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SWAN QUARTER OES CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Swan Quarter Chapter, No. 22, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated its first birthday at a regular meeting, Thanksgiving night, with 33 members and three visitors present.

Mrs. Maude Jones gave the highlights of the First Year's work, lighting the candle on the beautiful birthday cake with the emblematic star in colors on top of the cake. The Chapter has grown from 36 to 45 members.

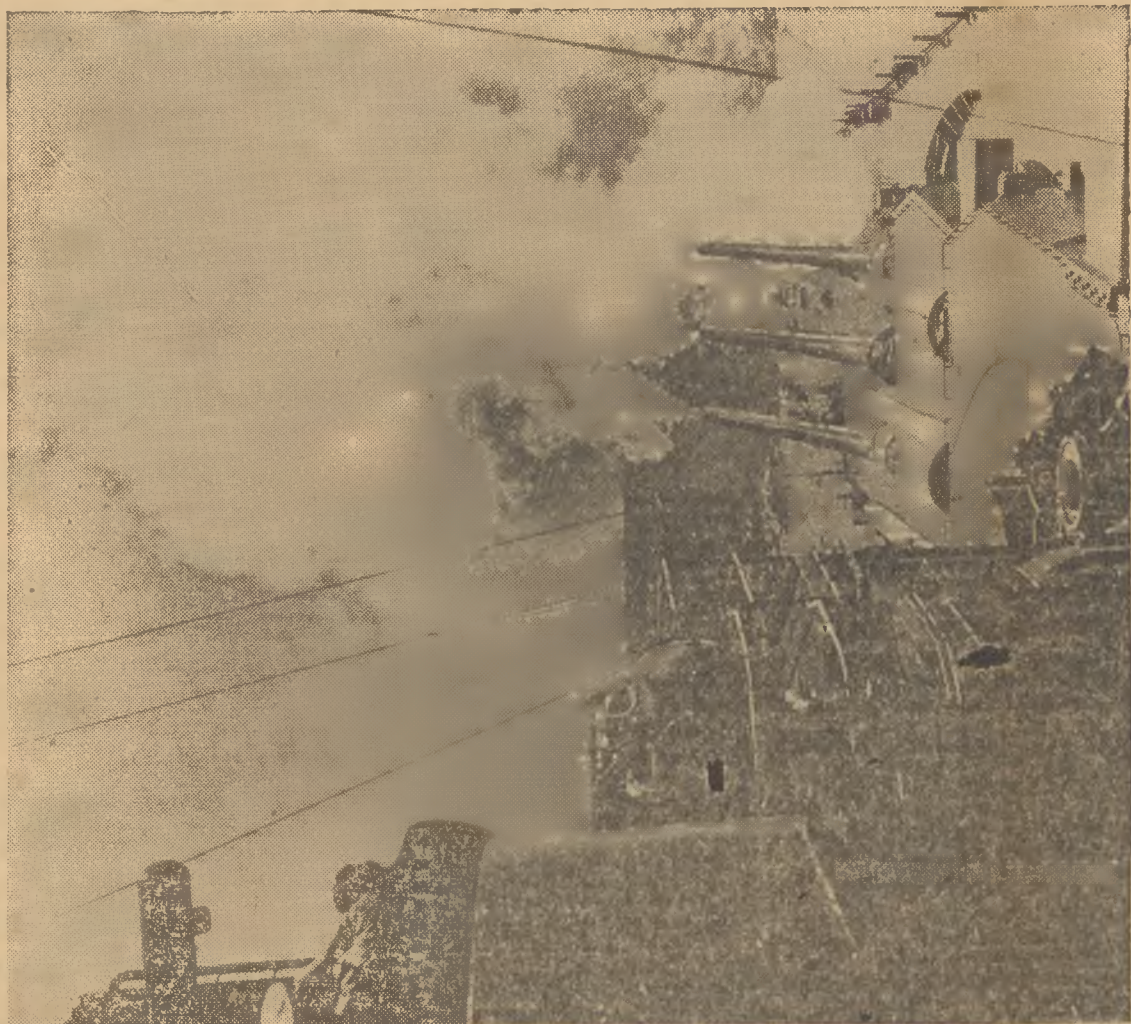
The Orphanage Committee, composed of Mrs. Esther Spencer, chairman, Mrs. Melissa Sadler and Mrs. Rosalyn Cahoon were in charge of the Thanksgiving program. Mrs. Virginia Crabtree gave a beautiful Thanksgiving poem, while Mrs. Frances Gibbs and Mrs. Delle Swindell rendered appropriate solo, accompanied by Mrs. Byrda Lee at the piano. A special Thanksgiving offering was taken for the Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star home. The members also brought bags of pecans to be sent to the Orphanage.

The degrees of the Order were conferred on Mrs. Irene O'Neal in an impressive candlelight service. Miss Iberia Roach, Worthy Patron and Wm. I. Cochran, Worthy Patron, presided in the past.

The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens, chrysanthemums and a lovely arrangement of flowers in the five colors in the East.

The hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grey Cahoon and Mrs. Henry C. Boomer who served cake and ice cream during the social hour.

POWERFUL BATTLESHIP NAMED FOR TAR HEEL STATE WON ENVIABLE WAR RECORD



SLEEK, TRIM AND POWERFUL, the battleship U. S. North Carolina was the first of the Navy's new class of 35,000-ton men-o'-war. She won her spur in the Solomons helping repulse Jap attempts to land on Guadalcanal. Throughout the combat actions that followed she won acclaim as a first line fighting ship, hanging up an enviable record.

QUAIL SAID TO BE PLENTIFUL IN HYDE

Opening of Season Finds Shortage of Shells Biggest Problem for Hunters

Hunters and farmers in Hyde county say that quail are plentiful in the fields and woods this year, with prospects bright for some good shooting when the season opens Thanksgiving Day, November 22. The greatest problem facing hunters is the shortage of small shot.

For many the hunting season does not open until it becomes legal to kill quail and rabbit, and the first day of open season on these attracts many to the woods and wilds. The shortage of "bird" shells this year is expected to keep many from enjoying the hunting—the only kind they ever do.

Bea rand heer hunters in Hyde county have had good shooting this season, but wildfowl hunters have had tough luck with the sunny, calm weather permitting the ducks to stay out of range. Goose shooting has been especially poor.

FARMERS PAYING \$3.40 A DAY FOR THEIR LABOR

North Carolina farmers are paying an average of \$3.40 a day for their labor, according to Frank Parker, head of the Statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Basing his estimate on figures compiled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Parker said that the daily wage rate for hired laborers is 40 cents higher than a year ago. However, it is still 99 cents lower than the \$4.39 average for the country as a whole.

Farmers who furnish labor with meals pay an estimated \$2.85 per day as compared with \$2.50 for October of 1944.

Monthly farm wage rates in North Carolina are now running at around \$65 without board and \$47.75 with board.

The average U. S. farm wage rate per month with board is \$84, compared with \$76.40 a year ago, and without board it is \$95.70 as against \$86.80 last fall.

Parker said that national farm employment is about seven per cent lower than a year ago—largely because of heavy rains in many areas of the United States. Farm employment in the South is down nine per cent from last year, with a decrease of approximately 2,500,000 pounds in the quantity of cotton to be picked.

While wage rates for the U. S. as a whole are 245 per cent higher than for the 1910-14 period, which is considered average, they are lower than in July in most areas. But in North Carolina they are "some higher" than last summer.

MRS. D. E. EVANS ILL IN GOLDSBORO HOSPITAL

Mrs. D. E. Evans of Manteo is seriously ill in the Goldsboro hospital, Goldsboro, N. C. She underwent an operation on Monday, November 5, and was reported recuperating satisfactorily when pneumonia set in. Mr. Evans was called to her bedside this week when she became worse. She is reported to be slowly getting better.

NEW ENTERPRISES FOR SWAN QUARTER

Two Buildings Now Under Construction; Oyster Houses Enlarged

Swan Quarter is to have two new enterprises in the near future. Construction is now under way on frame buildings to house them. One is to be an automobile repair shop and the other a farm machine shop.

Leland G. Carawan, a Swan Quarter man who is a good machinist, is building a frame building next to the East Carolina Bank on the main street where he will operate a farm machine shop. Back of Tunnell's store Bill Kensie of Jacksonville is building a frame building which will house his automobile repair business with the latest equipment. Kensie lived at Swan Quarter and Engelhard several years ago when he was with the highway patrol.

Oyster shucking houses on the waterfront owned by Rouse Lupton and R. B. Burrus have recently been enlarged to handle a larger volume of oysters.

AVON HONOR ROLL

The following are pupils of the Avon school who made an average of 90 during the second month of school.

Fifth grade: Rita Janette Scarborough.

Eighth grade: Tilman Ray Gray, Harry Gray, Belle Price, Gerald Williams.

Ninth grade: Elizabeth Gray, Faye Gray.

Tenth grade: Edison Meekins.

COTTON PICKED FOR \$1.25 PER 100 POUNDS BY MECHANICAL PICKER



THE MECHANICAL COTTON PICKER, shown here in a Robeson County field, can harvest as much as 85 per cent as much cotton from the plants as hand pickers. The machine is picking cotton this year for \$1.25 per hundred pounds. It is owned by the Libert Manufacturing Company of Red Springs.

The machine will aid Southern cotton farmers to compete with other cotton growing countries where labor is cheap. On the other hand, however, it will throw thousands of low income groups out of seasonal work and pose economic problems that will become grave as the use of the machine spreads and becomes generally used.

HYDE HOME CLUBS REVIEW YEAR OF GOOD WORK AT COUNTY-WIDE MEETING

Annual Achievement Day Program Held In Swan Quarter School Auditorium Wednesday Evening With Mrs. Estelle T. Smith of Raleigh As Guest Speaker; Tiny Oak Club Wins Prize As Outstanding Club of 1945

MRS. SMITH SPEAKS AT HYDE MEETING



MRS. ESTELLE T. SMITH, assistant State Home Agent, of Raleigh was guest speaker at the annual Achievement Day program of Hyde County Home Demonstration clubs held in the Swan Quarter school auditorium Wednesday evening, November 21st. It was Miss Smith's first trip to Hyde County since World War I when she visited in this section giving demonstrations on canning.

GAME OFFICIALS ENJOY HYDE MEETING

Commissioner John Findley Host To Officials From Eight States This Week

John D. Findley, State Game and Inland Fisheries Commissioner, formerly manager of Lake Mattamuskeet Wildfowl Refuge, was host to members of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners at Mattamuskeet Lodge at New Holland early this week. Representatives from eight states were present.

The party, which arrived Sunday and met through Tuesday, enjoyed hunting and inspection trips during the day and held discussion sessions at night. Cooperation looking toward uniform protective measures in game preservation was the keynote of the session.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MONDAY FOR HAROLD NEAL

Funeral services for Harold Neal, 59-year-old farmer and merchant of the White Plains section of Lake Lardng township in Hyde County, were held at the home Monday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. F. R. Davis, Methodist pastor assisted by the Rev. J. C. Chaffin and the Rev. C. K. Wright, Methodist ministers from Swan Quarter and Columbia respectively, officiating. Interment was in Fu'ford cemetery at Engelhard.

Mr. Neal passed away at his home Saturday night following a short illness. He was a life-long resident of Hyde County.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Geraldine and June, of Lake Landing; two brothers, Sam and Luke, of Engelhard; and two sisters, Mrs. John Spencer of Wilmington and Miss Belle Neal of Engelhard.

Palbearers were Listen Harris, Harry Harris, Latham Jarvis, Roman Patrick, Tom Marshall and Will Marshall.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Affie Lee Midgett, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zora Midgett of Manteo is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital, having undergone an operation Wednesday morning. She is reported to be recuperating nicely. Her mother is at her bedside.

Coastal Bermuda grass is one of the most promising new forage plants for North Carolina. It produces practically no seed and has to be increased by planting stubs.

AVON PTA ACTIVE IN HELPING SCHOOL

Shades to Be Provided for All Rooms; Program By Second and Third Grades

The Avon Parent Teacher Association held its third meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon, November 15, Mrs. Percy Williams presiding.

A short program was presented by the second and third grades, after which the business was discussed.

The first project of the year has been to raise money to provide shades for the school building. It was reported by the treasurer that sufficient funds had been raised, and the shades ordered. Now, for the first time, every room in the building will have shades.

At the October meeting it was decided that the captains of the two money-raising teams should start an apron through the community.

Mrs. Fulcher Scarborough and Mrs. Charlie Williams were the captains, and Mrs. Scarborough's apron held the largest donation, after passing through community. She turned in \$19.45 of the total of \$28.77. This month a quilt is to be sold.

The primary room won the attendance banner for having the largest number of parents present. The fourth, fifth and sixth grade room won the banner in October.

BOY SCOUTS TO RUN COUNTY AND TOWN FOR DAY

The Boy Scouts of Manteo Troop No. 162 will take over the reigns of government in the Town of Manteo and in the Dare County offices, on Tuesday, November 27. It is a nationwide practice for Scouts to be designated to fill these offices for one day out of each year.

Scoutmaster D. L. Cannady will announce those to fill the various offices later.

ROPER PLANS TO ATTEND CHAPEL HILL MEETING

Ralph L. Roper of Swan Quarter, Hyde County Veterans Service Officer, plans to attend the state-wide Veterans Service Officers school, conducted by the Institute of Government for the N. C. Veterans Commission, in Chapel Hill next week. He will leave Monday, November 26th.

Training received at the school will enable Mr. Roper to give valuable aid to Hyde County men returning from war service with the armed forces.

HATTERAS NAVY MAN VISITS HIS HOME

Myron Ballance, USN, arrived at Hatteras Friday to spend a 30 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Ballance. He has been with the Navy for some time and has recently been in the South Pacific.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY IN THE SPARS



Freda Brinkley Midgett, daughter of Mrs. Frank Midgett of Wanchese and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Midgett of Manteo recently celebrated her birthday and the end of her first year in the Spars. Miss Midgett enlisted in Norfolk, Va., on November 2, 1944, as apprentice Seaman. She received her boot training at Palm Beach, Florida. At the end of her training period she was transferred to Seattle, Washington, with a rating of seaman second class. Last July Miss Midgett was transferred to the Coast Guard office in Washington, D. C. She comes from a long line of Coast Guardsmen. Her grandfather, W. B. Midgett, served in the Coast Guard for 32 years.

MORE FRUITS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

An examination of prospects for fruit for the Christmas holidays was made recently by workers in the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and they came up with the assertion that rains will be more plentiful than last year, and so will oranges, tangerines, grapes, and pecans. However, apples will be short.

The apple crop this year is only about half of the 1944 harvest and is considerably less than the 1934-43 average.

The early orange crop is seven per cent larger than last year, and the grape crop is somewhat larger. Although North Carolina leads all southern states except Arkansas in the production of grapes, it depends almost wholly on California for its Christmas supply.

Otis Mason of Engelhard arrived home this week with his discharge from the Army after 26 months of service overseas.

By planting both Blakemore and Massey strawberries, the bearing season can be lengthened.

FARMERS URGED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS

Community AAA Committeemen To Be Chosen November 30th

Every eligible farmer in North Carolina should attend a AAA election meeting in his community on November 30 and take part in naming his AAA community committeemen for the coming year. I. O. Schaub, director State Extension Service, said today.

One of the most important jobs facing the newly elected committeemen as they take the oath of office will be to determine best practice to meet the needs of the county and distribute the allocation of funds that has been allotted to the counties and communities so that individual farms will receive conservation assistance based on actual needs. Besides helping farmers select practices that will speed reconversion of North Carolina's farmland from the strain of wartime production, AAA committeemen will be faced with other postwar problems, such as crop prices, marketing difficulties, and production adjustment.

"Due to the magnitude of these problems," Schaub said, "the men elected at these meetings should have the confidence and support of every eligible farmer in the community."

Approximately 350,000 Tar Heel farmers are eligible to cast ballots in the 1,733 AAA community elections. Eligibility to vote is restricted to farmers who participated in the agricultural conservation and Federal crop insurance program.

FORMER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN MANTEO ON VISIT

Leonard W. Huggins, former principal of Manteo high school, who stood high in favor with both students and parents, and who was called to the colors by Uncle Sam 29 months ago, came to Manteo this week for a visit. Mr. Huggins has been with the Air Corps' Office of the Army Air Corps, working out of Washington, and received his honorable discharge on October 21, with the rank of Sergeant, at Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro N. C.

BIRTHS

Norfolk
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baum at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, October 31, a son, Kenneth Leroy, Jr. The baby weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces.

WINS MERCHANT MARINES
The Peele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Peele of Manteo, was called to duty with the Merchant Marines in October, after volunteering for that branch of service. He began service in Norfolk, and expects to make an ocean voyage in the near future.