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GRATEFUL NATION CELEBRATES NAVY DAY, OCTOBER 27TH



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MANTEO WOMAN'S CLUB HOSTESS TO DISTRICT

Approximately 150 Women Gather for Annual Meeting; Mrs. Bishopric Guest Speaker

The annual meeting of the sixteenth district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held Thursday, October 18, in Manteo, with Mrs. Arthur Greene of Ahoskie presiding. Mrs. Greene is district president, Mrs. D. E. Evans of Manteo being vice president, and Mrs. R. R. Copeland of Ahoskie secretary and treasurer. Approximately 150 women attended the meeting.

The meeting took place in Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, and luncheon was served in the USO rooms in the community building by members of the Manteo club.

The processional was played by Mrs. Rennie Williamson, and the National Anthem was led by Mrs. W. J. Hayes. Rev. D. W. Charlton pronounced the invocation, after which Miss Dorothy Drinkwater, president of the Manteo Club, brought greetings, the response being made by Mrs. C. C. Parker of Ahoskie. Greetings from the home demonstration club were brought by Miss Grace Draughon, home agent.

Mrs. Karl Bishopric, of Spray, president of the N. C. Federation, was chief speaker. Mrs. Bishopric made an inspirational talk on the place of Woman's Club work in the struggle to bring the world back to normal, now that peace time has arrived. Mrs. John Council of Lake Waccamaw, second vice president of the N. C. Federation, spoke on the work accomplished last year by the state clubs, and the work outlined for another year.

Reports of clubs and reports of committees were made, and prizes awarded. The Moyock club received the prize for the best project during the year, their project having been the erection and furnishing of a community building. The Camden club won both attendance and mileage prizes.

After all business had been completed the clubs went to the community building for luncheon. A color scheme of red, white and blue carried out the V-Day decorative idea. Tables were centered with small flags, with the exception of the guest table, which held a centerpiece of white chrysanthemums. Each guest was presented with a large yellow chrysanthemum.

The visiting officers were presented with souvenir plaques of Fort Raleigh. The state and district presidents received hostess trays.

Special music was rendered by Paul Lodsin, baritone soloist, accompanied by Miss Addy Gould. Mr. Lodsin's numbers were, "I Heard a Forest Praying" and "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes."

BUS SERVICE TO CONNECT MANTEO AND ENGELHARD

Mrs. Seth Gibbs Plans To Establish Much Needed Service Soon

A bus line between Engelhard and Manteo is the aim of Mrs. Seth Gibbs, of Engelhard, who has applied for the franchise for this route. And if Mrs. Gibbs gets this franchise, good service will be assured. A woman of rare business ability, she gives her full attention to this business, which she was managing when her husband died seven years ago. From one bus, she has expanded the service into 13 buses, connecting Hyde County with Washington, Belhaven, Columbia and other towns.

There is already a definite need for this service, to connect the two counties. Some Dare County people have moved to Hyde, and some Hyde people have moved to Manteo. Nevertheless, they like to keep up their ties with folks back home, and they travel often. Many Hyde people wish to go to the beaches. The line would prove of much advantage too, as a feeder for the Virginia Dare Transportation Co. at Manteo, and would route a great deal of traffic through Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor, Manteo and Currituck points.

Marshall A. Matthews and Mrs. S. M. Gibbs of Engelhard attended the Southern Albemarle feasting in Manteo Thursday.

STUMPY POINT FOLKS REVIVE OLD ENDEAVORS ON RETURNING HOME

Before the War Was Over, This Hustling Dare County Fishing Village Had Almost Reconverted to Its Peace Time Industry, and Is Now Going At Better Than the Old Speed, With an Eye to Greater Civic Improvements in Future.

By NELL WISE WECHTER

Stumpy Point never actually became a chrysalis between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day; it never was helpless and without food during those intervening years; but when 63 families of the community's total of 87 lifted themselves "body and soul," from their native environment and migrated en masse to war jobs in Norfolk and Elizabeth City, the village was left with an aching void. Oliver Goldsmith might have found inspiration here for a second writing on the "Deserted Village."

Posterity will record the Second World War, its horrors, its casualties, its atomic bomb, and its shortages. When in the near future one can regard his ration book as just a souvenir, he can also remember that it took red points to buy meat. Because of the meat shortage fish came into demand. More people ate more fish than had ever happened before. As a result fish prices zoomed, and to my best knowledge there was never any "ceiling" to hinder. Stumpy Point is very definitely a fishing village, and the 24 families "who stayed home" made the most of their opportunities. It wasn't long before rumors began drifting Virginia-ward that Bennie Payne or some other citizen was making a killing "down home." It wasn't long before Navy yard welders, shipwrights and carpenters newly oriented in their trades were coming home for a weekend to look over the situation. My uncle, George Wise, became a shipwright in the yard, and I'm sure that he must have visioned a hundred pound pine box full of pan trout every time he handled any piece of lumber on his Navy yard job. Anyway, he lasted less than six months in the yard before he was home in his Fishermen's Exchange, harassing the life out of Charlie Brinn for not being out with a fish box, or the unhappy ice man if sufficient ice for his fishermen came slowly. Uncle George got back into his element right fast-like and he has stayed put there. I am also certain that he has recouped much of the capital, if not all, he lost during the depression years.

Now that the war is over, 43 of the migratory families are back home. It's true that they all did not return at once, but it is also true that all the men in these families are now engaged in their beloved industry. The Stumpy Point fishermen have made the best money and the most they

ever have made. Prosperity, which was hiding around the corner in 1929 and 1930 has stopped its game of coyness and is now reposing in the midst of the homefolks.

Once, in the years just following Pearl Harbor, it was quite an event to see more than two or three cars a day passing through the village. Hooper Brothers' oil truck was the most frequent bit of traffic in those days. Now the traffic zooms all day and much of the night. Practically every family has some kind of car or truck.

Home Improvements

Directly, or indirectly the tempo of the war has put new life into Stumpy Point. The inhabitants are more civic minded than I have ever known them to be; they are taking more interest in improvements around their homes; and there are new homes in the building, old houses are being renovated, and every available house is being rented. Even when there are not enough places here to satisfy the demand.

Frank Payne has bought the Uncle Daniel Midgett home. He is adding an attractive appendage to that. The front porch he has well screened. Randolph Payne has purchased Frank's old homestead. As I rode by the other day I noticed that Randolph had already started a nice fall garden, had cleaned off the grass and weeds from the front, and was reconditioning the house. In between his mother's lot and Horace Hooper's house, Gaskill Payne is beginning the construction of a new bungalow.

Down on the lower end of the village Lutrell Payne has rented the Ed Hooper plantation from Mr. Stein, its owner. Trell is being kept busy every day painting houses and doing carpentry work. To view the houses newly painted—among many are Monroe Midgett's, Beamon Hooper's and Lennon Hooper's—one can see the proficiency with which Trell works. Helping him in his work is another Dare County boy, Z. F. Payne, who plans to rent Ellard Payne's house here and become a resident of the village.

Bob Midgett has rented the Roland Midgett place which is located between the old parsonage lot and Edith Wise's home. Bob is a dead shot with a rifle or shotgun. Someone once said that if Bob Midgett were turned loose on a regiment of Japs that the Nips wouldn't stand a chance. Incidentally, Bob is the boy who

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LT. GEO. DAVIS AWARDED BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Prominent Hyde County Attorney, Former Representative, Cited for Work Fighting Japs

For "meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy as Air Officer of a seaplane tender in Central Pacific waters," Navy Lieutenant George Thomas Davis, USNR, of Lake Landing and Swan Quarter, Monday was awarded the Bronze Star medal and citation.

In the first ceremony of its kind held at the Bureau of Aeronautics station at the Curtiss-Wright Corporation plan, Columbus, Ohio, Commander M. J. Phillips, Bureau representative, presented the award on behalf of Rear Admiral John Perry, commander of Fleet Air Wing One.

Admiral Perry's citation stated that Lieut. Davis had worked "tirelessly and efficiently under many difficulties and hazards to lay and maintain the markers and moorings of the seadrome and to serve and keep at a high standard of readiness the patrol bombing planes under his supervision." The citation covered the period March 28, 1945 to June 30, 1945.

Lieut. Davis is at present stationed at the Curtiss-Wright plant in the capacity of assistant contracts termination officer.

Before entering the service, the Hyde County man was a practicing attorney and farmer. He was Representative of his county in the General Assembly and was serving his third term.

THIEVES TAKE TIRES OFF DR. MILLER'S CAR

Dr. J. W. Miller of Engelhard was a surprised man last Tuesday morning when he discovered three tires stolen and his automobile sitting on Coca-Cola crates. Patrolman Carl Whitfield and Sheriff Pratt Williamson of Swan Quarter were notified, but they found no clues.

Five tires were reported stolen at Stumpy Point the same night. George Wise, Rev. Parkin and Garland Meekins were the victims in that community. Sheriff Meekins was reported investigating the Dare thefts.

Hyde County officials were inclined to believe that the thieves were working on an organized basis. It was only a few days before that two tires were stolen from Maynard Meekins' truck and one from R. S. Spencer's trailer in Engelhard.

STUMPY POINT MAN IS RELEASED FROM C. G.

Tom A. Hooper, 22, MM2c, USCG, has been released from service and is returning to Stumpy Point to be with his wife, Mrs. Louise Hooper.

He has concluded 72½ months of service in the Coast Guard, having been on duty in the Asiatic, Pacific and African theatres of war.

MANTEO TO GET \$75,000 ICE PLANT WITH WARD'S MODERNIZATION PLANS

Fifty Tons Ice Daily Will Be Provided, With Storage Space For 100 Tons Reserve, and Space to Store 1,000 Boxes of Fish. Plant Will Be Adequate For Entire County Needs for Years to Come

LITTLE DONE IN ONE DAY COURT SESSION IN HYDE

Two Divorces Granted; Grand Jury Reports Same Complaints of Last May

Because of the illness of Attorney C. A. Carter of Washington who was appearing in a large part of the cases docketed for trial in Hyde County Superior Court Monday few cases were tried.

One of the two criminal cases on the docket, that against Hill Green, colored, of Swan Quarter, charged with public drunkenness, was continued and the case against John C. Respass of Engelhard on a "peeping tom" charge was not pros with leave.

Columbus Green, colored of Swan Quarter, was granted a divorce from Lois Green and Samuel McCabe, colored of Swan Quarter, was granted a divorce from Ednora Farrow McCabe. Two other divorce actions were continued.

Of four civil actions on the calendar for trial, three were continued and one left open for judgment.

The grand jury reported to the court that it had no criminal cases to come before it during the term. It reported that all the county offices were found to be well kept. Recommendations were made that the grand jury report of last May be carried out regarding installing weights in the windows of the vault in the Register of Deeds office and that a fountain be installed back of the agriculture building.

Members of the grand jury were E. E. Baum, foreman, D. Alvin Spencer, Jim Berry, Clarence Emory, Wilbur Gibbs, Ernest G. Morris, H. C. Williamson, C. W. Ross, S. W. Boomer, Sr., Clyde L. Berry, Bruce Nobles, T. S. Burrus, Jr., C. E. Baum, E. A. Spencer, C. E. Cahoon, G. L. Roberts, Preston Simmons, Early Gibbs and S. A. Long.

BIRTHS

Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGowan of Portsmouth, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Sue, at Mary View Hospital, Sunday, October 14.

Manteo

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn Bonner of Manteo a daughter, Martha Jennings, on Monday, October 15. The little girl weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

Manteo is to soon have one of the greatest ice factories in Eastern North Carolina, making not only 50 tons of ice a day but with storage space sufficient to keep on hand a reserve of 100 tons, and with additional storage space for 1,000 boxes of fish.

Work will start in a few weeks on this plant, according to A. H. Ward, owner of the Dare County Ice and Storage Company at Wanchese. The Wanchese plant will be retained for storage purposes, with probably extra storage houses built at Manns Harbor or Stumpy Point, and also on the beach.

A contract was made this week with A. C. Barnes, representing the York Ice Machine Company for the relocation of the Wanchese plant at Manteo. Modernization and additional equipment will bring the capacity up to the new plans. Much of the operation of the new plant will be by electricity, and the old method of delivering two blocks of ice at the time will be superseded with equipment that will deliver 12 blocks of ice at a single operation, either to the storage room or the customer.

The plant is laid out 90 by 150 feet of fireproof construction, and is so designed that if the fish storage space is not needed, it may be converted into food lockers in a short time.

The plant will have two sets of engines and compressors so there will be no breakdowns or interruption in the service, therefore assuring a surplus of ice at all times.

Work on the new plant will start within two to three weeks. It was originally planned some time ago, but could not be built because of war-time restrictions. While the present plant is now large enough to take care of all present business under normal conditions, several features are being added in anticipation of any future demands.

War-time activities in this section practically commandeered the output of the plant, and twice during this season, there was a shortage of ice, due to 500 tons of ice being taken over to nearby naval units to fulfil contracts in force at the time. However, the unusual quantity of fish being caught then used up the supply, but this has only happened twice in 17 years, and worse conditions prevailed in Beaufort, and other towns, due to the large catches of croakers which exceeded any amounts ever caught before in this section. Most of the time during the past few years the output of the Wanchese plant has not been consumed at

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COLUMBIA TO BE HOST TO SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE THURSDAY, NOV. 15TH

Executive Committee Meeting in Manteo Thursday Discusses Many Matters and Sets Date for 11th Anniversary Meeting; Large Gathering Expected to Attend Tyrrell Event.

Columbia was chosen this week by the Southern Albemarle for the annual meeting which will be held Thursday, November 15, and the Tyrrell County capital is expected to do itself proud as usual, when delegates from four counties will gather to discuss matters of interest to all of them.

The executive committee met in Manteo Thursday, October 18, at the Creef Theatre, and voted to meet in Columbia. All counties were represented at the meeting. Columbia was chosen because of its central location, and for its fame as a royal host and entertainer.

Chief item of business expected at the Columbia meeting is a renewed drive for the complete unification of the county seats of

each of the four counties of Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington and Dare with the other by hard-surfaced roads and bridges, which is the major program of the Association.

W. L. Whitley of Plymouth is now president of the Association and the county vice presidents are P. D. Midgett of Engelhard; D. V. Meekins, Manteo; John W. Darden, Plymouth; and Earl Coats of Columbia. Others attending the Manteo meeting were M. A. Matthews and Mrs. Seth Gibbs of Engelhard, C. R. Chaplin, C. W. Tatem, Jack Davenport, of Columbia; Melvin R. Daniels, C. S. Meekins, Theo S. Meekins, M. L. Daniels, M. K. Fearing of Manteo, and F. H. N. Midgett of Waves and E. R. Midgett of Roanoke.

WELFARE DEPARTMENTS CAN GIVE MUCH AID TO RETURNING WAR VETS

Proper Filing of Claims for Government Aid Due Veterans and Dependents Can Result in Vast Savings to County Welfare Funds, and Prove of Great Benefit to the Individuals

(Note. The forgoing article is printed in part, from the September issue of Public Welfare News published by the State Department at Raleigh. We regret lack of space to print the article in full, but have given most of its strongest points. The writer has had wide experience in filing claims for veterans and their dependents.)

A field for much needed service is offered county departments of public welfare through assistance which may be rendered veterans of American wars. Veterans service, of course, includes widows and orphans, dependent parents or other dependents of veterans. The word "veteran" in this article includes any dependents of a veteran whether they be widows, orphans or other dependents.

The field is so broad that it in-

cludes many types of service now being rendered under various categories of welfare work. This is quite true in dealing with Veterans of World War I and the Spanish American War. These persons first came to our attention as veterans, most probably in W. P. A. days, when they were given preference in certification and assignment to jobs.

Veterans of wars previous to World War I are still an open field for welfare workers especially in smaller counties where no special service bureaus with paid workers are set up. Even Civil War veterans came in for considerable contact, made both possible and necessary by the legislation of 1941. Most of the services to be rendered in this field consist of aid given in securing pensions or increases in

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