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BILL LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL PROGRAM

Long-Awaited Act from Poe Commission Introduced This Week

The introduction of the long-awaited "Hospital Bill" in the General Assembly this week laid the foundations for a far-reaching Medical Care Program for all the people of the State, designed to raise North Carolina from near the bottom to near the top among the 48 states in this vital matter.

The act was not introduced until Monday night, but Governor Cherry called a joint session of the Legislature at noon Tuesday to hear a special message on the measure, and the Appropriations Committee held its hearing the same afternoon, indicating again that this is the No. 1 item remaining on the General Assembly calendar.

The revised bill, which is the product of a year of painstaking study and planning by Clarence Poe and his 50-man Commission, would enact all of the major objectives of the Commission's program, if passed, but there would be varying times of fulfillment and construction, depending on which are feasible now and which would be more practical later.

In view of the State's urgent health needs, the tremendous potential benefits at stake, and the keen state-wide interest in this measure, this newspaper is carrying below a brief summary of the complete bill for the benefit of citizens who would like to communicate their views and wishes to their local Legislators.

The major provision of the act, now before the full Assembly, follows:

1. NOW—Would establish a permanent State Medical Care Council, composed of 20 doctors and laymen, and direct it to make a thoroughgoing survey of the hospital needs of each county, to ascertain how these needs can be met and what State Aid will be necessary to each county, and to report its recommendations to the next Assembly.

2. NOW—Would establish a State Loan Fund of \$50,000 for students in any standard medical school in the State who agree to practice at least four years in a rural area or town under 2,500.

3. CONTINGENT—Would pay \$1 per day in State funds toward the care of each indigent patient in each approved public or non-profit hospital in the State. The act would set up \$500,000 per year for this purpose (or the same as the Duke Endowment now spends), but only in the event that funds are available after providing the promised increase in teacher salaries.

4. FUTURE—Would direct trustees of University to start planning immediately for extension of its Medical School from 2 to 4 years with a teaching hospital of 400 beds but would defer any appropriations for construction until next session.

5. NOW—Would appropriate \$50,000 annually for expenses of Commission, including surveys, plans, needed employees, and per diem for members attending meetings.

6. NOW—Would direct Commission to encourage development of group health insurance plans; to make plans for medical education of Negroes; to accept gifts and grants; and to carry out all other objectives of the Commission.

"This revised bill does not accomplish all the things immediately that we had hoped to accomplish for the sick and needy in our State," Chairman Poe commented today, "but it does seem to provide the machinery with which we may work together encouragingly rapid fulfillment of our full program. In fact, there may be quite rapid fulfillment if Congress passes the Hill bill to aid hospital construction."

BELL AND ASKEW VOTE AGAINST OYSTER PROPOSAL

Bill Would Restrict Taking the Oysters from Public Grounds; Encourage Planting

Representatives Bell of Hyde and Askew of Pamlico made a fruitless attempt early this week to prevent a Conservation Department proposal, which would prevent free dragging of public bottoms for oysters and encourage planting by private enterprise, being drawn into a bill.

The point committee on conservation and development and other interested House committees placed Reps. Stoney of Burke, Overby of Harnett, and Wallace of Lenoir on a special subcommittee Wednesday to draft a bill to encourage the oyster industry.

Advocating the measure were Senator Roy Hampton of Washington County, Chairman Josh L. Horne, Jr., of the Board of Conservation and Development; and Dr. Herbert Prytherick of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service, Beaufort.

Horne said the oyster industry had greatly diminished in the State in the last decade and added the industry was netting only \$1,864,000, although there were 3,570 square miles of marine area.

On the other hand, he said, Connecticut with only 110 square miles of marine area was netting \$1,864,000. He said the greatest handicap was that public bottoms were freely dragged and nothing replanted. He and other spokesmen advocated the setting aside of public bottoms for seed purposes.

Bell and Askew objected to the proposal, saying many of their people made their living from the public bottoms. They were voted down, however.

HOME CLUB TOPIC FOR MARCH WILL BE MEALS

The subject for Hyde County Home Demonstration Clubs during the month of March will be "Well Planned Meals From the Pantry Shelves," it was announced this week by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent. Hyde County women are invited to attend the meetings and see the demonstrations put on by Miss Roach.

Said the home agent, "Meals for winter and early spring months are made up largely from the store room. Housewives need to plan carefully to keep them interesting and appetizing. The fewer kinds of food on hand, the greater the need to vary the ways of preparation. Well planned meals satisfy health needs and provide variety in texture, flavor and color."

A schedule of meeting of Hyde clubs follows: North Lake, Mrs. J. M. Ballance's home, March 1; Rose Bay, Mrs. Carroll Gibbs home, March 2; Ponzer, Community Building, March 6; Englehard, Community Building, March 8; Lake Landing, Library, March 9; Sladesville, Mrs. John Credle's home, March 13; Tiny Oak, Mrs. Lewis Cahoon, March 14; Fairfield, Cafe Building, March 15; Swindell's Fork, Mrs. John H. Swindell's home, March 16; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. C. N. Williams home, March 20; Nebraska, Club House, March 21; and Swan Quarter, Home Demonstration Dept., March 27.

HYDE'S CHAMPION COW?

Ben Blount, Negro tenant on the W. R. Gibbs Farm at Lake Landing is the owner of a cow that gives an average of four and one half gallons of milk a day. The Blounts make an average of 12 pounds of butter from the cream that comes from the milk. The cow is put in nomination for Hyde County's champion milker. If any one in the county can beat this record, let the editor of this newspaper know about it.

"It has been suggested by the War Food Administration that each housewife keep two cans on the back of her stove. Into can No. 1 pour bacon, ham, sausage drippings, and chicken fats. Continue to reuse this in cooking until it becomes black. Then strain into can No. 2. Melt down the other fats from chops, steaks, and stews and pour them into can No. 2. Take this to the collection point in your community as soon as you have accumulated one pound. This is very important that it be prepared according to above instructions before taking it to the store."



As wounded American boys come back from the battle fronts they find American Red Cross workers in all military and naval hospitals ready to help them. This year there will be more need than ever before for Red Cross service in domestic hospitals. Now, more than ever, your Red Cross is at his side.

FAT SALVAGE DRIVE BEGINS IN HYDE COUNTY

Women Can Sell Waste Fats At Certain County Stores

A drive to collect waste fats for the war effort begins in Hyde County, Thursday, March 1st, it was announced today in a joint statement by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, and T. A. Jennette, county AAA chairman. Women can take their salvaged fats to the store in their community that has agreed to buy it for the government and get three cents and two red ration stamps for each pound.

The W. H. Boomer Meat Market, Swan Quarter; J. H. Patrick's Self-Service Store, Englehard; Dallas Cuthrell's Store, Fairfield; Gilbert Richardes, Sladesville; Leslie O'Neal, New Holland and George Squire's Store, Ponzer, have all agreed to buy the fats.

Here is what Miss Roach and Mr. Jennette had to say about the drive, which is considered so essential at this time: "Salvaging of Waste Fat has become a matter of major importance on the home front because of the great need of this material for stepped up production of such strategic war materials as synthetic rubber, protective coatings, to provide glycerine for explosives, vital medicines, lubricants and a hundred other things that are needed for war uses."

"There is a need for about 50,000,000 pounds of extra salvaged fats and this can easily be obtained if all housewives will realize the seriousness of the situation. It is estimated that about 500 million pounds of fat goes into the garbage pail and down the drain every year.

"At this time there are smaller supplies of meat and edible fats than last year. On the other hand the demand for salvaged fats are continually increasing with the rising tempo of the war. The need is more urgent than ever before."

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STATIONED AT FORT BRAGG

Pvt. Chester Williams of Englehard, who was inducted into the Army early this month, has arrived in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, for basic military training. He has been assigned to Battery A, 10th Battalion, 4th F. A. Tng. Regiment.

LANGSTON WANTS AIRPORT NAMED "GIBBS-SPENCER"

Swan Quarter Mann Generously Supporting Airport For Hyde

No man in Hyde County has shown more enthusiasm for building an airport in the county than W. H. Langston of Swan Quarter. And when this man, who is giving the lease on the proposed site, the timber to have it cleared, plus \$100 in cash offers a name, then those who have to do with naming it, will possibly follow his suggestion.

The name for the proposed landing field offered by Mr. Langston is the "Gibbs-Spencer Airport." Mr. Langston, whose mother was a Gibbs, offered the suggestion at a meeting at which the Hyde County Airport Association was formed, Wednesday evening, February 21st.

Said Mr. Langston, "I am ready to go my length for an airport, known as the Gibbs-Spencer Airport in Hyde County and I call on my friends and the great family of Gibbs and their connections all over the county to help us build this airport so that when this war is over our boys can fly back to their homes and nestle in their mother's nest."

Mr. Langston came to Hyde County a few years ago from Wayne County to pick for himself a wife, the former Miss Lucy Berry. He was born in the Aurora section of Beaufort County, but lived in Hyde as a boy where his father, a Methodist minister, preached. His mother was a Hyde County woman.

Telling of his kin in Hyde, Mr. Langston says, "My grandfather Jonathan Gibbs, was born and raised in the Englehard section of Hyde County; my grandmother, Jennette Gibbs, another separate and distinct family of Gibbs, was born and grew up in Wysocking. It was in that section of Hyde County my mother, Sallie Ann Gibbs Langston was born and today the memory of that mother, the fact that she was a Gibbs, that the language of Hyde County and its customs were so interwoven into her life that all of the best there was in the county became a part of her six children and today we as a whole love Hyde County. It is our county. We are a part and parcel of everything it has or does."

Mr. Langston is a former editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus. He is a brother of Col. John Langston of Washington, D. C., assistant to General Hershey, Selective Service Chief.

FAIRFIELD 4-H CLUB IN REGULAR MEETING

The Fairfield boys and girls' 4-H club met separately Thursday, February 15. Evelyn Clark, vice president, presided at the girl's meeting, and Tommy Jones, president, presided at the boy's meeting.

J. P. Woodard, county agent, gave a talk on culling chickens and the importance and need of raising chickens. He gave the record books out to the boys for this year.

Each girl answered the roll call with a kind of pattern. Miss Roach gave an interesting demonstration on understanding patterns, showing how to allow on a pattern, and how to take it up without disfiguring it. Leaflets were given out to each girl, showing the type of dress that look the nicest on different girls.

WITH THE SICK UP SLADESVILLE WAY

Edgar O'Neal, who has been ill at his home for quite some time, was taken to a hospital for treatment Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Credle is a hospital patient in Washington.

Mrs. Alice Carawan is ill in a Washington hospital.

Alonza Sawyer, who has been ill at his home in this section, is improving.

HYDE NATIVE DIES

Funeral services for Guy Midgett, 50, who died at his home at Roberdell at 3 p.m. Wednesday were held from the Green Way Church Friday at 4:30 p.m. Besides his wife and two daughters, he is survived by two brothers in Hyde County. They are James Midgett of Middletown and Frank Midgett of Lake Landing.

HYDE MAN KILLED WHEN HIT BY TRUCK DRIVEN BY BROTHER-IN-LAW

Officials Find Romolus Williams of Englehard Was Accidentally Killed Metrah Gibbs Who Was Driving Truck That Struck Williams Charged With Driving Without License

LOST COLONY TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE STATE

Senators Roy Hampton and W. T. Culpepper have introduced a bill in the Legislature to put the Lost Colony under state patronage and control, provide for it a \$10,000 fund in case of a deficit in operating expense, and to name the trustees of the association for a two year term.

The bill provides that the government and the council of state would be authorized to allot from the Contingency and Emergency Fund the sum of \$10,000 a year in order for the association "to resume production of the 'Lost Colony'."

The allotment would be made, however, only "upon evidence submitted to the Governor and the Council of State by the association that during the immediately preceding season of production, because of inclement weather or other circumstances or factors beyond the control of the association, the 'Lost Colony' was operated at a deficit."

The measure offered by Senators Roy Hampton of Washington and W. T. Culpepper of Pasquotank, provides for the appointment of the following members to the Roanoke Island Historical Association for two-year terms:

J. Spencer Love, Greensboro; Miles Clark, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Richard J. Reynolds, Winston-Salem; D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville; Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, Concord; Dr. Fred Hanes and John A. Buchannan, Durham; Mrs. Frank P. Graham, Paul Green, A. R. Newsome, and Samuel Selden, all of Chapel Hill; Bishop Thomas C. Darst, Wilmington; J. Melville Broughton, Raleigh; W. Dorsey Pruden, Edenton; William B. Rodman, Jr., Washington, N. C.; and Melvin R. Daniels, R. Bruce Etheridge, Theodore S. Meekins, D. Victor Meekins, Roy L. Davis, and M. K. Fearing, all of Manteo.

The Governor, the attorney general, and the director of the State Department of Archives and History would serve as ex-officio members of the association.

MONTGOMERY-LONG

In a ceremony solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Montgomery of Warrenton, on February 21, Miss Edna May Montgomery became the bride of Lt. Mendall Homer Long, United States Maritime Service, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long of Englehard. Candles were lighted by J. M. Miller.

Mrs. J. H. Daniel of Warrenton rendered music, accompanied by Miss Daline Gamble of Warrenton, violinist. Miss Rebecca Daniel sang. The Rev. J. M. Ledbetter of Havre de Grace, Md., uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a costume of powder blue and black accessories, with a corsage of orchids.

Following the ceremony, an informal reception was held in the Montgomery home.

The bride was graduated from Louisiana College, and East Carolina Teachers College. For the past three years she has been a member of the Angier high school faculty.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Louisiana College and attended N. C. State College. He is with the U. S. Maritime Service and has spent the past two years on overseas duty.

MOVE TO SWAN QUARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas Carter of Middletown have moved to the Capt. R. B. Burrus home in Swan Quarter.

Romolus Williams, 33 year old Englehard farmer, father of four children, was instantly killed Friday afternoon about four o'clock when he was hit by a truck driven by his brother-in-law, Metrah Gibbs, with whom he was trying to thumb a ride. The accident occurred near Armstrong's store on the Englehard Fairfield road.

Sheriff C. P. Williamson and Patrolman C. E. Whitfield of Swan Quarter, who investigated the case found it to be an unavoidable accident. The driver, Metrah Gibbs, was cited to appear at the next term of Superior Court for driving without a license.

Funeral services for Williams were held at the graveside in the family cemetery Sunday with the Rev. Walter Armstrong officiating.

Born September 23, 1911, the son of Calvin B. and Dessie McKinney Williams, Mr. Williams was 33 years old. He was a farmer in the North Lake section.

Surviving are four small children, Vera 2, Vergie 10, Dorie 9, and Dessie 7.

The death of the Englehard man brought Hyde County's highway fatality toll to four since the beginning of the year.

HATTERAS CHANNEL TO GET \$27,000 FUNDS

Swan Quarter, Avon and Rodanthe Also Figure in Rivers and Harbors Bill

In the Rivers and Harbors bill which recently passed Congress, the sum of \$27,000 is allotted for the improvement of Rollinsons Channel at Hatteras. Swan Quarter Bay \$22,500; Avon Canal, \$18,500; and Rodanthe Channel \$5,000.

The largest allotment of all goes to Hatteras, which because of the volume of boat traffic is an important port. The improvement is greatly needed.

LT. MANN VISITS BROTHER IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Lt. (jg) Thurston Jefferson Mann, U. S. Navy, recently visited his brother, Pvt. Tommy Mann who is in a hospital in England suffering with frost-bitten feet, which he sustained in the "battle of the bulge" late last year. The two young men are sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of Lake Landing.

Lt. Mann in a recent letter to his mother assured her that Tommy's condition is not serious, although it is likely to keep him out of future combat. He said that he was able to visit him frequently, as his ship comes in a nearby port.

The two brothers had not seen one another for about two years before they met in the English hospital. Tommy was home to visit his parents in November. He was in the thick of the great battle to check the German advance a month and a half later.

ENGELHARD BOY INJURED

Pvt. Edwin Spencer, U. S. Marine Corps, is suffering with a fractured ankle and arm, which he sustained in a fall from a government truck. In a letter received by his sister, Mrs. Frances Gibbs of Swan Quarter, Spencer's commanding officer reports that the young service man is getting along well, although it will take some time for complete recovery. He is in a hospital at Newport, Ark.

Pvt. Spencer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Spencer of Englehard.

JOINS NURSES CORPS

Lt. Sibyl B. Carawan, Army Nurses Corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Carawan of Swan Quarter, who recently volunteered to serve her country, reported to Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, February 15th, for her first two weeks training.

ENGELHARD 4-H MEETING

The Englehard 4-H club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, February 21st. The topic of the girls meeting was clothing and patterns.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. John D. Gibbs of Edgewood Arsenal, Md., is spending a two weeks furlough with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Gibbs at Englehard.



Swan Quarter
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jennette of Swan Quarter on Saturday night, February 24th, in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler of Swan Quarter announce the birth of a daughter Monday morning, February 26th.