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Guadalcanal Battlefront of 1942 Now Peaceful Rear Base



The three years since August 7, 1942, when United States Marines landed on Guadalcanal to open the Pacific offensive, have produced many changes on that Solomon island. Now, Red Cross girls and Leathernecks (upper left) swim and sun themselves at leisure. A short time ago, swimming and bathing came under the heading of "hazardous occupations" and a Marine machine-gunner (lower left) guarded his buddies from Jap intrusions as they washed in Guadal waters.

The beautiful tropical beach scene (above) now provides a more peaceful setting for the quartet of Leathernecks who loll in the sun than it did for Marines who were on the same beach three years ago. At that time, the beach was covered with dead Japs, half-buried in the sand (below). The beaches are washed clean now—and Guadalcanal today is a rear base, far removed from the fighting front.

(U. S. Marine Corps Photos)



HYDE SCHOOLS SCHEDULED TO OPEN SEPT. 6th

General Teacher Vacancies In County at Sladesville, Engelhard and Ocracoke

Hyde County mainland schools scheduled to open Thursday, September 6th, it was announced last week by N. W. Shelton, county superintendent. The Ocracoke school opening will be determined by local school officials. There are a number of teacher vacancies in the county, including a home ec and agricultural instructor at Engelhard, several elementary teachers at Sladesville and three teachers at Ocracoke. There are few if any vocational teachers available, according to Mr. Shelton, who says prospects are not bright for obtaining teachers to fill the Engelhard vacancies.

The list of teachers obtained is as follows:
 Engelhard—Mrs. Mary Brown, principal, Mrs. Eunice Credle, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum, Mrs. Claudia Johnson, Mrs. Myra Patrick, Mrs. Juanita Miller, Mrs. Alese Ann, Mrs. Lola Manning and Mrs. Carma Credle.
 Fairfield—Mrs. Ellen C. Watson, principal, Mrs. Eva Mann Brantley, Mrs. Edna Cuthrell, Mrs. Elsie Murray, Mrs. Tetah Windley and Mrs. Margaret B. Cuthrell.

Sladesville—Mrs. Lillie Warren, principal, Miss Helen J. Taylor, Mrs. Marin a Baum, Mrs. Claud Sawyer, Mrs. Priscilla Sheeran, Mrs. Marietta McKinney, Miss Lona Bonner, Mrs. Edna Credle, Miss Lona Watson, Mrs. Alice Williamson and J. M. Cuthrell.

Hyde County negro schools are scheduled to open along with the white. All schools, except the Training School at Sladesville, have full facilities. There is one vacancy in that school.

COLUMBIA YOUTH RUNS INTO MANTEO MAN'S CAR

Damaged With Cost of Court for Warren Midgett's Truck to Amount of \$73

For running into, and damaging the truck of Warren Midgett of Manteo, last Sunday, W. A. Rhodes, 20-year-old Columbia youth was taxed the costs of court Judge W. F. Baum, Tuesday Recorder's Court, Rhodes, with young people in the car he was driving toward Manteo from Manteo Head, and as Mr. Midgett went to make the left turn to enter the driveway of his home, Rhodes, who said he did not blow the horn, attempted to pass on the left side of the road, and in so doing went off on the shoulder, damaging his car more than \$100. Each party drew warrants for the other, but Judge Baum dismissed the charges against Mr. Midgett.

YOUNG WOMEN ORGANIZE CLASS AT STUMPY POINT

A group of young Stumpy Point women met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Grace Hooper, for the purpose of organizing a Young Women's Sunday School class.

Officers were elected' as follows: Wilma Midgett, president; Buren Twiford, secretary; and Alvin Mason, treasurer. Mrs. Babe Hooper was made chairman of the recreation committee. Mrs. Grace Hooper is teacher and Mrs. Bobbitt assistant teacher. During the social hour the hostesses served refreshments.

DR. MILLER ENTERTAINS AT SWIMMING PARTY

Dr. J. W. Miller of Engelhard entertained the young set of the community at a swimming party and out-door supper Tuesday evening. It is the custom of Dr. Miller to entertain at such a gathering every summer.

WOMEN MEETS MONDAY AT STUMPY POINT

The Woman's Society of Christ Church Service met Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. E. Midgett. Mrs. C. E. Payne led the worship program. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Carl Mason, served refreshments.

FARMERS REDUCE CORN ACREAGE

But More Hybrid Being Planted Than Ever Before

The State Agriculture Department reports that the acreage of corn for harvest this year in North Carolina, now estimated at 2,225,000 acres, is five per cent less than that harvested last year. Four per cent of all corn planted in North Carolina this year is of hybrid variety, as compared with 2.1 per cent in 1944, 1.6 per cent in 1943, and only one-tenth of one per cent in 1938, according to the N. C. Crop Reporting Service.

J. J. Morgan, statistician with the department, said that 90,000 acres of the 2,248,000 acres in corn this year is planted with hybrid seed. Although this figure is high in relation to other years, only two states are planting less hybrid corn than North Carolina—South Carolina and Georgia.

Expansion in planting hybrid corn, bringing an increase in yields of at least 20 per cent over the native types of corn, enabled corn growers to obtain a succession of record corn crops since Pearl Harbor. But more than that, it required less acreage for corn than in the early decades, thus providing growing space for other wartime crops.

COTTON CROP DOWN 31 P. C.

August 1st cotton prospects point to a production this year of 490,000 bales in North Carolina, the third smallest crop since 1901 in 1938 and 1939—years of heavy weevil damage—only 388,000 bales were produced, the crop reporting Service of the State Agriculture Department has announced.

The cotton crop has made very good progress in Piedmont counties but rains have been excessive in the eastern half of the State and plants have become somewhat "woody". Although weevil infestation is comparatively high in "woody". Although weevil infestation is comparatively high in some localities, damage to date has been considerably less than anticipated in view of weather conditions.

VISITORS AT KITTY HAWK

Mrs. Eva H. White and grandchildren, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, are spending the remainder of the summer at Kitty Hawk in Mrs. White's home. Mrs. White formerly lived at Kitty Hawk.

Deep rooted plants are important in enriching the surface soil. Their roots draw from the deeper layers of the soil various plant nutrients, particularly minerals.

EAST LAKE SOLDIER RECEIVES PROMOTION

Headquarters, African-Middle East Theater (AMET), Cairo, Egypt.—Private First Class Milburn E. Twiford, son of Mrs. Annie Twiford of East Lake, N. C., currently serving in the African-Middle East Theater (AMET), has been promoted to grade of technician fifth grade.

He is assigned to the 40th Quartermaster Truck Company with duty as driver and is stationed at Camp Russell B. Huckstep, Egypt. Cpl. Twiford has served overseas 33 months. He was inducted into the army April, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, for basic training. Prior to his induction he was employed by the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

MRS. ROPER IS PATIENT IN RICHMOND HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ralph Roper is a patient in a Richmond, Va., hospital, where she is receiving treatment for a skin disorder which recently came out on her hands and face. She is getting along nicely according to Mr. Roper, who besides being busy keeping the Hyde County Clerk of Court office, is doing the house work.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

STRIPPED HER OF ALL BUT HER UNDERPANTS

Vigorous Lovemaking Puts Colored Man Under \$800 Bond; Buren Twiford Held for Housebreaking

Alphonso Wise, 27 year old negro, is held in Dare jail in default of \$800 bond, charged with assaulting Zorado Jennett, a housemaid and mother of two children. Wise was already under a suspended sentence for previous assault on this woman. She alleges that he stripped her of her garments while escorting her along the road, all but her underpants, and she took refuge at the home of C. S. Meekins. The colored woman came to Manteo from Hyde County.

Buren Twiford of Stumpy Point was held by Judge Baum in default of \$2,000 bond, charged with housebreaking. He is alleged to have entered the home of Mrs. Doris Twiford at Stumpy Point, at the same time that Russell Jordan is charged with entering the house.

MRS. COX CONFINED TO BED WITH BROKEN ANKLE

Mrs. R. S. Cox is confined to bed at her home at Engelhard with a broken ankle. Her many friends miss seeing her in her husband's store where she assists with carrying on the business.

Hyde Woman Writer, Artist Making Good

A successful artist and writer of children's books is Mrs. Ellis Credle Townsend, a native of Hyde County, who now lives in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Townsend is the daughter of the late Jack Credle and Mrs. Bessie Cooper Credle of Sladesville, Hyde County. Her mother resides near Rocky Mount.

The Hyde County woman has written and illustrated several books for children since she completed her education at Louisville College and studies interior decorating, portraiture and advertising art in New York City. They include "Down, Down the Mountain," "The Goat That Went to School," "Little Jeems Henry," and "The Flop-Eared Hound." Her husband, Charles de Kay Townsend, a photographer with the National Gallery of Art, has illustrated a number of her books.

Mrs. Townsend has led an interesting life, including teaching school in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and entertaining children to supplement her income as a beginning artist. Both of these positions proved invaluable to the career she was to follow and make a name for herself.

An exhibition on view at the Children's Museum, Villa Rosa, 4215 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., open Tuesdays through Fridays during the summer, includes original drawings and paintings by Mrs. Townsend, as well as photographs by her husband, all of which have been published in Mrs. Townsend's books under her maiden name, Ellis Credle.

Her first book entitled "Down, Down the Mountain," published in 1934 has a setting in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is the simple story of a boy and a girl raising turnips on their hilly farm to buy a pair of squeaky, creaky new shoes. Her knowledge and love for the Blue Ridge country where she taught history and French at the Forest City high school inspired and helped her to write and draw this story with its mountain setting.

"The Goat That Went to School," and "Little Jeems Henry" are other books that she has written and illustrated with their setting in the Blue Ridge Mountain Country. "The Flop-Eared Hound," has its setting on the farm of Mrs. Townsend's late father in Hyde

MOUNTAIN POTATO OUT YIELDS ALL OTHERS IN HYDE

Farmers Find Sequoia Variety Beats Cobblers Almost Three to One

A mountain potato known as the "Sequoia" made a record in the flat fields of coastal Hyde County this season reports county agent J. P. Woodard of Swan Quarter, who says that in one instance they out-yielded Cobblers nearly three to one. The prediction is that this potato will be grown more extensively in this section next year, although heavy planting is not being advised.

The potato was brought into Hyde County by R. L. Gibbs, Engelhard produce dealer who has observed it while buying potatoes in South Carolina. Farm officials were skeptical of the experiment.

According to Mr. Woodard, C. C. Davis, Lake Landing farmer, planted 10 barrels of Sequoia potatoes on 1.4 acres. He harvested 287½ bags of Number One potatoes and 11 bags of size B potatoes. His cobbler in the field with these averaged only 100 bags of Number One.

Henry D. Cuthrell, another Lake Landing farmer, planted 9/10 of an acre and harvested 157 bags of Number One potatoes. His cobbler averaged 100 to 110 bags per acre.

A Middletown farmer, Columbus Cuthrell, produced 150 bags per acre as compared with 80 to 90 bags of cobbler.

The Sequoia potatoes are large, many weighing as much as two to two and one quarter pounds. The skin is reasonably tough, but the heavy weight of the individual potato causes many to be scarred. They have fewer eyes than the other varieties.

Farmers who plan to plant this variety next year are advised to get their seed from Western North Carolina. It is also suggested that growers reduce the amount of fertilizer generally used by 1,000 pounds. Because this variety has a tendency to produce tubers, it is recommended that seed be planted closer together and that rows be run closer together.

PERMANENT PASTURES LIKE OVERWORKED MAN

Permanent pastures are just like the man who has worked for 12 to 14 hours on a stretch; they must have rest.

There are three general rest periods for pastures during the year, one before early spring grazing, one during the dry periods of summer, and one just before the pastures go into winter quarters, say extension specialists at State College.

Short change the pasture at any one of these periods, and it will bring a reward of less total grazing. Some farmers practice pasture rotation, and while this is good practice, one of the best methods of giving the permanent pasture a rest is through the temporary grazing crops which can be easily produced for early spring, mid summer, or late fall.

The specialists suggest that livestock be kept off the pasture in early spring until the grass has made a growth of about 6 to 8 in., but who can do this? Only the man who has seeded a mixture of small grains and legumes, with relatively heavy seeding and adequate fertilization about the first of September. Early seeding brings earlier grazing and more grazing.

Who can rest his pastures during the long, dry periods of summer? Only the man who has planned soybeans, Sudan grass, and other such crops, say the specialists.

And, finally who can rest his pastures during the late fall? Only the man who has some good crop as lespedeza is the answer. Alfalfa, with its 4 hay crops a place in the plan of greater feed year, also occupies a prominent production, the specialists say.

County. Photographs were made by her husband.

Mrs. Townsend has a number of relatives in Hyde County, including a naunt, Mrs. Bettie Mann of Sladesville, Bland Fulford of Engelhard and Lee Mann of Fairfield, are first cousins. She is also first cousin to Mrs. Harry Wahab and Mrs. Beamon Watson of Washington, Harvey Credle of Sladesville and Baltimore, Mr., and Otis Fulford of Norfolk, Va., and Engelhard.

HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE FOLK AT FAIRFIELD

Ceremonies Held Sunday, August 5th, Dedicating Board Located at Post Office

At impressive ceremonies Sunday afternoon, August 5th, Fairfield dedicated its new honor roll of World War II service men recently erected on the post office grounds. An estimated crowd of 250 people attended the dedication.

The Rev. Lee Phillips, Baptist minister, acted as master of ceremonies and led the crowd in singing patriotic songs. The colored folks sang one song by themselves.

The flag raising was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Service men present were introduced and invited to say a few words. Capt. Neal Sears, Fairfield boy recently returned from the Burma theatre made a short talk.

County attorney O. L. Williams of Swan Quarter, a Fairfield native, was the principal speaker and delivered a stirring address, which was as inspiring as any delivered at Fairfield in recent years.

The service roll, which is a handsome board bearing the names of 86 white men, one white woman and 34 colored men, was built by contributions of local citizens. The work was done locally.

The board is situated on the postoffice grounds. A small white fence encloses it. The flag pole is located in the rear.

Gold stars are located by five names indicating the toll the war has taken from the community. Fairfield has lost four white men, E. Horrace McKinney, Shelton Berry, Edward Baum, and Woodrow Gibbs and one colored man, Romulus Burrus.

The citizens of Fairfield are the first in Hyde County to honor their fighting sons and naughters with a roll of names. "We are proud of it," says postmaster Guy Cuthrell, and he expresses the sentiment of all of the community.

MULLET 25c EACH AND JUMP RIGHT IN BOAT

Fishermen Getting Fancy Prices For Catches These Days; Fall Off Recently

Despite the decline in catches during the past month, fishermen for the most part are doing well. Mullet are now in season, and a single mullet fresh, brings about 25 cents. In the old days, mullet used to sell for two cents a pound salted, and no home was complete without a keg of salt mullets for winter use. Now they are luxury food, for the fishermen can get 25 cents a pound, and the average mullet weighs a pound, by taking them direct to local buyers.

Darren Midgett and Harris Midgett of Manteo, took a day off last week to get some fresh fish to eat. They landed \$28 worth of fish, and each made a good day's work beside all the fish they needed to eat. On the way in, a fine mullet jumped into the boat, and landed on Harris Midgett's foot, leaving a fin bone in his toe. The old jumping mullet has been famed from time immemorial for jumping into boats.

At Stumpy Point, a good season is underway, and this is expected to last right up into December. Shortage of meat is considered responsible for high fish prices. For at pre-war prices, present catches would not bring a very large income.

SWAN QUARTER BOYS JOIN MERCHANT MARINES

Three young men who graduated at the Swan Quarter high school last spring are now serving in the Merchant Marines. They are Grady O'Neal, Russell Blake and Roy Swindell.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Silvertone announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, August 7th, in the Columbia hospital. Mrs. Silvertone is the former Miss Exedea McKinney.

MRS. SOPHIE MUGGS WAS MOST CAREFUL IN SELECTING THE PRESENTS FOR HER SON OVERSEAS IN THE NAVY.

SHE SHOPPED EARLY AND SHE MAILED EARLY—SHE FOLLOWED SIZE MAILING REGULATIONS RELIGIOUSLY, BUT—

SHE DID A BAD WRAPPING JOB. NOW EVEN THOUGH MRS. MUGGS SELECTED HER PRESENTS CAREFULLY AND SHOPPED EARLY AND MAILED EARLY—

MRS. MUGGS COULD HAVE DROPPED THE PACKAGE DOWN THE WELL FOR ALL THE GOOD IT WOULD DO. BECAUSE—

SHE DID NOT USE A STRONG BOX.

SHE DID NOT USE SHREDDED PAPER INSIDE THE BOX.

SHE DID NOT USE STRONG WRAPPING PAPER.

SHE DID NOT USE STRONG WRAPPING CORD. SO—

WHEN HER SON RECEIVED HIS PACKAGE, PERHAPS THE MERMAIDS ENJOYED IT—HE DIDN'T!