

News and Comment From Raleigh

CAPITAL LETTERS

By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

SHINE—State officials who travel over North Carolina in connection with their various activities studiously avoid the shoe shine boys of Elkin, it is reported, for Elkin's shoe-shiners have the reputation of charging the highest prices in the State.

LIGHT — Most merchants and others of their ilk like for folks to pause at their windows and look over their wares. But there is a jeweler in West Jefferson who has put a sign on his window asking folks not to stand in front of his place—"you get in my light."

CHAIRMAN — You may expect William B. Umstead, of Durham, or Wilkins P. Horton, Pittsboro, to be the next chairman of the State Executive Committee.

REFERENDUM—Although both the candidates, as we promised you, have come out for a Statewide referendum on liquor, nobody is paying much attention to the statements. And unless something unusual happens within the next two or three days, these great utterances should not swing the vote more than two per cent either way.

TAX—Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott received a visitor the other day from the income tax people. They inferred that they did not believe that a big dairyman could make as little on 12 months' operation as he had reported.

INCREASE—Here is something which will be of value to you if you are a farmer; if you will use 250 pounds of nitrate of soda to each acre of corn, you will double your yield. Put it on when the corn is about knee high, and then see if this statement is not correct.

tioner Scott has to pay the accountant.

RADIO—An embarrassing co-incidence happened here on station WRAL one night last week. Gregg Cherry (candidate for governor) was scheduled to talk by electrical transcription over WRAL, which is owned and operated by the Fletchers (Ashe County folks who migrated down here). Cherry was just getting underway pretty well when something went radically wrong with the program.

EXPENSES—This thing of reporting campaign expenses is a joke, say what you will. Each candidate has turned in his account, but it is just one of those things. Those reports don't amount to anything.

The law says the maximum must be \$12,000. The Republicans usually tell it right—\$7-\$24-\$19, etc. But the Democrats—Oh, my. Now McDonald says he spent something over \$4,000; Cherry, approximately \$8,000. Well, of course the layman doesn't have any idea what the cost of running for office is in North Carolina.

And you can put this down in the book as CORRECT: There is one cool million dollars standing waiting for one candidate at a moment's notice—if it is necessary. That's politics in North Carolina, like it or not.

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Library News

MARGARE TJOHNSTON County Librarian



Two new book stations have been opened in the county recently. They are located in the Town of Clyde and in the Francis Cove section.

Citizens of Clyde may now borrow books at the Town Hall where a collection of 75 books have been placed for use in that vicinity. The station is being sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club of Clyde. Mrs. Haynes will help anyone in selecting books and in filling special requests for books.

In the Francis Cove area the Home Demonstration club is sponsoring the station which is located in the home of Miss Marian Boggs.

Any community not already served through book stations may get books by contacting Miss Margaret Johnston at the county library headquarters in Waynesville.

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"Anyone can draw," by Zaudenberg; "Drawing people for fun," Vernam; "Black and White," Brown; "Block cutting and print making by hand," Dobson; "Etchers and Etching," Pannell; "Screen process production," by Hiatt; "How to paint signs and show cards," Matthews.

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Two Chambers Brothers In Service



MR. AND MRS. E. K. CHAMBERS, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, have two sons in the service. They are: Private First Class Guy R. Chambers (left), who is now serving somewhere in England, and Ted H. Chambers, scaman first class, who is now in the South Pacific.

Pulpwood Cutters Are Eligible For Deferment

Pulpwood cutters of 26 or over, regularly engaged in this essential home front occupation, are generally eligible for deferment under the new Selective Service rules recently announced, according to the local Victory Pulp Committee.

Deferment of men from 26 through 29, the committee explained, is authorized if the registrant is "necessarily and regularly engaged in a war activity such as pulpwood cutting. Men of 30 or older, however, may be deferred merely if they are "regularly engaged" in such work.

The new selective service regulations also make provision for reclassification of 4-Fs into 2-A and 2-B provided they are engaged in an "essential" activity such as pulpwood cutting.

Bethel News

(Written for last week)
The Vacation Bible School opened on Monday at the Baptist church. All children from the Intermediate's regardless to preference are urged to attend.

The Bethel Girl Scouts will meet throughout the summer at the home of Mrs. Elwood Shook.

Mrs. Grace Peeke spent this week-end here visiting relatives but returned to Charlotte Monday.

The Bethel Baptist members voted Sunday to rebuild their church, which will start soon.

Being good won't make you happy. Happiness comes from doing good and making others happy.

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A Legionnaire's OPEN LETTER To GREGG CHERRY

May 16, 1944
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Honorable R. Gregg Cherry, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Gregg:

It was my pleasure to serve in France with you in World War I in the 30th Division. Of course, as you know, I was in the 105th Engineers and you were Captain of the 115th Machine Gun Company. I recall as if it was yesterday when we were building concrete machine gun emplacements in "no-man's" land near Ypres, Belgium.

As you remember, this work had to be done at night as we were under observation and range of the German artillery and also machine guns. I remember the many nights while we were at work that you would come out and inspect and advise us in the construction; and also as soon as one emplacement was completed, you and your men would move in. I know that never a night passed but that you visited each and every one of these emplacements, looking to the welfare and comfort of the men who served under you and my comrades who were helping construct these emplacements.

I had the opportunity time after time to talk to the men who served in your command, and I know that they held you in the highest esteem; that they felt that at all times you were looking after their well-being; that no task was too menial, but that you would take hold and help them out and that you had the interest of every man in your command at heart. The test of a good commanding officer is the esteem in which he is held by his men. You oftentimes exposed yourself to danger beyond the call of duty to further the well-being and the interest of your men, and it is my judgment that after talking with numerous men in your command and seeing you in action on different occasions, that the spirit you engendered by your leadership added greatly to the success of your Company and undoubtedly saved many lives and was in a large measure responsible for the wonderful record that your Company made on September 28th, 1918, in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line.

It might interest you to know that my boy, Lieutenant Bill Rierison, was recently shot down over Germany while flying a P-38 and is now a German prisoner, and I believe that I know something about what War means; and I further believe that your experience as a soldier and as a leader, together with your experience in serving seven terms in the Legislature admirably fit you to meet the problems of the returning soldier from this War. I also know that thousands of mothers and fathers feel about this as I do.

With best wishes to you for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Bryan Rierison, Member of the 105th Engineers Company, 30th Division.

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Mark S. Swanger Is Now Corporal

The promotion of Mark S. Swanger from private first class to the grade of corporal has been announced in England by headquarters of the IX Fighter Command Mustang station to which he is assigned.

Corporal Swanger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swanger of Clyde, is a cryptographic clerk in the communications section of a Ninth Air Force P-51 Mustang fighter group in the European Theater of operations.

He is a graduate of Fines Creek high school, and prior to entering the service in January, 1943, was employed as an electrician by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, in Newport News, Va.

Corporal Swanger received his army training at Atlantic City, N. J., and was assigned to his present organization at Tonopah, Nev., in March, 1943. He arrived overseas with the unit late in 1943.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Sanford Ledford, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, announce the birth of a son on May 21 at their home.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR HAS DISTINGUISHED RECORD

Portrait of R. Gregg Cherry with various historical illustrations and text describing his military and political career: 1898-Orphaned at seven, raised by grandparents; Jan. 1937-Sworn in by late Justice Herriot Clarkson as Speaker of N.C. House; Aug-1937 Became N.C. State Democratic Chairman, Serving Until 1940; 1900-1911 Worked on Uncle's Farm; 1928 Elected State Commander, American Legion, Dept. of N.C.; Sept. 1918-As Captain of Machine Gun Company, participated in breaking Hindenburg Line.

A career of distinguished service to the citizens of North Carolina, both as a public servant in peacetime and as a machine-gun company captain during the First World War, is contained in the record of Major R. Gregg Cherry, 52-year-old Gastonia candidate for the governorship subject to the 1944 Democratic primary. Orphaned at seven, Major Cherry was raised by his grandparents, worked on the farm and later on the Trinity College campus at Durham to obtain his education. He became and has remained a successful attorney, with his legal career having been interrupted, however, in 1917, when he volunteered his services in the First World War, serving overseas and rising to the rank of captain in the regular army and later to the rank of major in the National Guard in which he was active until 1923. Founder and commander of Gaston county's first American Legion post, he became State Commander of the N. C. Department of the American Legion in 1928. Prominent in fraternal and religious life, he is a member of the Masonic bodies, was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in 1924 and has for many years been a member of the Board of Stewards of Gastonia's Main Street Methodist Church. He has served in every session of the N. C. General Assembly since 1931 seven terms in the House and two in the Senate. He was Speaker of the House in the regular Executive Committee in 1937 and in the special sessions of 1936 and 1939. He was chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee from 1937 to August, 1940, a member of the State textbook rental commission in 1937, and of the State school commission from 1938 to 1941. In every legislative session since 1931 he has been a member of the finance committee of either the House or Senate and has held numerous other important legislative chairmanships and memberships.

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