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ENGELHARD LOSES HOME EC TEACHER TO FARM SECURITY

Miss Blanch Tuten Takes Job As Home Supervisor Of FSA in Hyde County

Miss Blanch Tuten, home economics teacher at Engelhard for the past four years, has resigned her position with the school to become home supervisor of the Farm Security Administration in Hyde County, with headquarters at Swan Quarter. She will assume her new duties Monday, June 25. The resignation of Miss Tuten leaves the Engelhard home economics department without a teacher. Supt. N. W. Shelton has already started searching for someone to replace her. The Engelhard school has been without a vocational agriculture teacher for the past two years. No teachers are available in that field.

Well-liked in Engelhard where she was active in community and church work, being especially active with the young people, citizens of the town are expressing regrets at the loss of Miss Tuten. But like so many other schools, Engelhard has seen higher paying positions take good teachers. Many are beginning to see the need for raising the pay of school teachers.

Miss Tuten will succeed Mrs. Madeline Smith in the Hyde County FSA office. Mrs. Smith left some time ago to take a better paying position with FSA in Warsaw, Duplin County. Miss Eva MacMillan of Columbia, formerly assistant home supervisor in the Hyde County FSA office, has been filling in part time in the Hyde office.

MANN-DAVENPORT VOWS SPOKEN IN RALEIGH

Miss Lela B. Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davenport of Roper became the bride of Lt. Thurston J. Mann, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Mann of Lake Landing in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. H. A. Hobbs at the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, Wednesday, June 13th.

The bride and groom entered the church together unattended. The music was rendered by Mrs. C. J. Wharton.

The bride wore a military blue street length dress with white and black accessories and a corsage of white orchids.

Mrs. Mann was graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1941 and the following two years taught vocational home economics in the Columbia High School in Columbia. Since then she has been assistant dietitian in the Goldsboro Hospital in Goldsboro.

Lt. Mann was graduated from N. C. State College in 1941 and taught vocational agriculture in the Columbia high school until he joined the Naval Reserve forces in March, 1942. Lt. Mann has just returned from twenty seven months duty with the Amphibious Forces in the European theatre of operations.

Those attending the wedding from Hyde County were Mrs. T. J. Mann, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mann of Lake Landing.

HAY HURT BY COOL WEATHER

Hay prospects are slightly below those reported in June last year, according to the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Cool weather and lack of rainfall have retarded hay crops. Grain hay made about an average yield and early cuttings of red clover were disappointing in most areas. Although second year stands of lespedeza are very good, seed planted in grain crops need additional rain and stands are spotted in some areas.

FAIRFIELD BOOK CLUB HAS ANNUAL BARBECUE

The ladies of the Fairfield Book Club held their annual outing on the Scenic Highway Friday night, June 15, entertaining their husbands at a fish barbecue. Those who attended were Mrs. and Mrs. R. Baynes, Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Cuthrell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roebuck, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cuthrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. E. V.

SGT. BALLANCE FINDS BOSTON INTERESTING

Our Soldier Correspondent Back With a Story Of What He Is Seeing In Old New England

By Sgt. Leon Ballance
Harvard University
Dear Tom,

A New England thunder and rain storm has just passed and things are pretty wet just now, though it certainly has cooled the atmosphere a lot. What weather this New England produces! When I came here it was cool enough that a sun tan uniform was uncomfortable, so at night we wore our woolen ones. Then two days ago it turned warm all of a sudden and it has been almost unbearably hot—the result of this thunder storm. I have talked to a number of people and they all say that the weather here is unpredictable. It even confuses the forecasters.

There are only a few men here that we have to administer to, and after awhile (a month or two) there won't be any and I guess that I will be going back to Goldsboro.

I was pleased to get two or three months duty up here in this section of the country, for I had never been north before. Boston, you know, is quite a historical spot and, without the history even, it is a rather interesting place with its tall, quaint, wooden buildings and narrow streets. I have gotten to know my way about pretty well for twice each week, I have to drive all through the city. I am only afraid that sometime I am going to get caught between two buildings.

I get to see some of the better stage shows, as well as movies, here. I was over in Boston about a week ago to see the Ink Spots on the stage. Last Saturday afternoon I was done to Boston Common on a betar Bing Crosby singing at a bond rally. At the end of the rally Bing took off his tie and it brought a \$1,500 bond. Tonight, as soon as my relief gets here, I am going to eat and then go over to see Rochester (Jack Benny's boy) and a number of other noted stars on the stage.

Last Sunday afternoon, my roommate and I went over the "much head of" fishing village of Gloucester, Mass. I enjoyed the trip very much and found the place, of course, typical of all New England towns. It was interesting to watch some of the more experienced old fishermen cast their lines in the bay and reel in struggling flounders on the rocky shore.

I am living at Calvary Hall here in Cambridge at the present. That is the place where the Roosevelt boys stayed when they went to school here.

Sees Patton and Hodges

Had I received many more transfers in a short while I would probably have gotten to see my share of noted generals from the European Theatre, but as it is I only got to see two. First, I was in Atlanta, Ga., for the big reception given General Hodges of First Army fame. In fact, he landed at the base where I was stationed and I was there as he, in his quiet way, stepped off the plane, and amid greetings and handshakes went to his car (a GI one, of course). He made a great impression. But, no less an impression was made by the 50 odd other generals, officers and enlisted men, wearing their insignia of rank, overseas stripes, ribbons and battle stars, who accompanied him. A mild indication of the welcome accorded them in the city was shown by the confetti strewn streets that night.

Then last week I quite work early to go down the street here in Cambridge to watch the parade led by the Third Army's Commander, General George S. Patton, Jr., and his group of men. I must say that he was colorful to say the least and that he looked up to his reputation. He sat up on the back of the seat in his car smiling, saluting and waving at the cheering crowds. He wore his calvary uniform, riding (Continued on page four)

Fites, A. L. Cuthrell, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones, Franklin Midgette and Mrs. Virginia Midgette Osgood.

HONORABLE DISCHARGE SERVICE BUTTON



THIS IS the honorable service button which all honorably discharged veterans of this war are entitled to wear. It entitles its wearer to the respect of the American people. The veteran is issued the button free of charge upon his discharge. If it is lost or destroyed, another may be obtained on presentation of his discharge papers to the Quartermaster Supply Officer at the nearest post, camp or station. More than 1,000,000 men have already been discharged, and are now eligible to wear the service button.

OCRACOKE PANEL OF OPA ORDERED DISCONTINUED

Complications Arising From Issuing Gasoline To Cars Off Island Causes Change

The District Office of the OPA at Raleigh has ordered that the Ocracoke panel of the Hyde County Board be discontinued as an issuing office effective June 13. Mrs. Steuber will continue as OPA clerk on the island with her office at her home. She will distribute applications forms, assist in price checks, forward applications to the proper place for processing and deliver rations returned from the issuing office.

Rations for consumption on Ocracoke Island will be issued by the Hyde County office at Swan Quarter. Applications will be forwarded on Tuesday night and acted upon at Swan Quarter on Friday.

Operators of motor vehicles gathered off the island will apply to the ration board in the county in which car is kept. Heretofore, persons staying on Ocracoke were issued car rations at Ocracoke regardless of where the car was kept. Cars kept at Atlantic will be issued rations by the office in Beaufort and those left at Washington will receive their rations from the office there.

The change was made due to the complications arising from issuing rations to cars not kept on the island are to inability to give proper supervision to the office. Since applications for renewal of rations may be made 30 days ahead ample provision is made for having renewals on hand when the old rations expire, according to OPA.

VIRGINIA SPENCER AWARDED PRIZE

The Joseph D. Feldman Prize for playwriting, one of three individual awards made to outstanding members of the Carolina Playmakers at the 21st annual "Capers" program in the Playmakers Theatre at the University at Chapel Hill Saturday, June 16, went to Miss Virginia Spencer, daughter of Mrs. E. O. Spencer of Swan Quarter.

Miss Spencer went to the University of North Carolina last summer where she studied playwriting under the late Dr. Frederick H. Koch. Her one-act play, "Salt Sands," a story of Ocracoke Island, was produced in the summer experimental bill for student plays, winning first place.

She recently wrote a three-act play entitled "Callipe" which had its setting in coastal North Carolina. It was produced this spring by the Carolina Playmakers.

Miss Spencer was graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1942 with a degree in science and history. While at the college, she edited "Pieces O'Eight," college magazine. She taught science in the Warsaw high school for two years.

MOTORISTS MUST HAVE AUTO STAMPS BY FIRST OF JULY

Federal use-tax stamps, required on all motor vehicles, went on sale at postoffices throughout the country early this month. They are required to be purchased and displayed on all cars, trucks and motorcycles by July 1st, when the old stamps become invalid. The stamps cost \$5 each and are valid from July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946.

As a convenience to those who live in rural areas, all rural letter carriers will have the stamps for sale to their patrons, it is announced. Last year, they could be obtained only at postoffices.

It is necessary to report the serial number of use-tax stamps in order to secure gasoline allotments for any type of motor vehicles. Sale of the stamps will continue through May 31, next year.

TINY OAK HOME CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. RICE

The Tiny Oak Home Club held its June meeting at the home of Mrs. Mamie Rice. The meeting opened with the song, America, which was followed by the club collect. There were 12 members present and two visitors. A collection of \$4.90 was taken for the treasury. Mrs. Zeb Emory gave a book review of "Cloudy Jewels."

After the business session, Miss Roach gave an interesting demonstration on "Process Cheese." Members showed much interest in this demonstration. There was also a discussion on "Vegetable Insects Control."

During the social hour, those present enjoyed a contest while refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Marcus Carawan.

WEDDING SCENE OF REUNION OF MANN BROTHERS

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of Lake Landing, Lt. Thurston Mann, home from the European theatre of operations; William A. Mann, first engineer who has served in the Pacific; and Pvt. Tommy Mann, veteran of fighting in France and Belgium, were reunited for the first time in more than two years on the occasion of the wedding of Lt. Thurston Mann to Miss Lela Davenport of Roper and Goldsboro in Raleigh on June 13th.

It was a happy occasion for the boys and for the Mann family. Lt. Thurston Mann has just returned from 27 months of overseas service. He took part in the invasions of Sicily and Normandy.

Bill Mann of the Water Division of Army Transportation, spent 14 months in Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea. Pvt. Tommy Mann, the youngest of the brothers, went overseas last November and took part in the battle of the Belgian bulge, where he sustained frozen feet. He was confined to an English hospital until his recent transfer to Camp Butner.

Soon after the wedding, Bill returned to New York where he expected to be shipped for overseas duty again; Tommy returned to Butner for further treatment and observation; and Thurston left for his wedding trip, after which he will report to Charleston, S. C., for shore duty.

World hog numbers show a 13 percent decline. In January hog production was about 25 million head less than the year before in the U. S., Canada and Mexico.

Buy War Bonds And Stamps



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations.
THE END OF A JAPANESE SUGAR MILL—In the matter of a few seconds this big industrial plant in Formosa became a shattered, blazing ruin. It cut off Japan's important sugar supply. Medium bombers based in the Philippines did the job. Other targets in Formosa were subject to almost daily bombing with equal effect. (Fifth Air Forces photo.)

MANY MERCHANTS IN HYDE MAY FACE OPA HEARINGS ON PRICE VIOLATIONS

Check By District Board Supervisor Reveals 13 Out of 16 Stores Checked Were Making Overcharges; Crack-Down Being Made To Keep Inflation Down

THREE HYDE BOYS BACK FROM WAR MEET AT BUTNER

Tommy Mann and Keith Sewell Barely Missed Meeting in Hospital in England

After growing up together and being friends for many years, three pals from Hyde County were parted by the war several years ago and didn't see each other again until they were unexpectedly reunited recently in the U. S. Army General Hospital at Camp Butner, N. C., where they are all patients back from the overseas battlefields.

The friends are T-5 Keith Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud B. Sewell of Swan Quarter, N. C.; Pvt. Thomas Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of Engelhard; and S-Sgt. Ray Jordan of Rosebay.

The way the three friends got together again was quite by accident, as none of them knew the others were patients in the same hospital. This is how it happened.

Cpl. Sewell was returning recently to the hospital from a 3-day pass when he discovered his school-day chum, Pvt. Mann, was riding on the same bus. Needless to say, they had a joyful visit all the way back to camp. A few days later they met a third friend from Hyde County, Sgt. Jordan, and the three have been getting together in the hospital almost daily ever since.

Cpl. Sewell and Mann came very close to meeting in February of this year, when they were both patients in the same general hospital in England. However, they didn't discover this fact until their visit on the bus the other day, as neither had known at the time the other was a patient in the hospital in England.

Cpl. Sewell served in Europe with the 284th Field Artillery. His wife and baby reside in Swan Quarter.

Mann was with the First Division in Europe, while Sgt. Jordan fought in the Pacific.

GOOD DAYS SEEN FOR HOG PRODUCERS

Hog producers of North Carolina should have no fears regarding the sale of their meat at ceiling prices throughout 1945, according to Bernard L. Ross, statistical expert with the State Department of Agriculture.

Ross is also of the opinion that the hog-corn price ratio will continue even more favorable than a year ago. Hog prices rose during last summer and have been going at ceiling levels since last

January, but corn prices in the United States as a whole are now moderately lower than a year ago and are likely to remain below last year's levels throughout the remainder of 1945—for the carrying over of old corn will be much larger this year than last.

"Hog producers have the most favorable price ratios since October of 1943," said Ross. A study of the needs of the armed forces has convinced him that meat procurement by the Government for its fighting men and women, for liberated areas, and for lend-lease, will continue large this year.

Non-civilian purchases of meat in 1944 totaled less than a year earlier, because of smaller lend-lease purchases. Part of the shipments in 1944 was made from storage stocks of meat accumulated by the War Food Administration in 1943. However, said Ross, military purchases were higher in 1944 than in the previous year.

Farm marketings of hogs, pork, and lard in 1944, estimated at \$2,800,000,000 for the nation, were five per cent below the record high of a year earlier, but were the second highest in the past 36 years.

By THOS. E. SPENCER

Checking grocery stores to see that they were keeping their prices in line with price ceilings, the OPA this week found 13 out of the 16 stores it checked at Ponzer, Sladesville and Engelhard to be making over-charges to the extent that they will likely be given a hearing before OPA officials. Every one of the stores checked had some error, but in three establishments they were so slight that the owners may not face trials.

Violators face the payment of a fine of \$50 or three times the amount of the overcharge, whichever is greater. Should the retailer prove to the satisfaction of the panel that the violation was not willful and that the subject had taken all practical precautions, he would be subject to payment of a sum less than three times the amount, or the statutory minimum of \$25, whichever is the greater.

Community price ceilings are set up by the government, through the Office of Price Administration, to keep prices from rising and thereby allowing the fangs of inflation from getting a hold on the consumer dollar and reducing the value of it. The law provides that those who violate these regulations shall be fined, or in certain cases that the business shall be closed. OPA price panels are instructed to see that the law is carried out.

Merchants are furnished charts which tell them the ceiling price on certain items. Other items are sold on certain percentage marks ups. Only items for which exact prices were furnished by OPA were checked this week.

Retailers are required to mark goods so that the customers may see the price. They are also required to keep the price list posted so that the buyers can check to see that he is not paying above ceiling price. In other words, the price chart tells the Group 1 retailer, in which group all Hyde stores fall, that he can charge 32 cents for a pound of Gill's Hotel Special Coffee in a paper wrapper. There is nothing complicated about it. Many other items are priced as easily.

E. S. Dixon, OPA representative, found that there were many cases where the store-keepers were not abiding by the regulations. Some stores had several violations with overcharges in some cases as high as 70 per cent and better. In the eyes of the Office of Price Administration, whose job it is to keep inflation down, this is a serious thing. Hearings for merchants in violation will be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Dixon found, for instance, that some Hyde County retailers were charging 50c for Karo syrup in five pound tins for which they should have been selling for 46c; that Campbell's tomato soup was selling for 15c when it should be only 10c; that Wesson oil was priced at 40c when the ceiling was 34c; that Ivory soap, with a ceiling of 7c, was selling for 12c. This is just a few of the violations he found in the 16 stores which he checked Tuesday.

Merchants are subject to a fine for every violation. In other words, for every can of Campbell's tomato soup that a merchant sold at a price higher than the ceiling, he is subject to the fine set up by law, which at the least is \$25. If OPA could prove and did prove, that a retailer made five separate such sales, the fine, at the least would be \$125 and a refund of the over-charge to the purchasers should they be known. To have the item marked higher than the ceiling is in itself a violation, and it is these for which the OPA is pressing.

"Of all the counties that I have checked, Hyde is one of the worst," Mr. Dixon told Hyde County OPA clerks and officials. While some merchants in the

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