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HYDE CITIZENS URGED TO COOPERATE DURING CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

County Home Agent Suggests Ways of Improving Appearance of Homes and Surroundings; Thinks Hyde Could Be Made State's "Prettiest" County

By MISS IBERIA ROACH
Home Agent

Since "Clean-up Week" has been designated for the last two weeks in April, Hyde County citizens need to look around them and see what can be done to give a more orderly and attractive place.

A home and its surroundings must be clean, orderly, neat and attractive to give most comfort and happiness to each member of the family. The children of the home tend to improve citizenship and they are especially influenced by their surroundings.

Present conditions do not permit us to make many expenditures for improvements, but there are a lot of things which we can do at little or no expense which will increase the comfort and convenience and improve the appearance of our homes and communities.

Our home and its surroundings tell a story to the passerby! We have made a picture by which we are judged. What kind of impression has your home and surroundings made on people passing through the county?

Every citizen has a definite part in improving the appearance of the community. Conservation is the first step, conserve and protect existing beauty. This beauty that nature has provided without cost can seldom be improved by men, but needs protection.

Clean-up is the second step. Below are a few things that would make a decided improvement in every home and place of business would make an inventory of their surroundings and put things in order:

Clean up unsightly things; fix swinging screens, replace broken window panes; mend steps and porch pillows; repair fences and gates; do away with old barns and shelters that have fallen in; discard machinery in shelters; clean hedge rows and vacant lots; plant shrubs and trees; make a neat stacked wood pile; place trash dumps out of sight; drain pays dividends around the home. Stores and filling stations should clean-up, too.

Hyde County could be one of the prettiest counties in the State if everyone would cooperate and keep their surroundings clean and attractive—it is a cooperative project.

Representatives from six counties will visit Hyde, April 27, for it will be their first visit. What kind of impression are we going to make? Which will it be—Want to come again or stay longer it was such an attractive place; or—things were not well kept, lack of civic pride was displayed as many unsightly things were noticed that could be removed so easily.

What will you do toward making Hyde County a more attractive place during "CLEAN-UP WEEK?"

SWAN QUARTER SCHOOL BALL TEAM OFF TO GOOD START

The Swan Quarter Overall Boys gained their third victory in four starts by defeating Engelhard High, 23-11, at Swan Quarter Friday afternoon. High scorers for Swan Quarter were Blake with 4 and Swindell with 3. Engelhard high scorer was Meekins with 4.

The Overall Boys defeated Engelhard in two previous games, 27-4 and 18-17.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS AT EAST LAKE

The East Lake Home Demonstration Club met Friday, April 13, at the home of Mrs. G. G. Smith. Mrs. Maria Basnight, president of the club, presided, and Mrs. F. L. Holmes acted as secretary. A demonstration on "Color in the Home," including walls, woodwork, floors, draperies, and slipcovers, was given by Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, home demonstration agent.

NEW PLAN FOR FARM GASOLINE RATIONING SOON

Provides That Delivery Records Be Maintained; Becomes Effective May 1

A test plan in Lancaster County, Pa., which has resulted in a reduction in farm and other non-highway issuance of gasoline rations by an estimated 28 per cent, will be made in Eastern North Carolina beginning May 1, 1945. Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh District OPA director, said today.

The Lancaster plan provides that delivery records be maintained to account for every non-highway purchase of gasoline with "E" and "R" coupons. Formerly, a person was given his individual allotment of "E" (good for one gallon) and "R" (good for five gallons) coupons, and no record was kept of how many of these he used.

A delivery record will be issued to each non-highway gasoline consumer who is issued "E" and "R" coupons on and after May 1. The "E" and "R" coupons each consumer received will be noted on the form by the local War Price and Rationing Board. Each purchase the consumer pays for with "E" and "R" coupons will be entered on the record by the supplier.

Thus the delivery record, presented when the consumer applies for his next ration, will enable the board to tell at a glance how much gasoline the consumer has bought during the ration period, and how much remains in his ration. If a surplus is outstanding at the end of a ration period it will be deducted from the allocation for the next rationing period.

In addition to farmers, non-highway rations are issued to persons using gasoline engines in such work as dredging and crane and steam-shovel operation. All persons using "E" and "R" coupons except those who use less than 10 gallons a month are included in the new plan.

SWAN QUARTER O. E. S. HAS EASTER PROGRAM

The Swan Quarter Chapter, U. D., Order of the Eastern Star, observed a special Easter program Thursday night, April 12, after the chapter meeting.

"The Garden of Hope," an Easter ceremonial was presented to commemorate the resurrection of Christ. The Star points and chaplain placed bunches of white flowers tied with white ribbon at the east, which was banked ivy. The secretary and treasurer placed evergreens as they represented Jesus triumphant entry into the city and this final triumph over death. The marshal placed an olive branch which represented a symbol of the sorrow of the Lord, as He came to bring new home even in his deepest affliction.

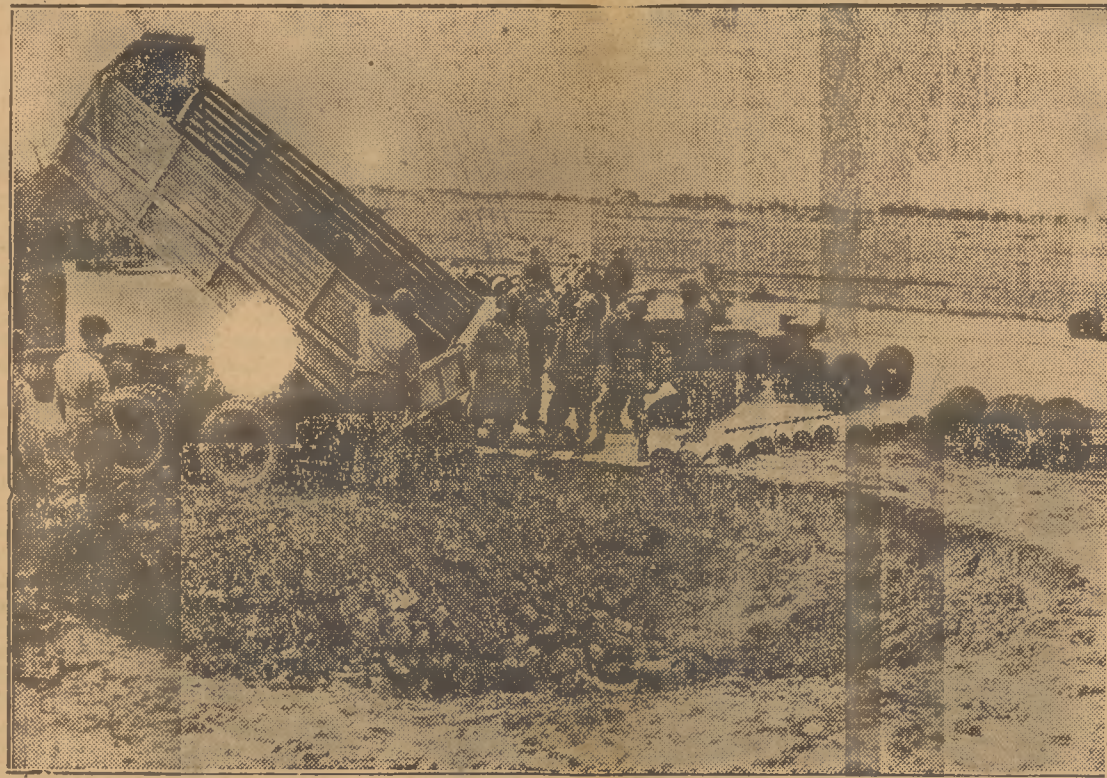
The conductress and associate conductress placed lighted candles on the altar in remembrance of the Savior, the "light of the world."

Mrs. Delle Swindell and Mrs. Francis Gibbs sang an appropriate duet.

In closing the officers formed a cross with the altar in the center.

Members taking part in the ceremony were Miss Iberia Roach, Verbal Bishop, Mesdames Mjraa Baum, Bryda Lee, Milissa Sadler, Ollis Lee, Francis Gibbs, Maysel Sawyer, Eloise Credle, Louella Swindell, Delle Swindell, Mildred Williamson, Hilda Swindell and Janie Swindell.

The wrong side of the garment is often the right side for ironing. All dark-colored cottons, linens, rayons, satin weaves, crepes, and wools should be ironed on the wrong side of the garment.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations.
NO FOOLING WITH BOMB CRATERS—Aviation Engineers of the 9th Air Force dump tons of rubble into the holes in German fields before laying the surfacing of a runway at one of the first Allied airstrips in Germany. Rolls of PBS (prefabricated bituminous surfacing) and of SMT (Square mesh track) may be seen beyond the crater. A few days after this photograph was made fighter-bombers were using the strip in attacks on enemy targets ahead of U. S. ground forces. (Official 9th AF photo.)

BACHELOR WILLS ALL TO HIS SWEETHEART

Isaac Eurbly Tillet, Jr., Dies Suddenly at Wanchese; Was Preparing for Marriage

By his will Isaac Eurbly Tillet, Jr., of Wanchese leaves all his property to his sweetheart, Miss Elviri Payne of Wanchese. Mr. Tillet died suddenly at the home of D. B. Payne Saturday evening at the age of 58. He had been making his home at Wanchese for the past year. He had bought the old I. N. Davis home, and was reconditioning it, and was to have married his old sweetheart, Miss Payne, whom he calls his "beloved friend," in his will. He was worth about \$2,000.

Mr. Tillet was a native of Nags Head, and had spent many years in New York where he was employed by the U. S. Engineer Department. He was a member of Kitty Hawk Methodist Church. He had never married.

Funeral services were conducted at Wanchese by Rev. V. A. Lewis, Methodist pastor, and Rev. G. W. Crutchfield of Kitty Hawk. He was buried in the Davis Cemetery.

His surviving relatives are his father, and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Tillet, Sr., of Nags Head; six half sisters, Mrs. Lizzy Harris of Kitty Hawk, Mrs. Cal Perry of Norfolk, Mrs. John Austin of Corolla, Mrs. Aurelia Leward and Mrs. Esther Beacham of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Mary Chapman of Smithfield, Va. Four half brothers, John, Walter and Boone D. Tillet of New York and Herman Tillet of Norfolk.

FAIRFIELD BOOK CLUB ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Fairfield Book Club in regular monthly meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Rolla Baynes, added two new members to its roll. They were Mrs. Joe Simmons and Mrs. E. V. Fites.

Several boozes were discussed during the evening. Those present were Mesdames Mattie Cartwright, Leslie Simmons, Henry Jones, Dallas Cuthrell, Edward Murray, Franklin Midyette, Mildred Guthrie, E. V. Fites, Joe Simmons and Miss Jennie McClaud.

Delicious refreshments were served. Lighted candles emphasized the beauty of the rose, the center piece on the dining table. The evening was much enjoyed.

WOMANLESS WEDDING TO SHOW AT SWAN QUARTER

A Womanless Wedding and pie party will be given at the Swan Quarter school auditorium Tuesday night, April 24, at 8:30 p. m., under the sponsorship of the junior class of the Swan Quarter high school. There will be a small admission fee.

Births

Swan Quarter
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal of Swan Quarter, a son, Roy Wayne, at Tayloe Hospital, April 17th.

CALLED TO COLORS

Hyde County's Register of Deeds Bonner R. Lee has received his call to the colors and will leave for induction next Wednesday, April 25th. The County Board of Commissioners has granted him a leave of absence.

Succeeding Lee in the Register's office will be Mrs. Janie Swindell of Swan Quarter. Mrs. Swindell has been assisting Mr. Lee in the office from time to time as an assistant. She is familiar with the office routine. Her appointment came as no surprise to courthouse circles.

Mrs. Swindell will be required to post a bond in the amount of \$5,000. She will assume her official duties on May 1st.

COOKERS CHECKED AT SWAN QUARTER CLINIC

Pressure cookers—149 of them—were tested at the pressure cooker clinic held in Swan Quarter Thursday, April 12, it was announced this week by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent. The cookers were tested by H. M. Ellis, agricultural engineer from State College, assisted by Misses Eva McMillian, Mildred Spencer, Iberia Roach and J. P. Woodard, F. V. Harris and J. M. Worrell.

Of the 149 cookers tested only 89 had perfect readings. Fifteen needed new safety valves, seven needed new gauges and three needed new gaskets, according to Miss Roach, who said that many people who had their cookers tested last year and found them in good condition, found them in need of repairs this year.

"A large number of people owning pressure cookers did not take advantage of the clinic, and they have no way of knowing if their cooker is in A-1 condition to safely can this year's food supply," said the home agent.

It was stated that arrangements had been made with a Washington hardware company to secure needed parts.

Of the 149 cookers checked at the clinic, 115 of them belonged to FSA borrowers. County FSA Supervisor F. V. Harris and associate supervisor, Eva L. McMillian, are putting on a campaign with FSA clients on the care of the cookers, in order to help them increase the life of the utensil and make it work more efficiently.

SWAN QUARTER BOY HOME AFTER 48 MONTHS OVERSEAS

T-Sgt. David M. Carawan, U. S. Army, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carawan of Swan Quarter. Sgt. Carawan, who was inducted into the Army June 4, 1941, has served 42 months in Hawaii. He was at Pearl Harbor during the Jap sneak attack. This is his first furlough home since induction. After 21 days, he will report to Miami Beach, Fla., for reassignment.

Grow more oil crops this year to help meet war needs, says the War Food Administration. This means treating peanut seed, dusting the plants with sulphur, and more attention to the soybean crop.

UNION MEETING TO BE AT SLADESVILLE

Baptist All-Day Meeting Scheduled for April 29; Rev. Stewart to Preach

On the fifth Sunday, April 29, there will be a union meeting of all Baptist churches of Hyde County at the Sladesville Baptist Church, it was announced this week by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips of Fairfield, pastor.

According to the Rev. Mr. Phillips, there will be a morning service followed by a dinner on the ground. There will also be services during the afternoon.

Among several speakers who will be present will be the Rev. E. R. Stewart of Windsor, former Baptist minister in Hyde County.

Revival services will begin at the Sladesville church on the evening of the 29th. The public is invited to attend.

GRANDSON OF SLADESVILLE COUPLE GETS AWARD

Staff Sgt. Hugh H. Perry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Perry of Route 2, Louisburg, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic conduct in action against the enemy in Holland. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O'Neal of Sladesville.

Sgt. Perry entered the Army in June, 1942, and was sent overseas in April, 1943. He is now serving with an airborne infantry division in France. His wife, the former Mary Pearl Coppedge of Spring Hope, is now living in Rocky Mount.

SLADESVILLE HOME CLUB MEETING WELL ATTENDED

A large number of members of the Sladesville Home Demonstration Club assembled at the home of Mrs. W. J. Richards Tuesday afternoon, April 18th, for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president. The opening song was "America the Beautiful." Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Jeff Credle, hostesses, gave the devotional.

Red Cross sewing was turned in during the business session. Miss Roach's demonstration on Color in the home followed.

The hostesses served delicious fruit punch and cakes.

7TH WAR LOAN QUOTA

Hyde County's quota in the forthcoming 7th War Loan Campaign will be \$69,000, it was announced this week by M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, county War Loan chairman. This is slightly higher than the 6th War Loan quota which was oversubscribed.

The "E" Bond quota is \$90,000. Mr. Matthews says that more individuals must buy bonds than ever before if Hyde is to meet its quota. "It is a challenge," he said, urging support for the drive.

The Engelhard banker announced that Hyde County citizens bought \$10,450.00 worth of bonds during March. Of this amount, only \$74 was of the series "E."

TERRIFIC LOSS TO DARE IN BURNED TIMBER, SOIL AND GAME ON MAINLAND

Two Weeks of Raging Fires Sweep Valuable Trees; Destroy Many Game Birds and Animals; No Fire Protection Available to Save Property Which Has Meant So Much to County's Welfare; Large Tax Loss Foreseen

HOME CLUB WOMEN OF DISTRICT TO MEET IN HYDE

Miss Current and Mrs. Davenport to Speak at Swan Quarter Meeting Apr. 27

The Hyde County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be hostess to the 15th District Executive Federation meeting to be held in the Swan Quarter Methodist Church Friday, April 27th.

Attendance will be limited to 50 persons by government regulations. Only district officers, past district chairmen, county council officers, and home agents and assistant home agents can attend.

Mrs. Edison Davenport, president of the State Federation of Home Clubs, will bring greetings from the State organization. Mrs. Davenport comes from Washington County which is in the 15th District of Home Clubs.

Miss Ruth Current, State home agent, will bring greetings from the State office. It will be Miss Current's first visit to Hyde County.

The Hyde County Home Demonstration club members will be hostess at a luncheon which will be served in the Agricultural Building.

STATE IRISH POTATO PROSPECTS GOOD

Irish potato plants are up in most areas of the State and good stands are in evidence, with current prospects pointing to a harvest 10 days to 2 weeks earlier than usual, according to the N. C. Agriculture Department.

"While the crop is not actually suffering at this time, soil moisture is being depleted rapidly in some areas, and the crop must receive rain if yields per acre are to come up to expectations," said Clyde Willis, department statistician.

Willis asserted that reports from growers indicate that 26,000 acres of commercial early Irish potatoes will be harvested. This is 18 per cent less than the 31,900 acres harvested in 1944 and 27 per cent less than the average of 35,840 acres harvested during the 10-year period from 1934 through 1943.

BEER DEALERS MUST RENEW LICENSES SOON

State and local licenses for retail sale of beer are payable before the start of the 1945-46 license year on May 1.

The license fees for retail outlets are: state, \$5.00; county \$25 for on-premises and \$5.00 for off-premises; and municipal \$15.00 for on-premises and \$5.00 for off-premises.

In a special bulletin to retail beer dealers, the North Carolina Committee—United States Brewers Foundation called attention to several changes in the beer control acts made by the 1945 General Assembly.

One amendment, effective May 1, makes it a misdemeanor for a retail dealer to operate without renewing his license or procuring a new permit. Another change requires the retailer to be a citizen of the state and the United States at least one year.

WORRELL GIVES ADVICE TO FARMERS ON SOYBEAN SEED

Farmers in Hyde County were urged today by J. M. Worrell, vocational agriculture teacher for Swan Quarter high school, to make sure that all soybean seed planted this spring are properly inoculated, especially on land that has not repeatedly grown the crop. "Inoculation is a cheap insurance on top soybean production," he said.

The 168,000 acres of Dare mainland which in the past 25 years has paid into the county treasury a quarter of a million dollars in taxes, and has provided employment for many of the families of the county, may cease to be so profitable soon, as a result of the fierce fires which have been raging back and forth across it for three weeks or more.

This property, which for many years, particularly during the depression, paid a fifth to a fourth of all the county taxes, and made it possible to keep schools going when otherwise teachers might not have been paid, has been swept clean in several areas of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of timber, as winds alternate from north to south to keep fires fresh and furious.

Certainly thousands of fur bearing animals such as have yielded a good income to natives have been burned to death, as well as game birds, deer and bear.

Valuable juniper timber has been burned as well as other varieties of trees. Juniper timber made into boat boards sells at \$120 per thousand and up. This timber is essential to the welfare of most of the counties families, because a community of fishermen must depend on boats in order to live.

Carelessness has resulted in the fires which have raged for the past three years, and which seem worse this year than last year. A few of the fires are believed to have been intentionally set by persons who were angered about some local conditions.

No Fire Fighting Equipment

Dare County spends about \$1,800 a year to participate with state and federal funds in a fire prevention program, but those employed to carry it out can accomplish little of value because they have no equipment. The fund pays a county warden, who at present is A. B. Hooper of Stump Point, and pays for manning watch towers at East Lake and Paines' Creek, southwest of Stump Point. But there is nothing he watchmen might do if they saw a fire, for there is no equipment to be called out, no men available, and no transportation or telephone serving the towns, one of which is eight miles from the nearest habitation. While most of the fires start along the road sides, they might be put out only if there was a regular patrol to take prompt action. It might be possible to keep most of the fires down with a small truck equipped with a pumping engine that could quickly take water from the canals along the roadside, but in many cases the fires in dry seasons swept by fresh winds, travel faster than a horse, and sweep miles away across morasses and into dense jungle completely out of reach of any fire fighters or equipment, that might come to the vicinity.

The small amount allowed for watchmen in the towers does not attract persons capable of rendering much help, or exhibiting any great sense of responsibility. Hence, it is not strange that a \$40 a month, should be accused of peddling whiskey at the tower, on state and federal property, in order to supplement his income into living proportions. To fire one, only means to get another who was accused to coming to town on a drunk the day the fire broke out, and was recently discharged.

About all that has been accomplished so far by the fire prevention program is such educational work as may be done among the younger people, but so far there has been a lack of evidence of a mounting sense of responsibility in this connection. It seems that too many people do not care or realize the great injury they are doing their neighbors and the county, by setting such fires. People are careless in burning their own trash, and regard to drive.