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BILL BEFORE ASSEMBLY WOULD PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM ON WHISKEY

Vote Would Be Held Six Months After the End of the War, If Bill Passes; Capital Observers Think Rural-Medical-Aid Plan Has Little Chance Other News of Interest from Legislature

North Carolinians will vote on whether or not they want legal whiskey or prohibition in a referendum held six months after the war if the bill introduced in the State Senate Wednesday passes and becomes law.

The bill provides that if the prohibitionist carry the referendum that the sale or manufacture of alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, beer, ale, porter, wine or any other beverage have more than one half of one per cent alcoholic content would be prohibited. Nor could they be advertised.

Arguments for the legislation, which was referred to the Finance committee, were heard Wednesday and opponents were heard Thursday.

The measure bears the endorsement of Governor R. Gregg Cherry and the Allied Church League of North Carolina.

Among other bills of state-wide interest are two which would enlarge the powers of municipalities with respect to the acquisition and maintenance of airports and establish a State Aeronautics Commission with the general duties of promoting cooperation of federal, state and local authorities in matters concerning aviation and of encouraging the development of aviation in the state.

Care of Unfortunates

The problem of caring for the State's unfortunates came in for sharp focus in the legislature last week with bills being introduced to provide for a hospital for spastic paralytic children, better administrative systems at the four State hospitals, revision of existing mental hygiene laws and general improvement of the care of the mentally ill.

But while there was a flurry of activity to help the mentally ill, predictions came from the State capital that the proposed all-out rural health program, which would provide for a big hospital at Chapel Hill, broadened health services in the counties, State physicians, and so on, will not become a reality by the action of this legislature.

The far-reaching program as proposed by a committee appointed by former Governor Broughton, won't come about now, because it is felt it is too big a thing for the State to tackle and no funds are available to carry on. Some think the Federal government will soon offer a similar program, and because of this view they don't propose to spend State money on it.

Supported by many rural leaders as necessary to the State's best welfare, news comes from Raleigh that Governor Cherry is not keen on its passage.

PONZER SERVICE MEN COME HOME TO VISIT

Several servicemen from the Ponzer community arrived last week to visit with friends and relatives. Among them were Cpl. James C. Waters, Pvt. Earl G. Carawan and Pvt. Macon Howard. Cpl. Waters has just returned from overseas after 29 months of service with an aircraft unit in Iceland. He is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Waters. He will report back to Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment.

Before coming home, Cpl. Waters visited his sister, Mrs. Dewey M. Clayton and friends in Newport News, Va. Pvt. Earl G. Carawan is visiting his mother, Mrs. Minnie Carawan. He has just recently completed 15 weeks of basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and his home for this first 10-day leave. He will report to Fort Meade, Md., for new assignment. Visiting his wife and little daughter over the past weekend was Pvt. Macon Howard. He has just returned from overseas duty in France. After a short stay at Camp Butler, he was transferred to Sheppard Field, Texas. A party was given at the home of Derry Manning, Friday night, Feb. 9th, 1945, in honor of Cpl. Waters and Pvt. Carawan.

JUDGE MEEKINS, NOW 70, PLANS TO RETIRE



JUDGE I. M. MEEKINS, United States district judge in Eastern North Carolina, who became 70 years old Tuesday and eligible to retire that he had definitely made up his mind to step out of his job, and notified President Roosevelt to that effect. Speculation is rife as to who will fill the vacancy.

Judge Meekins, a native of Gum Neck in Tyrrell County, was appointed to the judgeship in 1925 by President Coolidge. Previously he had represented Tyrrell County in the Legislature for two terms and had made an unsuccessful race for governor as the Republican candidate.

His health not the best recently, Judge Meekins has been confined to his home in Elizabeth City for about two weeks. Among the names mentioned in political circles as the possible successor to the Tyrrell native is Comptroller General Lindsay Warren, and former Governors J. M. Broughton and J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

RESPASS ASKS FOR JURY TRIAL IN CASE

John C. Respass, Engelhard Justice of the Peace, charged by S. Shear, Jewish merchant at Engelhard with peeping in his home at his wife, asked for a jury trial when the case was called in Hyde Recorder's Court Monday morning. The case is scheduled to be tried at the next term of Superior Court.

Grady Lupton of Sladesville was found not guilty of a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. H. G. Credle of New Holland, charged with cattle trespassing and damage to personal property, took an appeal to Superior Court.

Cleo Hardy, Swan Quarter Negro who is no stranger in Recorder's Court, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of public drunkenness. Other cases tried included several oystermen charged with dredging with a power boat over 32 feet long. In each of these the defendants were fined \$5 and costs.

HYDE 4-H GIRLS WERE 100 PERCENT IN GIVING

The 4-H club girls of Hyde County were 100 per cent in contributing a dime, above what they had given through the school, to the "March of Dimes." All 4-H club members in North Carolina were asked to give a dime and after the money has been turned in to L. R. Harrell, State 4-H club leader one check will be made to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis from 4-H club members of North Carolina.

VISITING HIS PARENTS

Mendall H. Long, first assistant engineer on a Standard Oil Company ocean-going tanker, is visiting his parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. M. Long at Engelhard. Mr. Long has just returned after several months voyaging between the West coast and Hawaii.

COMMISSIONERS HEAR POST-WAR ROAD PLANS

Board Met With Highway Officials In Swan Quarter Monday

Members of the Hyde County Board of County Commissioners were told post-war plans for putting an all-weather surface on 10 per cent of Hyde's secondary roads at a meeting with highway officials Monday afternoon.

The road construction bill will be paid by the Federal and State governments. Each one will pay 50 per cent of the cost.

No specific roads were approved by the board who left that decision with highway officials. There will be about 22 miles surfaced under the program.

Highway officials meeting with the county board were J. B. Clark, member of the SHPWC; W. N. Spruill, division engineer; and J. J. Gilbert, district engineer.

Citizens present at the meeting were J. L. Simmons, P. C. Simmons, R. L. Jones, R. F. Baynes and A. G. Berry of Fairfield and Guy Bishop, O. L. Williams and D. L. Berry of Swan Quarter.

AIRPORT TO BE TOPIC OF WED. P. M. MEETING

Hyde County citizens are urged to attend a county-wide meeting in the Agriculture Building in Swan Quarter Wednesday evening, February 21, to organize an airport association for raising funds and planning for the proposed county airport at Swan Quarter. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

The county government has been given a five year lease on a site in the Oyster Creek section and they have agreed to sponsor the project providing that it doesn't cost the county any money. It is understood that the effort must come from the people.

It is for that reason that a meeting has been called for Wednesday evening. An organization must be set up to raise funds for the project and plan for laying the runways.

The interest shown in this meeting will possibly determine whether or not the county will have an airport at this time. It is urgent that every interested citizen be present and give it his support.

The government will not lend aid unless initiative is shown on the part of local people. The hopes are that some \$800 can be raised and enough machines and labor donated to make a landing field which the CAA might come in and further develop and maintain.

Those who are pushing for an airport to be located at the county seat at this time urge everyone interested to attend the meeting.

ENGELHARD SPAR GETS FLORIDA ASSIGNMENT

Miami, Fla.—SPAR Mary Robena Gibbs, Sic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Gibbs, Engelhard, N. C., has been assigned to active duty at the Coast Guard Air Station, Coconut Grove, Miami, Fla.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard women's reserve in September, 1944, Spar Gibbs was sent to Coast Guard training station, Palm Beach, Fla., for preliminary training and cooks and bakers school. Upon completion of her training, she was advanced to her present rating.

Prior to her enlistment, Spar Gibbs was employed by Engelhard Banking & Trust Company. She is a graduate of Engelhard high school. Her sister, Sally E. Gibbs, is also a seaman first class in the Spars, stationed at Palm Beach, Fla.

IN PACIFIC THEATRE

Maxwell Cox, Sic, U. S. Navy, is stationed in the Pacific theatre. His wife and sons reside at Middletown. Seaman 1c Cox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Osnun Cox of Middletown. Before entering service he was employed as manager of Roger's Paint Store in High Point.

WFA announces set-asides that indicate the war requirements for canned vegetables will be somewhat greater in 1945 than in 1944, while those for canned fruit will be slightly less.

Sharing Polish Rations



THIS POLISH SOLDIER, after heavy fighting on the Tilburg front in Holland, is happy to share his rations with a little Dutch girl. Polish troops helped to bring liberation to parts of the country held by the Germans since May, 1940.

SWAN QUARTER OES CHAPTER GROWING

Lodge Hall Given New Coat of Paint; Officials Coming For Visit

Mrs. Maysel Sawyer and Robert Glenn Baum of Swan Quarter have been accepted into the membership of the Swan Quarter Chapter, O. E. S. No. U. D. The degrees were conferred upon them in an impressive ceremony at the regular meeting at the Lodge Hall Thursday evening, February 8.

The lodge hall has been recently painted and with the many potted plants used in decorating made a lovely setting for this occasion, which were the first two candidates to be received since institution.

Visitors were welcomed from Hyde Chapter No. 213, Washington Chapter No. 7, and Maryland Chapter.

Cherry gelatin with whipped cream topped with a cherry and pound cake were served as refreshments at the close of the meeting by the hostesses: Mrs. Bertie Lee, Mrs. Janie Swindell, Mrs. Ollie Lee and Mrs. Gladys Cohoon.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20, when Mrs. Blanche Twiford, Worthy Grand Matron of North Carolina, and Mrs. Maude Baynor Foy, District Deputy Grand Matron will make their official visits.

BELL INTRODUCES BILL REGARDING INDEXING

Representative C. L. Bell of Hyde County Tuesday sent to the house a bill which would require the Hyde County Register of Deeds to index and cross-index the list of immediate prior owners of property before it was sold for unpaid taxes. The Register of Deeds would not receive additional pay under the legislation for this work, although the County Commissioners could raise his pay for that reason.

This legislation was recommended to the Representative by the Board of Commissioners.

ENGELHARD BOY GETS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Pfc. P. D. Midgett, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Engelhard, has recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pfc. Midgett was among the 64 cadre members of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Camp Butler, N. C., to receive the award.

MOVES TO MANTEO

Mr. and Mrs. Beamon Berry of Engelhard moved to Manteo Wednesday where they will make their home. Mr. Berry is employed at the Manteo Naval Air Station.

GROWING FRUIT TOPIC OF FAIRFIELD MEET

Extension Horticulturist Speaks At Meeting Friday Afternoon

A special meeting for the farm men and women interested in growing more fruits was held in the Fairfield community Friday afternoon, February 9.

J. H. Harris, Extension Horticulturist from State College, spoke on "Fruits for Home Use." "Unless we grow fruits we will not eat some every day," he said. "Fruit in the diet is necessary for strong, healthy bodies. Fruit trees should be used to beautify the home grounds, instead of so many shrubs. Pecan trees are one of the best shade trees. The fruits that can be grown in Hyde County with little attention are peacans, figs, strawberries, grapes and dewberries. Those that can be successfully grown that require a little more attention are apples, peaches and pears. He showed many interesting slides in color that illustrated many points in his talk.

The meeting was arranged by Miss Iberia Roach and J. P. Woodard, Hyde County Extension Agents.

SWAN QUARTER BOY'S SQDN. RECEIVES COMMENDATION

Cpl. Frank O. Harris, son of Mrs. Charlie R. Harris of Swan Quarter is a truck driver with a Fifteenth Air Force Service Command air service squadron that recently received a commendation from Col. Arthur C. Agan which said:

"The excellent maintenance record of the group has been made possible by the exceptional high standard of work done by its service squadron. The vigorous efforts of the service squadron to secure replacement parts necessary to keep aircraft in commission has kept a maximum number of planes in operation.

Cpl. Harris has been a member of the U. S. Army since August 1, 1942, and has been overseas since August 21, 1943.

ENGELHARD 4-H GIRLS GIVEN CERTIFICATES

The following 4-H club girls of the Engelhard club were awarded a certificate Wednesday morning for completing their project last year. The certificates were signed by Miss Iberia Roach, Home Agent, and Mrs. T. J. Etheridge, local 4-H leader.

Edith C. Payne, Celia Gibbs, Miltz Watson, Priscilla Armstrong, Susie Marshall, Emma Satterthwaite, Estelle Christine Williams, Shelia B. Midyette, Justine Patrick, Jay Spencer, Elizabeth Long, June Long, Olive Elizabeth Gibbs, Millie Spencer, Jane Creadie, Ethel Lou Cutrell, Connie Berry and Glida Gay Gibbs.

STATE PAYS OFF IT'S DEBTS WITH SURPLUS IN THE GENERAL FUND

Legislative Follows Recommendations of Governor Cherry and Gets Finances of State on Stronger Footing; No Funds Available for "Melon-Cutting" Activities

FAIRFIELD 4-H BOY WINS \$25 WAR BOND PRIZE

Girl From Same Club Wins Medal For Having Best Clothing Record

Milburn Nixon, Fairfield 4-H club boy, has been awarded the \$25 War Bond prize offered by the Engelhard Banking & Trust Company through the N. C. Bankers Association for winning the "Feed a Fighter" contest, it was announced at the February 1st meeting of the Fairfield 4-H Club by J. P. Woodard, county agent.

Young Nixon produced more food in his 4-H project than any other Hyde County 4-Her. It was for this that he was given the prize, which was donated by the home bank.

Lyda Midyette, another Fairfield 4-H club member, won a contest too. Miss Midyette was awarded a medal by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, for having the best clothing record in Hyde County.

Several club members gave talks on raising fruits. Mr. Woodard gave a talk urging the club members to plant more fruits and give proper care to their trees and vines.

Tommy Jones, president, presided at the meeting.

TELLS STORY OF HOME DEMONSTRATION

A human interest story of how home demonstration work overcame all early obstacles, and grew to be one of the great educational movements of the past quarter century is dramatically told in a new book written by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon and just released by the University of North Carolina.

The book bears the unassuming title of "When We're Green, We Grow" and in its 353 pages will be found incidents, hitherto unrevealed history, and much remarkable human insight which tell better than statistics how the farm women of this State worked to form the present successful home demonstration program.

Mrs. McKimmon was one of the five pioneer state home agents, beginning her work in 1911, to promote girls tomato clubs. The idea was based on the successful boys' corn clubs which had been organized by the Farmers Cooperative Demonstration Work.

Mrs. McKimmon was able to get 14 counties organized in that first year and 230 farm girls planted one-tenth acre of tomatoes each and filled 35,000 cans.

These pioneer counties were Alamance, Catawba, Edgecombe, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Hertford, Madison, Mecklenburg, Moore, Pitt, Wake, Wayne, and Wilkes. Each of these counties put up \$75 for a year's work, with the exception of Wayne which was willing to risk only \$50. The first agents were supposed to work only during the canning season but, as Mrs. McKimmon tells, they worked the whole summer, and have continued to work in that manner since that time.

The book should be in the library of every farm home in North Carolina.

ENGELHARD CHRISTIAN WOMEN TO SELL MEALS

The Ladies Aid Society of the Engelhard Christian Church will serve a chicken and oyster dinner and supper at the Community Building Saturday, February 24th. The public is invited to come out and buy their meals that day.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Barnes of Creswell announce the birth of a son on January 22.

In the exact reverse of the Horatio Alger formula, the State of North Carolina has gone from a state of riches to one of poverty in 30 days—in so far as a financial surplus is concerned. That's the situation the General Assembly now faces.

The composite picture as painted by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, State Treasurer Charles Johnson, Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill, and Brandon P. Hodges and Thomas J. Pearsall, Co-chairmen of the Appropriations Committee reveals that the 30-day riches to poverty turn of events has come about in this way:

When the Legislature met early in January the State's general fund had an estimated cash surplus of \$68,500,000 as of June 30, 1944, including a \$20,000,000 post-war fund established in 1943. During the first few days of the session—on Governor Cherry's recommendation—both the Senate and the House of Representatives unanimously adopted a measure transferring \$51,500,000 from the surplus and post-war fund to provide for payment of all the state's debts, exclusive of highway debt.

This action consumed all of the surplus and left approximately \$16,800,000 in the post-war fund.

Revenue estimates released by the Revenue Department indicate that tax receipts for the current year will exceed original estimates and it is now probable that collections will be sufficient to replenish the post-war fund so that it will have a balance of \$20,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1945.

The joint appropriations committee is now considering the appropriations bill which provides funds to pay the expenses of the various functions of government for the two year period, July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1947.

Revised revenue estimates predict that tax receipts for the next fiscal year, July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946, will yield \$66,640,014, and the following fiscal year of the biennium, July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, will be \$63,635,014, a total for the two year period of \$130,275,028. This sum represents the funds available to pay state government expenses for this period.

On the other hand the joint appropriations committee has heard pleas for allotments of \$146,129,406 which figure does not take into consideration the proposed medical school and hospitalization plan, a program of aid and rehabilitation for war veterans, a child health program, and other similar proposals and recommendations. Nor does this consider the planned \$55,000,000 permanent improvement program.

In connection with this simple accounting to the citizens of North Carolina—"to all of the people of North Carolina and their representatives at Raleigh"—Governor Cherry added an appeal that was dramatic in its sheer simplicity. Making it plain that there is now no financial surplus for meloncutting activity, the Governor reiterated his stand that we should fill in the money valleys with the money peaks and not meantime dissipate the peaks, and asked his state to live within the tax income of the state and not plunge into a situation that may mean future debts and the hardships that debt brings.

"It has been and is the policy of this administration that all appropriations made for current services be provided out of the current revenue of the biennium," Governor Cherry said at a press conference. "It is not sound business to pay current appropriations out of an accumulated surplus of former years. When we keep appropriations within current revenue then we are on solid ground."

State Treasurer Johnson contributed some detail in drawing up the State's financial picture—today and in the months ahead. "It seems to me that it would be a mighty wise course to conserve (Please turn to page four)