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HYDE IRISH POTATOES GOING TO MARKET IN LARGER QUANTITIES

Prices For Picking Up Established At Meeting At Engelhard Friday Night, Where Growers Heard State College Specialists Talk on Harvesting and Marketing

Irish potatoes began moving from Hyde County fields in larger quantities this week, with growers receiving ceiling prices for the crop. Yields are good throughout the county.

A few of the 900 acres in the county had been harvested last week and earlier, but generally speaking the digging went into full swing this week. Recent rains were an important factor in helping make a good crop.

Growers meeting in the Engelhard high school last Friday night established the price for picking up this year. It was agreed to pay 10 cents for picking up behind a digger, and 13 cents for picking up behind a plow.

Two State College specialists were at the Engelhard meeting and talked to growers. They were J. Y. Lassiter, extension horticulturist, and H. L. Meacham, marketing specialist.

Mr. Lassiter spoke to the Hyde farmers on the "Care and Handling of Potatoes" and showed a 30 minute movie as an illustration. The topic of Mr. Meacham was "Marketing and Ceiling Prices."

Both men gave some helpful advice to growers. Farmers are urged to give care in handling the crop in order that they can put a better product on the market and get better prices. Digging the potatoes in the cool of the day is urged by the specialists.

State Sales Good

Early commercial Irish potato growers are experiencing the most active demand and the highest prices in several years, declared Harry Westcott, vegetable marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, in reporting that the somewhat troublesome Irish potato situation is this season "all sweetness and light."

Prices have remained at the ceiling since harvesting began three weeks ago, and Westcott said that "no weakening in the demand is expected."

While railroad carlot shipments totaled only 1,500 through May 29, it is estimated that another 3,000 will be shipped by truck. With favorable weather conditions, Westcott said, over 50 per cent of the crop will have been marketed by Saturday, June 2, which in normal years is the date for earliest shipments.

Westcott now has 82 men in the 14 major producing counties, and he is keeping in constant touch with them as regards the quality of the potatoes, the local prices, digging, grading, packing practices.

Although the quality of the potato is the best in years, the strong demand is also due to a smaller national crop than had been anticipated and the fact that other commercial vegetables which usually compete with the early potato have been retarded by the unseasonably cool weather, according to Westcott.

This cool weather has also proven a real boost for Irish potato growers in that it has helped the carrying quality of their product.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR CPL MARSHALL

Memorial services for Cpl. Charles Marshall, who died in Germany February 27 as the result of wounds received in action, were held at 11:30 Sunday morning, May 27, in the Engelhard Methodist church with the Rev. F. R. Davis, pastor, in charge. Cpl. Marshall is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eugenia Saunderson Marshall; a daughter, Carolyn; his mother, Mrs. S. S. Marshall; and several sisters and brothers.

To timber owners: the problem of producing enough crates and boxes to ship war supplies has mounted since V-E Day.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

FOREST FIRE CONTROL

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners approved the state-county forest fire control program for another year while in regular session Monday, appropriating \$2,000 as the county's part to carry on the work.

Thousands of dollars worth of timber are reported to have been saved last year, and many taxpayers have expressed themselves as believing the program most worthwhile. They point out that saving this natural wealth makes the county richer and therefore tends to lower taxes.

Fire Warden Archie Berry of Fairfield reported to the commissioners that all forest fires that have started in the county since the program was started 10 months ago were brought under control before they did any extensive damage.

A fire tower is to be constructed in Currituck township near the inland waterway with the view of rendering more efficient service to vast timbered area in that section.

MORE POLIO CASES NOW THAN THIS TIME 1944

National Chapter Offering Free Leaflet Listing Precautions

On the eve of infantile paralysis summer outbreaks, a recapitulation of the figures available, show that the number of poliomyelitis cases in the country is running about fifty per cent ahead of a year ago, it is announced by Dr. Don W. Gudakunst, Medical Director of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., N. Y. As of mid-May, the number of new cases this year were 642 as compared with 424 cases for the same period in 1944.

Sharp increases have been reported in the New England states, Middle Atlantic states, South Atlantic area, and the East South Central states.

While the fact that there are fifty per cent more cases in the country this year than in the same period in 1944, "this is not an alarming situation but it should be watched carefully," said Dr. Gudakunst. The Medical Director also declared that "The National Foundation, based on its experience of assisting in severe outbreaks of infantile paralysis during the past years, is in splendid condition to render real service to medical and public health authorities in an epidemic of infantile paralysis wherever it may occur. We stand ready and willing to help the state, county, and local health authorities at a moment's notice."

As a further aid in the fight against infantile paralysis, the National Foundation is distributing hundreds of thousands of bulletins entitled "When Polio Strikes" which includes many helpful hints for parents. It also contains a series of simple precautions to be taken by parents during the summer months.

WILL WHEDBEE FORMER COAST GUARD IS DEAD

William E. Whedbee, 40, formerly of Buxton and Salvo, Dare County, a retired member of the Coast Guard service, died May 25, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, where he had been a patient for several years. He was the husband of Mrs. Melvina Gray Whedbee of Salvo, and the son of Mrs. Hannah Barnes of Salvo, and the late Dick Whedbee of Buxton. Besides his wife, he is survived by five children, Kendall, Earl, Irene, and Jean Whedbee, and his mother Mrs. Hannah Barnes of Salvo; one brother, Charles Whedbee of Manteo, and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Gaskins of Buxton, and Mrs. Tom Wallace of Sherwood, Mr.

Funeral services were held at the home at Salvo June 1, by Rev. Wm. E. Albright, Methodist minister. He was buried in the family cemetery at Buxton.

A countrywide shortage of food containers of all kinds is reported by the War Food Administration.

Soaking pans and dishes saves time, and cold water is recommended. Don't let iron utensils rust.

No More Proud Sight



ALL THE WORLD looks to The American Flag as the symbol of freedom from aggression and a guarantee that peace and righteousness shall prevail. This, official insignia of the Mighty Seventh War Loan, shows the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima by U. S. Marines. It is the picture that has been more widely used than any in this war, proceeds of which the A.I. donated to service relief.

DARE FISHERMEN BRING IN RECORD CATCH OF HALF MILLION IN MONTH

Croakers Setting Fishermen on Top of World; Ten Cents a Pound Is Price This Week, As Fishermen Make Catches of \$500 to \$700 a Day; Crabbers Find Yield and Prices Good

On the whole, the fishermen of Dare County are not complaining; in fact, they are happy for they are doing right well, and wondering how long it will last. Catches of croakers as high as \$700 a day to the boat make a crew of four men feel mighty good. During the past six weeks, catches have been higher than that, and record catches have brought up to \$4,000 a day to the boat.

This week fishing holds up well. Croakers run as high as four pounds. Alfred Midgett's boat on Wednesday brought in 63 box-loads or 6,300 pounds. Warren O'Neal on Friday also at the Manteo dock had a fine catch. And of course there were many others. These were at the fish house of Willie Etheridge. Dave Whitson, the oldest buyer in Manteo, had paid out \$200,000 for fish up to about three weeks ago, and the catches are still going strong.

Down at Oregon Inlet, a run of blues struck, and sport fishermen were doing fine. From Hatteras came even more favorable reports, as old timers made efforts to get to that fishing place. At Stumpy Point good fishings were reported.

From Manns Harbor and other crab centers came reports that crabbers were selling up to \$35 a day, catching crabs at \$5 a barrel. Fishing is good, no doubt, and so is crabbing, and fishermen are now having a chance to salt away something for a rainy day, even if there is a high cost to living.

PONZER CLUB WOMEN PLAN FOR BOND RALLY

The regular meeting of the Ponzer Home Demonstration club was held in the Ponzer Community House, Tuesday, June 5. Plans were made for the bond rally to be held in the community June 20.

Following the business session and Miss Roach's demonstration on how to make cheese, the hostesses, Mrs. Riley Williams and Mrs. Etta Lowe, served delicious refreshments.

POSTMASTERS OF DISTRICT MEET AT NEW HOLLAND

Mrs. Swindell Hostess; Officers Elected; Watson Named National Director

Postmasters of the first district held their annual meeting at the Mattamuskeet Lodge at New Holland last Wednesday evening, May 30, with Mrs. Louella Swindell, Swan Quarter postmaster and district chairman, hostess.

Guy R. Cuthrell of Fairfield delivered the address of welcome. The response was by W. C. Arnold of Ayden.

The guest speaker was Wilbur C. Doshier, of Wilmington, state president. Also present and making a short talk was Mrs. Pearl Linville, of Oak Ridge, state secretary.

EAST LAKE SOLDIER IS NOW A SERGEANT

Nolan S. Ambrose, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ambrose, East Lake, has been promoted from a private first class to a sergeant in Battery A, 121st Field Artillery Battalion of the veteran 32nd "Red Arrow" Division now fighting in the precipitous Caraballo mountains of Northern Luzon. He is a communications sergeant.

Sgt. Ambrose entered the service in June of 1941, took his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., and sailed overseas in April of 1942. Before entering the army, he was a merchant marine and worked for the Elco Steamship Co. of New York City. He is a graduate of Moriol High School.

Buy More Bonds and Stamps.

HYDE 7TH WAR LOAN BOND SALES TO BE BOOSTED BY RALLIES

First of Five To Be Held Throughout County To Be At Engelhard Wednesday, June 13th Travis; Flow-ers, Back From Jap Prison, To Be Speaker At Each Meeting

RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPMENTS OF POTATOES

Northeastern Counties Now Affected by WFA Food Order

Atlanta, Ga.—The War Food Administration has extended potato shipping restrictions to seven North Carolina counties and four Virginia counties, effective June 4, to assure a sufficient quantity of good quality potatoes for the Armed services and other government procurement agencies.

Counties affected, under War Food Order 120, include Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort and Pamlico in North Carolina, and Accomac, Northampton, Princess Anne and Norfolk counties in Virginia.

Under the order, shippers in those areas must first offer to sell each lot of potatoes to a government procurement agency. If the quantities offered are not required for fresh use, or by dehydrators having contracts with government agencies, a permit will be issued authorizing shipment through commercial channels. Offers to government agencies must be made at prices within ceilings fixed by the Office of Price Administration, and they must be accompanied by inspection certificates indicating grades and packs acceptable to WFA.

George Crisp, War Food Administration, will be in charge of offices to be set up in Washington and Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and George Engels will represent WFA in Onley, Va., to issue permits in the restricted areas. Details of procedures for obtaining permits will be handled through their offices in the cities named.

4-H CHURCH SUNDAY OBSERVED AT ENGELHARD

The Engelhard 4-H club observed 4-H Church Sunday June 3 at the Engelhard Christian Church. The club members were dressed in white, carrying a lighted candle and wearing the 4-H emblem in the procession. Elizabeth Long, Mitzl Watson, Gilda Gay Gibbs and Sylvester Burrus lighted white candles on the large 4-H emblem which represented Faith, Prayer, Courage and Character. After the four large candles were lighted the entire group of 27 club members gave the 4-H pledge.

The group sang "God Bless Our Native Land," followed by Justine Patrick giving the purpose of the service. Allen Hooker and Connie Berry read the scripture while Jay Spencer lead the prayer. A beautiful poem, "I took a Day to Search for God" was given by Dorinda Berry. A special song, "Ivory Palaces," was sung by Susie Marshall, June Long and Mitzl Watson.

Offering was taken by the 4-H ushers, Jack Long, and Joe Davis, followed by the audience standing while Max Hodges, Jr., gave the offertory prayer.

The Rev. J. T. Brown preached on "Stewards of God's Earth." The program was directed by Mrs. David Peebles, and the church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Norfleet Mann, local 4-H leaders.

HATTERAS GIRL GRADUATES AT LOUISBURG

Miss Louise Oden of Hatteras was among those graduating from Lousburg College in exercises held Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28th. Miss Oden studied commerce. She is a graduate of the Hatteras high school.

Vegetables in the Victory Garden should be mulched just after growth begins.

A series of five war bond rallies are planned to boost lagging 7th War Loan purchases in Hyde County, with the first one to be held at Engelhard, Wednesday, June 13. Travis Flowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Flowers of Sladesville, recently returned from a Jap prison camp, will be the principal speaker at all of the meetings.

Rallies are scheduled to be held at Swan Quarter Friday, June 15; Fairfield Tuesday, June 19; Ponzer, Wednesday, June 20; and Sladesville, Thursday, June 21.

The feature attraction of each of these rallies will be a talk by Travis Flowers on life in a Jap prison camp. There will be other entertainment of the lighter variety.

Items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder as has been the custom. Mrs. Charlie Flowers is in charge of getting donations to be auctioned off at the Sladesville rally. Others will be named for their locality later.

Hyde County has a quota of \$69,000 in the 7th War Loan drive. Unofficial reports indicate that less than one fourth of that amount has been purchased. It is to be hoped that sales will be boosted greatly by the rallies.

FEWER FARMS IN HYDE, DARE THAN IN 1935

Drop in Dare Has Been Especially Large, Considering Acreage

There are by far fewer farms in Hyde and Dare Counties today than there was 10 years ago, according to a preliminary count of returns of the 1945 census of Agriculture. The drop in Dare has been especially large considering the acreage in the county.

The number of farms in Hyde County is 826 today, compared with 993 in 1940 and 1,032 in 1935, according to the census report issued by the headquarters of the First North Carolina Census District. This is a decrease of 226 farms in 10 years.

The report showed that there are 60,270 acres of land in farms now. This compares with 66,915 in 1940 and 66,143 in 1934. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Hyde County was 73 acres, as compared with 66.2 acres in 1940 and 62.9 in 1935, showing that farms have become larger during the war.

In Dare County, the 1945 report shows that there are 49 farms now, compared with 55 in 1940 and 126 in 1935. This acreage today is 2,467 as compared with 2,495 acres in 1940 and 5,249 in 1935. Average size of farms is 50.3 acres now, as compared with 45.4 acres in 1940 and 41.7 acres in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals, the district office pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulation returns will be made by the Bureau of the Census and announced from Washington, it was said.

FAIRFIELD SOLDIER AWARDED BRONZE STAR

Pfc. Edward E. O'Neal of Fairfield, who participated in the fighting in Germany, has been awarded the Bronze Star. Pfc. O'Neal was with the 30th Infantry Division.

STORY TIME HOUR

The Engelhard Book Club will sponsor a Story Time Hour again this year. The meeting will be held each week beginning Wednesday afternoon, June 13. All interested children between two and 12 years of age are welcome to the meetings in the town hall. They will be from four to six in the afternoon.