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## BELHAVEN COURT BUSINESS RUNS \$1,300 A MONTH

Total Fines and Costs in 12 Cases Monday Run Over \$700 Mark

Business of the Belhaven Recorders Court which has been running at \$1,300 a month this year, according to Judge M. M. Jones, took an upsurge Monday, with fines and costs in 12 cases totaling over \$700.

Otis Swindell and Mayo Swindell of Portsmouth, Va., who created a disturbance and brought officers to the scene, never got tried at all for the disorderly conduct which started the trouble. They were tried on a second count of resisting arrest, and Swindell for assaulting Deputy Sheriff Floyd Lupton. Each defendant paid fines and costs totaling \$115.

Charlie Nixon, for a second offense of driving drunk, paid \$215 and got his license revoked for three years.

Noble Nod, of color, assaulted Rosa Nell White. He got a sentence of 90 days on the roads, and further judgment suspended if he keeps out of the county for three years.

Mrs. Stafford Adams submitted to a charge of driving without operators license, and paid \$23. Burney B. Hardee for failing to observe a stop sign paid costs, \$13, as did Gertrude Farrow Godley. Arthur Jettett of Sladesville for reckless cutting up in a car near a store, paid \$39.

Charlie Sawyer of Ransomville, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs, \$16.50. Love Joyner, for public drunkenness, 30 days in jail, \$25 fine and \$15.50 costs. Willie Adolph Carter, driving drunk, \$100 fine and \$26.50 costs. Case against Cathie Joyner Dickens for reckless driving was not prosed.

Jimmie Lee, travelling carnival negro of Florida, stole some shoes and other clothing. Was sentenced to 90 days on the roads, and judgment suspended if he remain away for two years.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR EVENT PRAISED IN BELHAVEN

Banquet Voted Most Delightful Time of Year by Students Last Friday

The outstanding event of this school year was the Junior-Senior Banquet on Friday evening, at eight o'clock. The community house in Belhaven was once again the scene of the annual Junior-Senior banquet. The class of 1952, members of the school board, the grade parents, and faculty spent an enjoyable evening with the class of '53 in a south sea atmosphere. The guests were welcomed in by the waitresses and shown to their tables.

A typical south sea island scheme of gay colors was carried out by arrangements of life size Hawaiian girls, and to make the scene complete you could see monkeys, bananas and coconuts among the palm trees. The walls and ceiling were symbolic of vines interlaced with tropical flowers.

In this setting a three course dinner was served at individual tables, with red and white appointments. The center arrangement of each table was a tall white candle in a green holder encircled by palm trees and little green and white cups containing after dinner mints.

All of the waitresses were dressed in white.

## TULIPS FOR ALL

Last week H. Van Dorp, who owns the Terri Celia Dairies sent tulips to all his customers, the schools, and the Pungo District hospital. They were very much appreciated by the patients in the hospital.

## BELHAVEN ROTARY HOLDS LADIES NIGHT TUESDAY

Tuesday night was annual Ladies Night at Belhaven Rotary. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ruebeck and Dr. and Mrs. Maynard O. Fletcher of Washington. Ernest Slack was master of ceremonies. Several ladies present were awarded prizes. A turkey dinner was served by Mrs. Ricks.

## SWAN QUARTER NEGROES PARENTS OF TWIN BOYS

Twin boys were born Tuesday afternoon to Mildred Slade, 20, of Swan Quarter, wife of James Slade, in Pungo District Hospital, Belhaven. All reported doing well. They are colored.

## HYDE'S COURT CLERK WEARS PLEASANT SMILE



MELVIN M. SWINDELL, Clerk of the Hyde County Court for the past year, has spent his whole life in Hyde, and his residence is on a portion of the fabulous Donnell farm between Swan Quarter and New Holland. He is active in Souls Methodist Church, for many years a Sunday School teacher. His wife is the former Marjorie Midyett of Lake Landing. They have two sons and two daughters. He is 40 years old.

## BELHAVEN MINISTER, 75, TAKES AIR TRIP

Rev. Louis Singleton Saw From High Up The Land Where He Got His Preaching Papers

Fifty years ago, a young preacher, from Roper, N. C., Rev. Louis T. Singleton, now 75 and a beloved minister of the Methodist Church of Belhaven for five years, got his preaching papers from the conference at the Manteo Methodist Church.

Wednesday afternoon, he visited Roanoke Island, and took his first airplane ride with Pilot Bill Henderson at the Manteo Airport, and he looked upon Roanoke Island, Kill Devil Hill, Alligator River, and Currituck County as a panorama from a height of 1,000 feet, and at a speed of 120 miles an hour.

He thoroughly enjoyed his half-hour ride, and took it all in stride, quite as calm and as cool as the pilot himself. His only amazement was that the plane traveled so slowly—or looked like it did.

While on Roanoke Island, he rode to Nags Head and other points of interest, visited Rev. H. R. Ashmore, the Methodist pastor in Ashmore, and spent the night at the Victor Meekins home.

Mr. Singleton recalls that the late Clarence Pugh of Wanchese was one of the candidates for the ministry at Manteo 50 years ago.

## MRS. ALTON BAUM DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs Baum, of Fairfield, formerly of Lake Landing, Hyde County, died in a Washington Hospital after two years of illness at one thirty o'clock Monday morning. She was 46 years old, and a lifelong resident of Hyde County.

She had lived for some time at Hatteras and Kitty Hawk during her husbands' principalship of high schools in those communities, and was popular and highly esteemed. She was the daughter of the late Walter W. and Nancy D. Watson Gibbs.

She taught in the public schools of Eastern North Carolina for many years and was a graduate of the Woman's College University of North Carolina at Greensboro, member of the St. George's Episcopal church at Lake Landing a member of the St. George's Ladies Auxiliary, member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving besides her husband are one son, Walter Gibbs Baum, and one daughter, Nancy Swindell Baum, both of the home, one uncle, Dr. S. R. Watson of Henderson, N. C., one aunt, Mrs. Jim Rice, of Black creek, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the St. George's Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. A. C. D. Noe officiating. Burial followed in the Fairfield cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Richard L. Gibbs, Horace Gibbs, John L. Mann, Armstead Jennette, Royden Clarke, George T. Davis, Coleman Davis and Lonnie O'Neal.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. R. H. Hackler, John S. Bannar, and the other members of the staff of the Tayloe Hospital; W. W. Payne, O. C. Ballance, Dr. Jim Mann, Leland Dudley, Charles McKinney, Jim Lewis, Guy T. Swindell, Nelson Banks, David Brame, C. O. Jordan and E. P. Martin.

## SWINDELLS FORK CLUB HAS 10th BIRTHDAY

The Swindell's Fork Club was organized on March 17, 1942, with Mrs. J. A. Lee as president, Mrs. Evelyn Swindell, Vice President, and Mrs. Henry W. Boomer, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Lee, or Byrda, as she is mostly known, was a star club member from the very first. One of her earliest moves was to go with three or four other enthusiastic women before the Board of Commissioners to intercede for the astic women before the Board of Demonstration Club work in Hyde County.

She has received recognition on several occasions for having attended ten years without missing a meeting, for attend Special Interest meetings and for having been present at the District Club Meetings for the past eight years.

Mrs. Lee has put into practice many of the lessons she has learned through Home Demonstration Club work. She was one of the first in the county to take off or scrape enamel from her dining room furniture and give it an oil treatment. The second project was her floors; she gave them the boiled linseed oil treatment, using lye and elbow grease in taking the old finish off. A sanding machine could not be used because the power line had not been installed near her home. These improvements were so successful and publicized that the Home Tour visited her home to see and admire the improvements she had made.

Among her other contributions to her county the following may be listed—clothing leader for her club for eight years. At each demonstration, she was always ready with helpful suggestions and timely counsel. During the war she made slip covers, dresses, bedspreads and aprons from feed bags which she brought to the meetings for others to see; she gave two or three demonstrations on mending from a basic pattern and last but not least she gave one "lick tricks with chicks" which were quite worthwhile.

At present Mrs. Lee is music leader for her own club.

On April 2, 1952, she was installed as treasurer of the 24th session of North Carolina Home District for 1952-53 of the Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Lee is not only a leader in club work but she is loyal community worker ready at all times to help where help is most needed. Mrs. Lee along with the other 21 club members of Swindell's Fork Club has been recognized at Achievement Day for two years as being the most outstanding in the county. The club has also received gifts for members having read and reported on the greatest number of books over the period of a year.

## BELHAVEN MASONS PLAN NEW MEETING PLACE

Construction is expected to begin soon on the new home for Belhaven Lodge No. 509 A.F. & A.M. The building will be 30x60 feet and two stories high. Charles Midgett, Master of the Lodge, said this week.

Construction will be of masonry, and the location is in the growing development near the shipyard landing.

Atlantic Lodge at Swan Quarter is engaged in building a new home. Fairfield has recently built a Masonic hall, two stories high.

## MRS. OTIS JOHNSTON, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

At the regular monthly meeting of unit 249 of the American Legion Auxiliary on Wednesday night in the Legion Hut plans were made to entertain our Gold Star mothers on May 21 with a covered dish supper.

Dot McHarney and Pat Guthrie were selected to attend girls state and officers were elected for 1952-53 as follows—

President: Mrs. Otis Johnston; Vice-President: Miss Barbara Sutton; Executive Vice-Pres: Executive Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Vann Latham; Sec. Treas.: Mrs. Elwood Midgett; Historian: Mrs. Sarah Latham; Chaplain: Mrs. H. F. Nobles; Sgt. at Arms: Mrs. Hellen Sutton; Color Bearers: Mrs. Charles McHarney and Mrs. Carlos Gibbs.

## WOMAN WANTED TO WORK FOR THE HERALD

Liberally paid woman to work Hyde County. Must be experienced in newspaper work. Address: THE HERALD, Swan Quarter, N. C.

## HYDE NATIVE AUTHOR LIVES IN MEXICO



Mrs. Miller's seventh grade in the Engelhard School has been correlating history and geography, with reading. Through this correlation it was found that Ellis Credle, a Hyde County author had a story in the seventh grade basal reader. Through the story "The Sultan's Taxes," a keen interest was aroused to know more about Ellis Credle. Knowing her birthplace and being very interested in her writings, the secretary of the class, Russell Gibbs, obtained her address and wrote her a letter which she most graciously answered. (Letter follows.)

Dear Russell:

I certainly was glad to have your letter, and enjoyed it very much. I still feel I am Hyde County though I have been away so long, and I like to hear from the people down there. I have just been looking for a picture to send and there doesn't seem to be one around but I'll have some snapshots developed and send you a few.

As you know, I am living in Mexico now which is a marvelous country. Most of it is on a tableland five or six thousand feet up in the air which makes it cool and bracing like spring-time all year round. Although down in the low country around the coast it is frightfully hot most of the time. But during December, January and February, it is cool even there. We drove down to the Pacific coast, about two hundred miles away, not long ago and it was beautiful. The road had just been built through wild, savage jungle country, tall date-palms hung over the highway, with here and there patches of banana trees full of fruit. One some parrots flew over, a whole flock in formation like aeroplanes, bright orange and blue, and once a huge lizard as big as a man, walked slowly across the highway in front of our car. This was an iguana, and the Indians who live in this territory eat them and they say the meat is white and tastes like chicken.

It is surprising how often things I learned in Hyde County come in handy here in Mexico. Once when my husband, son Richard and I went to see the volcano, Paricutin, we got stuck—that is, our car got stuck in the ashes. For many miles all around this terrible looking volcano the whole earth is covered with ash. It is a gray world, with only dead trees sticking out. But they have kept a road open through the fields of ashes so that tourists can go to see the volcano.

I suppose now-a-days, you have fine roads in Hyde County and don't have to worry about pulling out of the mud. I hope to go back sometime soon and see it all down there and all my relatives.

Thank you for your letter and look for the picture sometime during the next few weeks.

Best wishes,  
Ellis Credle Townsend  
Villa Valerita,  
Colonia Seattle  
Zapopan, Jalisco  
Mexico  
Mar. 12, 1952

## THREE BROTHERS HEAD ALL THREE LOCAL CIVIC CLUBS

Three Rateliff brothers are each at the same time are the president of a Civic Club in his community. In fact all of the three civic clubs meeting in Pantego has a Rateliff as its president.

John Rateliff of Pantego was serving as the president of the Ruritan Club in Pantego, when his brother Zeno was made president elect of the Ruritan Club, succeeding Jack Gaylord.

Last week the Lions Club elected brother Murphy O. Rateliff president to succeed H. G. Brumsey.

The Rateliff boys are all merchants of Beaufort County. The three civic clubs all hold their dinner meetings at Flossie's House in Pantego.

The Lions also elected Kenneth Wilkerson, telephone man, First Vice-president; Robert Benson, Second Vice-President; Claude Ricks, Lion Tamer; Milton Gunn, Tail Twister; Grady Fussell, Secretary-Treasurer. Directors are Robert Benson, Jule Purvis, Jimmy Hodges and Eddie Voliva.

## CLOSE CALL FOR FIVE ON NARROW ROAD SATURDAY

Mrs. James Younce, Jay Waters and Sister-in-Law Injured. Wedding Delayed

For the second time in thirty days, the narrow and deary 16-foot road, U.S. 264 took heavy toll of motorists Saturday night, wrecking two cars and putting three persons in the hospital for several days.

Mrs. James Younce of Belhaven, Jay Waters and his brother's widow, Mrs. Waters of Pinetown received serious bruises when Mr. Younce's Cadillac four miles west of Pantego, near Yeatesville. Mr. Younce was going west. Mr. Waters said he was momentarily blinded by Mr. Younce's lights, ran off the road, and in attempting to straighten up his car, lost control on the narrow, slippery road. Mr. Waters and his brother's widow had planned to marry the following day.

Damage to the cars was estimated at \$40 each, and the mishap was reported as an unavoidable accident. The three people were still in Pungo District Hospital the middle of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Younce were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Horton Randolph, whose injuries were not severe. Despite many appeals from the officials of Hyde and Beaufort Counties, the State Highway Commission continues to ignore widening this dangerous road which was built for traffic a quarter century ago, and which has cost a heavy toll to life and property because of its narrow width.

## YACHT BUSINESS GROWS FAST AT BELHAVEN DOCKS

An important piece of business for Belhaven has been overlooked more or less since the opening of the Inland Waterway some 25 years ago. During the past three years more effort to increase this business has been put forward. We speak of the yacht traffic, boats bound to and from Florida, that wish to tie up for the night. It appears now to be a growing piece of business for the community.

Every night now, we find many yachts in Belhaven. Some of them tie up at the Texaco Dock, operated by the veteran dealer, Lonnie Jordan. Axson Smith's River Forest Manor hotel is getting a big share of this business, which Mr. Smith began cultivating from the jump about two years ago. With much expense and effort and a deal of advertising, he has done a lot to popularize Belhaven with yachting groups. Mr. Smith's hotel not only gets a lot of business by reason of these overnight visitors, but the entire town profits in a bit of advertising by delighted tourists who send cards to their friends praising the beauty and friendliness of the town.

Many of these yachts spend more than a night in Belhaven. For in the fall, with the hunting season on, and in spring when fishing is opening up, these visitors seize the opportunity for the matchless sport hereabout, and spend additional money with guides and others who cater to tourist needs. Those who sell fishing tackle and hunting supplies come in for their share of the profit. The yacht trade is a new and growing business that deserves a deal of encouragement.

## RURITAN PRESIDENT



GILBERT RICHARDS, community leader of Sladesville, is president of the recently organized Ruritan Club in this thriving Hyde County community. (Photo courtesy Daily News.)

## ENRAGED NEGRO SLAYS HIS WIFE AND KILLS SELF

Tommy Lee Bryant Creates Double Tragedy at Engelhard Saturday Night

Tommy Lee Bryant, 26 year old Engelhard Negro during late Saturday night became enraged with his wife, and beat her unconscious with a flat iron, at their home. Early Sunday morning, he went to the home of his brother and borrowed a shot gun to "kill a deer" and stood on his brother's front porch and took his own life.

Neighbors discovered his wife unconscious, but alive. She died later in Columbia Hospital but never regained consciousness. She was the mother of a small child and expecting another.

## THE FLOWERS RE-UNION AT SWAN QUARTER

Sunday April 20, was a "red letter" day for Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Flowers of Swan Quarter. The occasion was the family "get together" in which sons, daughters, in-laws, and grandchildren were participants.

Those arriving by noon were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flowers of Swan Quarter; Mr. and Mrs. Emil R. Day and daughter, Susan, of Newport News; Cecil Flowers of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Blake and sons, Dale, J. L. and Lewis of Fairfield; Mrs. Hattie Johnson of Richmond; Mrs. Lucy Fulford and son, Gary, of Lowland; Mrs. Will and daughter, Dona and Nell; Rose, Mrs. Flora Flowers Lewi liam Holiday and daughter, Betty Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Pan-Mrs. Golda Holiday, all of Aurora; tigo; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sawyer and son, Donald, of Scranton; Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and sons, Larry and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flowers and sons, Joseph and Paul, all of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moore and children, Janice and Dexter, Clarence W. Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Flowers and children, Linda and Rhonda, of Belhaven; and Miss Ruth Bridgman of Swan Quarter.

After a delicious dinner served from a long table under two elm trees the rest of the day was spent informally.

## YOUNG BELHAVEN MUSIC TALENT TO BE HEARD

Young Misses Voliva and Hayes In Mrs. Lupton's Recital Monday Night

May 5, 1952 in the Reception Hall of the Methodist Church, Belhaven, two talented young local artists will appear in piano recital.

Pam Voliva, age 10, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Voliva and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Voliva. The grandmother was one of Belhaven's first music teachers.

Delores Hayes, age 10½, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hayes and granddaughter of Mrs. Hatten Hayes who used her talent in years passed to help out in plays for the benefit of many lasting band marks in the town.

The little girls are pupils of Mrs. Harold Lupton and will be assisted in their recital by Mrs. Lupton's voice students, Misses Valeria Ellis, Marilyn Shavender and Jennie Lee Hayman.

Music lovers are cordially invited. A real treat is in store for those who enjoy hearing small artists interpret works of the masters.

Ushers will be Albert Gaylord, Jr., Topper Bateman, Lida Mann Bishop and Sandra Nobles. These little people are classmates of the pianists.

On Wednesday evening at the same hour and place Mrs. Lupton will present her entire class in recital. The public is invited.

## MRS. EUMEDA CLARK DIES IN RALEIGH THURSDAY

Mrs. Eumeda Clark, 80, widow of the late Dr. Francis Clark of Engelhard, daughter of the late John and Jacqueline Fulford Mann of Hyde County, died April 24 in Raleigh. The funeral was conducted at St. George Episcopal Church by the rector, Rev. B. W. Gaither, interment in the church cemetery. Pall bearers were: Dr. Tom Mann, Herman Credle, R. L. Gibbs, Coleman Davis, Bill Payne, and Bland Fulford. A son, Dr. Francis Clark, of Newark, N. J., survives her. A complete list of surviving relatives was not available at time of going to press.