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HYDE COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 20
Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club meets.
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Fairfield Home Demonstration Club meets.
Thursday, Feb. 23
Englehard Rotary Club meets at Watson Hotel at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DINNER

The Sunday School of Amity Methodist church at Lake Landing had a lovely dinner at the Lake Landing Library Friday night. The four tables were decorated in the Valentine motif. Each table represented a different class.

There were 35 present and two visitors.

HYDE NATIVE PASSES

Mrs. Annie Spencer Gibbs, 57, native of Hyde County and resident of Elizabeth City for the past 27 years died Monday, Feb. 6. She was the daughter of the late P. S. and Sallie Ann Spencer and the wife of the late D. S. Gibbs.

Surviving are two sons, two daughters, one brother and four sisters.

BENEFIT SUPPER

The Watson's Chapel MYF at Nebraska will sponsor a supper for the benefit of the church on Friday, Feb. 24, beginning at 4:30. Stewed oysters, salad plates, fried oyster plates and other food will be for sale.

P.T.A. SPEAKER

Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego was the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Sladesville P.T.A. in the school gym Tuesday evening, Feb. 7. Her topic was "How The P.T.A. Should Respond."

Mrs. Keith Dunbar presided at the meeting. Roll call was by Mrs. Aubrey Swindell, secretary.

CHICKEN SUPPER

The Ladies Aid Society of the Englehard Christian church will sponsor a chicken supper at the Community Building in Englehard Saturday evening, Feb. 25. Serving will begin at 5 o'clock.

Sandwiches, candy, pie and hot coffee will be for sale. Plates will be 50 cents.

AT RALEIGH MEET

A number of Hyde County farmers this week attended the State Farm Bureau meeting in Raleigh. Among those attending were Russell Swindell, president of the Hyde County Farm Bureau, W. H. Pruden, county agent, Linwood Cuthrell and Wesley Ballance of Lake Landing, Leslie Simons of Fairfield, Staten Clayton of Ponzer and Ed Bonner of Swan Quarter.

Mr. Swindell is the voting delegate for the Hyde County organization.

100 PER CENT

Scouts of Swan Quarter Troop No. 213 of the Boy Scouts of America attended the district Father-Son banquet in Washington last Tuesday evening. The Scouts traveled about 140 miles to attend the banquet.

Russell Swindell is Scoutmaster.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. D. L. Berry, of Swan Quarter, chairman of a committee of interested citizens who solicited funds for repairing the home of the B.H. Gibbs family, this week released a report on the spending of funds.

Mrs. Berry said that a total of \$83.90 was collected. Expenses were as follows: \$67.50 for carpenter; \$28 for carpenter helpers; and \$7.95 for nails, window glass, putty, etc., for a total of \$163.90. Contributions would be appreciated to help pay the deficit of \$20.50.

OCRACOCKE DRIVE

Theodore Rendthaler, chairman of the Ocracoke March of Dimes drive reports that the island residents this year gave more to the polio campaign than in 1949. A total of \$174.92 was raised this year compared with \$159.29 last year.

Mr. Rendthaler told county campaign officials that the drive was conducted in "whirlwind" fashion with school children making a house to house canvass.

ELLEN JAMES OF PONZER WEDS IN MIAMI



Mrs. Alex G. Morphonios

Plymouth Congregational church in Miami, Fla., was the setting for the three p.m. Sunday, February 5th service when Miss Ellen James exchanged nuptial vows with Alex G. Morphonios. The Rev. David J. Davis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of W. L. James, who gave her in marriage, and Mrs. James, 3729 N.W. 1st Ave., Miami. Mr. Morphonios is the son of Mrs. Morphonios, also of Miami.

Joe J. Mason served as best man and Cathy Blakely was the bride's only attendant. DeWitt Beck and Raymond Williams ushered and Lester L. Mullis was vocalist. The white satin bridal gown en-train, which was made by the bride's mother, featured a deep lace yoke and Peter Pan collar. The French illusion veil extended fingertip length from a tiara of seed pearl orange blossoms. A cascade bouquet of gladioli and baby's breath and a strand of pearls belonging to her mother, completed the bride's ensemble.

Miss Blakely was attired in a blue marquisette gown with ruffled bertha and side ruffle. She carried pink asters.

A reception was held in the newlyweds' home, 3131 N.W. 16th St., Miami. Miss Betty Jean Dutton, the groom's niece, and Mrs.

D. F. Davenport, the bride's aunt (also of Ponzer and Miami) assisted in the serving. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. James chose a navy frock with white accessories and wore a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Morphonios wore a peach dress with corsage of buff roses.

The couple's wedding trip to Havana, Cuba, by boat was a gift of Roscoe Brunstetter, for whom the bride is legal secretary. For traveling the bride changed to a white wool suit and black accessories.

A graduate of Miami Edison High School, the bride has worked as a model and did radio work as Miami's Bridal Consultant of the Air for four years, and was Harvest Maid for the Crandon Park Festival. She is a former resident of Ponzer, N. C.

Mr. Morphonios, an Air Force radar navigator during the war, plays semi-professional baseball and football. He is a senior at the University of Miami School of Electrical Engineering, and is associated with Barfield Instrument Corporation. He is adjutant and past judge advocate of Damon Runyon Post of American Legion, and a graduate of Miami Edison Senior High School, having been president of the Miami Edison Alumni Association.

SHRIMP HEARING HELD FRIDAY IN MOREHEAD CITY

Men From Hyde and Dare Counties Heard: Fred Latham Present

Fishermen from along the North Carolina coast, more than 200 of them, last Friday crowded into the hearing room of the commercial fisheries building at Camp Glenn at Morehead City and aired their views on shrimp regulations to the commercial fisheries committee of the Board of Conservation and Development.

The commercial fisheries committee will report on the hearing Friday at Wilmington and the state board will act on their recommendations.

The first spokesman for the fishermen was David Beveridge of Beaufort, who requested that the shrimp regulations remain exactly as they are. James Styron of Sea Level voiced his approval which was echoed by many fishermen in the room.

W. H. Lupton of Lowlands was then recognized and he asked that the size of the shrimp trawl used in Pamlico Sound be limited. The heavy trawls, he said, are destroying oyster beds. He asked for elimination of the balloon net and then added that he was also representing the delegation from Hatteras (about 10 men) who want all trawling stopped within three miles of the beach.

Herbert Austin of Hatteras voiced his approval of Lupton's plea but groans and remarks of dissatisfaction came from the audience.

A. T. Foster, 75 years old, of Swansboro, who works an outside trawl, told the committee, "If you make a three-mile limit, you may as well come and take our rigs away." Someone in the room added, "and build a poor house."

Mr. Styron of Sea Level was then granted the floor and told the committee, "if you close inside waters, you'll kill the shrimp industry..." and more than a

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P.T.A. BUYS RANGE AND REFRIGERATOR

Englehard Group in Regular Meeting: New Teacher Presented

The Englehard P.T.A. held its February meeting in the high school auditorium Tuesday night, February 7.

Mrs. Margaret Gibbs was in charge of the program, which included songs, readings and recitations. The program was enjoyed by everyone.

Due to the absence of the president the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Jabin Berry.

Mr. A. T. Casey, new high school teacher, was introduced to the P.T.A. by Mr. Berry. Mr. Casey is also coach for the girls ball team.

Reports were given by the various committees and Mr. Casey informed the P.T.A. that the school expected to organize student government and urged every parent to encourage it.

Plans were completed and the P.T.A. expects to purchase a new electric range and refrigerator for the Home Economics department in a few days.

Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Swindell won the attendance dollar for the elementary grades and the 11th grade won the dollar in high school.

The P.T.A. was sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Baum. Mrs. Margaret Gibbs is teaching for Mrs. Baum.

SCOUTS ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE

The Boy Scouts of Swan Quarter climaxed their observance of National Boy Scout Week by attending and becoming a part of the hour of worship at the Providence Methodist church in Swan Quarter February 12, at 11 o'clock.

After the minister, Rev. D. M. Lewis, concluded the preliminaries, he introduced the scoutmasters, Russell Swindell, and turned the service over to him. At this time the troop marched in and stood until the leader entered and placed the flag, then they gave the pledge of allegiance and the salute. The Scout oath was repeated. Mr. Swindell spoke briefly.

The Scouts attending were the leader, Carroll D. Gibbs; John Brickhouse, Merlin Berry, Thomas S. Harris, Wayne Bishop, Ralph Swindell, Gene Austin Swindell, Walter Wheeler, Edward O'Neal, Francis Sadler, Tim Berry, Roger Swindell, Mack Carawan, Overton Armstrong, and Richard Berry.

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LAKE LANDING MAN DIES AT AGE OF 85



J. T. MIDGETT, 85, prominent citizen of Lake Landing, died early Monday morning following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at the Amity Methodist church at Lake Landing Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in the church cemetery with Masons conducting the graveside rites.

Mr. Midgett, the second son of William Payne and Nancy Jane Midgett, was born May 1, 1865 at Lake Landing, in the house now occupied by the Bridgmans. The beginning of his education was in a private school, taught by his mother. He afterwards attended a private school in the Murray school house, located across the highway in front of the Riley Murray home, taught by Mrs. Sue Goelet. Finishing his elementary education at Rush and Ridge Academy in 1884 he entered Davis High School, where he completed his high school education and took a business course.

Getting his diploma in bookkeeping and commercial law, in the Spring of 1886 he accepted a position in an insurance office in Virginia and moved to Richmond. In the Fall of '87 he moved to Washington, D. C. On June 20, 1888 he married Miss Eusebia Recceida Dunn, and in 1889 moved to Kingston.

During his 22 years residence in Kingston, he was active in church and civic life. He was a member of Caswell Street (now Queen) Methodist church, and served the church, as Quarterly Conference secretary and in other capacities. He was a charter member of the Oddfellows, Woodman and Kingston Fire Co. Also a member of Knights of Harmony, Serving the Wood lodge as Consul Commander and Knights of Harmony as president, and the Fire

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LARGE FORCE TO TAKE CENSUS IN COUNTY

A force of approximately 11 persons will be employed to take the 17th Decennial Census in the County Census District. It is announced by District Supervisor of the United States Bureau of the Census here. This force will be responsible for taking the 1950 Census in April in every township within the borders of the county.

The largest segment of employees for the Census in the local district consists of the enumerators of which there will be 10. These enumerators will make the house to house calls in the work of collecting official Census information regarding the population and housing in urban areas and, additionally, agricultural activities in the rural areas. Their work in the field will be supervised and checked by a force of one crew leader. At the Census District Office headquarters, six persons will compose the staff to edit the enumerators' reports, make preliminary tabulations, and perform other office work in connection with the Census.

Provisional results of the Population Census count will be announced locally by District Supervisor T. Webb Williams when the District Office staff has completed the preliminary tabulations.

HYDE FARM MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 23

Moyle S. Williams and C. E. Clark, farm management specialists with the N. C. Extension Service, will discuss the farm outlook for 1950 at a meeting in Swan Quarter Thursday, Feb. 23, it was announced this week.

Details as to time and place have not been worked out. Some of the topics that will be discussed will be "What A Farm Support Program Should Do For The Farmer," "Will Tractors Replace Mules" and "Will Livestock Replace Crops." The meeting has been scheduled for the benefit of Hyde County Veteran Farm Training classes, but all adult farmers are invited to attend.

BEAUFORT VOTERS APPROVE \$800,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE BY BIG MAJORITY

Belhaven Gives Largest Vote In Favor Of Issue With 496 Registered For And Only 15 Against; Pantego, Pungo And Yeatesville Oppose Program.

HYDE MAN AT AF SCHOOL IN FLORIDA



LT. J. J. MASON, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mason of Swan Quarter, is among the 18 men from North Carolina attending the current class of the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Air Force Base at Panama City, Fla.

The Air Tactical School is the basic school of the Air University. Officers learn fundamentals required of all Air Force officers, the intensively broad academic course including instruction in leadership, administration, public speaking, military management, military law, public information, etc.

Upon completion of the four months course student officers return to their home bases from which after a period of service, many will attend other advanced schools in the Air University system.

CAGE TOURNNEY TO DRAW MANY TO BELHAVEN

16 Teams From Beaufort And Hyde To Play February 23, 24, 25

Hundreds of sports fans and school supporters from throughout Beaufort and Hyde counties will converge on Belhaven February 23-24 and 25 for the annual two-county basketball tournament.

Sixteen teams will participate. They will include boys' and girls' teams from Belhaven, Pantego, Bath, Aurora, Chocowinity, Englehard, Swan Quarter and Sladesville.

The tournament this year is under the sponsorship of the Beaufort County schools. Out-of-county officials will be in charge of the event.

It will be the second year in succession that Belhaven has been chosen as the site for the tournament. It is a central location for a Beaufort-Hyde tourney, and therefore the logical location.

Aurora boys' and girls' teams were winners of last year's event. In 1947 and 1948 when only boys teams were entered and when the tourney was held in Washington under the sponsorship of the newspaper there, Aurora won first place each time and Englehard second place.

This year there is reported to be several strong teams. These include Belhaven, Aurora, Englehard, Bath and Pantego.

Beaufort County schools, which are larger than those in Hyde, are usually able to put stronger teams on the court. Englehard has been an exception.

Chocowinity will be entering a team for the first time and their players will lack the experience of the other contestants. Swan Quarter goes into the playing handi-capped by not having a gym in which to practice.

The tournament which has grown into an annual affair, is a major factor in creating an acquaintanceship between the boys and girls of Beaufort and Hyde.

A total of 1,046 cows were used artificially by the Mecklenburg Cooperative Breeding Association in 1949. The total in 1948 was 699 cows.

One-day poultry schools and egg shows held in several counties recently have been well attended.

Beaufort County voters went to the polls Saturday and overwhelmingly approved the issuance of \$800,000 in school bonds for improving the school building facilities of the county.

The vote, as tabulated from unofficial returns, was 2,777 in favor of the issue to 831 against.

Belhaven voters gave the largest majority to the issue with 496 votes cast in favor to only 15 against.

The City of Washington voted 1,225 in favor of the issue to 645 against and Bath favored it 70 to 30, but many of the rural precincts including Pantego, Pine-town, Yeatesville and Pungo voted against it. The vote was almost divided at Aurora.

The vote in the Pungo region and neighboring area was as follows:

Precinct	For	Against	Tot.
Belhaven	496	15	511
Yeatesville	22	55	77
Pantego	31	82	113
Pungo	7	191	198
North Creek	60	13	73
Hunters Bridge	33	9	399
Leechville	23	4	27

The bond money, along with \$256,750.00 from county funds and \$311,963.23 from state funds, will be used in an effort to provide equal educational opportunities in each of the school districts in the county, according to school officials.

These needs are officially listed as follows:

Belhaven White School — 15 classrooms, agriculture shop, lunchroom, and modernization and equipment.

Pantego—Gymnasium and modernization.

Pinetown — Lunchroom and Library.

Bath—Four classrooms, modernization, lunchroom and equipment and furniture.

Belhaven Negro School—Eight classrooms and lunchroom.

Pantego Negro School — Four classrooms and modernization.

The bond issue is expected to raise the tax rate of Beaufort County 20 cents on the hundred dollar valuation. County Accountant W. A. Blount of Washington says that the 20 cents additional levy, in his opinion, will be adequate to retire the bonds in 20 years at an interest rate of 2 1/2 per cent.

The present tax rate is \$1.00. A 20 cent raise would boost it to \$1.20.

Much interest had been manifested in the election in Belhaven where a mass meeting had been held only a few days before and where a mass meeting had been passed unanimously a resolution endorsing the issue at its regular meeting on Wednesday night.

HEART CAMPAIGN SCHEDULED IN HYDE

The annual heart campaign is being held in Hyde County this month, according to Mrs. Ellen Watson of Lake Landing who is heading the drive.

Plastic hearts will be placed abroad where the public may drop their contributions.

Dollars collected in this, the second national campaign will be used for research, education and community services.

Heart disease is America's greatest public health problem today.

Your contributions during the campaign will be appreciated.

HYDE FARM BUREAU SEEKS SHIPPING POINT

The Hyde County Farm Bureau this week asked the North Carolina Farm Bureau to help in establishing a shipping point at Englehard for Government surplus buying before Irish potato marketing begins in 1950.

A resolution was presented at the state convention by R. A. Swindell of Swan Quarter, president of the Hyde County organization.

It stated that Hyde farmers are handicapped in taking advantage of any Government surplus buying program by not having a shipping point for such commodities which might be purchased by the Government located within the county, and at the present time they are forced to pay freight from all points in Hyde County to