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## OLD PEOPLE IN HYDE GET LARGER MONTHLY CHECKS THAN AVERAGE IN STATE

### Average Payments Have Been Increased More Than \$5 a Month Since Last Year; Slight Decrease In Monthly Average Grants To Families Of Dependent Children; Welfare Agency Looks Forward to Greater Year In 1945-46

Old people in Hyde County get bigger assistance checks at the end of the month than the average person getting these benefits in North Carolina. This was made known through reports of the Hyde County Welfare Department as the end of the 1944-45 fiscal year neared an end. The report of the County Welfare Department revealed that not only are the payments larger, but that the average monthly payments have been increased more than five dollars during the last year, which compares with an average state increase of only little better than two dollars. During the past 12 months, Hyde County has increased its average payment monthly to needy aged persons from \$12.67 to \$17.61, or better than five dollars. The state-wide average has gone up from 10.67 to \$12.50, according to Mrs. Esther B. Spencer, Hyde welfare superintendent.

There were 132 persons receiving old age assistance in Hyde County last June compared with 110 this month, according to Mrs. Spencer. Hyde county has reached its monthly average grant to families of dependent children from \$31.61 to \$30.44 for the 18 families now receiving aid. A year ago there were 18 families receiving this aid. The state average payment to dependent children is \$24.76 for the month of June, 1945. A year ago it was \$18.29.

A year ago there were 91 private homes in North Carolina in which children could be boarded temporarily while arrangements were being made for their permanent care. Now there are 121 homes although a good number of them are in some of the more populous counties. Hyde County has not as yet established such a home, Mrs. Spencer said this week.

Mrs. Spencer said she had been advised by the State Board of Public Welfare at Raleigh that 39 of the 139 city jails and lock-ups has been inspected during the year along with all county homes and county jails.

These, said the local welfare head, represent only part of the progress made in public welfare in North Carolina in the last 12 months. Plans for the future will include more service to veterans and their families along with expanded work in other lines, she said.

## FUNERAL SUNDAY FOR MIDDLETOWN WOMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia Spencer Gibbs of Middletown were held at the Middletown Christian Church with the Rev. J. T. Brown officiating Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gibbs, highly regarded in her community, passed away Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern, following a short illness. Mrs. Gibbs was the wife of Huron Gibbs of Middletown and was the mother of a large family of children to whom she was devoted. A large circle of friends and neighbors will miss her.

Surviving besides her husband are four daughters, Miss Henrietta Gibbs of Middletown, Misses Elwanda and Zula Gibbs and Mrs. T. M. Forehand of Norfolk; and two sons, Guy and Burnell, both of the Army; three sisters, Mrs. Albert McKinney of Middletown, Mrs. Dave Swindell of Goldsboro and Mrs. Otis White of Swan Quarter; and four brothers, Albin Spencer and Peleg Spencer of Middletown and Thurman and Conrad Spencer of Belhaven.

Of the 489 prisoners of war in North Carolina, 189 are harvesting food and feed crops,

## PRIZES FOR BOYS WHO LEARN TREES AND SAVING THEM

### Trip to Florida and \$50 Prize In Forestry Program Outlined

Trees are among North Carolina's most important natural resources—trees and the things that come from trees. Things like building materials, cellulose and its large tribe of associated by-products, naval stores, lumber, paper and rayon. Much of Carolina's total area is forested and the state's trees have played a vital part in winning World War II. That they will be equally valuable during the postwar years and beyond no one doubts. It's not strange, therefore, that in order to improve conditions for growing trees in the Old North State, an arrangement has been set up for educating the Carolina Future Farmers of America to conserve, develop and use the forests in their state. The wonder is that it wasn't done long ago.

Fathering and participating in the plan are the State Forest Service represented by State Forester W. K. eBichler at Raleigh—Future Farmers of America represented by Roy Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, also at the capital city—the Halifax Paper Company at Roanoke Rapids—American Turpentine Farmers Association represented by M. E. Coleman who is headquartered at Valdosta, Ga., and the Seaboard Air Line Railway represented by its Industrial Forester, R. N. Hoskins.

Highlights of the program are: (1) Selection of the most outstanding forestry project as activated by an F.F.A. boy. Many of these boys live on small farms that can produce a substantial proportion of the state's timber. Representatives of the sponsoring organizations will act as judges.

(2) Award of a \$50 war bond and a certificate of merit to the winner.

(3) The boy will then be given a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., where, in company with winners of similar contests in Florida, Georgia and Virginia, he will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce, will address civic clubs and will be featured on a radio program originating from Jacksonville.

Following all this, the young champions will attend the State Farmers Forestry Camp at O'Leno near High Springs, Fla., during the month of July. Florida has the only forestry training camp in the South.

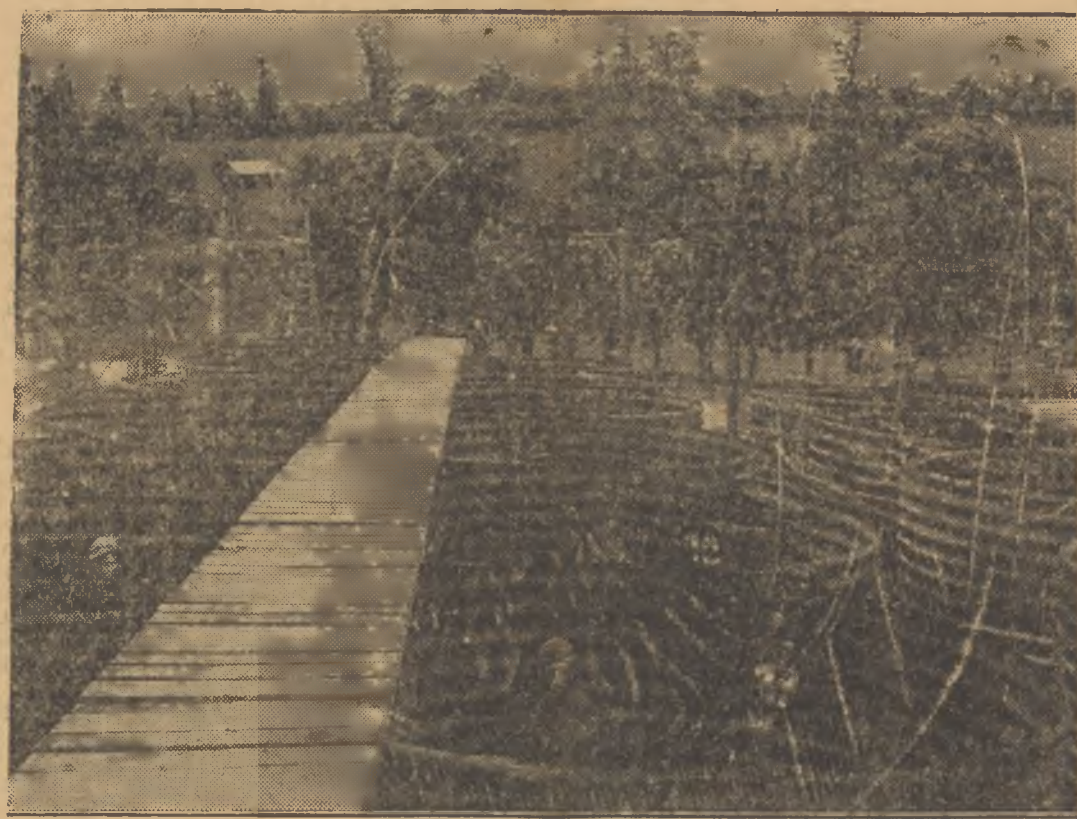
## JOHN BROWN GETS SERGEANTS RATING

John K. Brown of Swan Quarter, an administrative specialist in a VII Fighter Command administrative office, has been promoted to Sergeant at this advance fighter base in the Western Pacific.

Sergeant Brown's work concerns the administrative end of the VII Fighter Command P-51 Mustang strikes against the Japanese Empire.

His mother, Mrs. Leta B. Brown, resides in Swan Quarter. He was graduated from the Swan Quarter High School and attended the University of North Carolina. He entered the service in October, 1942, and arrived in the Pacific Ocean Areas in June 1944.

**LIKE FAMILY REUNION**  
With their daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Huggins of the Spars, stationed in Philadelphia, and their son, Harold, Jr., on furlough from the Army, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarvis are unusually happy this week. It is like a family reunion with all home for a change during these war days.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. **NAZI OFFICERS IN "SOLITARY"**—Some German officers who tried to remain haughty and obstreperous after capture were placed in solitary confinement. Having no cell blocks available, the ingenious commander of a prisoner of war camp in France, improvised these "cells" from huge iron trunks. A catwalk enables guards to drop them bread and water—their solitary diet.

## USERS OF FUEL OIL URGED TO SIGN UP NOW

Users of fuel oil in Eastern North Carolina are urged to fill out applications for their winter supply now, District OPA Director Theodore S. Johnson, said today.

Johnson stressed the importance of ordering the first tank full of oil on the day coupons are received from the War Price and Rationing Board.

"Your tank is part of America's storage," he pointed out. "With bulk storage filled to capacity with fighting gasoline, to delay your order now is to overburden transportation and run the risk of cold homes this fall."

"Heavy storage will not be available to meet your instantaneous needs this fall, because transportation facilities are still inadequate for heavy demands," he added.

"Every tank which is filled today insures a warm home this fall and lessens the strain on America's manpower," Johnson said.

## REBEKAH LODGE HAS ANNUAL ELECTION

The Rebekah Lodge at Swan Quarter held its annual election of officers at its regular semi-annual meeting Tuesday, June 19th. Mrs. Quinnie Boomer was elected Noble Grand; Miss Lona Bonner, Vice Grand; Miss Lola Watson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lillian Bishop, Financial Secretary; and Mrs. Luella Swindell, Treasurer.

Miss Kathleen Cooper, Mrs. Mary Bonner and Mrs. Violet Harris were appointed to serve as the Lodge publicity committee.

Miss Virginia Jennette was received by the Rebekah Degree at the June 5th meeting. A beautiful candlelight service was used.

## SWAN QUARTER BOY NOW A FIRST LIEUTENANT

A crack B-25 bomber-strafer pilot with 27 missions against the Japs, Vernon L. Sawyer, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sawyer of Swan Quarter, N. C., has been promoted to First Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Sawyer flies with the 345th Bombardment Group "Air Apaches," a veteran low level attack unit of the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines.

His wife, Marie W., lives at 401 Norview Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

## NEGRO TENANT BRINGS FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM

George Slade, Negro tenant farmer on the farm of E. A. Williams near Swan Quarter, was the first grower to bring a cotton blossom to the Herald office again this year, which entitles him to a free one year subscription to the Hyde County Herald, the county newspaper. Slade brought the blossom in Wednesday, the same day that it opened.

The cotton from which the Negro plucked the blossom was the Cokers variety and was fertilized with Bough's 5-7-5. Most Hyde County cotton growers think they have done well to have blossoms by July 4th.

An announcement reminding farmers of the standing offer of a year's subscription to the county paper had already gone to the type setter for publication in this issue when Slade came in. Slade was the first to bring in a blossom to the Herald last year.

## FIVE HYDE MEN LEFT FOR INDUCTION MONDAY

Five Hyde County white men left Monday for Fort Bragg to be inducted into military service. Those leaving were Russell A. Swindell, Swan Quarter; Hiram Sadler, Middletown; Humphrey Brinn and Ralph Carawan, Scranton; and Lindsey W. Sadler, Fairfield.

## Historic Battle Scene For USO



First act of Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball as new national USO president to accept, on behalf of USO, the finished painting of the now famous Iwo Jima flag-raising photo from Artist and Coast Guard Signalman Robert Diebboll of Detroit, Mich. A former student at Detroit Art School, Signalman Diebboll is stationed near Asbury Park, N. J., and painted the picture in the arts and crafts room of the Asbury Park USO where the painting will hang permanently. Based on the original photograph taken by Photographer Joe Rosenthal of San Francisco, Calif., the painting is now on a display tour for the Seventh War Loan Drive. USO is financed by the American people through the National War Fund.

## HYDE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN AT \$2.05 FOR 1945-46

The Hyde County Board of County Commissioners meeting special session Monday approved the annual county budget for the 1945-46 fiscal year which begins July 1. The tax rate will remain at \$2.05 per \$100 valuation.

The debt service fund continues to be the largest item in the budget with \$1.29 1-2 cents of the \$2.05 going to pay off the interest and principal of the county's bonded debt.

Because of an accumulation of funds the commissioners were able to reduce the poor fund from 11 cents to four which enabled them to increase other funds which were in need of additional revenue. The health fund was boosted from .01 1-2 to .03 1-2; the old age from .06 to .07; and the schools from .39 to 43.

Here is a brief look at the levy by funds:

General, .15; Poor, .04; Health, .03 1/2; Old Age Assistance, .07; Aid Dependent Children, .03; Debt Service, 1.29 1/2; Schools: Current Expenses, .28; Capital Outlay, .03; Debt Service, .07; Total for schools, .43; Total levy, 2.05.

Scotland County reported its first cotton bloom on June 15. Stands were poor and many fields were grassy.

## PURCHASES BY BIG BOND BUYERS SENDS 7TH WAR LOAN SALES SOARING

### Hyd Credited With Sales Amounting to Nearly Three Times County Quota of \$69,000; E Bond Sales Lagging Despite Energetic Efforts of Home Clubs

## PROPOSED AIRLINE WOULD HAVE STOP AT BELHAVEN

### Civil Aeronautics Board Considering Application of Gastonia Company

The Civil Aeronautics Board at Greensboro is considering an application of the Southeast Airlines of Gastonia, which proposes an airline from Charlotte to Norfolk, which would include a stop at nearby Belhaven, Plymouth and Washington.

The Southeast Airlines of Gastonia, headed by R. B. Babington, Jr., proposes to serve 44 cities and towns in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. The application stated that it would supply air mail, passenger and express service to the designated towns and cities having airport facilities.

Other towns besides Belhaven and Washington which were included in the proposal were Albemarle, Asheboro, Sanford, Erwin, Jonesboro, Smithfield, Selma, Wilson, Tarboro, Greenville, Williamston, Windsor, Ashokie and Murfreesboro.

The CAB which conducted hearings on 26 applications for service in Southeastern United States, concluded its hearings Friday and the examiners have returned to Washington to study the applications. It has been estimated that possibly by October the board will be ready, to summon to Washington the attorneys representing the various applicants and hear then on their final arguments concerning their respective applications.

It has been estimated that by next spring or early summer next year the board will be in a position to announce which of the applicants and which of their proposed air routes have been approved for certification.

## UNITED CLOTHING DRIVE WAS SUCCESS IN HYDE

Hyde County citizens donated 1,238 pounds of old clothing for relief purposes through the United Clothing Drive held earlier in the year, it was revealed this week in a report made by Miss Iberia Roach of Swan Quarter, county chairman.

Hyde County home demonstration clubs sponsored the drive. Churches, schools and home clubs served as collection depots. Said Miss Roach, "The home demonstration clubs wish to thank each individual who assisted in the drive, particularly the schools and churches which served as collection depots."

## FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR ROBERT E. LEE GIBBS

Funeral services for Robert E. Lee Gibbs of near Engelhard were held at the home Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Galth of Criswell, Episcopal minister, officiating. Interment was in the family plot.

Mr. Gibbs passed away at the home of his son, Clay Gibbs, near Engelhard, Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock following a long illness.

Surviving are as follows: Anson Gibbs, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Katie Byrd, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Dorothy Gibbs, Fairfield; Clay Gibbs of the home, 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## VISITING IN HYDE

Mrs. Edward Phillips of Malden, Mo., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Berry at Swan Quarter. Mrs. Phillips lived in Hyde for a number of years while her husband was employed by A. W. Wells Co. who was digging canals in the county for the Lake Drainage district. Mrs. Phillips has recently lost both of her sons in service.

Hyde County's 7th War Loan sales soared past the \$200,000 mark this week, putting the county nearly three times over the quota of \$69,000. Sales of the small series E bonds were lagging badly, however, with sales amounting only to little more than half the quota of \$50,000.

The splendid sales record can be credited to the work of Chairman M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, who has done some fine work selling bonds for Uncle Sam since the war began. Mr. Matthews has been successful in getting the people who have money to invest in these sound government securities. He has done this despite the heavy burden of managing three banks with a shortage of help.

The efforts of getting purchases of small bonds has not been so good in this drive, although Mr. Matthews again left this phase of the work in the able hands of Miss Iberia Roach and the home demonstration club women of the county who did much work, and boosted the sales many times above what they otherwise would have been, had they not taken part.

The whole country has fallen down on the job of buying E bonds. It was the objective of the government to sell a large amount of these securities as a means of averting inflation and boosting the morale of the fighting men who are having it tough going in the Pacific war theatre where the Japs are putting up stubborn resistance.

E Bond sales were reported to have been \$28,831.25 this week, slightly more than \$22,000 behind the quota of \$50,000. Over-all sales were \$203,981.27 or nearly three times the quota of \$69,000.

A major factor in boosting the sales of E bonds was community rallies which were put on by the various home demonstration clubs who did much work arranging programs and getting prizes. At five rallies held throughout the county, sales amounted to more than \$17,000, much better than half the total sales to date.

Below is the purchase price of bonds sold at each rally:

Engelhard, \$5,750.00; Swan Quarter, \$3,750.00; Fairfield, \$3,281.00; Sladesville, \$2,250.00; apt Ponzer, \$2,000.00.

Too much credit cannot be given to the women who made possible these programs and made these sales possible. At Ponzer and Sladesville there were picnics given as well as other entertainment. Interesting programs of music and singing were given at the other communities. Pvt. Travis Flowers of Sladesville, who was a Japanese prisoner for 33 months and liberated a short time ago, attended each rally.

It is hoped that sales will go higher before the drive ends on July 1st, especially in the small series.

## ESTIMATES VARY ON STORM DAMAGE TO CROPS

A storm which swept up from the south Monday, striking coastal North Carolina late in the evening, did considerable damage to crops in Hyde County. Estimates of the damage to the corn crop varied from 15 to 50 per cent.

In the absence of County Agent J. P. Woodard, a reported for this newspaper called on Agricultural Teacher J. M. Worrell at Swan Quarter as an authority. Mr. Worrell replied that he had not made any survey, but that his observations around Swan Quarter were that they were about 15 per cent.

A Cahoon, Swan Quarter merchant and farmer, and Grady Credle, Swan Quarter farmer, expressed the same opinion.

At least two other Hyde County farmers, Will Spencer of Engelhard and Aiva O'Neal of Rose Bay placed damages at 50 per cent.

The average yield of alfalfa is about 2 tons per acre.