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## NORTH CAROLINA TAX RECEIPTS RISE SHARPLY

### Gasoline Tax Bringing In Larger Revenue With Rationing Ended

Highway and general fund revenues totaling \$37,825,689.70 have been collected during the first five months of the current fiscal year, an increase of 13.26 per cent over \$4,430,733.73 over the same period last year, State Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill announced.

November collections in the two funds totaled \$8,093,497.99 of which \$4,926,146.18 went into the general fund. The November total was an increase of \$1,404,821.26, of 21 per cent over the same month last year, Gill said.

With the end of the war and appreciably more civilian goods appearing on store counters, the state's sales tax jumped from \$1,984,921.94 in November, 1944, to \$2,365,946.35 last month, bringing the total derived from this source during the first five months of the fiscal year to \$9,888,087.46, compared with \$8,021,733.37 for the same period last year.

Most of the revenue classifications within the general fund showed increases over November, 1944, including inheritance, privilege, income, beverage. The franchise tax total dropped from \$1,047,480.06 in November last year to \$839,325.25 for the same month this year.

With the end of gasoline rationing revenue from the state's tax on gasoline increased from \$1,962,966.90 in November, 1944 to \$2,882,332.61 in the same month this year, while gasoline and oil inspection fees increased from \$108,367.36 in November, 1944, to \$140,948.97 last month.

## MORE HYDE MEN ARRIVE HOME BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twenty three more Hyde County servicemen arrived home with their discharges during the first two weeks of December. For them, it means Christmas dinner with the home folks.

Returning to their homes at Engelhard were Norwood B. Marshall, John A. Gibbs, Donald D. Hunter and Marvin Hodges. Back home in Swan Quarter are Fred Mason, Curtis E. Howard, David C. Lupton, Carlos (Hoover) Athrell, Elbert J. Jarvis, Roy J. Barawan, Benjamin Credle and Frank O. Harris.

Alcon O. Howard is back to his home in Ponzer, as is J. Hugh Armstrong and Carlos L. Morris. Leechville while Lake Landing has Frances Gibbs home for Christmas.

Colored servicemen who have returned home in the past two weeks are Morgan Moore, Jr., Anderson J. Harris, Arthur Mann, Bennie Barnes and William Tooley of Scranton; Elmo Claude of New Holland; and David L. Gibbs of Lake Landing.

## ENGELHARD ROTARIANS HEAR EX-NAVY AVIATOR

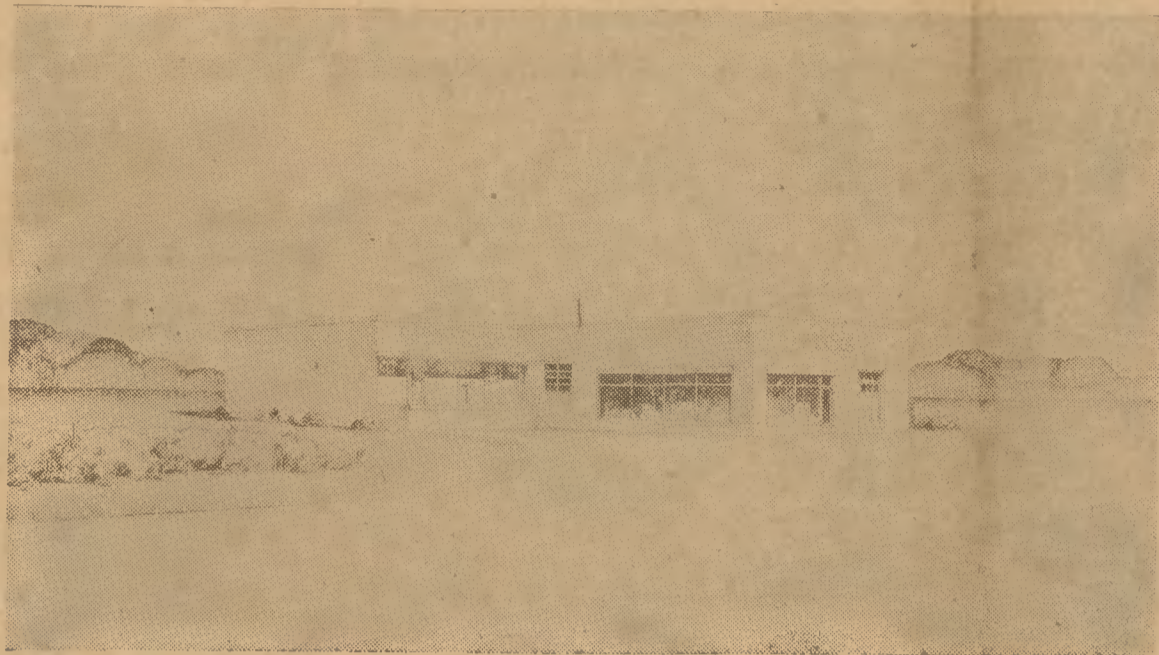
Telling of his experiences of training for a naval aviator, George Midgette, recently released from service, kept the interest of members of the Engelhard Rotary Club last Thursday evening. Midgette expressed the view that the expansion of aviation made it imperative that any aggressive town must have an airport to keep pace with the rapidly moving times. The youth aviator said he hoped his hometown of Engelhard would do something about getting a field. The community has talked of such a project for a long time.

## ONE SOW; 18 PIGS

A pure-bred Duroc sow, and a Hampshire boar last week came the parents of 18 large spring, all like their father. Shortly after birth a number of them began expiring among others in an adjoining field. Two smashed to death, leaving 16. They were given away to neighbors who started raising them. The sow kept on raising the rest. The hog was bought by Richard Shannon by Victor Perkins who owned a black sow years ago that bore 19 pigs.

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## FROM ARTIST'S DRAWING OF NEW ICE PLANT IN MANTEO



MANTEO'S new ice plant now under construction is going to be something out of the ordinary. A. H. Ward said he was going to build something that would be a credit to this section, so he hired an architect to draw a plan and he got Bob Scarborough of Wanchese who is one of the ablest

builders in the State, to boss the job. The picture herewith is from a pencil sketch of the building as it will look when completed, but does not reproduce very plainly. The materials are being assembled on the ground, and the foundation is being poured. Mr. Ward considers himself fortunate in getting Mr. Scarborough to

build the place, and promises Manteo, the finest ice plant in eastern North Carolina. Food locker space and storage space will be available in the plant. It will be located on the west side of the highway at Manteo, and will occupy most of a lot 90x150 feet.

## SHIRLEY MANN WEDS THOMAS S. JORDAN

Miss Shirley Mann of Manteo became the bride of Thomas S. Jordan, CM 2c, USN, in a quiet ceremony at nine o'clock Friday evening, December 14, at her home in Manteo.

The vows were spoken to Rev. D. W. Charlton, pastor of the Manteo Methodist Church. White gladioli and fern were used for decorations.

The bride wore a street length dress of rose wool crepe with black accessories, and a shoulder corsage of white rosebuds.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Swain of Manteo and the late Bruce Mann of Manns Harbor. She is a graduate of Manteo High School and of Carolina Beauty College in Raleigh.

Mr. Jordan is the son of Swartz Jordan of Wilmington, N. C. He has been in the Navy for the last three and a half years, and has been stationed at the Naval Air Station in Manteo for two years. The couple will make their home in Manteo for the present.

Following the wedding, an informal reception was held, guests being a few intimate friends of the bride. The dining table was laid with a linen cloth and graced with a two-tiered wedding cake topped with miniature bride and bridegroom, and a large cut glass punch bowl, at which Mrs. Henry Boyd Parker presided. Red and white lighted candles were used, and table decorations were completed with sprigs of holly. Punch and wedding cake were served.

## RECEIVES DISCHARGE REJOINS COAST GUARD

Alvah T. Price, CRM, USCG, rejoined the Coast Guard in Norfolk on Friday, December 14, after receiving his discharge on November 27, at which time his enlistment was up.

He first entered service in the Coast Guard in Baltimore, Md., more than five years ago. He had three years convoy duty, being sent later to Fort Trumbull at New London, Conn. He recently spent two months in the Marine Hospital in Staten Island, N. Y.

Mr. Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Price of Avon and he spent a week with them, returning to Norfolk in time to be sworn in again on the 14th. He has two brothers in service, Herman, S 3c, is in the Coast Guard service. Hubert is an ensign in the Navy, and is on overseas duty.

## KEN MURPHY VISITS

Lt. Ken Murphy of Kill Devil Hills is back home with his wife, a Minnesota girl he met in England while flying for the Royal Air Force. The yhave a 15 months old son, Michael. They are the guests of Major and Mrs. Leo Murphy at Kill Devil Hills.

## WALTER ETHERIDGE HOME

Lt. Commander Walter Etheridge is on waiting orders after a long tenure of service in command of the Galveston District of the U. S. Coast Guard; with Mrs. Etheridge they came home this week.

## MRS. A. H. DAVEPORT, 88 DIES EARLY FRIDAY A. M.

Mrs. Sydney Ambrose Davenport, 88, wife of A. H. Davenport of Manteo, died at her home about 6:30 Friday morning. She had been an invalid for several years, and several weeks ago suffered a severe attack of flu from which she failed to recover. Funeral services will be held at the grave in Manteo cemetery at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. D. W. Charlton, pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Davenport was a member, will officiate.

Mrs. Davenport was a native of Washington county but had lived in Manteo for approximately 50 years. She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Topping of Manteo, Mrs. William Mavros of New York City and Mrs. R. O. Skau of Brooklyn, N. Y.; one son by a former marriage, Milton Comstock of Washington County; 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Among out-of-town people present for the services were Mrs. Skau, Mrs. Mavros and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deacon of Virginia Beach.

## HOUSEWARMING FOR YOUNG MANTEO COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Wise, who have recently come to make their home in Manteo, were honored at a surprise housewarming at their apartment Monday night. The party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballance, and guests included Mr. and Mrs. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Ballance, Mr. and Mrs. Raymod Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Basnight, Mrs. Henry Boyd Parker, Mrs. Roy Wescott, Mrs. McCoy Tillett and Mrs. Willis Wise. Contests were won by Edward Wescott and J. O. Basnight. Ice Cream, cake and candy were served. Mr. Wise was released from the Army about two weeks ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wise of Manteo.

## SICKNESS STRIKES IN SCHOOL FACILITIES

A number of Hyde County school teachers have had to be away from class rooms recently because of illness. At Engelhard, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum and Mrs. Carma Gibbs have had to be out, and at Swan Quarter Mrs. Marietta McKinney and J. M. Worell have been sick. Mrs. Ellen Watson, principal of the Fairfield school, was not able to be at school Monday and Tuesday, December 10 and 11.

## VICTORY BOND SALES GOING WELL IN HYDE

The Victory Bond Drive is going well in Hyde with 72 per cent of the quota sold, according to a report received by Banker E. K. Mann of Swan Quarter who is working the campaign for Chairman M. A. Matthews. Sales have been good recently, although no drive has been put on. Mr. Mann is hopeful that the sales will top the quota before the end of the month.

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## R. I. CHURCHES PLAN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Special Sermons and Music to Mark Yuletide Season; Programs by Young People

The Yuletide season will be celebrated in the churches of Roanoke Island with special sermons and music, and programs by the young people.

**R. I. Baptist**  
On Sunday, December 16, the Sunbeams of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church will give a program after the Sunday School service.

Sunday evening of the same date, the W. M. S. and Aid Society will give a pageant, "Girdling the Earth with Light," after which the pastor, Dr. G. A. Marti, will bring a message on Missions.

Sunday morning, December 23, will bring a Christmas message from the pastor, and Sunday evening the cantata service.

**Manteo Baptist**  
Rev. Frank Dinwiddie of the Manteo Baptist Church will on Sunday morning, Dec. 23, deliver a special Christmas sermon, and special Christmas music will be rendered. The evening service will be a carol service, led by the junior choir. On Christmas Eve, there will be a Christmas tree for the children, with special music and other seasonal features.

**Manteo Methodist**  
Rev. D. W. Charlton of the Manteo Methodist Church has announced a Christmas program to be given by the young people on Friday evening, December 21, at 7:30. On Sunday morning, December 23, Rev. Charlton will deliver a Christmas sermon, and there will be special music. On Sunday evening at 7:30 there will be a candle light service, with scripture and song.

**Wanchese Methodist**  
At the Wanchese Methodist Church the children will present a Christmas program on Sunday morning, Dec. 23, and at the regular morning church service Rev. V. A. Lewis will bring a Christmas message.

## NAGS HEAD COMMUNITY PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

Nags Head residents are planning a community gathering, to be held in the Episcopal chapel one evening just prior to Christmas, complete with Christmas tree, Santa Claus and presents for everyone. Rev. Frank Dinwiddie of Manteo will tell a Christmas story and Christmas music will be sung. A large gathering of Nags Head folk is expected.

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## MANTEO GIRL COLLEGE GLEE CLUB MEMBER



Marjalene Midgett, of Manteo, a sophomore at Greensboro College who is majoring in voice and minoring in Public School Music is a member of both the Glee Club and Sextet. They have recently been on a tour having programs in Statesville, Reidsville, Burlington and two other towns. Marjalene sang a solo number, sang in a trio, and with the sextet. A radio program is scheduled soon and an exchange concert.

Midge, as she is called in school, is a member of the Greensboro West Market Methodist Church Choir, is on the Student Council, the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, a member of the Emerson Society and the varsity basketball team. Marjalene is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel Midgett Twyne and Samuel E. Midgett of Manteo. Mrs. Twyne has received two letters from Dr. L. L. Gobel, President of the College, informing her of her daughters' scholastic achievements during semesters 1944 and 1945. She has won the distinction of ranking in the highest decile group of her class, that is, the top ten per cent. Marjalene will be home for her Christmas holidays December 14 to enjoy the friendship of her many friends both young and old.

## SNOW FALLS IN HYDE AS COLD WAVE STRIKES

Hominy snow fell in Hyde County Thursday, December 13, as a wave of cold weather struck throughout the state. The thermometer dropped below freezing, and service station operators had many calls for anti-freeze. Home owners took precautions about their water systems to prevent the pipes from freezing and bursting.

The weather observers say that we are going to have some cold weather during December, which is what the old timers have been saying all along. The monthly weather-crops report issued this week by the U. S. Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics said: "Temperatures are expected to average somewhat below the seasonal normal, rather than above, as in the preceding two months—although there will be considerable variability, with cold spells alternating with warm spells."

## DRAFT REGISTERS FOUR MORE HYDE COUNTY BOYS

Two white boys and two colored boys registered with the Hyde County draft board during the last two weeks. Leon, Gray O'Neal of New Holland and Hugh Becton Payne of Lake Landing were the white youths signed up and James Delma Toppings of Swan Quarter and Sam Sanderson, Jr., of Fairfield were the Negro boys registered.

## SWAN QUARTER MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the regular meeting of the Swan Quarter Masonic Lodge, Thursday evening, December 6th. L. M. Cahoon was elected to succeed Carl Whitfield as Master. Others elected were Pratt Williamson, Senior Warden; F. V. Harris, Junior Warden; Wm. I. Cochran, secretary; and W. J. Lupton, treasurer.

## ATTEND DISTRICT METHODIST MEETING

Attending the Methodist district meeting held at Hertford on Wednesday were Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Charlton, Mrs. Nannie Mcdeet and Mrs. J. E. Peterson of Manteo, Rev. V. A. Lewis, C. S. Meekins, Dallas Tillett and Reggie Tillett of Wanchese.

## PLANS SHAPE UP FOR GREAT DAY DECEMBER 17TH

### Many Fighter Planes Expected on 42nd Anniversary First Flight

Melvin Daniels, Miles Clark, A. W. Drinkwater, Ben MacNeil and others who are active in the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association are expecting a notable celebration at Kill Devil Hill's Monday, December 17th, in honor of the 42nd anniversary of the first airplane flights.

Commander Frank A. Davis of the Manteo Naval Air Station is also taking an active part and the Manteo airport may see as many as 200 planes, including many of the latest fighters that day.

The Elizabeth City High School band will be brought to K. D. Hills for the ceremonies. A seafood dinner will be provided at the First Colony Inn under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Midgett.

Distinguished visitors may include Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces Admiral P. N. L. Bellinger of the Navy, Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, and many others.

## MRS. J. O. BASNIGHT IS DINNER HOSTESS

### Mrs. Nevin Wescott Honored By Two Small Daughters at Surprise Party

Mrs. J. O. Basnight was hostess at a dinner party Thursday night at her home in Manteo, honoring her husband and Mrs. Nevin Wescott, who were both celebrating birthdays. The affair was a surprise to the honorees. A wild fowl dinner was served to the following: Mrs. and Mrs. Basnight, Mr. and Mrs. Wescott, Mrs. Juanita Parker, Mrs. John Robbins, Miss Stella Creaf, little Miss Mabel Jean Basnight, little Jimmie Basnight, Mrs. Annie Basnight and Mrs. Lilly Hassell. Decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season, and there was a birthday cake with lighted candles.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Wescott was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home, the affair being given by her small daughters, Judith and Janet. Those present were Mrs. Wescott, Judith and Janet Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. John Wescott, Judge W. F. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wescott and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Basnight. Ice cream and cake were served.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS IN MANTEO TUESDAY

The Manteo Woman's Club met Tuesday night in the club room with Mrs. Sam Midgett, vice president, presiding in the place of Miss Dorothy Drinkwater, president.

During the business meeting plans were made for a benefit dance on New Year's Eve, and plans for continuing the Youth Center, which is operated each Friday and Saturday evening, were discussed. It was voted to invite the Roanoke Island Music Club to meet with the Woman's Club at the February meeting.

Mrs. Lucetta Willis, who had charge of the program, made an interesting talk on the American Home, and the entire group sang Christmas carols.

Mrs. R. D. Sawyer was appointed to represent the Woman's Club on the committee to arrange for the planting of a living memorial to the veterans of World War II.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Dorian Quiddy and Mrs. W. M. Jollif.

## HYDE TEACHERS MEET ENJOY TURKEY DINNER

Hyde County school teachers enjoyed a county-wide meeting in the Swan Quarter school home economics building Wednesday evening, December 12. N. W. Shelton, superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker.

A delicious turkey dinner was served.

## CPL. AND MRS. WARREN HARRIS VISITING IN HYDE

Cpl. and Mrs. Warren Harris and daughter, Myrtle Ann, are visiting friends and relatives at Engelhard. Cpl. Harris has been stationed in California. He recently re-enlisted for another year of service in the Army.