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## A. D. SWINDELLS TO RECEIVE FARM AWARD TOMORROW

### Public Ceremony at Pantego To Honor "Master Farm Family"

A bronze plaque naming the Allen D. Swindells of Pantego as a "Master Farm Family" will be presented at the Swindell farm near Pantego tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at one o'clock in a public ceremony honoring the outstanding family.

The Swindells were one of twelve North Carolina families named in June by W. C. LaRue, associate editor of The Progressive Farmer, and D. S. Weaver, state extension director, for "notable efforts in developing a successful home and farm and for taking active part in community improvements."

Following the presentation ceremony, which will be attended by many notable farm officials, a public tour of the Swindell farm is scheduled.

## SUPERIOR COURT HELD LAST WEEK IN HYDE COUNTY

The October term of Hyde County Superior Court was held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of last week, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., presiding. The court minute book shows the following judgments handed down:

In the case of Jack Mercer, who was charged with five counts of forgery, defrauding, and embezzlement, a plea of guilty to two counts was accepted and the defendant was given two one-year sentences that are to run concurrently.

On a charge of breaking and entering R. S. Spencer's store and taking money and merchandise worth \$450, Edward Bench was given two one-year sentences that are to run concurrently.

Elmo Moore was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon received a two-year sentence, court costs, \$100 hospital and medical bills of his wife, and \$25 per month for his wife.

Jimmie Lee Copper was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. He received a six-months sentence suspended upon payment of costs of court and \$100 for Roscoe Green.

Charged with taking under false pretense, Henry Spencer plead guilty to forcible trespass. He got a six-months sentence which was suspended on the condition that he pay costs of court and \$225 to Mrs. Ellen Midgett.

Operating a motor vehicle See COURT, Page Five

## DEATH TAKES MRS. BERTHA THOMPSON

Mrs. Bertha Lupton Thompson of Belhaven died suddenly at her home in Belhaven Wednesday morning at 9:30. Mrs. Thompson had returned home from a Williamsburg hospital last week, but had been getting about normally since then. Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday, but it was announced that burial would be at Denton, N. C.

The widow of the late Rev. J. B. Thompson, she was the daughter of the late Almata Bell and James Lupton.

Surviving are: one son, James Thompson of Jacksonville, N. C.; one daughter, Mrs. C. G. Burgess of Apparta, Ga.; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Wiley Edwards of Wilson, and Mrs. Walton Anderson of Duluth, Ga.

## GENE A. PURVIS JOINS WILKINSON STAFF

Gene A. Purvis, of Belhaven, has been released from duty with the U. S. Navy and has taken up his duties as commercial teacher in the John A. Wilkinson High School. Mrs. Ray Spencer, of Sladesville, substituted in that department until the end of the second school month.

Mr. Purvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Purvis of Belhaven, is a graduate of the high school in which he now teaches. After high school he attended East Carolina College in Greenville and was graduated from that institution in 1950 with a B. S. degree in Business. He then entered the U. S. Navy and was in that branch of the service for three years and ten months. He spent nineteen months in Africa. Upon his return to this country he was assigned to duty in Charleston, South Carolina where he remained until his release in August.

## THEY MAKE OCRACOKE A VERY PROUD ISLAND



When Maj. Marvin Howard came ashore and home to Ocracoke last spring there was a job waiting for him after his fifty years at sea, a job that everybody had been wishing that somebody would do, and a job that by sort of common consent they just let go until he got home to take over.

And in six months Major Howard has put together about the lushest and most spirited Troop (No. 290) of Boy Scouts of America in America—and the only one that does its goings and comings on horseback. More, every member, as a sort of initiation, catches his own pony, wild, tames him and teaches him navigation. (Ponies on this island understand port and

starboard—but never gee and haw.)

There are now an even dozen qualified members, mounted, and four sort of probationers awaiting the time when it will be propitious to take and tame their own mounts. Major Howard is officially scoutmaster but about everybody on the island is assistant scoutmaster, very especially BM1c (L) James L. (Lum) Gaskill, who has an up-and-coming boy in the troop, and Stanley Wahab, the potentate of the island, who now settles for a nephew or so.

Here are the troopers, with the dismounted ones standing in front, and the mounted, together with the names of their mounts, in the rear. At the left front is Harvey Wahab, who has some difficulty riding because of the loss of a leg when he was a very small boy. Others standing are William P. Garrish, Jr., Lloyd Thomas Styron, Jr., David Esham, and Norman Styron.

Mounted; left to right: Major Howard and Old Teach; Bill Gaskill and Nell; Bobby Garrish and Bimbo; Joe Ben Garrish and Prince; Rudy Austin and D'ablo; Edward O'Neal and Villa; James Barry Gaskill and Champ; Roy Thomas Waller and Old Dave; and Lindsay Warren Howard with Little Teach.

## SWAN QUARTER TO HAVE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FRIDAY

The Halloween carnival at Swan Quarter High School is slated to be one of the biggest ever this year. The event, on Friday night of this week (October 29), will get underway with a turkey supper in the school lunchroom from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. As in the past, the celebration is being sponsored by the school PTA.

Much interest has already been shown in the baby and popularity contests. Bingo is expected to be one of the big pastimes of the evening. Other events will include a turkey shoot, two fishing ponds, guessing, a cake walk, the drawing to determine the winner of a cake on which chances have been sold, penny pitching, the house of horrors, a short movie comedy, a central bank and the selling of home-made candy, ice cream and drinks.

The supper menu is turkey, dressing, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, collards, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls with butter, pie, and tea or coffee. Both \$1 and 50¢ plates will be offered. Small oyster stews will also be sold at 25¢ each.

## DAVID SELBY PASSES AT LAKE LANDING

Funeral services for David Gaskill Selby, 89-year-old retired farmer, were held Tuesday afternoon from Watson's Chapel Methodist Church at Nebraska, conducted by Rev. H. S. Garrish. Burial followed in Soule Cemetery near Swan Quarter.

Mr. Selby passed away suddenly at 8 o'clock Monday night at his home in Lake Landing. He was the son of the late Nancy Midgett and John Selby, and was a life-long resident of Hyde County. He was highly regarded by those who knew him.

Survivors are: two sons, Thad Selby of Lake Landing, and Hubert Selby of Engelhard; three daughters, Mrs. John Payne of Lake Landing, Mrs. Preston Moon of Lake Landing, and Mrs. J. T. McKinney of Salisbury; 19 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

## RECREATION CENTER UNDER SUPERVISION OF SMITHS

An announcement has been made by the Belhaven Recreation Committee that Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith are now in charge of the Community Center. Anyone wishing to reserve the Community Building for any occasion should make reservations with the Smiths. Though they do not have a telephone, they can be reached at their home on Bay Street.

## Thousands of Ducks and Geese Arriving at Lake Mattamuskeet

Ducks and geese by the tens of thousands are arriving at Hyde County's Lake Mattamuskeet. By full moon (October 12), the migration was in full swing, as the wildfowl followed their seasonal schedule.

Mattamuskeet, winter feeding ground for nearly a quarter million ducks and geese last year, expects a greater influx of winged visitors this season, and even better hunting for the sportsman.

The prediction of a "somewhat greater" gamefowl population at Mattamuskeet in the '54-'55 hunting season was made by Willie G. Cahoon, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative in charge of the Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Cahoon is a top authority on gamefowl, with 20 years of background and observation at Mattamuskeet.

"We have more Three-Square around the lake than last year, which usually means more geese, and we have a good crop of Duck Millett," he said.

Explaining, he said that Three Square is the common term for Scirpus Americanus, a bullrush-type of plant which averages about three feet in height, and which geese consider quite a delicacy. Duck Millett, echnochloa crussalli, is tops on the duck's winter menu in North Carolina.

A variety of other plants favored by wildfowl abound in the 50,000-acre Refuge area, giving the visitors a well-rounded diet and making 30,000-acre Lake Mattamuskeet a favorite wintering spot along the Atlantic Flyway.

And a favorite it is. Last year, at least 239,000 ducks and geese were accounted for in the Mattamuskeet bill-count. Of this number,

## CAR AND TRACTOR WRECKED IN HYDE

Patrolman W. E. Williams reports that around \$350 damages were sustained last Thursday morning when a car and a tractor collided at Patrick's Curve, about a mile west of Engelhard on highway 264. As a result of the accident, Patrolman Williams charged the driver of the car, Jack Blount Gibbs of Engelhard, with driving on the left-hand side of the road.

The accident happened about 7:30 a.m. last Thursday. The tractor, owned by Gilbert Gibbs and driven by James Gibbs, was damaged an estimated \$175. The automobile, a 1951 Chevrolet, was also damaged about \$175.

## BELHAVEN WILL HAVE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FRIDAY

The annual Halloween Carnival of the Belhaven Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Friday night, October 29. This year's carnival will feature several new events in addition to the traditional ones, among them "On the Spot" pictures made with a Polaroid camera, and a bizarre booth.

Barbecue suppers will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom, to those who have purchased tickets in advance. During the evening, hot dogs, cakes, candy, and drinks will be sold.

The carnival proper will open with bingo games, a fish pond, fortune telling, an art at 6:30. Available for entertainment, the "Old Country Store", bobbing for apples, a puppet show, and the House of Horrors, and a "girlie" show.

At 8:15 the judging for costumes will take place in the auditorium and prizes will be awarded. Immediately afterwards, the "King and Queen of Halloween" will be crowned. Balloting for the king and queen will be closed promptly at eight o'clock. Contestants for the honor in the high school division are Richard Howard and Elizabeth Sears, seniors; Edward Lee Paul See CARNIVAL, Page Four

## DISASTER LOANS ARE OFFERED TO FARMERS IN HYDE AND DARE

Vernon H. Rankin, Farmers Home Administration supervisor for Hyde and Dare counties, announced this week that the FHA office in Swan Quarter is ready to receive applications for hurricane disaster relief loans from any established farm owner or operator in the two counties.

Hyde and Dare were among 46 North Carolina counties that were designated by the FHA this week for hurricane loan help.

The FHA is offering the farmers loans to repair or replace farm buildings damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Hazel. If the hurricane destroyed any crops in storage or seedlings in the field, the farmers concerned will be eligible for loans for this also.

The loans will bear three percent interest.

## ALL OF LAST WEEK'S PAPERS SOLD OUT: PICTURES REPRINTED

The demand for extra copies of last week's paper far exceeded the supply and all available copies were sold out on Friday. Since so many people have expressed a desire to have a copy of the paper with the pictures of the flood waters covering the streets in Belhaven and Swan Quarter, the pictures are being reprinted this week; a good number of extra papers are being printed and it is hoped that those desiring to obtain copies this week will be able to do so.

We regret that sufficient copies of last week's paper were not available. However, we would like to remind you that if you are a regular subscriber, you will be assured of getting a paper each week.

## BELHAVEN'S MAIN STREET DURING HURRICANE HAZEL



TIDE WATER THREE FEET DEEP covers Main Street in Belhaven at about the peak of the Hurricane Hazel. This picture shows how much water stood in many Belhaven stores. Motor boats operated up and down the street easily while the tide was at its height. (Photo by Vann Latham)

## SAA MEETING IN BELHAVEN AND BEAUFORT COUNTY WIN HIGH PRAISE ON TUESDAY

### Rev. A. Corey of Jamesville Named President for Next Year; Lindsay Warren and Highway Chairman Graham Principal Speakers; Enthusiasm for River, Inlet, and Ocracoke Projects Expressed.

## "HYDE WILL RISE" PAMPHLETS SHOWN



GEORGE O'NEAL, chairman of Hyde County's Challenge program, proudly displays a copy of the pamphlet "Hyde Will Rise" recently published by the organization. In the 16-page pamphlet are suggestions for a long-range agricultural and industrial development program for Hyde County.

A meeting of Challenge officials is now being planned to decide just how to present "Hyde Will Rise" to the people of the county. The cooperation of each and everyone of the county's citizens is going to be needed to make the program a success.

## LIBRARY DRIVE IS A CASUALTY OF "HAZEL"

Among the casualties of "Hazel" was the annual Membership Drive of the Belhaven Public Library Association. The drive had just gotten underway when the hurricane struck. Mrs. James Younce, chairman has announced that the drive will not be resumed at present because the canvassers hesitate to ask local people, who were hard hit financially, for contributions. However, if there is anyone who was not visited who would care to contribute to the drive by becoming a member of the Association, Mrs. Younce, or any member of the Association, will be glad to receive a contribution. Since the uncompleted drive fell far short of meeting the budget set up for this year, it may be necessary to continue it at a later date.

Some 200 delegates to the annual Southern Albemarle Association meeting in Belhaven Wednesday heard much praise for an organization embracing several counties, which has stuck together since 1935 and holds the record for livelihood of a group of this kind. It is something, most folks say, has never happened before. The Association now includes six counties.

After an absence of more than 13 years, Hon. Lindsay Warren of Washington, was a guest at the meeting, and his presence on the stage called for a standing ovation from the group. He was truly welcome back home.

Presented by Congressman Herbert Bonner as an exceptional patriot and statesman, Mr. Warren was visibly moved by the ovation given him. He recalled his previous visits to the association before becoming Comptroller General of the United States, paid tribute to the organization and the leadership in it; commended the newspapers of the Southern Albemarle for their unselfish service to the region, and said he hopes for the day when a road will be built to Ocracoke and bridges will span both Alligator River and Oregon Inlet. Good advice was given in Mr. Warren's admonition that the Association would outlive its usefulness should it ever act other than in the public interest.

The morning meeting was called to order by Dr. W. T. Ralph, president, in the High School building. The invocation was by Rev. L. P. Jackson, Music by the School Glee Club under direction of Mrs. K. Foreman during the program was highly applauded. The address of welcome was by Allen D. Swindell, Chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners. Responses were by A. Corey of Martin; H. W. Pritchett of Washington; Melvin Daniels of Dare; N. W. Shelton of Hyde.

Mr. Bonner spoke at length on the work of the Association, and of future need for it. He endorsed the bridging of river and inlet and the road to Ocracoke. Highway Commissioner Emmett Winslow introduced High-

## ART EXHIBIT IS SET AT RALPH LIBRARY

An Art Exhibit will open at the Fanny Mebane Ralph Memorial Library in Belhaven on November 3. A silver tea will be held on that date to launch the exhibit, which will be open for two weeks.

This exhibit is open to anyone in Beaufort and Hyde counties who wish to display any kind of art work, including paintings, wood carving, sculpture, finger painting, block printing, pen and ink drawings, ceramics, etc. It is preferred that the work be something not displayed at last year's exhibit. Not over five paintings may be exhibited. All exhibits must be entered by Tuesday, November 2.

The art committees of the Belhaven Public Library Association and the Parent-Teacher Association are working together this year to give both school children and adults an opportunity to enjoy more types of art work and to provide a place for the exhibit of children's work. Members of these committees are Mrs. W. E. Bateman, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Knight; Mrs. Howard Chapin; Mrs. H. G. Brumsey; Mrs. Marshall Willis; Mrs. Norma Jefferson Hodges, and Mrs. Vernon Ward.

## WEEK END REVIVAL TO BE HELD IN BELHAVEN

A week end revival will be held at the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Belhaven October 29-31. Rev. DaNeel La Roux, a white native of Africa, will be the guest speaker.

The services will be climaxed with a homecoming on Sunday, October 31. Special features of the day will be out-of-town musicians and singers. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Everyone is cordially invited.