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CLOSE DEAL FOR CEDAR WORKS' ENTIRE ACREAGE

W. Va. Pulp and Papers Buys 136,000 Acres in Four Counties

West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company acquired title to more than 136,000 acres of timberland in North Carolina when a transaction with Richmond Cedar Works, a Virginia corporation with offices in Norfolk, was closed in New York Monday of this week.

Purchase price of the land averaged \$5.50 per acre, officials of the paper company said. The total appears to be about \$748,000.

The timberlands acquired by West Virginia include acreage in Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties. The transaction did not include such physical properties as plants, factories, mills, buildings, logging equipment and other such facilities owned by Richmond Cedar Works.

The land was acquired by West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company as a future pulpwood reserve and will be operated under a sound, long-term management program, backed by forest and soil research, the company announced.

The land will be consolidated with approximately 153,000 acres acquired by the paper company in Dare County, N. C., last year. The entire acreage will be included in the company's North Carolina Woodlands, which are directed by William Ernest, Jr., from the headquarters maintained at Manteo.

Mr. Ernest was in New York Monday when the transaction was completed.

SCHOOL LEADERS ATTEND MEETING AT WASHINGTON

The Pamlico-Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club met at the P. S. Jones School, in Washington, Wednesday of last week.

A chicken dinner was provided by C. M. Daniels, Jr., principal of the Jones School. The schoolmasters then entered into the preparation of the year's program. T. V. Wilkins, of Plymouth, presided.

G. T. Wilkins, chairman of the program committee and principal of the Belhaven Colored School, announced that "Social Promotion" will be studied in the next meeting of the club, to be held at the W. C. Chance School, in Parmelee, on the second Wednesday evening in October.

LIONS HEAR DEBATE ON NATO IN BELHAVEN

Misses Ann Winfield and Jean Modlin of the Pantego School furnished the program for the regular meeting of the Belhaven Lions Thursday night at the River Forest Manor. These girls are part of the Pantego debating team which won the Triangular Debate this year and went on to win the district championship at East Carolina College in Greenville.

The question debated was "Should the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, known as NATO, Form a Federal Union?" Miss Modlin spoke in the affirmative, declaring that we need such a union in order to be sure of aid from Western Europe in case of war. She stated that if we do not unite now with the nations of Western Europe we will be left all alone in case of war with Russia. She further showed that the United Nations has failed to prevent war as proved by the recent Korean War.

Miss Winfield, speaking against the Union, stated that we already have a similar organization which can do more good than a federation aimed against and excluding Soviet Russia. She said we need to include Soviet Russia in these organizations in order to air both sides of international questions and try to settle them in a friendly manner. She also showed how an alliance against Russia would cause Russia to retaliate with an alliance of her own. According to Miss Winfield an Atlantic Federation would have to be financed by the United States and would cause a heavier tax burden on our country.

Both speakers were superb in the delivery of their arguments and afforded one of the best programs the Lions have had this year.

Russell Johnston, Harold Snell and R. L. Gunn were special guests of the club.

Geese Hit Lake Mattamuskeet Earliest In 19 Years; Cold Winter Is Forecast

Shooting Hours Changed to Allow Hunting Until Sunset; Year-Round Geese For Visitors But Not Natives.

Geese started arriving on Lake Mattamuskeet Wednesday of last week, September 17th, the earliest in the 19 years that records of arrivals have been kept, according to Willie G. Cahoon, Refuge Manager for the Mattamuskeet and Swan Quarter Wildlife Refuges.

Earliest date previously was September 26, in 1949. The first flocks of Canada geese usually get here between the 25th and 30th of September.

From then until mid-October, a few flocks arrive each day or night.

The peak of the migration comes during the period from October 15 to November 20, when the birds travel in larger groups, usually in families of 6 to 10. Occasional flocks run to 50 or 100.

The weather is the main factor controlling the migration of geese, Mr. Cahoon points out. As they start south they take their time, if the weather is good, stopping en route when they feel like it. But if the weather is bad, they fly express, halting only when necessary.

Geese, like other birds, like to travel by moonlight in comfort, but they travel fastest when the north wind nudges them along.

If at any time during the October 15-November 20 period a cold wave moves down from the north, the geese try to stay ahead of it, afraid to look back for fear it might be gaining on them. At such times, they land on the lake in large numbers, both day and night.

The blue-winged teal is the first duck to arrive at the lake—about September 1st to 15th. These birds do not winter here, but pass on

through to Pea Island and points east.

The green-winged teal and pintail are the next ducks to arrive, and records show that they start to congregate on the lake about November 1, when they become plentiful. The mallard and baldpate arrive about the first of October and are numerous by November 1.

There are a few resident black ducks in the area, and their annual migration is about the same as the mallards.

Sometimes people, especially visitors, are fooled by a flock of about 40 or 50 geese which spend the summers on Mattamuskeet. Mr. Cahoon points out that these are geese which at the time of the spring northward migration were wounded or too sick to make the trip.

The year-round geese stay mostly in one area and are easily distinguishable by Refuge personnel, who are on the lookout for new arrivals from Canada. The number of these geese remains about the same year after year.

When the Canada geese come in, the local residents join them, and get killed off in about the same proportion as the hale and hearty geese get wounded.

Shooting hours have had one major change this year. Shooters will be permitted to bang away from 1-2 hour before sunrise to sunset, instead of ceasing fire one hour before sunset, as last year.

The season on geese, ducks and coots runs from November 11 to January 8, brant from December 26 to January 9.

FALL VISITATION IS SCHEDULED FOR LOCAL CHURCHES



The First Christian Church of Belhaven and the Pantego Christian Church will meet jointly with members of the United Christian Missionary Society and the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society who are making a Fall Planning Visitation tour to Disciple churches throughout the state.

The Visitation Team will meet with the church leadership and the church-at-large on Friday, September 25.

A noon luncheon for the leadership of the two congregations, as well as a general meeting at 2:30 p. m., has been planned. At 6:30 a. m. a covered dish supper will be served, followed by an evening session.

Dr. Travis A. White, newly chosen president of Atlantic Christian College, will lead the Visitation team. Other members will include C. A. Weesner, executive secretary of the department of audio-visual services of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ. The Visitation group, which is one of three such teams touring the state, will lead an educational program helping the local church plan its work in the fields of Christian Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Missions and so on.

Rev. Bill Waters is pastor of the Pantego Christian Church. The Belhaven pastor is the Rev. George E. Downey.

BELHAVEN SCOUTS WIN ATTENDANCE AWARD AT COURT

Troop 80, First Christian Church troop of Belhaven, won the attendance award as 29 Scouts received advancements in rank at the Court of Honor held at the First Christian Church in Washington Sunday night.

Scoutmaster Dave Kilpatrick's troop won the award on the basis of the most number of boys present, considering the distance traveled. The award was presented by Roland Modlin, District chairman.

Pointing to the past record of this district and its capable leadership, Ralph Mozo, chief scout executive of the East Carolina Council, remarked at the close of the ceremonies that the Beaufort-Hyde district had always been one of the leading scout districts in the council.

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LEG BROKEN AS FLOWERS BOARDS BELHAVEN BOAT

George T. Flowers, 52, of Hockucken, Pamlico County, sustained a broken leg when he fell down the companionway of the shrimp trawler "Randolyn" at the Belhaven dock Sunday night about 7 o'clock.

He was taken to Pungo District Hospital for treatment, and was transferred to the seamen's hospital at Norfolk Monday.

Mr. Flowers was returning from a week end at home when the accident occurred. Rain had caused the deck to be slippery. As he started down to the galley, his foot slipped and he fell, striking his leg against a table in the galley.

PTA PRESIDENT, SCHOOL LEADER URGE SUPPORT

Mrs. Jesse Taylor, president of the Belhaven Parent-Teacher Association, this week joined Beaufort County Schools Superintendent W. F. Veasey in stressing the fact that the state-wide fifty-million-dollar school bond issue on October 3 is separate from and independent of the voting on the county hospital-courthouse issue.

Mr. Veasey said: "In Beaufort County the schools are in urgent need of additional school building facilities.

The needs consist of classrooms, lunchrooms, auditoriums, and physical education buildings.

"A large favorable vote in Beaufort County for the Bond Issue on October 3 will constitute a manifestation of our need and desire to secure and provide for our children, our most precious and valuable asset, adequate schools."

In a letter to PTA presidents of the county, Mr. Veasey said in part:

"I am asking you to help create interest and to spread favorable information about this campaign and to make such organization as you think necessary to function on election day to get our friends out to the polls. . . I am inviting any suggestions that you think will help the campaign."

Mrs. Taylor is lining up rides to the polls for those who need them. She asks that anyone who will need a ride to vote on October 3 to call her at 2316.

THOMAS BLAKE OWES HIS LIFE TO WAR BUDDY

Story of a Hyde County Man Who Survived Misfortune for 35 Years

By TOM STUDDERT

Thirty-five years ago Sept. 21, Thomas D. (Tommy) Blake, of Fairfield, stepped aboard the Army transport Sibony to sail for France. He sailed with two good arms, came back with one.

The fact that he returned at all Tommy credits to a Hyde County buddy, Bland Fulford, of Engelhard.

Soon after the Armistice, their outfit, Co. E, 56th Pioneer Infantry, moved into Germany as part of the Third Army of Occupation.

At the time of the Armistice, Tommy was laid up in a hospital with an attack of flu.

Just after arrival in Germany, Tommy was slated to go on guard duty. After inspection, the relief was sent individually to the guard house.

As he crossed the railroad yards, a train without lights caused him to step backward. Another train without lights, traveling in the opposite direction, banged its cow-catcher against his rifle, tripping him and throwing him forward into the path of the train. The engine cut off his right arm above the elbow.

"Bland Fulford was at the guard house and heard me yell," Mr. Blake recalls. He ran over and waited for the rest of the See BLAKE, Page Four

HYDE TAX BOOKS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL NOV. 5

The Hyde County Commissioners have authorized Sheriff Charlie J. Cahoon to hold the 1952 tax books until October 5 before turning them over to the County Accountant's office. The books were to have closed Tuesday of this week.

The tax books for 1953 will be opened by the sheriff's office October 5. At present, advance payments are taken by the County Auditor's office.

FULL-TIME SEC'Y. FUND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY WITH EXCELLENT SUPPORT

President Dilday Reports Many Persons Have Expressed Desire to Contribute Even Before Being Officially Solicited; Drive Began Monday Morning.

BELHAVEN SEA SCOUTS OBTAIN THEIR CHARTER

After a rip-roaring good time at the Sea Scout Rendezvous at Plymouth last weekend, the Belhaven Sea Scout Ship 80, the SSS Matchapunga, received its charter at a ceremony at the Belhaven Community House Tuesday night.

The ship's Committee Chairman, Cleve Woodward, presented Max Roebuck, of Washington, District commissioner, who in turn presented the charter to Skipper Russell Johnson and presented the members with their membership cards.

The Community House was rigged as a ship inside, complete with masts, flags, stanchions, etc., to give the ceremony a distinct sea-going flavor.

The event was the more impressive in that it came on the heels of the Scouts' tremendously successful and enjoyable weekend Rendezvous. The double exposure of local Sea Scouts to Sea Scouting has them all talking it, and should prove a great stimulant to the new unit.

Belhaven's Sea Scouts had such an active time at the Rendezvous Saturday that it required four eggs apiece for their Sunday morning breakfast. The sea-going Scouts cooked the breakfast themselves—and licked their platters clean.

The Rendezvous started Friday at the Sea Scout dock at Plymouth, where the Sea Scouts from this area went aboard the SSS Albemarle, the 50-foot converted motor launch named for the old Confederate ram which harassed Yankee inland shipping until she was destroyed by Union forces at Plymouth during the Civil War.

The Albemarle carried them to the spacious cottage of Dr. Alben Papineau, of Plymouth, on the Albemarle Sound. Dr. Papineau was host skipper for the weekend occasion, and all Belhaven visitors said his cottage was a great place for the Rendezvous.

Except for the Sunday morning breakfast, all meals were prepared by a Plymouth caterer and brought out to the Rendezvous. The boys took their turns standing watch during the two nights they spent in bivouac near the cottage.

Saturday was taken up in ship's exercises and water sports. Five outboard motorboats were on hand for the youngsters' instruction and pleasure.

Twenty-six Sea Scouts and five adult leaders were present for the big occasion, which was pronounced a fine success by all who attended. It is hoped to make the Rendezvous an annual affair, and that would be all right with Belhaven's Sea Scouts, says Skipper Johnson.

Belhaven and Plymouth girls came out to the cottage for the dance Saturday night, and this, too, was a lot of fun for all.

After staggering away from their four-egg breakfast, the boys made their bivouac area ship-shape, then attended religious services aboard the Albemarle. Following this, they made a cruise down Albemarle Sound, and broke camp about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

ENGLERHARD BOY ABOARD FLEET OILER

Pacific Fleet (PFTNC). — On board the fleet oiler USS Mattaponi, is Hugh B. Payne, damage controlman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Payne of Lake Landing, Engelhard, N. C.

The Mattaponi has been operating under the Commander of the Military Sea Transportation Service since her commissioning in 1950. Her home port is Long Beach, Calif.

The ship has carried cargo to West Coast ports, the Aleutian Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, Aruba, Netherlands, West Indies, Gulf and Eastern Coast ports, and Iceland.

In a fifteen-month period, the fleet oiler has carried nearly 3,000,000 barrels of various petroleum products, made 35 voyages with cargo, and traveled a total of 71,000 miles.

The campaign to obtain funds for the hiring of a full-time secretary for the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce got off to a running start Monday morning, according to H. L. Dilday, president of the organization.

A six-man committee began calling on businessmen of the area, asking for financial support for the project.

Mr. Dilday reports excellent response to the drive. "Many people had already pledged support even before the campaign got under way," the president said. "Many others have indicated their full support when they are officially approached."

The campaign was decided upon at a meeting of the chamber last week.

Officials and members had realized that the present set-up was inadequate for furthering the interests of the Belhaven community in business and industrial circles.

The committee will contact businessmen individually, pointing out the advantages which have accrued to other towns in eastern North Carolina and in other parts of the nation after hiring full-time secretaries.

The committee is composed of B. G. Abeyounis, H. G. Brumsey, C. B. Tillman, H. L. Dilday, Axson Smith and A. D. Swindell.

One of the main purposes of having a full-time secretary is to co-ordinate and direct efforts to attract new industry and business to the area.

The move, it is hoped, will enable Belhaven to get its fair share of the ever-increasing industrial growth coming to the Atlantic Seaboard and to eastern North Carolina in particular.

SPECIALIST LEADS DISCUSSION ABOUT ROLE OF ATTITUDE

Mrs. Corinne J. Grimsley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations, will hold two training schools in Dare County on "Attitudes Are Important," according to Mary Kirby, Home Agent.

The first meeting will be held in Manteo on Friday, September 25, at 2:30 p. m., at the Community Building, and the second in Buxton, on Saturday, September 26, at 10:30 a. m., at the Methodist Church. The Family Life Leaders and at least one of the other members from each Home Demonstration Club is expected to attend and receive training which will help them to present the Club Meeting in November.

There will be a luncheon held at the restaurant in Buxton following the meeting. All women attending the meeting in Buxton have been invited to eat lunch together.

IN 82ND DIVISION

Private First Class Harold F. Chadwick, colored, is now continuing his career as a member of the famed "All American" 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

As a member of the 82d, Pfc. Chadwick will receive advance training in military tactics, and participate in the various training exercises and maneuvers held by the division throughout the year.

Pfc. Chadwick is the son of Sylvester Chadwick of 740 Old County Road, Belhaven.

BELHAVEN LIONS SPONSOR FOOTBALL GAME OCT. 2nd

The Belhaven Lions Club will sponsor the football game between the John A. Wilkinson High School Bulldogs and the Stantonsburg High School team to be played in Belhaven on Friday, October 2nd, at 3:30. Tickets may be bought from any member of the club. By sponsoring this game the civic organization hopes to arouse more interest in the local team, which has acquitted itself well this year and deserves public support.

ANOTHER SNAKEBITE

Leon Keech, 11, of Bath, was reported doing well at Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven last Thursday, after being bitten by a ground rattler at Bath.

BELHAVEN SCHOOLS TO GET 1 MORE TEACHER

The Belhaven elementary White school will soon have another teacher added, according to a statement this week by W. F. Veasey, superintendent of Beaufort County schools.

The addition comes because of increased attendance and enrollment. Mr. Veasey presented attendance figures to the Director of Teacher allotment, State Board of Education last week, and these figures warranted the adding of a teacher at Belhaven, one at Pinetown White elementary, and one at Chocowinity white elementary.

The securing of the three authorized new teachers is now in process, Mr. Veasey stated.

INITIATION RITES HELD BY FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

Members of the Future Homemakers of America, an organization of John A. Wilkinson High School students, held initiation rites for new members on Wednesday. The day was climaxed by a picnic held at the home of the club advisor, Mrs. Howard Lupton. New members attending were Addie Pearl Bell, Mary Cahoon, Carlene Edwards, Betty Lou Edwards, Phrocin Fulford, Jerry Griffin, Frances Guthrie, Amy Howard, Sue Howard, Pauline Keech, Frances Kirk, Mardge Etta Lupton, Lula Belle Midgette, and Mary Louise Pugh.

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POSSIBLE TAX SAVING

Mrs. Gladys B. Midyette, County Accountant, this week called attention to the fact that persons paying 1953 taxes before the tax books are turned over to the Sheriff's office can still save 1 per cent in discounts if their tax is paid by October 1st. During October they are eligible for 1-2 per cent discount. November, December and January payments are net, and in March penalties begin.

EIGHT MONTHS OLD DAVEY MORRIS



DAVEY, the eight months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Morris formerly of Ponzor, who now live in Gates County where Mr. Morris edits the Index. Carlton used to write for the Coastland Newspapers. In fact that's where his newspaper career began. Like his son, he is thriving in Gates County, the land of peanuts and hams. Davey was born in Belhaven eight months ago, weighing four pounds and 12 ounces. Now he weighs 23 pounds. The Morrises have another son, Dale, age 10 years.

MRS. ELIZA SWINDELL

Mrs. Eliza Boomer Swindell, age 68, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Swindell on Monday at 3 p. m. She was the widow of A. B. Swindell, Jr., and a daughter of the late Caleb S. and Mary Ann Swindell Boomer. She was born and reared at Swindell's Fork near Swan Quarter.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Anna B. Williamson, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Swindell, conducted by the Rev. David M. Lewis, at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Burial was in Soule Cemetery.