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## BISHOP HEARING IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD TUESDAY

### Coroner's Jury To Hear Facts in Case of Death of Leechville Widow July 13

A coroner's hearing at Belhaven, in the death of Mrs. Fanny Williams Bishop of Leechville, is expected to be held about Tuesday of next week, now that information and facts are at hand, Deputy Sheriff Floyd Lupton said today. The exact date of the hearing has not been fixed, but further announcement will be made.

The case has aroused great interest throughout the area. Mrs. Bishop was found by Deputy Lupton in the early Sunday morning hours, shortly after midnight, with eight bullet wounds. She died Sunday forenoon without regaining consciousness.

Charlie Lewis, who lived in a trailer in Mrs. Bishop's back yard, is being held under \$1,000 bond as a material witness. His bondsmen are Chester Sawyer of Belhaven, and Postmaster Hal Harris of Leechville.

There has been much wild speculation about the case, and the general opinion now appears that the widow was murdered. The reason for the delay in holding an inquest was to get in all laboratory reports as well as other facts bearing on the case, Mr. Lupton stated.

## BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER PREACHES; ENGELHARD

Bishop Paul Neff Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond area of the Methodist Church, preached at Engelhard Sunday, August 24, to a large congregation assembled for the morning worship hour.

Bishop and Mrs. Garber, who have been vacationing at Bayview for a few days motored down to Engelhard for the worship service and took the pastor, William O. Connor and the congregation by surprise. Rev. Connor prevailed upon the Bishop to bring a message to the congregation. His text was taken from Luke 4:18-19, and with it he was able to color his sermon with much of his experiences in Central Europe and North Africa while he was Bishop of the poverty-stricken conditions of many of the countries, such as Poland and Czechoslovakia in Europe and the difficulty the Christians are having in North Africa. The pastor feels that the congregation was greatly inspired by the Bishop's message and his and Mrs. Garber's presence.

Bishop Garber was Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University before his elevation to the bishopric in 1944. He served in Europe from then until his return to this country in the fall of 1950. He was appointed to serve as Bishop of the Richmond area during the illness of Bishop W. W. Peele. The North Carolina Conference at their session in Wilmington last November were unanimous in their overtures to the Jurisdictional Conference which was held this June at Raenoke, Va., that Bishop Garber be sent back to the Richmond Area for the next Quadrennium. Bishop Peele retired this summer from active duty with the church.

Bishop and Mrs. Garber and children were dinner guests of Mrs. Florence Gaskill and daughter, Mrs. Mildred Guthrie.

## SURPRISING HOW MANY ARE OUT OF TOWN

Tuesday morning was a lovely day in Belhaven, and maybe it had something to do with the depopulation of the part of many, of their places of business. By personal visits and phone calls, it was learned that the following had turned things over to the help for the day, or closed up altogether:

Charles Midgett of Radio and Electric Supply was closed up and gone to a Maytag service school in Rocky Mount. Eugene Snell, Frigidaire dealer, was getting ready to pull out for a business trip to Wilson. Fred Voliva had left his hardware store to the boys and gone to Nags Head with a truck load of folks to take in the Lost Colony. Prentice O'Neal was still vacationing at Hatteras. Hersey Dilday, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was in Raleigh. Axson Smith was in Rocky Mount. Clyde Burgess was out of town, and a call to Pantego developed that Mrs. Miriam Topping hadn't returned from a week end at Nags Head.

## TROUBLE, TROUBLE, FOLLOWS PANTEGO MAN

### Tragedy Really Overtakes This Man With Great Losses In Quick Succession

A string of misfortunes have really overtaken Harold Spencer of Pantego. The last one was last Wednesday night when his tobacco barn burned. It was not insured, and 160 sticks of tobacco worth \$900 was lost.

On July 21 his young son, Clyde Bonner Spencer, 9, died by drowning in the Rivershore at Belhaven.

Before then, Mr. Spencer lost three cows, taken sick from ladino clover pasture during the dry season.

Sickness got out in his hogs, and 80 of them died about that time.

The fire which destroyed the tobacco barn was discovered by John Gibbs of Ponzer who turned in the alarm. The Belhaven Fire Department immediately rushed to the scene, and while unable to save the barn, prevented spread of the fire to a nearby pack house.

## PUBLIC INVITED TO SOULE CHURCH SUNDAY

The general public is invited to join with Soule Methodist Church ten miles northeast of Swan Quarter Sunday, August 31, in a good fellowship and picnic dinner meeting, at which time the gift of the new Hammond organ recently donated by Sam Jones of Norfolk will be publicly acknowledged. Melvin M. Swindell said today.

Mr. Jones will be one of the guests.

## FIELD MEETING SEPT. 9 AT RHONDA RICKS' FARM

W. L. McGahey, Beaufort County agent for State College Extension Service, advised today that a field meeting will be held Tuesday morning, September 9, at 9:30 o'clock on Rhonda Ricks' farm near Bishop's Cross Roads, about 2 miles northwest of Pantego.

"The purpose of this field meeting," stated the county agent, "is for interested soybean growers in the county to observe the growth, fruiting habit, disease resistance and maturity dates of the twelve varieties planted in the soybean variety yield test demonstration that is being conducted on Mr. Ricks' farm."

"As of date," says the agent, "the twelve varieties planted have a very uniform stand and growth." It is an outstanding soybean variety demonstration. Five of the plots planted are beans under experimental numbers, and showing very good promise of being released as recommended varieties to plant in the near future. The other seven varieties planted are the most popular varieties with different maturity dates, growing habit, and disease resistance.

J. C. Wells, Extension Plan Pathology Specialist, State College, will be present, and will discuss briefly each of the varieties as to yield, disease resistance and maturity dates.

Since this variety demonstration is so outstanding the agent is anxious for all soybean growers that possibly can to attend this meeting.

## MYF WILL SERVE SHRIMP SUPPER; WATSON'S CHAPEL

The MYF of Watson's Chapel will serve a shrimp supper in the Watson's Chapel community building on Friday, August 29, from five until nine o'clock. The public is invited to attend. A nominal charge will be made for the supper, and the proceeds will go toward completing the church.

## STANFORD WHITE SPEAKER FOR GUM NECK RURITANS

The Ruritan Club of Gum Neck which has about 20 members, enjoyed an exceptionally good regular meeting Wednesday night at the schoolhouse. A buffet dinner was served. President Herman Cochran called on several members of the club for remarks and a special guest of the evening was Lieutenant Governor W. Stanford White of Manns Harbor who spoke to the club on the ideals of Ruritan.

## WARREN HARRIS TAKES OVE FAIRFIELD PICTURE SHOW

Warren S. Harris, operator of the Skeeet Theatre at Engelhard, will take over the management of the Mooney Theatre at Fairfield on August 31. The show has been operated under owner management since its construction last year. Mr. Harris has leased the Engelhard Theatre for six years and prior to his service during World War II was employed in the show by the owner, Mrs. Kate Makiely. He now will have two shows to manage.

## CHAIRMAN SIX-COUNTY BRIDGE COMMITTEE



DR. W. T. RALPH, Mayor of Belhaven, was named chairman of committee of ten from six eastern counties to seek the bridging of Alligator River and Croatan Sound, when 25 people from these counties met at Columbia Tuesday. The meeting was called by C. Wallace Tatem of Columbia, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, and was attended by members of his executive committee and of the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association. Appointed on this committee were the following: Beaufort County, Dr. Ralph of Belhaven and Mrs. Scott Topping of Pantego; P. D. Midgett and Leon O'Neal of Hyde; W. J. White and Floyd E. Cohoon of Tyrrell; L. L. Swain and D. V. Meekins of Dare; Washington County; W. J. Woolard and Wade Harrison; Martin County; Hugh Horton and H. L. Swain. This committee was charged with task of pursuing methods to get bridges built by the State of North Carolina.

## GARY BRAGG PROPERTY SOLD TO W. T. BOOS

### "Teach's Castle" Site Also Changes Hands; Bought By Norfolk Man

The Gary Bragg property at Ocracoke, known in years past as Cedar Grove Inn, was sold recently to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boos of Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Boos have been summer visitors to Wahab Village Hotel for several years and their purchase of the Bragg home is a satisfaction to them and to their friends at Ocracoke. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg plan to move into a smaller home on property nearby owned by them. Capt. Bragg, now well over eighty, was for years one of Ocracoke's famous fishing and hunting guides and Cedar Grove Inn was a favorite tourist place. Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Bragg gave up the Inn business, and Capt. Bragg operated a fish house on Silver Lake. He continues ownership of the fishhouse, which is now managed by Owen Gaskill. Mr. and Mrs. Boos will close their new Ocracoke home for the winter months, with plans to open it early next summer.

Another recent land purchase on the Island was that of the Old Dominion Steamship and Pamlico Oyster property by Sam Jones of Norfolk, both tracts adjoining the land already owned by him, known as "Springer's Point" or "Teach's Castle," it being the legendary hide-out of the famous pirate Blackbeard, Edward Teach.

## RIOT OF COLOR DEPARTS TIDELAND TRAIL ROADSIDE

Some weeks ago, a riot of autumn coloring appeared in sharp contrast to the lush summer greenery on the east side of U. S. 264 in Hyde and Dare Counties down Stumpy Point way. Motorists were puzzled at these deep hues of brown and red in mid-summer mixed up with the green reeds, and they appeared nowhere but under the wires of the Pamlico Power & Light Co.

The cause for the dying leaves was a sprinkling of chemicals by the power company with a view to killing the growth on their right of way, which otherwise would have to be cut down at much expense, by hand labor.

But the trees didn't die. Now they are leaved out again with new green. The chemicals were ineffectual.

## FORMER PASTOR OF HYDE BAPTISTS MOVES TO GATES

Rev. Oscar Edmonds, former pastor of Hyde County Baptist Churches, has moved into the Baptist parsonage at Gates, and his first appearance will be at Reynolds Church, Sunday, August 31. He has served nearly two years at Swan Quarter and vicinity and formerly served Madison County churches.

## UPWARD TREND IN ALL SECTIONS OF TYRRELL COUNTY

### Farm Crops and Tourists Both Help to Increase Prosperity of People

A new spirit and a new look is manifest all through Tyrrell County these days. Even in remote Kilkenny which has so long been so far out of its own county it has to get its mail from Hyde, and then only three times the week, is found a new air of prosperity and progress. Even Kilkenny has electric power, which has been extended all over Tyrrell County.

Gum Neck, the largest community, now lacks only telephone service to bring it all modern advantages. The improvements throughout the county are reflected in Columbia, the county seat, where new homes are constantly being built, and improvements made to business facilities. Columbia for some years has had the only post office in the county.

Fortunately for Tyrrell County this summer is its low altitude so its crops did not suffer unduly from the drought, and a bumper harvest is in prospect. Both Irish and sweet potatoes have been proving profitable all through the seasons. Sheriff B. Ray Cahoon says one of his friends reported a sweet potato crop now being marketed, which has yielded a profit of about \$1,000 from a single acre. It would be "quite a hog" who would demand more bounty from his soil.

More and more, preparations go on for tourists and sportsmen trade. Although Tyrrell County interests and Columbia, along U. S. 64, have suffered greatly because of the badly arranged ferry schedules which discourages much travel, everyone lives in hopes of better days. Because the ferry now leaving Tyrrell County is not properly timed to put the motorist across Alligator See TREND, Page Four

## TELEPHONE CO-OP EFFORT FINDS MANY OBSTACLES

Many obstacles, concerning jurisdiction with the Carolina Telephone Co.'s territory, and other problems to be overcome, is the cause of delays in progress of a survey on behalf of a Tri-county telephone co-op now underway. Some 450 proposed customers in Hyde, Beaufort and Washington counties in territory which the Carolina Telephone Company is not serving, are seeking to establish the project.

William Bulluck of Belhaven outlined the situation Tuesday night for the information of the Belhaven Rotary Club.

Guests of the club were W. F. Garner and John Cain of Greenville.

## COASTLAND NEWSPAPERS TO GIVE \$115 IN PRIZES TO WRITERS OF LETTERS ABOUT OUR SERVICE MEN

### Our Subscribers Will Be Given A Chance to Win a Prize as Well as to Render a Great Community Service

Our readers want to know about the men of our coastland who are serving their country in Korea or in Europe. This newspaper is going to make it possible to get more articles about these boys who are away from home. Readers of this newspaper who live in Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or eastern Beaufort, will be given a chance to win the \$115 in prizes to be paid out as follows: For the best letter of about 500 words or more, \$50; second best, \$25; third best \$10; and for fourth prize, three cash prizes of \$5 each. For the fifth prize, there will be six \$2.50 annual subscriptions, whereby six people will get a free year's reading of this, their home newspaper.

The letters or articles must be written by a service man himself, who is serving in Europe, or Asia, or adjacent country; or by some member of his family or friends residing in the above named counties and which friends or relative is a regular subscriber of this newspaper.

Our purpose in seeking these letters or articles is not merely to get a pointless letter with the bare fact that this or that person is in service. Our purpose is to show one or more of the following phases:

1. The ideals for which this service is being rendered our Nation, and the causes which are being defended and the rights that are being protected

## SCHOOL OPENS ON AUGUST 27 IN BELHAVEN

### Approximately 550 Students; Three New Courses

Approximately 550 students assembled in the high school auditorium, Wednesday morning, August 27 at 9:30 for the opening of the Belhaven school. A devotional program was presented by Rev. George Downey, pastor of the First Christian Church, after which W. E. Tilson, principal of the school made a short talk outlining plans for the school year. Students then went to their respective classrooms where attendance was checked, fees were collected and instructions given. School was dismissed at noon.

High school home room teachers for the coming year are 12th grade, Mrs. J. W. Lloyd, 11th grade, Howard Chapin, 10th grade, Mrs. Russell Johnston, 9th grades, Mrs. Elbert Midyette, and Albert J. Williams.

Three new courses have been added to the high school curriculum—Civics, Physics and a course in Family Relations.

School this year will begin at 8:35 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Lunch period for elementary students will be from 11:30 to 12:30 and for high school students from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The high school activity period and chapel period will be from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30.

Mrs. Katherine Foreman will have charge of the glee club.

In charge of the lunchroom this year will be Mrs. Ray Warren and Mrs. Magelene Brinn. Lunches are priced the same as last year—20¢.

Miss Joan Bowden is school secretary.

This year the school will again carry the accident insurance for school children.

## BELHAVEN MAN'S BOAT SOLD TO NORFOLK MEN

What is said to be the last of her type registered in North Carolina, has been sold to a Norfolk man and will be used for pleasure and commercial purposes.

She is the Sadie Frances, until last week owned by George W. Clark of Belhaven. She was sold to Ira Cheney, of 1222 West 27th Street, Norfolk, and he says he plans to have her fitted up so she can take fishing parties to deep water.

The craft is sloop rigged and is of 15 gross tons. She was built at Washington, N. C., in 1936 and has spent most of her service years on the waters of the North Carolina sounds. She has been a familiar part of the Belhaven scenery and the N. C. oyster industry for 16 years.

## LAST SUMMER DANCE AT OCRACOKE FRIDAY

### Sponsored by School Students; Teachers Announced

Last dance of the summer vacation season will be sponsored on Friday night at the school recreation hall in Ocracoke by the Junior-Senior classes. A special entertaining feature will be a one-act play, "Henry's Mail Order Wife," co-starring Calvin O'Neal as Henry and Larry Williams as the "mail order wife", with Miss Blanche Howard, Lou Elle Spencer, and Danny Garrish playing supporting roles, and Marvin Howard taking the part of the preacher. Through sponsorship of the weekly Friday night dances the school group has raised a considerable amount of money toward a proposed trip to Washington, D. C. A good many summer tourists have enjoyed the dance occasions. The one-act farce, full of hilarity and humor, promises to give the cast a good outlet for dramatic talent.

Ocracoke School will open on Thursday, September 4th, with Theodore Ronthaler continuing as principal, and on the teaching staff Mrs. Theodore Ronthaler, Mrs. Selma W. Spencer, Miss Nora Edmondson, and Miss Marie Hodges.

## MILLIONS OF FISH ADDED LAKE MATTAMUSKEET

### Restocking of Famed Fishing Area Has Been Big Project In The Past Three Years

According to Refuge Manager Willie G. Cahoon, since the year 1949 to date there has been 1,244,402 large mouth bass fingerlings, 160,000 small blue gill broom and 680,000 Rockfish fry released into Lake Mattamuskeet. The Bass and Bream were transported from Federal hatcheries by refuge personnel. The Rockfish fry were received through cooperation of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Cahoon also reports that a rough fish removal program is being carried on at the lake with a total of 1,787,277 pounds removed from 1948-1952.

The removal of the non-game fish, coupled with the restocking of the game species, has created better sport fishing.

Due to the clarity of the lake waters, brought on by the reduction of the rough fish population, it is expected the reproduction of Bass and other game fish will bring excellent sport fishing in the near future. It has also improved the growth of natural waterfowl food plants, thereby improving the area for wintering geese, swan and ducks. No artificial feeding of the birds has been done or needed since the year 1936—this is due in part to installing additional drainage canals and proper water level management.

## BOATS FROM 5 STATES IN N. C. MOTH REGATTA

Elizabeth City, N. C.—Entries from Connecticut to Florida are already in for the 16th annual National Moth Boat Championship races to be sailed over the Pasquotank River course here September 5-6-7.

Over 60 entries are expected, said General Chairman Dorr F. Willey, adding that the ranks of college student pilots will be swelled this year due to advancing the date a month. The races have been held in October in the past.

The distinctive moth boat was developed here, and it remains distinctive in that design is flexible. To qualify for the championship races, however, entries must not be over 11 feet long, have only one rudder, and one centerboard, and a mast extending a maximum of 16½ feet from the deck. Boom must not exceed 9½ feet, or sail exceed 15 feet in height.

Early entries include boats from Atlantic City and Margate, N. J., Greenwich and Rouses Point, Conn., Norfolk and Hampton Roads Va., Beaufort and Charleston S. C., and Daytona Beach and Miami, Fla.

## PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Classes for all. You and your children both need the kind of training you will receive in Sunday School. Come—and bring them with you.

Morning worship 11 a.m. Sermon by the pastor—"Why it is impossible for a born-again Christian to lose his salvation." You've heard what man has had to say about this—now come and hear what the Bible teaches.

## FARM BUREAU IN HYDE HOLDS GOOD MEETING MONDAY

### All Effort Planned to Get Deeper Water For Transportation of Grain

Water in one form or another continues the greatest problem before the farmers of Hyde County, and as fast as one form is mastered another rises up for battle. Sometime ago it was drainage, and progressive farmers with a system of canals and pumps have introduced modern methods of keeping the water off their lowlands, adding greater productivity to their rich fields.

Monday night the Farm Bureau of Hyde County met to go to battle with water in another form, and where there is not enough of it. Hyde has to depend on water transportation, since it has no railroad, nor other adequate freight facilities. Only a short distance from the deeper waters, the new grain terminal at Engelhard built by R. L. Gibbs & Co. cannot be reached by the larger boats. The Farm Bureau step by step has been successful in pushing a bill through Congress for deeper water at Engelhard. It plans to continue this battle.

President Ray M. Spencer was well pleased with Monday night's meeting of the Bureau. It brought forth a number of enthusiastic expressions from leading farmers of the communities. It was well attended. Fishermen, oystermen, loggers, joined hands with the farmers to organize for the improvement of Far Creek. Bridges were approved as a means of opening splendid new markets on the Dare County seashore to the farmers of the county. The widening of Highway 264 was deemed necessary to the safe transport of crops toward Washington, D. C. Secretary Melvin Swindell believes the Farm Bureau the most influential and best supported organization in the county, if one may judge by enthusiasm manifested at Monday night's meeting.

## HYDE SCHOOLS OPEN THURSDAY, SEPT. 4th

Opening of Hyde County schools will be next week, Thursday, September 4th, Supt. N. W. Shelton's office said today. By error, an October date was given in last week's paper.

While preparations for school opening goes on, progress is being made on construction of additions to white and colored schools at Engelhard and the white school at Swan Quarter. Contractors are putting in foundations.

## HYDE BOY GRADUATES AT ELON COLLEGE

At the annual summer commencement program of Elon College, held on August 22, Charles L. Burrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burrus of Engelhard, was awarded B. A. degree in Business Administration. Charles finished high school in Engelhard before entering the U.S. Army. On September 2 he will accept a position with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Greensboro.

Graduation exercises were attended by Mrs. Burrus, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burrus of Engelhard and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burrus of Richmond, Va.

## MRS. GREEN 82 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Sallie Green celebrated her 82nd birthday Sunday, August 24, at her home in Pantego with a picnic lunch on her front lawn.

Mrs. Green received many lovely and useful gifts which she opened and displayed.

Approximately forty people composed of children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and one brother paid their respects to Mrs. Green, Sunday.

Those attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roberson, and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Hill of Williamston; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Davenport and children, Mr. and Mrs. Woodley Ambrose and daughter, Glenda, Mrs. Louise Chappell and children Lloyd and Linda, and Mrs. Bertha Phelps of Creswell; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Green and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green and sons, Jimmy, Jr., and Norman of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cannon and son Pres, and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Harris and daughter Jane of Greenville; Miss Sadie Green of Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Woodward and children Billy, Bobby, Sally, and Ellen of Belhaven.