FSA home supervisor for Duplin County. Her work will be carried on in Hyde by Miss Eva MacMillan of Plymouth, former assistant home supervisor under Mrs. Smith at Swan Quarter, who will devote part of her time to working in the Hyde office.

Mrs. Smith came to Hyde from Sampson County in 1935 to become home supervisor in the Hyde FSA office. She resigned to teach home economics in the Swan Quarter school in 1937-38, and returned to the FSA office after two years to resume her work with FSA.

MRS. DAN MEEKINS INJURED IN FALL WED., IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Dan Meekins is receiving treatment in Lee Memorial Hospital in Norfolk for injuries sustained in a fall at her home Wednesday night. Mrs. Meekins is the mother of Sheriff D. Victor Meekins and Miss Estelle Meekins.

Legion For Country's Welfare Says Vice-President Truman

Senator Harry S. Truman (D-Mo.), new Vice-President, and the second Legionnaire to assume this high office, greets Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of the American Legion. Senator Truman recently said that "The American Legion can make one of the greatest contributions to the welfare of this great country if it assumes that responsibility. . . it has always stood for the welfare of the country first—and I know that will continue to be its policy." The new Vice-President believes that veterans are destined to have an increasingly important role in the affairs of the nation, adding: "I am confident that the things for which this great Republic has stood and stands for will be safe in the hands of the men who were willing to fight."



Be sure and get a uniform application of lime all over the field, say Extension agronomists of State College. One-half ton per acre in one place and five tons in another may cause serious trouble.

FOREST FIRE SEASON HERE; CAUTION URGED

Permits Required for Burning Fields; Fire Wardens Have Them

The forest fire season began February 1st, and permits must be secured now for brush burning. These will be required for the next four months and are obtainable from the fire wardens free of charge.

Forest Fire Wardens A. B. Hooper and A. G. Berry of Hyde County urge landowners in the two counties to use every precaution to prevent the spread of forest fires this year, as all wood products are urgently needed in the war effort.

One of the principal sources of forest fires is letting brush fires get out of hand, which is why a burning permit is required during the dangerous months. Penalties are provided for burning off land without the proper permits, and the law will be strictly enforced, the wardens warn.

Forest fire protection is a relatively new thing in Hyde County where the program was started only last August. While the people there became somewhat accustomed to securing permits for burning land last fall during the fall danger period, it will be the first spring that they have had to follow this procedure.

Hundreds of dollars in damage to timber and woodlands occur every year in Hyde and Dare counties because of carelessness on the part of those who set fires to burn off their farm lands or clean up around the homesteads.

FIVE SALES ABOVE CEILING COST \$125

Charges alleging four sales of rifle cartridges and one sale of shotgun shells above the OPA ceiling price today were settled by Earl Hardison, operator of "The Little Casino," near Belhaven, with the payment of \$125 to the United States Treasury.

Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district OPA director, said that the OPA sought damages as required under the Price Control Act which permitted Hardison to settle with the payment of \$25 for each violation of the ceiling prices.

Hardison made settlement in Raleigh today and his check, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States has been received. OPA charged that Hardison sold a box of shotgun shells for \$5.00 and four boxes of cartridges for \$11.00.

FIVE-ACRE COTTON CONTEST SUGGESTIONS

A number of important points should be taken into consideration by those farmers who enroll in the state five-acre cotton contest and attempt to produce from 12 to 15 bales of cotton non 5 acres, say Extension agronomists at State College.

The very best land should be selected—land that is well drained, has a high moisture holding capacity, and is capable of using a relatively large amount of fertilizer to advantage. The agronomists suggest that the area be carefully examined to see that it has no weak spots in it, as this will pull down the total yields. Land that has had good cover crops turned under is especially suited for the contest.

In addition to the use of good seed, the agronomists emphasize the importance of having a relatively large number of stalks of cotton to the acre. In previous cotton contests some prize winning growers have used three-foot rows with 2 to 4 stalks in the hill and the hills about 8 to 12 inches apart.

Prize winners have also used liberal amounts of fertilizer at planting and relatively large amounts of topdressers at chopping, gauging the amounts in accordance with the ability of the land to utilize the fertilizer.

Where large amounts of fertilizer are used at planting, the agronomists suggest that the fertilizer be applied about 10 days before planting or with a side-placement machine, so that the stand of cotton will not be damaged.

In the contests in the past, most of the prize winning growers have topdressed just after chopping and have made only one application of topdresser.

There should be a soil analysis of land before a relatively large amount of lime is applied.

HYDE SOLDIER AMONG AMERICANS FREED FROM JAP PRISON ON LUZON

Travis Flowers of Near Sladesville Told War Correspondent That Japanese Slapped and Beat the Prisoners

PHILIPS TO SPEAK TO HYDE TEACHERS



CHARLES W. PHILIPS, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers and member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at a county-wide meeting of Hyde County school teachers in the Agriculture Building at Swan Quarter, Friday evening, February 9th, at 8 o'clock.

HYDE FARM TRUCKS TO BE CHECKED

County AAA Chairman Says Some Are Using Gas For Pleasure Driving

Chairman T. A. Jennette of the Hyde County AAA committee said this week that a careful survey made by ODT reveals a critical shortage of trucks and gasoline and that "unless all unnecessary travel by farm trucks is eliminated there will not be sufficient gasoline to take care of the critical needs."

"In many instances gasoline has been issued for farm trucks based on the fact that the applicants received consideration for such allocations of gasoline by indicating that they were taking care of the essential hauling in the community, or of the transportation of certain farmers," said Mr. Jennette, who went on to say that investigations revealed that at least a half dozen truck owners had been issued gasoline for the same purpose and in many instances, farmers were taking care of their own transportation.

The AAA leader cited cases where gasoline has been issued to applicants for pick-up trucks to carry on farming operations and it was later found that the trucks were used, ninety per cent of their operations, for pleasure driving.

In an effort to eliminate such waste and to be assured that our most essential transportation can be carried on, the Hyde County Farm Transportation Committee has been asked to review all Certificates of War Necessity in Hyde County.

SWAN QUARTER CLUB REPORTS SEAL SALES

The Swan Quarter Senior Woman's Club announces that it sold \$91.80 worth of Christmas seals in the recent drive. The money received from these sales goes to stamp out TB. Three-fourths of the money remains in the county.

Births

Engelhard
Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Hodges announce the birth of a son at the Tayloe Hospital, Wednesday, January 31st. Mrs. Hodges was the former Miss Mildred Cahoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Closs Cahoon of Engelhard.

Wanchese
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Gallop a baby Saturday, Jan. 27.

Pvt. Travis Flowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Flowers of near Sladesville, Hyde County, was among the Americans freed from the hell of a Japanese prison on Luzon in the Philippines in a daring raid by American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas Tuesday night, January 30th. He was the only North Carolinian saved according to early reports, and today his parents are among the most happy people in the whole state.

Flowers was captured on Corregidor, and has been held prisoner since its fall three years ago. He is an aviation engineer.

In a statement to Fred Hampton, Associated Press correspondent, here is what the Hyde boy had to say regarding Japanese treatment: "The Japs always liked to slap us and sometimes they'd give us a pretty stiff beating."

The rescue of Flowers and 512 other Allied prisoners by American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas will go down in history as a great feat. The small group of fighters snatched the prisoners from right under the muzzles of Jap guns.

The freed men—soldiers of Bataan and Corregidor—said many of their comrades had been taken to Japan proper. Others have died of disease and malnutrition.

Bryan Berry, son of Mrs. Mat Berry of Engelhard, who was captured on Guam where he served with the Navy, is in a prison in Japan. Relatives recently had cards from him that were written almost a year ago.

SEWING TO BE HOME CLUB TOPIC IN FEB.

Schedule of Meetings Announced By Miss Iberia Roach, Home Agent

Hyde Home Demonstration club members during February will have a lesson on clothing at their regular meetings. Now that so many more women do home sewing the demonstration will be "Tips on Selecting Patterns for Various Figure Types." A good pattern is the home sewer's best aid which should give you style, flatter, save time, save money and put joy in sewing. Another phase of the demonstration will be how to alter a pattern so that it conforms to your measurements. Tips for special figure problems will also be given.

Since the new year has just started all former home demonstration members should resolve to attend the meetings more regularly and take an active part in the various phases of club work. All women in the County are cordially invited to join the club in their vicinity.

The home demonstration club theme for 1945 is "Better Families, Better Home, and Better Living." If you are not a member you will miss many things that should enable you to have a better family, home and learn many of the newest trends that contribute toward better living.

All women are urged to attend the meetings throughout the year and below is the February schedule (all clubs meet at 2:30 except Fairfield which meets at 3 o'clock and Swan Quarter which meets at 8):

- Thursday, Feb. 1, 2:30 p.m., North Lake, Club House; Friday, Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m., Rose Bay, Community Bldg.; Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2:30 p.m., Ponzer, Club House.
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