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MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR DARE COUNTY TO GET COAST GUARD HOSPITALS

Officials Hope Plan Can Be Worked Out To Convey Buildings and Equipment to Competent Hospital Association; Great Need For Hospital At Hatteras Prompts Suggestion They May Be Retained For Service of People

There may be a possibility yet to get for the public of the North Carolina Coastland the two Coast Guard hospital buildings at Cape Hatteras and Kill Devil Hills, which will soon be abandoned for their original purposes. Preliminary publicity proceeding largely out of misinformation may hurt the chances, for no definite offer has ever been made, and no such thing as buying them for \$2 has ever been heard of.

The small hospitals are well equipped and are sorely needed along the coast where the people are so far away from hospitals, doctors, and medical attention. Particularly at Cape Hatteras the hospital is needed to serve the people of that island and of Ocracoke.

Realizing this great need and on behalf of the people, the matter was recently taken up with Rear Admiral Carl Michele, head of the Coast Guard medical units in America, and he was asked if something could be done to retain the buildings and equipment which are soon to be dismantled, rather than have them go to waste.

Admiral Michele was very sympathetic, and said it would be his desire to see the structures and equipment dedicated to the service of the public, rather than to be torn down, and that upon proper representations on behalf of the people, he would be pleased to give every consideration to the idea when presented in Washington.

The appeal was made last week by A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo, Lt. Commander Walter Etheridge, and Sheriff D. V. Meekins, who journeyed to Corolla where Rear Admiral Michele was visiting.

It was the sense of the conference that a competent association be formed to work for this purpose and the eventual management of the properties, if obtained for public use, and it was agreed that Mr. Drinkwater be temporary chairman of the committee.

In this capacity he this week discussed the matter with the Dare County commissioners with a view to further exploration of the subject.

Unfortunately, premature publicity about the situation may result in queering the whole thing as it appears to be misinformation and ill-advised. Certainly, nothing definite has been done, except to arrive at the conclusion that the people of the coastland need a hospital, and it is the duty of all good citizens to cooperate in aiding them to get one.

STATE DENTIST MAY CHECK TEETH OF HYDE CHILDREN

A form letter is being sent parents of pupils in grades one through seven this week by N. W. Shelton, supt of Hyde County schools, telling them that it is possible that a state dentist may come to Hyde this summer and asking that they notify teachers if they desire their children to have this free service. The only obligation is getting the pupils to the various schools on the date that the dentist comes to the county, should he be available. Parents are urged to fill out the blanks and return them to the proper teacher. Whether or not the dentist comes to the county depends to a large degree on the number of people wanting the service, which will include inspection, cleaning, treating and extracting when necessary.

All poultry houses should have plenty of sunlight. This sunlight helps to keep the house dry, is a good germicide, and serves to produce vitamin D in the bird's body.

Twelve to fifteen tomato plants per person are needed to furnish fresh tomatoes and some extra for canning.

MAY 8-31 IS PROCLAIMED CLEAN UP DAYS

Campaign Being Pushed To Beautify Homes And Farms In Hyde

Meriting the full support of all the citizens of Hyde County is the program now being pushed energetically by Miss Iberia Roach, home agent, to clean up the homes, farms and business places in the county. Success of the program would undoubtedly attract the attention of tourists and put more money in the pockets of the citizenry.

A proclamation was issued Tuesday by the County Board of Commissioners designating May 8-31 as clean up days in the county thus lending official support to the program.

Support is being given by members of home clubs, as do these citizens do their part in all worthy undertakings. Already the women of the Ponzer community have started a yard cleaning program and those at Engelhard have started a movement to improve the appearance of their town.

Engelhard Meeting

A meeting was held in the Town Hall at Engelhard Monday evening to discuss a program of cleaning up that community. Suggestions were made regarding improving the appearance of the grounds around the town property and the creation of a parking lot.

Those present at the meeting were Mesdames J. M. Long, Novoline Barrett, T. J. Etheridge, David Peebles, Max Hodges, Bell Crede and Rufus Williams, Joe Harris and Tom Spencer.

ENGELHARD ROTARIANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Tom Spencer Voted President; Silverthorne, Vice President; Shelton, Secretary

Tom Spencer, editor of The Hyde County Herald, was elected president of the Engelhard Rotary Club at the regular weekly dinner session at the Watson Hotel last Thursday evening. He will succeed J. M. Long, Engelhard contractor.

Asbie Gray Silverthorne, traffic manager of the Engelhard Bus Company, was re-elected vice president, and N. W. Shelton, superintendent of schools for Hyde County was re-elected secretary-treasurer. R. S. Spencer was elected sergeant-at-arms.

The new officers will assume their duties on July 1st. The new president has been a member of the Rotary Club for almost five years. He served one term as vice president and two as secretary-treasurer. For the past year he has headed the publicity committee.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN JUNIORS AT STUMPY POINT

The seniors of the Stumpy Point high school were entertained by the juniors in their annual banquet, May 4. The banquet was carried out in a Hawaiian setting. A canopy of multi-colored crepe paper lent color to the Hawaiian theme, which was accentuated by spring flowers and the proverbial moon.

The program of the evening follows: Invocation, C. E. Payne; In the Land of Beginning Again, Grace Hooper; Philosophy of Life, Lynwood Wise; Happy Days (Toast), Myra Best; Reply, Nita Midgett; Prophecy, Nell Wechler; Farewell to Thee, a piano selection.

The guests were delightfully entertained by numerous piano selections, both Hawaiian and popular, by Mason Nelson of Beaufort.

The Country's First "War Loan" Advertisement

ADVERTISEMENT

Lancaster, May 6, 1755

NOTICE is hereby given to all who have contracted to send wagons and teams or single horses from York County to the Army at Wills Creek, that David M. Conagby and Michael Schwcope of said county, Gentlemen, will attend on my behalf at York Town on Friday next, and at Philip Forneys on Saturday, to value or appraise all such wagons, teams and horses, as shall appear to those places on the said days for that purpose; and such as do not appear must be valued at Wills Creek. The wagons that are valued at York and Forneys are to set out immediately after valuation from thence to Wills Creek, under the Conduct and Direction of Persons I shall appoint for the purpose. The owner or owners of each wagon or set of horses should bring with them to the Place of Valuation and deliver to the appraisers, a paper containing a description of their several horses in writing, with their several marks natural and artificial; which paper is to be annexed to the contract. Each wagon should be furnished with a cover, that the goods laden therein may be kept from damage by the rain, and the health of the drivers preserved, who are to lodge in the wagons. And each wagon, and every horse driver, should also be furnished with a hook or sickle, fit to cut long grass that grows in the country beyond the mountains. As all the wagons are obliged to carry a load of oats, or Indian corn, persons who have such grain to dispose of are desired to be cautious how they hinder the King's Service, by demanding an extravagant price on this occasion.

B. FRANKLIN

BEN FRANKLIN, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 1755, caused to be written what is termed the country's first war loan advertisement. Franklin warned his readers against inflationary prices lest they "hinder the King's Service," a lesson still good in the Mighty Seventh War Loan. The document was written in German as well as English. Superimposed on the original are the words used by Franklin. This was a loan of materials and not of dollars.

CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOARD CHANGES

Disagreement Over Parliamentary Procedure Brings About Edged Tempers

Tempers were edged at the regular monthly session of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners Monday when disagreement arose between members on parliamentary procedure, during which Ed Berry of New Holland was ousted as chairman on a charge of failing to carry out the duties of the office and replaced by J. S. Mason of Swan Quarter on motion of Commissioner A. L. Cuthrell of Fairfield.

The argument started over a tax matter. Information from the officials and the records show that S. G. Sawyer of Currituck township presented an old tax receipt given by former sheriff, the late Harry O'Neal, to Mrs. Maude Jones, county accountant, as evidence of payment of an account on the books in her office. County Attorney O. L. Williams also saw the receipt. They offered sworn statements with the view of helping settle the matter.

Mr. Berry stated that he would defer action, contending that since the receipt had not been officially presented to the board, it seemed to him unwise to act. This, he said, was not a reflection on those who made the statement of seeing the receipt. But, Mr. Cuthrell saw the matter differently, and made a motion that the board go on record as considering the tax paid. Mr. Berry refused to put the motion before the board, on the contention that as chairman he had temporarily deferred action, which he said he had a right to do. Mr. Cuthrell was then made chairman, pro tem, and his motion put before the board and passed.

This accomplished, Mr. Cuthrell, stating that Mr. Berry had failed to perform his duties as chairman by using the office to block the will of the majority of the members, made a motion to oust the New Holland man from the chair and make Mr. Mason chairman. He firmly contended that Mr. Berry had no right to defer action on a motion and keep it from coming before the board. The motion for the change in chairmanship was carried.

All of this brought about edged tempers, which many times do arise in democratic bodies, where opinions often widely differ. Sometimes they linger, but more often they pass away quickly. They are seen as unfortunate, but not alarming incidents. They happen in many places.

Among other business transacted was the approving and paying of bills, and the approving of the bond of Mrs. Janie Swindell, acting Register of Deeds, who officially assumed her duties Monday.

JUDGE THOMPSON TO HOLD COURT IN HYDE



HON. C. E. THOMPSON of Elizabeth City, resident judge for this district, will preside at the Spring term of Superior Court in Hyde County which will convene Monday morning, May 21st. Only a small number of minor cases are docketed for trial. The session is expected to be a short one.

MRS. JOHN BERRY DIES WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

Mrs. John M. Berry, 54-year-old wife of highly regarded rural mail carrier at Swan Quarter, passed away in Fowle Memorial Hospital at 12:03 Tuesday morning following a short illness. Death came only three days after her 54th birthday, which was Friday, May 4th, the day which she was taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Berry was the daughter of the late Rev. Charles Brothers of Elizabeth City, Methodist minister, and Mollie Weston Brothers of Aurora. She was living in Hyde County with an aunt, Mrs. George H. Weston, when she married Mr. Berry. She was an active member of Providence Methodist Church.

A large number of friends and relatives will miss Mrs. Berry, who was highly regarded and well liked in her neighborhood.

Surviving besides her husband is one daughter, Mrs. Linwood Tunnell of Swan Quarter; five sons, John Madison of Jacksonville, Fla., Charles of Portsmouth, Clay, USN, Washington, D. C., and Morris and Murlin of Swan Quarter; one sister, Mrs. Martin Griffin of Asheville; and a step-mother, Mrs. Annie Brothers of Greensboro.

Funeral details were not available as this was written.

day, succeeding Bonner R. Lee who was recently called to the colors.

JOHN FINDLEY NEW MANAGER LAKE REFUGE

Former Assistant State Game Commissioner Takes Federal Job in Hyde

John D. Findley, for the past several years assistant state game commissioner with headquarters in Raleigh, took over the job of manager of the Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge at New Holland May 1st. He succeeds Sam Lamb who resigned last fall to return to manage his father's farm in Colorado. Willie Gray Cahoon of New Holland, member of the refuge force, has been in charge since that time.

Mr. Findley is not a stranger. In coastal North Carolina where his position with the State Department of Conservation and Development brought him many times in the past few years. He is already acquainted with many Hyde County people, particularly those connected with hunting and fishing in Mattamuskeet Lake.

The new refuge manager is a native of Charlotte. He graduated from State College where he studied forestry. He is married and has two small boys.

OLD TIME REVIVAL COMES TO CLOSE AT AMITY CHURCH

What many older churchgoers termed "an old time" revival came to a close at the Amity Church at Lake Landing Sunday night. The preaching continued for two weeks, with the Rev. J. W. Groce doing the speaking. There was special music.

It was a charge-wide revival for the Mattamuskeet charge and a large number of Methodists, as well as others from that section of Hyde attended.

Many colored folks were present at the meetings. Not in recent times had the galleries of the old church seated so many Negro friends who came to worship in the days gone by.

The minister for churches in the Mattamuskeet charge is the Rev. F. R. Davis who devotes his full energies to the church. He comes from the old school of thought, and is especially well liked by the older church members.

ENGELHARD SAW MAY 5TH PASS WITHOUT ELECTION

Saturday, May 5th, was time for the town election at Engelhard, but there were no candidates running for office. Citizens generally agree that they are awaiting the return of service men whom they expect to take over town affairs. In the meantime, some progressive minded citizens fear that the town may lose much by this unconcerned attitude.

SHIPS SUNK OFF COAST OF CAROLINA ALMOST UP TO SURRENDER DAY

Crew of Norwegian Tanker Brought To Roanoke Island Two Weeks Ago; Ships Sunk Off Maryland Coast and Off Rhode Island

TEXACO SENDS OUT NEW TYPE OF MOTOR OIL

At Urgent Request of Army, Air Forces Are Provided With Latest Improvement

Several carloads of a new type lubricating oil for jet-propelled fighter aircraft have been rushed to the Army Air Forces by The Texas Company's refinery at Port Arthur, Texas, in response to an urgent request from the Army. Texaco engineers, in cooperation with the Army, developed the new lubricant in the shortest possible time, using special equipment available at Port Arthur.

An interesting feature of the new oil is the fact that only one grade is required for all atmospheric conditions. Unlike conventional aircraft engine oils, which are manufactured in different grades and must be diluted or pre-heated for sub-zero starting, the new jet-engine lubricant eliminates all this extra equipment and works equally well in the Arctic or the tropics. Moreover, oil lines and tanks need not be insulated for stratosphere flight, since there is no danger that the oil will solidify under the coldest atmospheric conditions encountered. At the same time, the lubricant withstands the highest bearing temperatures of the jet engine. This type of oil was used as a lubricant in the Army's P-59 jet-propelled fighter plane during recent winterization tests in Alaska.

Texaco research has been investigating jet fuels and lubricants for many months. Two other important contributions to military aviation by The Texas Company have been solid fuels for "Jato" rocket units for assisted take-offs with heavier bomb loads, and low-temperature greases for more dependable operation of high-altitude fighter planes and bombers.

HYDE MAKES GOOD SHOW CANCER DRIVE

Reports County More Than Chairman Jarvis of Engelhard Doubled Quota

Hyde County made a good show in the recent cancer drive, a report by J. H. Jarvis, of Engelhard, county chairman, reveals. Contributions totaled \$131.74. The quota was only \$52.65.

Co-chairmen in the drive were Mrs. O. L. Williams, Swan Quarter; Mrs. Jeff Crede, Soranton; and Mrs. R. G. Roebuck, Fairfield. Prof. O. A. Peay of Scranton headed the Negro campaign.

Swan Quarter reported \$27.10, for special mention going to the fourth and fifth grades of the school for outstanding work. \$25 was raised at Sladesville, with the sixth grade winning special mention for its good work. Fairfield donations totaled \$18.80. The Fairfield Woman's Club did good work in that community for the drive. At Engelhard, \$45.84 was raised with Milti Watson winning special mention for her individual work in the campaign. The Negro division raised \$15.

The cancer campaigns were originally sponsored in Hyde County by the Swan Quarter Senior Woman's Club.

JUDGE FISHER TO HOLD COUNTY COURT MONDAY

Judge Ernest Fisher of Sladesville will hold the regular term of Hyde County Recorder's Court Monday, May 14th. The April term of the court was not held because of Mr. Fisher's illness. Because the March-April docket was postponed for trial until this month, some 18 cases are scheduled for trial.

Fiberboard is more critical now than ever before. Growers and processors should order their containers at once.

SHIPS SUNK

Almost up to the date of surrender, U-boats were prowling off the coast of Carolina, and only about two weeks ago, 40 men rescued from a tanker, reportedly Norwegian, were brought into Manteo, and shipped out from the Naval Air Station. Details have not been released, but on Thursday the Navy reported the sinking of ships nearly a month ago. One of them off the Maryland coast and one off Rhode Island.

The first ship referred to was rumored to be also a Norwegian but it was probably some ship of Norwegian registry now operated by American forces.

The Norwegian tanker Katy was torpedoed, but she managed to reach port without loss of crew, although badly damaged. She was of 9,800 gross tons, and was "shot" about 80 miles off shore.

The Blackpoint, a collier was enroute to Boston, and was torpedoed off Block Island, R. I., with a full cargo of coal. Twelve of her crew was missing.

The American tanker Swift-scout was sunk off the coast of Maryland on April 18, and went to the bottom in 20 minutes. One man was lost, the chief engineer, apparently dazed, refused to leave the ship.

The Atlantic Refining Company tanker Atlantic States, made port despite an explosion, without loss of life. She was struck April 55 off Massachusetts.

PROGRAMS AT FAIRFIELD ON VICTORY DAY

Stores Closed, School Had Prayer, Services At Baptist Church

From all reports coming to this newspaper, Victory Day in Europe was little different from any other day in Hyde County, except in Fairfield where there were programs at the Baptist church and at the school and where the stores closed for the evening.

Church bells rang as the announcement came from President Truman Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and the school children observed a five minutes period of silence.

The Rev. Lee Phillips, Baptist minister, gave a talk at the school where students assembled in the auditorium for the Victory Day program.

The stores closed during the evening at which time there were union services at the Fairfield Baptist Church with the Rev. Phillips doing the preaching.

There was a program at the Engelhard school Monday afternoon observing the close of the war in Europe even though the announcement had not been officially made from Washington. The Rev. J. T. Brown, Christian minister, was the speaker.

HYDE SOLDIER COMES HOME FAST IN AIR TRANSPORT

Miami, Fla.—It wasn't too many days ago when a trio of North Carolina G. I.'s out in the far flung theatres of operations were really "sweating out" furloughs home after more than two years overseas.

Among the fast travelling veterans was Sgt. Leon Ballance, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ballance of Lake Landing who has served 24 months in the American Theatre of Operations.

Sgt. Ballance is spending some time with his parents before being assigned for further duty in the states.

J. Y. Lassiter, Extension horticulturist of State College, says that growers make more money when the produce quality products, and grade and pack them acceptably.

Buy More Bonds and Stamps.