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## HYDE COURT IN LENGTHY TERM MONDAY

### Judge Fisher Hears "One Of Silliest Cases" Of His Career

The longest session of Recorder's court to sit in Hyde county in the past two years was held Monday. At least that was the opinion of Solicitor O. L. Williams. Judge E. S. Fisher gave a sigh of relief when it came to a close about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Cases that spotlighted the afternoon session were two that resulted in charges brought against one another by two brothers living in the North Lake section. One involved stock running at large and the other plowing up of about 600 worth of cabbage plants. Judge Fisher dismissed the last case with the comment that "it was one of the silliest I have ever seen."

The cases which appeared to be the result of a family feud between Rosie Armstrong and Stanley Armstrong brought a long list of witnesses to the stand. Clay Carter of Washington represented Rosie Armstrong and Dewey Topping of Belhaven represented Stanley.

Stanley Armstrong, charged with letting his stock run at large, was tried first. He pleaded not guilty. The court found him guilty and sentenced him to 30 days on the road suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs. The fine was suspended upon the condition that he not allow his stock to run at large.

Rosie Armstrong was charged with trespassing on his brother's land by plowing up some 50 or 75 cabbage plants. This came out of a dispute over a small portion of the land, amounting to about one half acre, row a short ways down a field. Judge Fisher dismissed the case saying, "It is one of the silliest cases I have ever seen."

Counsel for both sides showed in their arguments that the whole thing was the result of ill will among the brothers who are neighbors, but are not on speaking terms.

Another series of cases similar to the Armstrong cases came up in the morning session. They did not involve relatives. These were the cases against Will Williams, Isaac Cuthrell, and R. G. Cuthrell and Clifton Watson.

There were three charges against Will Williams for letting his cattle run at large. He was tried in one case and the other two were not pressed. A plea of not guilty was entered in that one. Dewey Topping was counsel for the defendant. The court found Mr. Williams guilty in the case and sentenced him to 30 days on the roads suspended upon payment of a \$10 fine and costs. The fine was suspended on condition that he not let his stock run off his lands.

The same charges were brought against Isaac Cuthrell. He pleaded guilty in one case and the other two were not pressed. He was given a sentence of 30 days on the roads suspended upon payment of cost and a \$10 fine. The fine was suspended on condition that he not let his stock run off his lands for 6 months.

Clifton Watson and R. G. Cuthrell were found not guilty of trespassing on Will Williams' land. This case came as a result of the trouble over Mr. Williams' cattle getting in the Cuthrell field, and a visit made to Mr. Williams' home in regards to damages that they claim resulted. Clay Carter represented the defendant.

Other cases tried by the court Monday were:

Bennie Blount, Swan Quarter, colored, speeding, \$15 fine and cost.

James Green, Belhaven, colored, speeding, 30 days suspended upon (Please turn to page two)

## HYDE BOYS WITH DIVISION WINNING PRES. CITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Carawan of Swan Quarter in a recent letter from their son, Herman, learned that the unit with which he is serving in the Pacific, known as the Miracle Division, has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its outstanding work on Guadalcanal. Two other Hyde county boys, Geo. Thos. Gibbs of Middletown and Alvine Armstrong of Fairfield are serving with this outfit.

## GARDENS

A national poll shows that few people are planning a Victory Gardens this year. Uncle Sam says that at least 10 per cent more gardens are needed than last year, a total of 22 millions in the U. S.

Quartz crystals suitable for electrical instruments have been recently found in Colombia; how extensively is not yet known.

## HYDE DEMOCRATS FOUND SENTIMENT FAVORING CHERRY

Hyde county Democrats who attended the State Democratic convention in Raleigh last week report that they found the sentiment at the meeting overwhelming in favor of Maj. R. Gregg Cherry, for governor. According to some of the Demos heard around the courthouse since their return, the convention halls roared with applause when Major Cherry appeared at the meeting while only a few—less than 20 they say—welcomed Dr. McDonald the other leading candidate.

Since those attending the convention were leaders of the Democratic party from every county in the State, Hyde county supporters of Major Cherry are pointing out the favor with which the party holds their candidate.

Democrats attending from Hyde county included C. L. Bell and B. Solon Gibbs of Swan Quarter and J. H. Jarvis and P. D. Midgette of Engelhard.

## HYDE POLITICS WARMING UP AS PRIMARY NEARS

### Chief Interest Center's On Race For Governor; Many Cherry Stickers

Politics are warming up in Hyde county, but enthusiasm will not reach the peak of primaries in years of peace. The principal interests of the man on the street is the war and the coming invasion of Nazi Germany from the West.

But the activities of the politicians increase day by day as the primary nears. This will be the case until May 27th, and despite the war there will be a sizable vote cast. At least that is the opinion of many political observers in the county.

The principal interests of the public is the gubernatorial race in which Major R. Gregg Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald are the principal candidates. There is also much interest in the race for representative in which the energetic, likable and well-learned P. D. Midgette of Engelhard and lawyer Clifton Bell of Swan Quarter are running.

If windshield stickers and placards are an indication of sentiment, Major Gregg Cherry's supporters are increasing in Hyde county where he has built up much sentiment for his election by showing sympathies for the section's needs in roads and bridges, and his pledges to help returning servicemen. His platform has been well received.

The followers of Dr. Ralph McDonald are active and are expected to make a determined fight. Some of the merchants are especially interested in the campaign for Mr. McDonald because of his promise to repeal the sales taxes, a phase of his platform that many farmers do not like because, they say, it will put more tax burden on them and take it off of those who should pay some part of backing the government.

Little interest has been observed in the race for the seat in the U. S. Senate in which ex-Governor Clyde Hoey and ex-Governor Cameron Morrison are the leading candidates. Some support has been indicated for both sides, but Hoey has appointed a county manager and is organizing a strong campaign.

## ENJOYS VISIT WITH DAUGHTER IN DARE

Sill D. Gibbs of Engelhard, the old man who catches the big oysters in Far Creek and sells them at the bridge near Tony Spencer's store in Engelhard enjoyed a two-day visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Toler and family at Skveo, Dare county, this week. Mr. Gibbs has relatives living along the coast from North Carolina to New York and he enjoys the opportunity of visiting them.

The Tolan's are widely known in Dare county. Mr. Toler, who who used to go to sea has been sick for a number of years with a strange malady he contracted in India. He and Mrs. Toler have a small son.

Mr. Gibbs carried a quart of the big oysters he catches for his daughter's family.

## FRED A. MASON IS NOW STATIONED IN NEW GUINEA

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mason of Swan Quarter have received word of their son's safe arrival in New Guinea. Mason is serving with the Army ground forces.

## PLEDGE

Remember the home front pledge; I will pay no more than ceiling prices; I will pay my ration points in full.

## FAIRFIELD CLUBS SPONSORING YOUTH PROGRAM

### Entertainment Will Be Planned For Young People Every Two Weeks

The Home club and Woman's club at Fairfield are sponsoring a summer recreational program for the youth of that community. The activities, which begin Friday evening, May 19, is one of the most worthy projects undertaken by any group or groups in Hyde county this year.

The program, which will be directed by a joint committee representing both clubs, will be held every two weeks. The committee is composed of Mesdames R. F. Baynes, J. L. Blake, Henry Jones, E. N. Murray and Miss Iberia Roach.

Quarters for the program have been obtained in the Henry Jones store building. Mr. Jones is giving the use of the building to the group, with lights, free of charge, which shows a great community spirit on his part and is believed to represent the sentiment for the project by Fairfield citizens.

The program is intended to give some amusement for the young people and offer them an opportunity for closer fellowship. It is directed at creating more community interest.

The first program will be held Friday evening, May 19. Young people from the eighth grade up will be invited and a surprise is said to be in store for them. The program will be under the direction of Mesdames Mildred Guthrie and J. L. Blake and Miss Iberia Roach.

Efforts are being made to get a piano or a victrola. There will be hot dog roasts and watermelon slicing later in the season.

## ROBERTS IS AWARD WINNER FAIRFIELD

### Reader's Digest Award Goes To Boy For Successful School Work

G. L. Roberts, Jr., valedictorian of the graduating class at Fairfield high school, has been given the Seventh Annual Award of the Reader's Digest association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community, it was announced today by Mrs. Ellen C. Watson, principal. G. L. Roberts, Jr., received an honorary subscription to the Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the editors, "In recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of achievement to come," at Fairfield high school commencement held Thursday night, May 4.

Since 1937 the Reader's Digest association has presented these awards yearly in senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class. The awards are part of the educational program sponsored by the association and were a logical outgrowth of the wide use of the Reader's Digest in school work. With the collaboration of leading educators, a special edition of the magazine containing reading improvement guides and study helps, is made available to schools and colleges as a supplementary textbook in English and social science courses.

The award to G. L. Roberts, Jr., who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roberts of Fairfield, was made possible through the cooperation of Mrs. Ellen C. Watson and her teaching staff. They selected Mr. Roberts to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

## PLEASANT GROVE HOME CLUB OFF TO GOOD START

The Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration club held its second meeting Monday afternoon, May 8, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Berry. There were four new members. They were Mesdames Leslie Lewis, Allen Williams, C. B. Williams and Metra Gibbs.

The meeting was opened by singing, "America the Beautiful." This was followed by the club collecting in union.

The president, Mrs. Lonie T. Gibbs appointed the following leaders: Mrs. Matra Gibbs, garden; Mrs. William Mooney, poultry; and Mrs. Clyde Berry, defense. Miss Iberia Roach, county home agent, reports that the club is anxious to do some Red Cross sewing.

The demonstration, which was presented by the home agent, was "Laundering and Laundry Short-cuts."

## REV. J. T. LENNON GIVES UP BAPTIST FIELD TO STUDY

Rev. J. T. Lennon of Swan Quarter has left the Hyde county field of Baptist churches to go to the Baptist Seminary in Memphis, Tenn. He left last week for Raleigh where he will spend a short time before going to school.

The youthful Rev. Lennon had built up a host of friends in Hyde county. These, along with his large church membership, expressed regret in losing him, but a desire to see him study so that he might become more useful in his work and as a citizen.

Rev. Lennon, who was a member of the Engelhard Rotary club, attended the Pinehurst Rotary conference on his way to school. He went as the club's official representative. The Rev. Lennon had been elected secretary of the club to serve during the next year, beginning July 1.

## MERIT AWARDS GIVEN 24 HYDE FSA BORROWERS

### Program Held At Swan Quarter Honoring Outstanding Producers

Merit certificates were awarded to some 24 FSA clients at a meeting in the Agricultural building in Swan Quarter last Wednesday evening. The certificates were given for outstanding production of food and feed in 1943.

There were a number of speakers on the program including J. C. Bishop of Scranton, FSA committeeman and Joe E. Hull, district FSA supervisor. Mr. Bishop spoke on "The Part FSA Plays in the Community" and Mr. Hull spoke on "The Farm Security and the War Effort." The speakers were introduced by F. V. Harris, county FSA supervisor.

It was revealed at the meeting that the 24 borrowers winning awards had produced in 1943, 16,240 bushels of corn; 7,959 bushels of beans; raised 4,755 chickens; put 33,200 dozen eggs on the market; and cazen 5,955 quarts of food.

Those receiving the Merit Awards were Simev Brickhouse, Pud Brinn, Claud Cahoon, I. Emmett Carawan, Staten R. Clayton, Henry D. Cuthrell, D. S. Daniels, B. Solon Gibbs, Bennie R. Gibbs, Cecil B. Gibbs, Clay Gibbs, Thad B. Gibbs, Thos. C. Gibbs, Robbie M. Harris, Jim C. Nixon, Herbert L. Sadler, J. Thaxton Selby, Gratz Spencer, Herbert A. Spencer, Melvin Swindell and Everett Middyett. Colored families getting the awards were Walter Burrus, Selvester Mackey and Leslie Gibbs.

Refreshments, which were prepared by Madeline E. Smith, associate FSA supervisor with the assistance of Messrs. Reuben W. Berry, Emmett Carawan and Simev Brickhouse, were served at the meeting.

## FUNERAL HELD FOR RAIL VICTIM SATURDAY

Funeral services for Henry N. Roper, 73, native of Hyde county, were held at St. Thomas Episcopal church, Bath, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the Rev. A. C. D. Noe officiating. Interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Roper was killed in a railroad accident at Morrosion, Va., last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Born and raised near Middletown, Mr. Roper had lived for many years at Bath, and was postmaster there for a number of years. He was a member of the Episcopal church and an active member of St. Thomas' church while he lived in Bath. Mr. Roper had been in failing health in recent months and for the past six months he and Mrs. Roper had lived with their children in Newport News, Va.

Surviving are his widow, who was the former Nancy Brooks; and one daughter, Mrs. Cleo Reynolds of Newport News; four sons, Jack R. Roper of Greenville, Henry N. Roper, Jr., of Newport News, Va.; First Lieutenant Bernard Roper with the armed forces in Panama, and Ensign Randolph Roper with the Navy. Two sisters, Miss Mattie Roper and Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer of Ransomville and two brothers, Reuben C. and Lon W. Roper, also of Ransomville.

## HONEST FARMERS

Honest farmers do not use non-highway gas for other purposes. Honest distributors do not make false claims in an effort to obtain additional supplies. Honest motorists do not patronize the black market.

Some silkworms spin red or yellow thread.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD AT FAIRFIELD

### Six Graduated In Impressive Program Held Thursday Night

The commencement exercises for the Fairfield high school graduating class were held last Thursday night, May 4, in the school auditorium. A student program on the theme "Our American Way," which was written by the class was presented.

The scene was a garden at the foot of the rainbow. A beautiful illuminated rainbow made of crepe paper formed the background of the stage. Pines and fringe bush lined the sides of the garden. The prophecy was read from a rock edged pool along the borders of which grew red and purple verbenas and hanging above this bush was the class motto "Not Evening But Dawn," made of American Beauty Roses, the class flower. Class mascot, William Doughtie sang a song dedicated to the seniors.

The following program was presented.

Part 1. G. L. Roberts, presiding. "Our American Way" by Garland Berry; "Our Motto" by Marcelline Smith; "Our Heritage" by Caroline Blake; Prophecy by Rufus Cuthrell; Gifts by Elvira Hudson; Last Will and Testament by Elvira Hudson; "Our Part for Victory and Our Future" by G. L. Roberts; and God Bless America by audience.

Part 2. Marcelline Smith, presiding. Professional, "Follow The Gleam" by Mrs. M. Guthrie; Invocation by Marcelline Smith; Citizenship Awards by Mr. P. C. Simmons; Perfect Attendance by Mr. G. M. Cuthrell; Awards and Diplomas by Mr. N. W. Shelton; Recessional, "Follow the Gleam," by Mildred Guthrie.

The P. T. A. citizenship awards were presented to Miss Marcelline Smith for high school and Dorothy Nixon for elementary school. The awards for "School Spirit" presented by the senior class was received by Alice Reid Berry and Edward Baum. Spelling headmarks awards were received by Alla Smith, Tommy Jones and Barbara Jones. Grade scholarship awards were received by Imogene Balance and Jean Cuthrell.

Members of the graduating class were Carolyn Blake, Garland Berry, Rufus Cuthrell, Elvira Hudson, G. L. Roberts, and Marcelline Smith.

## ENGELHAD SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAMS

The Engelhard high school is scheduled to close Wednesday, May 24th it is announced this week by Mrs. Mary E. Brown, principal. The diplomas will be awarded at a program, Wednesday evening, May 17th.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday evening, May 14th by the Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr., Episcopal minister from Plymouth. The service will be held in the school auditorium.

On Wednesday night, May 17th the commencement exercises will be held. The title of the program will be "A Southern Rosary," which is a play with a setting in the Old South.

Mrs. Brown said that all patrons and friends of the Engelhard school are cordially invited to attend these exercises that mark the twenty first graduation.

## PATROLMAN WHITFIELD BACK FROM FAYETTEVILLE

Patrolman Carl Whitfield returned Sunday from Fayetteville where he has been taking special training in highway patrol work. Patrolman Whitfield had been away for the preceding two weeks.

## ATTEND CONFERENCE FROM SWAN QUARTER

Rev. C. W. Guthrie and D. L. Berry of Swan Quarter and A. L. Cuthrell of Fairfield attended the district conference of the Methodist church in New Hope, Perquimans county Friday. Rev. Guthrie is pastor of the Swan Quarter-Fairfield charge and D. L. Berry is Charge Lay leader.

## BERRY ATTENDS FUNERAL DIRECTORS CONVENTION

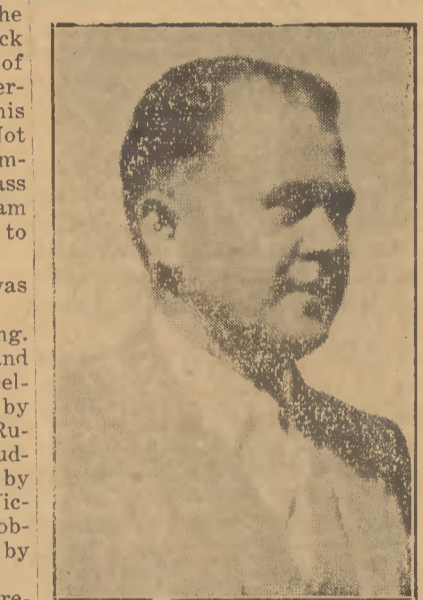
D. L. Berry of Swan Quarter attended the State Convention of Funeral directors in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Berry is Hyde County's only funeral director and operates the Berry Funeral Home in Swan Quarter.

Frozen fruits and vegetables kept for seven years in a university of California freezing room were found when recently opened to be well preserved and palatable.

## GREGG CHERRY LEARNED LIFE IN THE RAW FROM FARM TO BATTLE FIELDS

### Orphaned At Age Of Seven, His Early Education Began In One Room School; Step By Step He Held Many Offices And Places of Distinction And Served The Front In The World War Of 1918.

## ATTENDS STATE BANKERS' MEETING



M. A. MATTHEWS, cashier of the Engelhard Banking and Trust Company, with offices at Engelhard, Swan Quarter and Columbia, attended the meeting of the North Carolina Bankers' association in Raleigh last Friday. Mr. Matthews went to Pinehurst from Raleigh where he attended the district meeting of Rotarians. He is president of the Columbia Rotary club.

## HYDE 4-HERS COMPETING FOR \$25 WAR BOND

### Member Producing Most Food Will Get Prize; Other Club News

A \$25 War Bond will go to the Hyde County 4-H club boy or girl who produces the most food in their club project this year it is announced by 4-H leaders. The Bond will be given this year. It is announced by 4-H leaders. The Bond will be given by the North Carolina Bankers' association.

Plans are underway for a 4-H church program during June. The program was scheduled for May, but most farm youths are so busy now with studies and home work that they do not have a great deal of time for such activities.

The religious programs will be held under the directions of pastors in the county. The Rev. J. T. Brown of Engelhard, Christian minister, will have charge of the Fairfield program; the Rev. F. D. Davis of Lake Landing, Methodist minister, will have charge of the Engelhard program, and the Rev. C. W. Guthrie of Swan Quarter, Methodist minister will have charge of the Sladesville program.

J. P. Woodard and Miss Iberia Roach who head the 4-H work in Hyde county stated this week that meetings of the Hyde county clubs would be held every two weeks during the summer months. They will hold one meeting and the next one will be held by the community 4-H leader.

Mrs. T. J. Etheridge is the leader at Engelhard and Mrs. Franklin Midgett heads the work at Fairfield. There is no leader at Sladesville, but Mr. Woodard and Miss Roach hope to get someone soon.

The Fairfield club met last Thursday morning; the Sladesville club Friday morning; and Engelhard club Tuesday morning. The subject studied by the girls was "It's Wash Day" and the boys studied "Spraying for insects."

## MORE SHEEP TO ARRIVE JUNE FIRST

J. W. Thompson, Wyoming sheep dealer, has informed Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott that the first 1944 shipment of Wyoming-bred yearling ewes should arrive in North Carolina around June 1. Scott said the first load would go to North Wilkesboro. He said the ewes this year should cost the farmer \$13 per head, as compared with \$14.50 each for ewes imported last year.

Vanilla, used for food flavoring, comes from the bean of a tall climbing orchid.

What about this man Gregg Cherry who is making such a race for Governor of North Carolina, and who is sweeping the state with gathering popularity? For the information of our readers, we have gathered a pretty complete story of his life. Orphaned at the age of seven, he climbed step by step until at the age of 27 he was a machine gun captain helping to break the Hindenburg line.

The story of his life is told by his neighbor, Stewart Atkins, editor of the Gastonia Gazette.

He was born on October 17, 1891, the son of C. L. Cherry and Harriett E. Davis Cherry. His birth took place across the line in S. Carolina, but his mother died at his birth, and when he was an infant Robert Gregg (in later years he was to become known as Gregg, the Robert, seldom, if ever, being used, was brought to the home of his grandparents, Isaac Newton Davis and Amanda Wilson Davis, of Gastonia.

In 1898 his father died and he was thus an orphan at the age of seven.

His father—as did the son—took up arms as a soldier when the occasion arose. The elder Cherry was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served the Confederate Army.

Young Gregg's early schooling was very much that of the average boy of that period in North Carolina. When he became of school age there were no public schools in Gastonia. He therefore went to Oakland Institute, a school operated in Gastonia by Professor J. H. Senark (still a leading citizen of Gastonia.)

Within a very short time, however, the public school system of Gastonia was established and the orphaned young boy, who was being raised by his grandparents, transferred to public school. Compared to the modern units of North Carolina's present day state-supported school system (to the improvement of which Gregg Cherry has since contributed much through his work and influence as a legislator) the schools of those days were somewhat crude affairs. Several grades were taught in one room by one teacher. But, with all their drawbacks as compared with modern educational techniques, the schools of that earlier period succeeded in giving their pupils a very thorough foundation in the essentials and a complete schooling in American democratic traditions. He graduated from Gastonia high school in the late spring of 1908.

His uncle owned a farm on the outskirts of Gastonia, known locally as the "Old Bradley place." After school and on Saturdays during his high school days, young Gregg Cherry worked on the farm. He had at an early age the experience of ploughing, milking, picking cotton, feeding livestock, and performing the hundred and one other chores existent on a farm. His work on the farm continued during summer vacations, even after he had completed high school and gone away to college.

Worked Way Through College. In September, 1908, he entered Trinity College (now Duke University) where the young college student found it necessary to continue work to defray his college expenses. The work was no longer farm work except during the summer vacations.

He waited on table at "The Inn," a college boarding house. He ran a campus clothing agency, selling the latest college clothing in campus styles of that day to his classmates on a commission basis. He was a monitor in one of the buildings, in which capacity he was responsible for keeping the building, keeping check on the janitors and performing other duties.

Besides keeping up his studies and carrying on the work necessary to keep him in college from an economic standpoint, Gregg Cherry found time also to participate in athletics. He was a stellar center on the Trinity College basketball team. He was an opponent to be remembered. He

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