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## MANY CASES TRIED QUICKLY IN HYDE COURT

### Number of Cases Continued To Next Term Of Court in May

There was a long list of cases packed for trial in Hyde County Monday morning but several were continued until the next term for one reason or another and the cases were quickly tried or dismissed. The court session did not last long.

Cases on the docket and judgments rendered were as follows:

Clinton Pugh, no brakes, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.  
D. W. Wallace, no brakes, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.  
Joseph Hooten, colored, improper brakes, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.  
Edgar Bowden, colored, improper lights, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.  
Rayton Adams, colored, no operating license, plead guilty, 30 days suspended upon payment of cost.

Sterling Blount, colored, assault, plead not guilty, found guilty, six months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and cost.  
Max Winslow, colored, assault and battery, plead guilty, 6 months suspended upon payment of \$15.00 fine and cost.

Linwood Tunnell, assault and battery, nol pros.  
Randolph Brown, colored, reckless driving, plead guilty, 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and repairing George Thompson's car which was damaged.

Peleg Farrow, colored, forging check, continued.  
Edward Whitaker, colored, speeding, plead guilty, 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost.

Will Williams, three counts of cattle trespassing, all continued.  
Charles Cuthrell, three counts of cattle trespassing, all continued.  
Clifton Watson, trespassing, continued.

R. Cuthrell, trespassing, continued.  
Joe Simpson, Jr., colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, plead guilty to assault, but not with a deadly weapon, sentenced to 60 days suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

H. V. Gibbs, allowing 14-year-old boy to drive automobile on public highway, 30 days suspended upon payment of costs.

## FUNERAL HELD TUES. FOR HENRY THOMPSON

### Well Known Washington Man, Native Of Hyde, Dies Sunday

Funeral services for Henry B. Thompson, 56, were held at the late home, 119 East Fourth street, Washington, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning with the Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

A son of the late R. J. and Mary Sadler Thompson, he was born in Hyde county on September 10, 1888. He went to Washington in 1911 where he has resided since.

Mr. Thompson was first associated with Spencer Brothers in the mercantile business and later entered business for himself, the firm having been known as H. B. Thompson & Son, and engaged in the feed, seed and general merchandise business for several years.

He was a member of the First Methodist church of Washington.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Clara Woolard Thompson, a daughter, Miss Betsy Thompson, at home, and one son, Cpl. Edward Lee Thompson who is with the armed forces in Italy, his mother, Mrs. R. J. Thompson, four brothers, George Thompson of Swan Quarter, Harold Thompson of Rocky Mount, Sam R. Thompson of Washington, RFD, and Robert Thompson of Manns Harbor, and three sisters, Mrs. Worth Selby of Engelhard, Mrs. C. E. Hamilton of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. T. Stowe of Washington.

A son, Henry Thompson, Jr., who was in business with his father, died in 1933.

Active pallbearers were George (Buck) Taylor, Ernest O. Harding, Edgar T. Harris, Loris Gardner, H. A. Eckhoff and Ray Robinson. His other many friends will be honorary pallbearers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blake gave \$5 to the Fairfield Red Cross War Fund rather than \$4 as was listed in this newspaper March 30th.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

## CHERRY VISITS HYDE; SPEAKS IN DARE COUNTY

### Shows Sympathies For Road And Bridge Needs Of Section

Hyde county people who talked with Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor of North Carolina, when he came through the county last Thursday afternoon were impressed by the sympathies shown for the needs of this section. He came to Fairfield from Columbia, drove to Swan Quarter, down to Engelhard and journeyed to Manteo.

Mr. Cherry, speaking in Manteo Thursday night, drew hearty applause when he announced that he expected to fulfill the mandate of the legislature of 1920. If he were elected governor, by connecting Dare, Tyrrell and Hyde with other sections of the state by proper bridges and all weather roads.

"I am saying this sincerely as a citizen, and it is not just a campaign promise," Cherry told the Dare County audience. "The good people of this area should have the same provisions of outlet that they have in the other sections of the state, and I expect to use my every influence to see that roads and bridges are provided," he continued.

Mr. Cherry promised to use his influence, if elected, to also get an all-weather road down the banks to Hatteras. It was said in Dare that so far as political recollection goes back it is the first candidate for governor to promise a highway to Hatteras.

Help for returning service men is another program for which Mr. Cherry expressed sympathy. "There are 300,000 of them. We cannot wait for the Federal government to come to their aid. It is our obligation to see that they have work and not that they live on doles and charity," he told the Manteo group.

Mr. Cherry promised better pay for teachers in order that we may properly pay our good ones and secure other good ones to fill the thousands of teacher vacancies now general all over the state. Public assistance and public institutions came in for some sound favor from the candidate.

Mr. Cherry went to Manteo from Hyde County and was entertained by the Rotary Club. He spoke later in the Dare courthouse.

## MCDONALD WILL SPEAK TO GRADUATING CLASS

### Dr. Ralph McDonald, president of the N. C. Educational association and candidate for Governor of North Carolina will deliver the commencement address to the Swan Quarter high school graduating class Friday morning, May 12, at 11 o'clock, it is announced this week by H. G. Guthrie, principal of the school. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Guthrie were classmates in college.

In making the announcement, Mr. Guthrie said that he had invited Mr. McDonald to make the address about six months ago before he announced himself as a candidate for governor. There was no political motive involved.

The baccalaureate sermon for the Swan Quarter class will be delivered Sunday, May 7, by the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, pastor of the Methodist churches in the Swan Quarter-Fairfield charge.

There are 14 students in the graduating class at Swan Quarter this year. While the commencement exercises will be held May 12, school will not close until a few days later and the graduates will not get their diplomas signed until then.

## \$2.30 FLOOR PRICE SET FOR IRISH POTATOES

There will be a floor price of \$2.30 per hundred pounds for early commercial Irish potatoes, the War Food Administration informed the Division of Markets with the State Department of Agriculture recently. The support price last year was \$2.25.

The support plan as announced by WFA as follows: "Early and intermediate potatoes will be supported by purchase and by other arrangements for diverting potatoes to canners, dehydrators, and other processors. Basic price for early and intermediate potatoes is \$2.30 for N. C., Tenn., Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Basic prices are per 100 pounds for U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes in new bags, sealed and loaded.

Revival services at Bethany Methodist church, Guilford, will begin Sunday, April 16th. Sunday services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Those held thereafter will be at 8 o'clock each evening. The public is invited to attend the meeting. The Rev. D. D. Davis, pastor, will do the preaching.

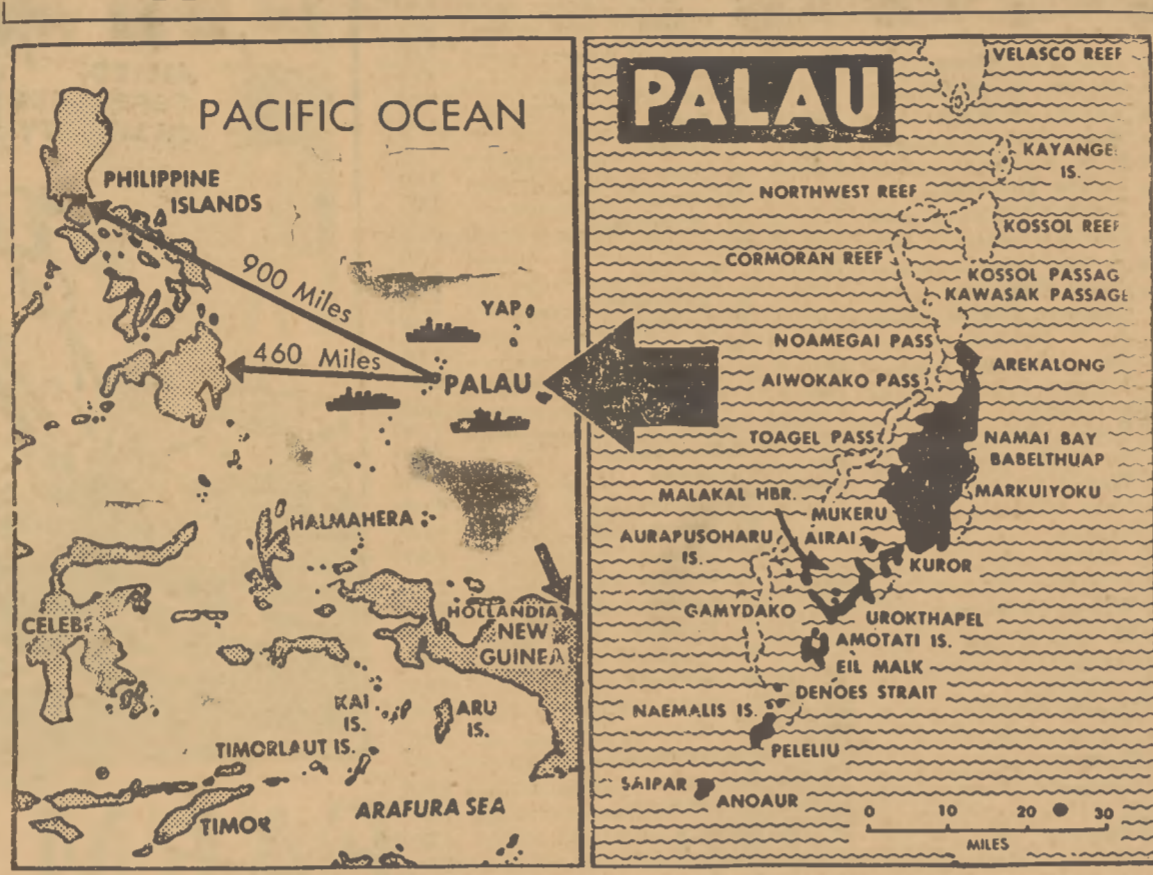
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Mr. Weston passed away Sunday morning following a short illness. He was stricken Saturday morning with a stroke of paralysis. A life long resident of Hyde County, Mr. Weston was well known and highly regarded. He was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Margaret V. Fisher, four daughters, Mrs. Heber W. Windley, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. E. P. Shaver and Mrs. Richard W. Sparrow of Raleigh and Miss Christine Weston of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, Lawrence A. Weston and Fisher Weston of Portsmouth, Va.; four grandchildren, and a brother, R. B. Weston of Middletown.

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## Mapping Developments in Pacific Theater



Units of the U. S. fleet made their deepest penetration of Jap waters recently to shell Palau, one of Nippon's most heavily fortified island fortresses. Palau, shown at right in a closeup, is only 460 miles from the nearest of the Philippine Islands and only 900 miles from Manila. No occupation of Palau may be expected, however, until the Carolines are entirely in Allied hands.

## MANY VISITORS IN HYDE FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

### Church Services Attracted Many During The Day Sunday

Many Hyde County homes were made happy last week end by visits of friends and loved ones who are away on war jobs or in the military service and dont get home very often. The columns of community personals on the society page of the Herald this week tell about many who visited here, and undoubtedly our correspondents failed to report many others which they did not know about.

Many people attended church services Sunday to take part in special Easter worship programs. Some of them do not attend church services and their attendance Sunday was an urge to get into the spirit of this Christian holiday.

A week-long revival service at Providence Methodist church in Swan Quarter came to a close Sunday night. The services were highly successful with a good attendance and six members joining.

There were special Easter programs in many Hyde County churches. This newspaper was unable to learn of many of them. The annual program was held Sunday night at the Middletown Christian church. There was a large crowd at the services at the Mt. Olive church at Ponzer and reports reaching here Monday said a large Fairfield gathering attended services at the Fairfield Baptist church and heard the Rev. J. T. Lennon.

The Easter services at the Engelhard Methodist church were a part of the revival meeting which had been going on for a week and which continued through Wednesday night with the Rev. F. D. Davis, pastor, preaching. The services were held under the auspices of the Engelhard Baptist and Methodist churches.

At Swindell Fork the family of Mrs. W. V. Swindell gathered for its annual Easter reunion with all but one of the children, Maxwell of Leaksville, present. The other children and their families met together and enjoyed an outdoor dinner. They were Metrah, Malcolm, Marvin, Melvin and Mildred. Mrs. Swindell's sister, Mrs. Mary Mason was also at the gathering.

Traffic was light and no serious traffic accidents were reported by patrolman C. E. Whitfield. The shortage of gasoline kept travel by motor cars to a minimum.

Buses were crowded. The Engelhard Bus Company was forced to put on extra buses to carry the passengers.

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## MANY MACKEREL BRINGING PROFITS TO HATTERAS MEN

### Fish Not Often Caught In Quantity; Make Appearance Unexpectedly

Several Hatteras fishermen who work nets outside in the ocean, are making good profits these days from unusual quantities of Boston Mackerel. At the ice plant of the Hatteras Development Company one sees these beautiful fish being packed for shipment to northern markets.

Old fishermen say they have never appeared in quantities of this size before. Some attribute their presence to the unusually disagreeable winter which may have brought the fish a long distance from their usual habitat.

## SWEET POTATOES

Treat sweet potato seed stock with a disinfectant before bedding to help control seed borne diseases, say Extension horticulturists at State College.

## OPA SAYS CORN PRICES WILL REMAIN THE SAME

No increase in the price of corn for the 1944 crop year is being considered by the Office of Price Administration, Theodore S. Johnson, District director at Raleigh announced.

"The decision to hold corn prices at their 1943 levels was made because corn is the basic feed for livestock and poultry," he explained. The great majority of farm families would suffer rather than benefit from an increase in the price of corn.

"An increase in the price of corn would not bring any substantial increase in corn production, but would raise the price of beef, veal, lamb, pork, butter, eggs, poultry and other livestock products with out increasing their output," he pointed out.

The country press is the bulwark of American Democracy. It must be kept going!

## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD AT LAKE LODGE

### New Holland Hotel Scene Of Fairfield School Banquet

The dining hall of the Mattamuskeet Lodge, was a scene of beauty and delight, Friday evening March 7, when the junior class of Fairfield high school honored the seniors at the annual banquet.

The table, with covers for thirty guests, was beautiful with its center-piece of white iris, and arrangements of other white spring flowers, and ivy.

The favors and menus were fashioned of red and white crepe paper and ribbon, to represent the colors of the senior class. These were designed and made by the junior class under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Watson.

Miss Doris Cuthrell, secretary of junior class, was mistress of ceremonies. The toasts and responses which were given in order, were effective in their simplicity and meaning.

The menu consisted of chilled tomato juice, croissants, roast turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, buttered beets, creamed corn, snow flaked potatoes, head lettuce with Russian dressing, hot rolls, butter, coffee, strawberry jello with whip cream, chocolate cake and nuts.

Misses Evelyn Clark and Selma Blake of the eighth grade, and Misses Alice Reid Berry and Winfield Doughtie of the First Year high school, served as waitresses, and sang between courses. They wore white dresses, with paper aprons and caps in the class colors.

Goodbyes were said around 11:30 to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mann, keepers of the lodge who played an important role in making the evening pleasant for everyone.

Guests, besides the seniors were: The Fairfield school faculty, N. W. Shelton, Supt. of Schools, G. M. Cuthrell, member of the Board of Education, P. C. Simmons, chairman of Fairfield school committee and Alvah O'Neal of Swan Quarter.

## CRAB INDUSTRY NEGLECTED

Thousands of dollars could be realized each summer from nearby markets if some would establish a crab shedding business, so as to supply the local demand for soft crabs at 75 cents a dozen. Almost no investment is required for this industry, only the saving of peeler by those who take hard crabs. The picking of crab meat could become another great industry, giving employment to many people, but there is no plant operating here, and all the crabs are shipped by truck to Virginia and Maryland. Crabbers make around \$20 a day during the summer season, but thousands of dollars worth of business is lost because the meat is not prepared at home.

## WATERMELONS

It appears that watermelons will plant about 1.2 times as many watermelons this year as last year. The acreage in North Carolina will be near 2,300 acres but the yield will be 2,600 acres less than normal.

## COASTLAND COUNTIES LOSING FORTUNE IN UNHARVESTED SEAFOOD

### Packing, Canning, Salting and Smoking Of Fish Practically Neglected; Vast Quantities Of Herrings Available, But Not Caught, As Fishermen Devote Efforts To Catching Quickly Sold Crops.

The Coastland counties of North Carolina are becoming more awake to the great economic loss they are suffering by neglecting many valuable seafoods. This loss is the result of certain fishing practices that have become habits over a period of years, but which are blindly adhered to despite changed conditions of marketing and transportation.

## PLYMOUTH MEN OUT FOR SENATOR IN 2ND DISTRICT

### Hampton and Norman Seek Place Vacated By Martin County Incumbent

Martin county having stepped out of the Senatorship of the Second District for the term, two candidates from Plymouth in Washington county have come forward. W. Roy Hampton, well known business man and official, has announced, and Zeb Vance Norman, attorney and well known public figure is running.

The district comprises the counties of Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Hyde, Martin, Beaufort and Pamlico. By long established custom the vote of Martin and Beaufort by reason of size has controlled the nominations.

Party leaders in the district from time to time have exerted sufficient influence to permit some of the smaller counties to have a senator. Washington, being one of the smaller counties, now seeks the place.

Of the two candidates from Plymouth the best known in the far eastern Coastal counties is W. Roy Hampton, who for many years has been a member of the State Fisheries Commission, and who is also a member of the Cape Hatteras Seashore Commission. He has served as chairman of both the County Board, and the Board of Education in Washington county, and held many other places of distinction.

Mr. Norman is equally well known in the other counties of the district for his long career as a practicing attorney. He has taken an active part in the Southern Albatross association, since its organization, and has served in many places of preferment in his town and county.

## CUTHRELL IS ONLY CANDIDATE TO FILE

A. L. Cuthrell of Fairfield, chairman of the Hyde County Board of County Commissioners, was the only person who had filed for office in the May 27 Democratic primary, it was learned Monday from election officials. Mr. Cuthrell seeks re-election on the Board of Commissioners.

There were only five days left for filing and it appeared that there would be little or no interest in the local campaign this year unless something unexpected happens—which would be unusual in Hyde County politics. Officers up for election this year are members of the Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, Representative and Recorder's Judge.

Two Plymouth men, Zeb Vance Norman and W. R. Hampton, last week filed for nomination for the Senate from the Second Senatorial district. Mr. Hampton is a member of the Board of Conservation and Development and Mr. Norman is a well known lawyer in Washington County. Both men are widely known in political circles in their home county.

There are two senators elected from the district which is composed of the counties of Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Beaufort and Pamlico. It is custom not to elect two men from the same county. H. G. Horton of Williamston and E. A. Daniels of Washington represented the district last term. Mr. Daniels has served only one term and is expected to be a candidate again this year.

Farm laying flocks in the U. S. are about 5 per cent higher than last year giving a record production. North Carolina egg markets are flooded and prices are asked to eat more eggs a cheaper source of protein.

It is amazing that in a land so abundant with sea food there are no local interests with sufficient initiative to develop these businesses which could mean so much for the people. But year after year the fishermen are content with the ready cash they can get

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