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## COLLECTION OF OLD CLOTHES GETS UNDERWAY IN HYDE THIS WEEK

### Drive Being Sponsored By County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs Will Continue Throughout Month of April; Churches, Schools And Home Clubs Are Collection Depots

The United National Clothing Collection got under way in Hyde County this week under the sponsorship of the Hyde County Council of Home Demonstration clubs. The campaign, in which every family is asked to participate, will continue through the month of April.

"You will want to help I know," said Miss Iberia Roach of Swan Quarter, county chairman, pointing out the great humanitarian side of the project. She said, "More than 125,000,000 people in liberated or to be liberated countries of Europe are in dire need of clothing. Thirty millions of them are children. Because it is not possible to manufacture clothing to relieve the situation, they must depend on the help of the American people."

Miss Roach announced that churches in the county were cooperating in the drive. The Fairfield Baptist, Fairfield Christian, Fairfield Methodist, Engelhard Methodist, Engelhard Baptist, Engelhard Christian, Swan Quarter Baptist, Swan Quarter Methodist, Sladesville Methodist, Sladesville Baptist, Mt. Olive Christian, Amity Methodist, Soule Methodist, Middletown Christian, Watson's Methodist and Rose Bay Baptist churches would serve as collection depots.

In addition to the churches, clothes may be carried to home demonstration clubs and the white schools on the mainland.

It was pointed out by the Hyde County chairman that good substantial clothing for winter and summer wear is needed. "I do not have to be in perfect repair," she said, "but it should be useful to the people who will receive it. Under clothing and all types of cotton garments should be washed before they are donated. Dress suits and formal wear are not wanted."

Explaining further the types of clothing needed, Miss Roach said, "Either oxfords or high shoes, of durable type with low or medium heels are desired. Shoes with high heels, open toes or open backs, or evening slippers and novelty types cannot be used. All shoes collected should be mated and tied securely into pairs."

"Now is a good time of year to launch such a drive," said the chairman, who is county home agent. "Homemakers will be storing winter clothing and unpacking summer clothes. There will be garments that can't be used by family members that someone else can use."

## HYDE RED CROSS REPORTS DONATIONS BY TOWNSHIPS

Giving freely to the annual Red Cross War Fund, Hyde County chapter over the top by a wide people have put their county margin and incomplete reports come from Ocracoke and the Negro division which will likely boost the total. \$2,252.95 had been collected through today, according to reports in the county office. The quota was \$2100.

The total donated in each district in the county is as follows: San Quarter, \$475.66; Sladesville, \$110.35; Ponzer, \$61.09; Fairfield, \$368.00; Engelhard, \$648.66; Ocracoke, \$18; Negro division, \$388.07; and Skeet Theatre, \$123.12.

## ATTEND GAA MEETING

D. L. Berry of Swan Quarter, P. D. Midgett of Engelhard and Preston Swindell of Fairfield attended a meeting of the greater Albemarle Association in Edenton Wednesday night.

## IN COLUMBIA HOSPITAL

Miss Clair Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Matthews of Engelhard is a patient in the Columbia Hospital. Miss Matthews was taken to Columbia Monday.

## VISITS PARENTS

Pvt. Chester Williams has returned to his post at Fort Bragg after spending Sunday at Engelhard with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams.

## SPRING MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL HELD MONDAY

### Plans Announced For Entertaining District On April 27th

The Spring session of the Hyde County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met Monday evening, April 2, in the Agricultural Building in Swan Quarter. It was an executive meeting with Mrs. W. E. Noble of Scranton presiding.

The treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Williams, reports that club members had contributed \$45 to the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund, \$7 for the "Penny for Friendship," \$5 for Infantile Paralysis drive, \$5 for Chinese Relief, \$3.25 for State Federation dues.

Mrs. Williams, also Red Cross Production Chairman, urged all the clubs to have their Red Cross sewing quota completed by the regular club meeting in April.

Plans were made for the launching of the "United Clothing Collection" drive during April. The County Council is sponsoring the drive for Hyde County. (See story elsewhere in The Herald this week.)

Hyde County Home Demonstration club women will be hostess to the 15th District Federation meeting at Swan Quarter, April 27. County Council officers and home agents from Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington will attend the meeting.

The hostess clubs, Engelhard, Lake Landing, and Nebraska, served delicious dainty sandwiches, spice cake with whipped cream and fruit punch.

## FUNDS PROVIDED FOR ANNUAL COUNTY AUDIT

### Hyde Commissioners Draw Jury List for May Term of Court

Following the wise course that it has pursued for the past several years, the Hyde County Board of County Commissioners in regular monthly session this week voted funds for an annual audit of county finances. The contract again goes to Bundy & Moran of Elizabeth City.

Both officials and the county are protected by these checks, and for the most part they are welcomed by both. For falling to follow this safe course on the grounds that funds were not available or the work was not worth the cost, Hyde County lost thousands of dollars in misplaced funds in years gone by. Present board members do not propose that that thing happen under their administration. This is no reflecting on present office holders.

This Commissioners also voted to continue the lease on the E. A. Williams building to house the Health Department for another year.

The following jurors were drawn: Fairfield—R. L. Jones, W. P. Armstrong, R. F. Baynes, W. J. Williams, S. A. Berry, Clifton Mooney; Engelhard—C. N. Williams, T. M. Selby, T. W. Williams, C. Frank Gibbs, R. C. Bertie and Rufus Williams; Scranton—H. W. Mason, Wm. E. Noble, L. A. Sawyer, Geo. C. Swindell, Dallas Williams and Plum Brinn; New Holland—Lonnie O'Neal; Swan Quarter—Otis M. Carawan, M. L. Cuthrell, Walton W. Williams, Latham Gibbs, P. M. Jones, J. A. Lee, B. H. Berry, Clifton Cahoon, J. G. Jarvis, E. K. Mann and Finner Cherry; Lake Landing—T. A. Jennette, Walton Gibbs; Gulrock—F. M. Satterwaite; Middletown—H. J. Gibbs; Ponzer—Fred Smithwick.

Other business transacted by the Board included approving and paying bills.

The Government is asking chicken raisers to grow one or two extra broods of chicks, starting right away.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations.  
**NINTH AVIATION ENGINEERS UNDER FIRE**—While artillery pounds away at the enemy—note smoke from gun on left—men of the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment survey German field for new airstrip. T/Sgt. Shannon K. Dean, Ironton, Ohio, at the transit. Cpl. Alfred H. Gore, Brownfield, Texas, is rodman. (Official 9th AF photo.)

## 10-FOOT CROCODILE TAKEN IN MATAMUSKEET

A 10-foot crocodile was taken in Lake Mattamuskeet this week by George Payne and Cecil Midgett of Stumpy Point. The capture of the reptile, caught in the fishermen's pound net set for catching carp, was unusual. It was alive when taken, but was later killed.

It is a rare thing to find crocodiles in this section. They are usually found farther south, and on the warmer continents of South America, Africa and Asia. While they grew as long as fourteen feet, it is rare to find one 10 feet in length.

Kin to the alligator, which are sometimes found in this area, the crocodile has a longer and narrower snout, and their large and lower teeth shut into marginal notches rather than into pits into the upper jaws. They are found chiefly in fresh water, although they are sometimes found in brack or even salt water. Some species are man eating.

## HYDE FARMERS PUTTING OUT MORE FRUIT TREES

Hyde County farmers are showing more interest this year in growing fruit than ever before, according to County Agent J. P. Woodard of Swan Quarter. Mr. Woodard says that unless something happens there will be more peaches in the home orchards this year, many coming from trees set out in recent years.

Not only are more trees being set out, but more attention is being given other trees. More folks are spraying to kill the insects.

It is indeed a healthy sign to see people begin to more and more look out for themselves, rather than depend on the outside for so many foods that can be grown at home. Interest waned in growing fruits during the depression when preserves and canned fruits canned in large lots by cheap labor, could be purchased at the stores cheaper than the farmer could buy the sugar and fuel, to say nothing of the work involved.

One product that Hyde could grow and develop a market for is the Mattamuskeet apple. This delicious apple, which is not even grown in sufficient numbers to satisfy local demand, should find a place quickly on the market. Growing it on a large scale would be another industry for the county.

## CHANNEL BASS RUNNING AT OREGON INLET

### First Catch of Season Made Tuesday by Charles Perry and Party

The first drum of the season was caught off Oregon Inlet Tuesday by Charles Perry, veteran Kitty Hawk fishing skipper. This makes nine consecutive years in which Mr. Perry has brought in the first drum catch.

Mr. Perry sighted a few on Monday but made no strikes. The next day with a party of four his boat was alone on the shoals when the drum appeared at high tide, about 11:30. Within five minutes every line off the boat had a strike.

The total catch was thirty five of better than average size drum. With a total weight of about 1,400 pounds, they ran in weight from 35 to 55 pounds. Three of the party caught six each, the fourth caught eight and Mr. Perry accounted for the remainder.

Members of the lucky party were Van D. Alston, Jr. and Hugh W. Holt, both of Warrenton, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Walter of Washington, D. C.

Acres of drum were sighted and there is every indication of a heavy drum run this year.

## HYDE MERCHANTS ARE BUSY WITH PRICES

### New OPA Program Affects Dealers in Wearing Apparel and Home Furnishings

Merchants in Hyde County are busy this week getting their prices figured and listed correctly under a new OPA price program known as MPR 580. It is a task which the law requires all dealers selling \$2500 or more worth of wearing apparel and home furnishings to do by April 20th. For country stores that haven't kept invoices and other records, it is a big job that is causing no little sweating and swearing.

OPA officials from Raleigh held a meeting in Swan Quarter Monday night and discussed the new rules with merchants from all parts of the county. They were W. A. Linehou, price executive; G. L. Bateman, administrative officer, and E. S. Dixon, Board Supervisor.

Mrs. Graham Powder of Swan Quarter and Mrs. David Peebles of Engelhard have volunteered to serve as a committee to assist merchants. Those who desire their help should arrange for a suitable date.

Merchants are required to know when they bought any of the 76 categories covered, from whom, and at what price. Invoices must be had to back up statements. The information is required of all dealers who annually sell \$2500 or more worth of the items covered by the regulation. It must be sent to Raleigh by April 20.

Here is one problem: A merchant who has merchandise on hand that he bought several years ago and has no invoice for it, is apparently forbidden to sell it. That is just one of the headaches.

## DRUM FISH COME BUT GET SET BACK SOON

### Capt. Basnight Lands 37 Tuesday; Lindsay Warren and Party Coming Soon

Drum fish arrived at Oregon Inlet with the coming of April, but the sudden change to cold weather Thursday has proved a temporary setback. Old timers think this will be the biggest season yet.

Capt. Charlie Perry of Kitty Hawk, with a party of sportsmen, were about the first to find the drum. The next big catch of 37 was made by Capt. Arvin O. Basnight who recently returned from duty with the Air Force in England, went fishing with his uncle, Lt. S. G. Basnight, USCG, and a party of friends. They had real luck in a catch of 37.

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## PONZER HOME CLUB

The Ponzer Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Community House. The meeting was called to order by the president. The group sang "Faith of Our Fathers." Devotional was by Mrs. Ellen Davis.

Miss Dech announced the district meeting at Swan Quarter, April 27th. She gave a demonstration on "Color, Convenience and Comfort in the Home."

There were nine members present.

The hostess, Mrs. Ellen Davis and Mrs. McKizle Smithwick, served cake and hot coffee.

## FIRE SWEEPS OVER 80,000 ACRES ON DARE COUNTY MAINLAND IN THREE DAYS

### Great Damage Wrought By Blaze Which Has Burned Over Half of Fred Maloof's Holdings In Dare; Fire Fighters With Inadequate Equipment Standing Helplessly By As Flames Spread

## HYDE MOTORISTS TO GET FEWER TIRES THIS MONTH

### Quota Cut Drastically; Care Must Be Taken To Keep Cars Rolling

Hyde County passenger car drivers will have to guard their tires even more carefully during the coming months if they are to continue to drive, N. W. Shelton, chairman of the Hyde County War Price and Rationing Board said today.

The Hyde county board will have only 32 passenger car tires for rationing in April as compared to 55 in March, he said.

The shortage of passenger tires makes it necessary that they be issued only after the war importance of each applicant's car use is measured against the importance of other applicant's cars, he pointed out.

A preferential list of occupations for use in selecting persons to receive passenger car tires has been established. Under the new plan the number of eligibles is not reduced, but is classified into preference groups, based on the direct importance of the car's use to the war effort. The priorities in considering applications are divided into four groups, he continued.

First priority group is limited almost entirely to persons whose occupations are of emergency nature and to workers at establishments faced with production emergencies. Included in this group are eligible physicians, public health nurses, police and employees at critical war industries. Farmers are included in group two.

A forest fire which started Tuesday at Stumpy Point has burned over more than 80,000 acres on the Dare County mainland causing great destruction to trees, wildlife and soil on the vast holdings of Fred Maloof. It continues unchecked, with poorly equipped forest fire fighters unable to do anything about it.

Mr. Maloof said today that the inadequate protection against forest fires in this section was a serious matter. He quoted foresters as saying they were helpless with the small shoulder pumps and other light equipment that they have. "The only hope that further damage will not be done is that there will be rain," he said, pointing to the low hanging clouds.

The fire has swept from Stumpy Point to Manns Harbor burning large areas on both sides of the road. It has not yet reached the rich timbered area at East Lake nor has it burned any sizeable area between Stumpy Point and Hyde County. However, a shift in the wind Friday brought fears that it would send the blaze burning a hole of destruction that way.

The destruction of wildlife has been great and the soil that otherwise might be cultivated if cleared, is burning so that for years to come it will be of no value for that purpose, to say nothing of the great loss of trees that tomorrow would be valuable in a country which has had its timber wealth drained by the greatest and costliest war of all times.

Mr. Maloof, who owns the largest tract of wood and timber land in North Carolina, believes that the best way to reduce the fire menace to woods lands is to apprehend those guilty of setting fires and relentlessly work for their prosecution in the courts. Said he, "It is nothing less than criminal to cause such destruction."

It is a shame that there is such inadequate protection against this sort of thing," Mr. Maloof continued. "The people should see to it that those charged with protecting our natural resources do something to keep these riches from going up in smoke before our very eyes."

Hyde County fortunate

"Hyde County is more fortunate," said the large landowner whose holdings join those of Hyde. "It's forester has a small truck and hose. This type of badly needed equipment has not been made available at Manns Harbor or Stumpy Point."

Hyde County only last year joined with the State in sponsoring a forest fire protection program. It has proved to be a great benefit, saving thousands of dollars worth of valuable timber. It has been such a safeguard for the wealth of the county, that officials would find themselves under criticism should they try to put aside the program, according to some citizens.

Development Affected

The fire is likely to prevent erection of the proposed fish box factory in the vicinity of Stumpy Point and other development planned for this 168,000 acre tract of land will probably be delayed.

A huge quantity of game birds and animals have undoubtedly been destroyed. Thousands of dollars will be lost in future seasons to trappers and furs and the hunting guides who live in the area.

FISHING GOOD AT LAKE MATAMUSKEET

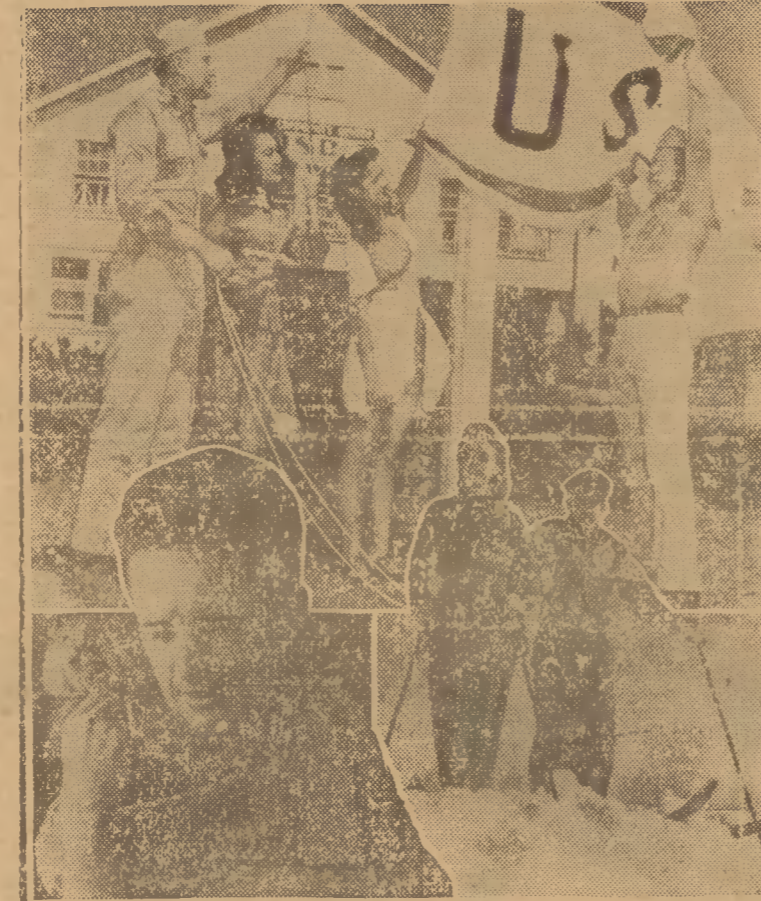
Fishermen are making big catches of fish in Lake Mattamuskeet these days, with the April of 30 being caught by most anglers in a short time. Many parties are coming to Hyde from other sections, as the refuge becomes better known as a good place to cast their lines.

Miss Emmie Nelson, representative of the National 4-H Club Committee, will come to Raleigh on April 15 to discuss 4-H club awards with L. R. Harrel, State Club Leader.



Swan Quarter  
Lieut. and Mrs. T. A. Hood announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, March 28, at the Fowle Memorial Hospital in Washington.

## Wherever You Go It's USO



From Hawaii, the "Paradise of the Pacific," to Bermuda—from Alaska and Newfoundland to Brazil, American service men and service women are enjoying USO Overseas "homes-away-from-home."

At the top: Hawaiian girls lend a hand in raising the flag which symbolizes America's pride in her armed forces. Lower left: Far from home, this soldier adopts one of the animal pets in a USO club in Brazil. Lower right: In Newfoundland, skiing parous start from and come back to USO men and women in uniform.