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## STATE LEGISLATURE MAKES MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FIRST EIGHT WEEKS

### Provisions Made To Pay State's Debts. Budget Approximately Balanced; Increase in Salaries For State Employees \$20,000,000 Post-War Nest Egg Set Aside

As the North Carolina Legislature wades through its eighth week, members of the Tar Heel lawmaking body can look back at four major accomplishments.

Already provision has been made to pay the state's debts; the budget has been approximately balanced, with increases provided in the salaries of all state employees; a contingent bonus has been set up so that state workers will get additional pay as the revenue provides it; and a \$20,000,000 nest egg has been set aside to cushion that post-war period that promises some economic headaches.

Members of the legislature, state officials, and veteran observers are pleased with the progress that has been made in the current legislative session. Action has followed the outline as laid down by Governor R. Gregg Cherry in his inaugural address.

The Governor has insisted that the spending pattern remain within the revenue income of the state and not contemplate future indebtedness. A major portion of attention has been given to the schools of the state and the teachers that staff these schools. The school system, traditionally getting more money than any other of the state's agencies or operations, will get \$10,000,000 more next year than the system had last year.

In this connection the teachers of the state have been given what amounts to three pay raises by the current legislature. The bonus of last year was incorporated into and made a part of the base pay to give the teaching force its first raise. Then the base pay for teachers was increased to a point above the old pay schedule plus the bonus, with a starting base pay of \$125.00 per month giving first year teachers approximately an eleven per cent raise and graduating up to an approximate four and a half per cent increase for other teachers. And finally a \$10 per month contingency bonus will apply in keeping with the revenue collected and will be paid at the end of the fiscal year—in full or in the proportion that tax collections will permit.

The legislature has been in Raleigh less than a week when it put Governor Cherry's recommendation to pay the state's debts into law. Both houses unanimously adopted a bill which appropriated \$51,585,000 to the sinking fund to provide for payment of all the state's general fund indebtedness.

The Joint Appropriations Committee has reported favorably a general Appropriations Bill, which provides general fund expenditures for the two year period from July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1947, amounting to \$131,086,261. This is by far the largest appropriations bill which has been reported to the General Assembly but it adheres to the Governor's policy of keeping current appropriations within current revenue. Since the Finance Committee has not concluded its deliberations, it cannot yet be determined whether or not the budget is entirely in balance but from present calculations there would seem to be less than one-half of one per cent difference in the amount of appropriations and estimated revenue.

The Appropriations Bill has made provisions for correcting in a large measure conditions existing in the various State Hospitals for the insane and feeble-minded, but does not provide any permanent provision of improvements in these institutions.

The salary increases for all State employees and teachers are illustrated as follows: A teacher holding an A-0 certificate, whose base salary is \$98 per month, will receive a permanent salary increase of \$27 per month. A teacher holding an A-9 certificate, whose permanent salary is now \$125 per month, will receive a permanent salary increase of \$27 per month. A State employee, whose base salary is now \$100 per month, will receive a permanent salary increase of \$18 per month.

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## OHIO FAMILY FIND NAME IN 1790 HYDE CENSUS

### Asks Court Clerk For Information; California Woman Finds Kin

The O. B. Cohun family of Cleveland, Ohio, have been interested in finding something of their family record for a long time, without much luck. But the other day they were elated to find it in the Hyde County census of 1790.

They immediately wrote Clerk of Court Ralph L. Roper, for more information. Here is their letter:

"Having understood that our name was misspelled and having never found it any where before was so surprised to find it yesterday listed in the 1790 census in your county.

Wm. Cohun, Newbern District Hyde County, N. Carolina "Will you please help us by sending us any and all information in your files regarding this family? It means so much to us to know."

Mr. Roper hasn't had time to look into the matter, yet, but he says he is going to. It was only recently that he helped a California woman locate her kin in Hyde County.

Mrs. Frances Tankhard McDonald of Alhambra, Calif., learned by writing Mr. Roper that she was related to Mrs. Lewis Swindell of Middletown, Mrs. Nixie Clark Mann of Lake Landing and Florida and Cal Davis of Swan Quarter. She is corresponding with Mrs. Swindell.

In a second letter to Mr. Roper regarding her people from Hyde County, Mrs. McDonald wrote:

"I have learned from the 1790 census that my people in Hyde County at that time spelled the name "Tancred" and I would like to know if there are any marriage or other records in that name. My aunt, Mrs. L. D. Swindell, says that no Tankards ever lived in Hyde County except those to which I am connected, also, would you be so kind as to inform me how to go about securing information concerning the marriage, etc of my great grandfather, John Reaves Davis of Hyde County. What office in your county handles information pertaining to births, deaths, and marriages?"

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## HOGS HIT CEILING ON STATE MARKET

Farmers' hog prices hit the ceiling of \$14.55 per hundred pounds on two North Carolina hog buying stations last week.

Good to choice hogs weighing from 180 to 270 pounds went to this price on the Fayetteville and Kinston markets, John Winfield, N. C. Department of Agriculture market newsman reported.

Only one other time has the market gone to the ceiling of \$14.55, set in October, 1943, and that was last year at Rocky Mount for a "day or two," according to Winfield.

He said the high price is due to the sharp decline in hog production last fall.

## SWAN QUARTER SOLDIER'S FEET FROST-BITTEN

Pvt. James Brinn who has been in combat fighting in Luxembourg is now in a hospital in England suffering with frost bitten feet. Pvt. Brinn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brinn of Swan Quarter. Writing relatives he says, "I know what war is really like."

OCRACOKE VISITOR

Supt. of Schools N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter was a business visitor in Ocracoke early this week.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. TYPICAL BATTLEFIELD SCENE ON WESTERN FRONT—Troops of the 7th Armored Division creep through the snow in their mid-winter advance on the snow-covered road from Hunnag to St. Vith in Belgium.

## HYDE RED CROSS WAR FUND QUOTA \$2,100; DRIVE BEGINS MARCH 4

### N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter Heading Drive Again This Year; Need For Funds Greater Than Ever

On Sunday, March 4th, the annual Red Cross War Fund drive will get underway in Hyde County, with N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter serving again as campaign chairman. The county quota this year is \$2,100.

The county will be divided into large districts corresponding to school districts and into Negro divisions. Each district and division will have a drive chairman, whose name will be announced later, along with their solicitors.

With Red Cross needed more than ever at home and abroad as the war grows in intensity, the appeal for funds is expected to be met with generous subscription. On the battle fronts, in hospitals everywhere and on the home front, the Red Cross is bringing comfort and cheer to a war tired world. More funds are needed to continue to carry on this work.

Right here at home in Hyde County, the great work of Red Cross has been observed. One case was the aid given hurricane stricken Ocracoke last September.

When the drive is over it is hoped that a Red Cross contributor's emblem will appear in hundreds of Hyde County homes, symbolizing generous support by all the families.

## SLADESVILLE RESIDENCE IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O'Neal at Sladesville was damaged by fire last Friday morning. The O'Neals were awakened by the blaze which burned in the dining room and kitchen.

Alarm was sounded by ringing the bell of the near-by church and neighbors came and put out the flames, but not until they had done considerable damage to the interior of the rooms and furnishings.

## HYDE FARMERS INTERESTED STATE-WIDE CONTEST

Three Swan Quarter farmers, J. L. Tunnell, J. C. Williams and Otis Carawan have obtained application blanks from the county agent's office which they plan to fill out and thereby enter the state-wide 5-acre cotton growing contest in which a \$750 grand prize is being offered and a district prize of \$350.

Other Hyde County farmers interested in entering the contest can get full details and application blanks from the county agent's office. The application must be filed before July 1st.

Of first importance in feeding lambs is milk and plenty of it, says Leland Case, Extension animal husbandman at State College.

It's a good time now to have cotton seed tested for germination so as to make sure they are satisfactory for spring planting.

Wanchese. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Barnett, an eight pound baby girl on February 14th.

Births

## HARBINGERS OF SPRING APPROACHING

### Shad, Herring and Rock Bering Taken in Local Waters Fishermen See Encouraging Signs

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner. Shad and herring are being netted in local waters and this is an infallible sign of spring, beautiful, welcome Spring is not far off.

Shad and herring school together and wherever one is found the other is not far away, according to veteran fishermen. Coming close behind the herring is the blue fish, one of the most popular seafoods, but very destructive to herring which is its principal food supply.

At Stumpy Point, at one time the shad capitol of the world, several hundred pounds of shad have been taken. Some shad have also been taken at Engelhard and other places.

Last week, D. D. Whitson, veteran fish dealer of Manteo, took in a few shad and expects an increasing supply during the coming weeks. Mr. Whitson bought 341 pounds of rock for which he has been paying 33 cents a pound. 400 pounds of herring at 7 cents a pound. He has paid from 30 to 40 cents for shad and 10 cents for jack, a few of which are running.

If weather conditions improve, it is believed that fairly reasonable catches will be the order of the day within a week or so, but with all due consideration and encouragement for the fishing industry, the thing your reporter is most interested in is Spring, beautiful, wonderful Spring.

## SCRANTON MAN ENJOYS HERALD; HOPES IT SUCCESS

Norfleet Silverthorne of Scranton is one in the hundreds of loyal readers of the Hyde County Herald. In a letter to the editor last week along with his renewal, Mr. Silverthorne had this to say:

"I am writing you a few lines to let you know I like the Hyde County Herald. I wish you many more years of publication, and may the Lord bless you."

## TINY OAK CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. WILLIAMS

The Tiny Oak Home Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Williams. Mrs. A. P. Carawan gave a report on the County Council meeting in Swan Quarter sometime ago. The club voted \$5 for the Jane S. McKimmon loan fund.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Cahoon.

Delicious jello with whipped cream was served with cake during the social period.

More than 90,000 farm boys and girls in North Carolina will man their battle stations during National 4-H Club Week, March 3 to 11, in an all-out effort to help win the war.

Spring pigs should be immunized against hog cholera, is a suggestion from Dr. C. D. Grinnell, Agricultural Experiment Station veterinarian at State College.

## HYDE COUNTY AIRPORT ASSOCIATION FORMED WEDNESDAY EVENING

### Officers Elected At Swan Quarter Meeting; Another Meeting Scheduled For Next Wednesday Night

## HYDE GOES OVER TOP IN POLIO DRIVE

### Final Report Chows \$704.61 Raised in Campaign Last Month

Hyde County went over the top in the infantile paralysis drive this year, raising \$704.60, according to a report made this week by N. W. Shelton, chairman of the polio campaign. The county's quota was \$688.

The funds were raised for the most part through the schools. The white schools report the following collections: Fairfield, \$37.40; Swan Quarter, \$106.75; Engelhard, \$127; Ocracoke, \$90; and Sladesville, \$40.01.

The colored schools make the following report: Hyde Training, \$34.50; Green Hill, \$9.30; Swan Quarter, \$15.58; Fairfield, \$37.58; Tiny Oak, \$3.60; Middletown, \$11.63; Engelhard Ridge, \$27.62; St. Lydia, \$18.55; Nebraska, \$7.60; Scranton, \$2.20; California, \$4.00; Rose Bay, \$8; Slocumb, \$12.50.

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs gave \$5; 4-H girls in the county contributed 100 per cent, giving a total of \$5.70; \$100 was raised at the Ocracoke Naval base; miscellaneous 9 cents.

## FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR MRS. STOKESBURY

### Highly Regarded Hyde Woman Passes Away at Age of 76

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Stokesbury, 76, were held at the home near New Holland Saturday morning, February 17, at 11 o'clock with the Rev. J. C. Chaffin, officiating. Interment was in the Soule cemetery.

Mrs. Stokesbury passed away in Fowle Memorial Hospital in Washington Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. She had been in failing health for several months.

Born March 17, 1868, the daughter of Hiram and Minnie Watson McClaud of Lake Landing township, Mrs. Stokesbury was a life long resident of Hyde County. She was a widow of the late Dr. Charles Stokesbury.

A member of Soule Methodist Church, Mrs. Stokesbury was an active leader in church affairs. She was well known and highly regarded in her community.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. R. B. Stokesbury of New Holland and H. A. Stokesbury of Rocky Mount; and three daughters, Mrs. Ed Berry and Miss Nellie Stokesbury of New Holland and Miss Adelaide Stokesbury of New York City.

## SLADESVILLE HOME CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. CREDLE

The Sladesville Home Demonstration Club held its February meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 13 at the home of Mrs. Louisa Credle. A large percentage of members were present, and much business was transacted and many plans made.

The hostesses, Miss Warren and Mrs. Maye, invited the members in the dining room which was attractively decorated with the valentine motif and served fruited creamed jello and pound cake during the social period.

## COUPLE RECENTLY DIVORCED, MARRY AGAIN

Oliver Ane of Norfolk and Scranton and his ex-wife, Mrs. Olivia Williams Ange were remarried in South Mills this week. The Anzes were only recently divorced.

## ORDER COTTON SEED NOW

Hyde County farmers are urged to place their orders for cotton seed right away. The plea comes from county agent, J. P. Woodard, who urges care in selecting the best seed. Farmers who wish the county agent to place their orders for them should notify him at once.

An association, to be known as the Hyde County Airport Association, was organized at a meeting in the Agriculture Building in Swan Quarter Wednesday evening for the purpose of raising funds and making plans for the proposed airport near the county seat.

J. C. Williams, prominent Swan Quarter farmer and county AAA official, was named president of the new organization. J. P. Woodard of Swan Quarter, county agent, was elected to the post of vice president. Chosen for the post of secretary-treasurer was Ernest K. Mann, cashier of the Swan Quarter branch of the Engelhard Banking & Trust Co.

It was decided at the organization meeting to have five directors. Three of these, W. H. Langston, O. L. Williams and Dick Lupton, all of Swan Quarter, were named at the meeting. The other two who are to come from other parts of the county, will be named later.

The association will meet again next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

A five year lease on 70 acres of land has been donated to the county by W. H. Langston of Swan Quarter for the purpose of developing an airplane landing field. The county government is sponsoring the project, providing it doesn't cost the county any money. The task of raising funds falls on the shoulders of the new organization.

Guy Bishop, Swan Quarter engineer, who was chiefly responsible for the current development, estimates that some \$800 or \$1,000 is needed in addition to all the help of men and machines that can be had, to develop the swamp and wood land of the proposed site for landing strips. This estimate is made on the assumption that much labor and many machines will be donated for this worthy community undertaking.

It is hoped that the government will come in and develop the field once landing strips are built.

## O. B. GIBBS, 62, DIES SUDDENLY AT STORE

### Funeral Tuesday for Highly Regarded Lake Landing Township Man

Funeral services for O. B. Gibbs, 62, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Amity Methodist Church with the Rev. F. D. Davis officiating. Interment was in the St. George's Episcopal Cemetery.

Mr. Gibbs, a highly regarded and well liked man in his community, died suddenly at his store on route 264 near Engelhard Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Davis found him on the store porch when he stopped to buy some needed items. He had complained of not feeling well during the day, but was not considered sick. His death was a shock to friends and neighbors.

Mr. Gibbs was a member of the Democratic precinct committee and for a number of years was a member of the township AAA committee. He was twice married. His first wife was the late Mrs. Etta Gibbs.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Cox Gibbs; one brother, Jule Gibbs of Farmville; and several nieces and nephews.

Acting pallbearers were Charlie Payne, B. B. Fulkford, R. L. Gibbs, Russell Gibbs, Roman Patrick, W. W. Payne, Bill Patrick and Fred Berry.

## MRS. MCKIMMON'S BOOK IN EACH HYDE HOME CLUB

Each home club in Hyde County has ordered a copy of Mrs. Jane McKimmon's book, "When We're Green We Grow" and they are being delivered this month, according to Miss Iberia Roach, county home agent. According to Miss Roach, the BHM regional Bookmobile has purchased three copies of the book.

The new book tells the story of home demonstration work in North Carolina and every farm woman is urged to read it.