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DARE COUNTY TAX SUITS TO BEGIN SHORTLY

Foreclosures on Property Not Paid Since 1939 In Attorney's Hands

Foreclosures on property on which taxes have not been paid in Dare County, some of it dating back to 1939, with additional interest, will begin soon. Due to a shortage of lawyers during the war period these suits have been delayed, and in the natural course would have been started two years ago.

The County Commissioners recently put these accounts in the hands of Attorney W. C. Morse, who is now preparing the suits. Property involved in any that are not contested will be advertised and sold in final sale at the courthouse door. The buyer will become owner and the property is not subject to redemption.

Now with real estate more in demand, and more money in circulation, it is expected there will be little trouble in finding buyers for such property as is not paid off during the progress of suits. Most accounts are expected to be settled. However, the owners will pay much more than they would have paid if they had settled on time.

SCOUTS TAKE OVER TOWN AND COUNTY

Lads Assigned to Various Offices in Manteo Tuesday

Boy Scouts of the Manteo troop took over the government of Dare County and the Town of Manteo for a day, Tuesday of this week, and nobody has heard of them failing to do a better job than the old folks are doing. Maybe they did better; in some instances, not a doubt.

Anyway the Scouts had a good time playing at running the Government, and some of them learned a few things. Scoutmaster Dan Cannady is keeping his troop on their toes. Here is a list of the Scouts assigned to the various offices for the day: Dan Cannady, mayor; Bobby Owens, chief of police; Lindsay Midgett, fire chief; Francis Meekins, town clerk; Arnold Midgett, town commissioner; Russell Midgett, county commissioner; Sam Midgett, sheriff; Thomas Cannady, judge; Herbert Etheridge, prosecuting attorney; Billy Charlton, clerk of Superior Court; Jimmy Williams, register of deeds; Jack Cahoon, welfare officer; Roger Meekins, school principal; Everett Liverman, farm agent; Wilbur Austin, superintendent of schools.

LAGS ONLY A DOG BUT GOT PRINCELY FUNERAL

"Rags" Daniels of Manteo is dead. He was only a little five pound dog that Charlie Fuchler brought down from Duck, in the North end of Dare County one dismal day 15 years ago. He gave him the name of M. Alonzo Daniels.

"Rags" endeared himself to the two people in that childless home in the manner that a true and faithful dog can do, and he became the object of such love and affection as a great many children do when they enjoy.

"Rags" had his special place in the home, and as the years bore down upon him, he was the object of more care and attention. Perhaps he was not so able as in former years, and this week he made the mistake of getting in the way of an approaching automobile.

"Rags" Daniels was buried in the baby's casket, silk-lined and plush covered, with silvered handles. Undertaker Marvin Meekins put on the funeral. The dog was buried on the plot of land on Roanoke Sound where Mr. and Mrs. Daniels are building a new home, and where they will always see his brave. In time it will be suitably marked. Amidst their grief over the loss of their pet Mr. and Mrs. Daniels say they do not want another

WAR RATES HIGH IN COTTON FIELDS

North Carolina and Arizona are leading the nation in wage rates being paid cotton pickers this fall, says the State Agriculture Department.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has just completed a survey which shows that this State and Arizona are paying an average of \$2.30 per hundred lbs. Reports have reached the Agriculture Department that some cotton producers have been forced to pay as much as \$3 per hundred however.

In contrast, the average wage rate for picking cotton 10 years ago was 65 cents per hundred lbs. and in 1931, the lowest in the past 20 years, cotton pickers received an average of only 36 cents per hundred.

Owners of the mechanical cotton picker operating in the Robeson County area are getting \$1.25 per hundred pounds this autumn.

BAE says that the lowest wages paid cotton pickers in the United States this year are in Georgia and Alabama, where the rate is \$1.70 per hundred. South Carolina is paying \$1.75 and Virginia, \$2.20.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT VISITS REBEKAH LODGE

Miss Elsie G. Burke of Wilmington, district president of the Rebekah Lodge, visited the Swan Quarter order last Tuesday, November 20. She gave an interesting talk on the work of the Rebekah lodges throughout the State.

A Thanksgiving offering was made to be sent to the orphan home.

After the meeting, a delicious oyster supper was served by Mrs. Rosalee Hodges and A. C. Credle.

ROY CARAWAN GETS DISCHARGE FROM ARMY

Sgt. Roy J. Carawan of Swan Quarter recently at the Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital, Plattsburg Barracks, Plattsburg, New York, was honorably discharged from the service Saturday, November 24.

IN REX HOSPITAL

William S. Mann of Raleigh and Edletown is a patient in Rex hospital, according to news reaching Hyde County this week.

GOVERNOR CANCELS HYDE HUNTING TRIP

Reynolds, Deyton, Constable Guests of Wa sons; Attend Rotary Meeting

Governor R. Gregg Cherry who had planned to hunt at Lake Mattamuskeet Wednesday and Thursday of this week was forced to cancel his trip because of pressing business at the capital, including a meeting of the rural industries committee. Hyde County friends of the governor were disappointed that he was unable to visit the county.

Three department heads made the trip and enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Watson and Mr. and Mrs. George Watson at Lake Landing. They were Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer; Dr. E. W. Constable, State chemist for the Department of Agriculture; and R. G. Deyton, head of the Budget Bureau. F. F. Caudle, district manager for the Burroughs Business Machine Company and Dr. Roy Purser, manager of the State Hospital at Goldsboro, were also with the party.

With Mr. Watson and George, the officials were guests of the Engelhard Rotary Club Wednesday evening. They were introduced at the meeting by Mr. Watson and each made a short talk.

\$15,000 PAID IN CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUBS

Largest Sum in History of Bank of Manteo Ever Paid Out for this Purpose

A total of approximately \$15,000 was paid out November 17 by the Bank of Manteo in the form of Christmas Savings checks. This was the largest sum in the history of the bank to be paid to holders of Christmas Savings accounts. About \$12,000 was mailed out last year.

A new club opens December 3, and the wise person will begin savings his or her money this way for another Christmas season.

HOLIDAY RECESS STARTS DEC. 19

Through action of the Dare County Board of Education the dates for the Christmas recess have been set for the schools of Dare County.

In order to allow more travel time for those who find it necessary to use public transportation the holiday recess will begin with the closing of Dare County schools on Wednesday, December 19.

The county schools will re-open Thursday, January 3, 1944.

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THREE HYDE YOUTHS REGISTER FOR DRAFT

Three Hyde County youths who reached their 18th birthday this month have registered for the draft with the county draft board. They are Geo. A. Long of Engelhard and Percy A. Harris of Swan Quarter, white, and Richard J. Fonville, Swan Quarter, colored.

Farmers need to plan exhibits now for the Seed Exposition at Lumberton on January 30 and 31.

CANADA DEVELOPS HER ELECTRIC POWER

CANADA has a wealth of water-power resources favorably distributed throughout the country in relation to other natural resources, to centers of population and to transportation facilities. Since the turn of the present century, water-power development has had a profound effect upon the national economy. This development, increasing from a total of 173,000 h.p. in 1900 to more than 10,283,000 h.p. in 1944, has been the mainspring of the great industrial expansion of the past four decades and has brought to the greater part of the population the amenities of electric lighting and other electric services. In the past five years of war, water power has been fundamental to Canada's vast war production program. Aluminum production alone, which has increased sixfold since 1939, has taken latterly one-quarter of all electric energy generated in the Dominion and power has performed a vital role in virtually every phase of the war effort. In the post-war period, Canada's resources of developed and undeveloped water power will be of strategic assistance in meeting the problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation.

As it has proven sound commercial practice to install hydraulic power equipment averaging 30 p.c. in excess of the six-month flow power, it is estimated that Canada's presently recorded water power provides for an installation of more than 51,350,000 h.p. That is, the present development represents only 20 p.c. of the possible development.

Up to 1943 the pulp and paper industry was the largest consumer of electricity but because of a substitution of coal for electricity in its boilers its total consumption was almost 2,000,000,000 kilowatt hours less in 1943 than in 1939, despite an increase of more than 1,000,000,000 kwh of primary power. In 1943 it was surpassed by the aluminum industry as a consumer.



Canada's "white coal," the Niagara River (top), cascades through its gorge to the mighty Niagara Falls is one of their important sources of power. (Lower right) A huge generator is shown being carefully dropped into position at Unit #10, Shipshaw. (Lower left) Workmen put the final touches on the dam at Barrett's Chute.

MARINE CORPS NEEDS OFFICERS AND MEN

Assigned Peacetime Strength Will Require Men to Replace Reserves Being Discharged

The United States Marine Corps needs 30,000 officers and men to hold its assigned peacetime strength at 108,000, Col. H. C. Waterman, officer in charge of the Southeastern Recruiting Division, said today.

"The Corps is discharging hundreds of men throughout the nation every day," Waterman said, "and it is estimated that as the reserves are returned to civilian life 30,000 replacements will be needed to keep our strength at the peacetime figure set by Congress—100,000 men and 8,000 officers."

As part of the intense drive underway to recruit the needed personnel, Marine Corps headquarters recently lowered the minimum height requirements for men 17 through 19 years from 66 inches to 63 inches, while minimum requirement for men over 19 remains at 66 inches.

This came at the same time as the order permitting voluntary enlistment of men over 17, for the first time since Dec. 15, 1942.

Men under 25 may enlist without any prior military service, but ex-servicemen over 25 who have not passed their 32nd birthday may enlist provided they have not been separated from the service for more than a year. Ex-servicemen are restored to their former temporary rank if they enlist within 90 days of their discharge.

Seventeen-year-olds must have their parents' consent to enlist. Men 18 to 21 may enlist without parents' consent as long as Selective Service is in force. After the draft is dissolved they will need signed approval from their parents before being accepted.

ALBERT CREDLE WITH NAVY IN THE ATLANTIC

A veteran of 5 years sea duty, Albert Bryce Credle, machinist's mate, first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Credle of Swan Quarter, N. C., is serving aboard the destroyer USS McDougal.

Credle enlisted in the Navy in June, 1940. His wife, Virginia, also lives at Swan Quarter.

TWO NEW PRINCIPALS FOR DARE'S SCHOOLS

L. W. Huggins Goes to Mann Harbor; Walter R. Longest To Avon

Principals to fill the remainder of the school term in the Manns Harbor and Avon schools have been secured within the last two weeks by Supt. R. I. Leske.

L. W. Huggins, formerly principal of the Manteo school, has taken over the Manns Harbor school, having recently received his discharge from the Army Air Force. Mrs. O. J. Jones has been acting as principal until a permanent principal could be located.

Walter R. Longest of Beaufort has accepted the principalship at Avon. He is a graduate of Elon College, and has recently received his discharge from the Army after serving 30 months. Previous to entering the service, he had one year's teaching experience.

WESCOTT BUYS ALL OF BOATBUILDING CO.

G. T. WESCOTT of Manteo is now the owner of the Manteo Boatbuilding Company's entire assets, having bought the stock owned by M. K. and W. B. Fearling, G. H. and R. B. Lennon, L. D. Hassel, and Martin Kellogg this week. What is left of a once flourishing war time industry, which brought lots of money to Manteo, is a valuable business lot, a large warehouse, some lumber and a number of tools. The plant is being operated as a woodworking shop by H. K. Tugwell.

The other buildings of the company, go to H. A. Crisef, and the marine railway plant and boatbuilding business is being conducted by Allan Hayman, well-known boatbuilder of Elizabeth City.

VINCENT BALLANCE DIES OF INJURIES

Lamar Vincent Ballance, 26, of Hatteras, who left the Coast Guard Service as Chief Boat-swain's Mate, died Wednesday morning in the Norfolk Naval Hospital of injuries sustained at 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning, November 22, when his car overturned at Oregon Inlet junction near Manteo.

Young Ballance, who was returning from Norfolk, was driving at a speed of about 80 miles per hour, when a front tire blew out, according to Tommy McPherson, his companion. He was taken to Dr. Johnston at Manteo for treatment, but never regained consciousness.

He was popular at Hatteras, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Loran Ballance. He leaves besides his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Harold Gray and Miss Yancy Ballance, and a brother, Kermit, all of Hatteras.

ROBERT W. MIDGETT PASSES AWAY IN TEXAS

Robert W. Midgett, 48, died Sunday night at the Goodhue Hospital, Port Arthur, Texas, after a heart attack.

Son of the late William Gray and Mrs. Margaret Meekins Midgett, he was employed by the Texas Oil Company and was a member of the Maritime Union. He was a member of the Manteo Methodist Church.

He is survived by one sister, Miss Rosalene Midgett, of Manteo; five brothers, Zora A. Midgett, Alfred A. Midgett, Leroy Midgett, all of Manteo; William N. Midgett, U. S. Navy, stationed in Norfolk; Seldon R. Midgett of Brunswick, Ga.

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Cpl. Daniels was in service two years, 14 months of which were spent overseas. She was stationed in Paris in the who'e of her overseas time.

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NORFOLK LAD STEALS DRINKWATER'S CAR

Slaps Lady Companion in Manteo, and Leaves Her; Makes Quick Time

A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo has been afraid to drive his 1935 Plymouth six miles to Wanchese for fear a tire would blow out. But Wednesday an absolute stranger walked up to the car in front of his door, took the car and got 70 miles an hour out of it for a distance of 20 miles, when it threw a rod through the motor and stopped near Wright Bridge.

Responding to a call from Manteo officers, Edgar Perry and W. S. Be'angia of Kitty Hawk took into custody Charles Blair Lesner, 26, of Norfolk, who abandoned the car and was trying to hitch-hike home. They brought him to Manteo and he is lodged in jail, charged with the theft of the car and driving drunk.

He told officers he came to Manteo the same morning with Mrs. Margaret (V. J.) Arnold of 114 Shoop Avenue, Norfolk. Both of them imbibed freely and fell out after reaching Manteo, at which time he pasted her a heavy smack across the right eye, and left town in the car.

The young man started life at 17 in the insane asylum at Williamsburg, Va., and has a long court record in Norfolk. Mrs. Arnold was arrested shortly after Lesner took the car, by Patrolman Howell, and Officer Marvin C. Mitchell and charged with driving while drunk. She posted bond and left town. The case will come up Tuesday.

IMAGINE OUR FARMERS BUYING WESTERN HOGS

Farmers of this State are now buying hogs from Midwest markets at a rate of approximately 1,500 per week, according to officials of the N. C. Agriculture Department.

This unprecedented importation of hogs is attributed by D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, to the record corn crop and to the fact that in 1944, when the prices on hogs dropped, hundreds of farmers sold their entire stock.

The rainy weather of the summer and early fall hit the peanut crop so severely that many producers left them in the field, finding it more profitable to "hog" them than to attempt to harvest them and put them on the market. Hogs are being purchased for them peanuts, according to Coltrane.

When meat rationing began, he explained, more and more hogs were produced, and this continued until 1944, when feed became scarce and expensive, and the price of hogs declined. As a consequence, farmers became discouraged, and instead of merely reducing their herds, many of them sold out completely. Now they are going back to hog-raising again.

However, Dr. William Moore, head of the department's Veterinary division, expressed the opinion that "we can't have a stable livestock industry in N. C. until our farmers decide to stick with the livestock business they happen to be engaged in—whether it be hogs or beef cattle."

MANNS HARBOR MEN TO BUILD AN ICE PLANT

White Brothers Looking Forward to Future; Columbia Doctor Interested

W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor, a hustling young man who has made quite a success in a short time by hard work, and good business foresight is heading Manns Harbor's newest venture, an ice plant to cost \$25,000.

Associated with him are his brother, Melvin White and Dr. Steemie C. Cnaplin of Columbia. The latter will operate a retail and storage business at Columbia, and a good business between the Dare and Tyrrell communities is expected when travel is resumed over Alligator River.

Mr. White is a large shipper of fish and expects to utilize a large part of the plant's capacity, in his own business.

The plant building is to be of cinder blocks, and equipped with new machinery, and is to be located to the west of Mr. White's home on the Manns Harbor highway.

It will cater to the home and fishing trade at Mashoes, Manns Harbor, East Lake and Stumpy Point.

49 HYDE MEN BACK HOME IN CIVIES

Hyde County veterans—49 of them—have returned home during November, as the tempo of demobilization speeds up. Those recorded as returned from service by the draft office are as follows:

Engelhard—Claudie Spencer, Leslie B. Gibbs, Lee Thos. Swindell and R. Engbert McKimney. Ocracoke—Horace M. Gaskins, Jack C. Willis, Homer J. McGee, Ches'ey T. Austin, Lewis J. Tolson, Jr., and Leslie T. Garish.

Swan Quarter—Edward Overton, Daniel B. Harris, Russell Swindell, John F. Cahoon, Wm. F. McKimney, Edward Spencer and Bernie C. Williams.

Seranton—Lee W. Swindell, Grady E. Brinn and Stephen Jenette, Jr.

Lake Landing—E. Otis Mason, Harry H. Doug'as, Charlie E. Midgett, Leon G. Ballance and Wilbert Carawan.

Fairfield—Joseph W. Cuthrell, and Spencer S. Payne.

Leechville—Hallett Radcliff.

Ponzer—Joe B. Carawan.

New Holland—Thos. O'Neal and Charlie Carawan.

Negroes returned from service during the month are as follows:

Lake Landing—Coleman J. Bryant, Linwood Howard, Carrol Midgett, Leland Gibbs, Pernell Mackey and David Gibbs.

Fairfield—James H. Spencer, Robert H. Long and Geo. C. Simpson.

Seranton—Colley Simpson, Marshall L. Chance, Weldon Credle, Walter L. Burrus and Elijah Gray.

Swan Quarter—Tilman O'Neal and Wm. B. Harris.

Middletown—Willie E. Collins and Hallet C. Collins.

STATE MUSEUM GIVEN TWO MORE ALLIGATORS

The State Museum has two more alligators on its hands—one nine feet in length and the other only nine inches.

The nine-footer was found by W. M. Mangum, cab driver of Jacksonville, N. C., who discovered it in the yard of the hospital at Camp Lejeune. A hurried yell for a military policeman and two shots from a pistol cleared up the situation. Frank Meacham, museum taxidermist, is assisting Mangum in preparing it for a trophy.

The nine-inch alligator, now on display in the aquarium, was acquired from Miss Virginia Wade, whose sister, 1st Lt. Sarah Wade, sent it to her by mail from New Orleans. Miss Wade kept the alligator only a few minutes. Now it is the property of the State Museum.

GEORGE MIDGETT OF ENGELHARD DISCHARGED

Ens. (A1) Geo. Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett of Engelhard received his discharge from the Naval Air Corps last Friday, November 23, at the Navy separation center in Charleston, S. C. George was attending college at the Citadel at Charleston when he entered service. He plans to continue his schooling at Duke University now that he is back in civies.

CPL. LOFTON MIDGETT RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Cpl. Lofton Midgett has received his discharge from the Army, and returned to his home in Manteo about two weeks ago. He has been in the European war theatre for about 19 months. His brother, Ernest Midgett, is in the South Pacific with the Marines.