

### Rumor Says Cherry For Many Changes

Raleigh—Gossip around Capitol Square has switched the past few days from probable personnel changes in the state set-up to rumors of material change in the set-up itself. Governor-elect Cherry has repeatedly said he does not expect to make any more appointments than are absolutely necessary for functioning of the government until after the general assembly adjourns.

There are some indications now that one reason for this delay is he doesn't know what appointive jobs will exist after the legislature gets through with the reorganization program, which the governor is said to be sponsoring.

Among the changes that the Square hears will be made are consolidation of the state bureau of investigation and the highway patrol into a unit devoted to law enforcement; combination of the activities now carried on by the paroles commission and the probation commission into one commission; separation of the game and inland fish division from the department of conservation and development, and making it into an independent state department; establishment of a bureau of standards into which would be integrated the work of the state chemist, the seed laboratory, the division of weights and measures, and the gasoline inspection service.

The last named project is not regarded as imminent or very likely at the forthcoming session of the assembly. It has been casually discussed for years and many observers think eventually some such consolidation of these various agencies with authority to fix standards and grades will be effected. The other changes are being freely talked about as certain to come up in the legislature with good chances for enactment in 1945.

**Bill Being Drawn**  
The little birds that flit around the capitol bring news that a bill is now being drawn for consolidation of the highway patrol and the state bureau of investigation, but the birds do not know the details. One hears that they will be constituted into an entirely new department; another that they will be integrated into the department of justice, and still another that they will be made adjuncts of the governor's office. It

### Masks for GI Dogs



Styles change for the K-9 forces in Europe as rapidly as the fashion in ladies' hats. The newest is shown on one of the prize war dogs, some place in Europe. This mask gives protection but does not interfere with the work of the K-9 corps.

### ALEUTIAN SKULL MAY INDICATE AGE OF RACE

The Aleutians.—A fossilized skull found in Adak's volcanic sands, believed by some to be that of a dinosaur, was studied by scientists to learn if geologists must revise their estimate of the age of the Aleutian chain.

The skull, unearthed by a bulldozer, was discovered by two civilian engineer workers. According to an agreement about fossil finds it was sent to the University of Alaska at Fairbanks for examination.

Argument centers about whether the skull can be that of a dinosaur or any of the species of giant reptiles which roamed the earth during the mesozoic age—about a half billion years ago.

If that should prove the case it would mean tacking about 15 million years onto the geologic age of the Aleutians. While geologists have been able to make only an incomplete study of Aleutian rock formations, they place the chain in the world's tertiary period.

That means the fog shrouded peaks in this area jutted from the North Pacific slime in some seismic upheaval 35 million years ago.

The skull is 32 inches long, long and narrow and shaped somewhat

like that of a horse, it is 19 inches high at the brow and 18 inches broad at its widest part. The brain cavity measures only 7 by 11 inches, tiny for an animal large enough to have supported such a gigantic head.

Only the upper part of the skull was found, the lower jaw being missing, but this was well preserved. No teeth remained, although the holes where their roots had been imbedded in the upper jaw could be seen.

Some who examined the skull agreed that it may throw a new light on the geologic age of the islands. Others who cling to the tertiary period theory said they believed the skull to be that of a sea mammal and of recent origin.

Thus far, all fossil remains found in the Aleutians uphold the theory that the islands are comparatively new as the world's age is reckoned and were formed too recently to have supported any large animal life.

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1. Every last GI wishes the war would end right away. That goes for British, Indians and Chinese.

2. Every last GI believes that he should go someplace else to fight, if he must keep on with the war. It is too hot, dirty and lonesome in India, too dirty and lonesome in China. It can't be said for sure what think about going someplace else.

3. Every last GI believes that nobody else is fighting in this war very hard but the Americans. It is fairly clear that the British, Chinese and Indians think the same sort of thing.

is almost unanimously agreed that whatever change is made will be toward making the patrol a general police force; otherwise there would be no point in combining it with SBI.

The paroles commission and the probation commission both deal with convicted law violators; both departments, though not under the highway commission are supported by highway revenue because of their relationship to the prison division. The functions of the two commissions are different, but close enough akin to make combination workable, even if not wise. Many students of state government would not oppose this idea.

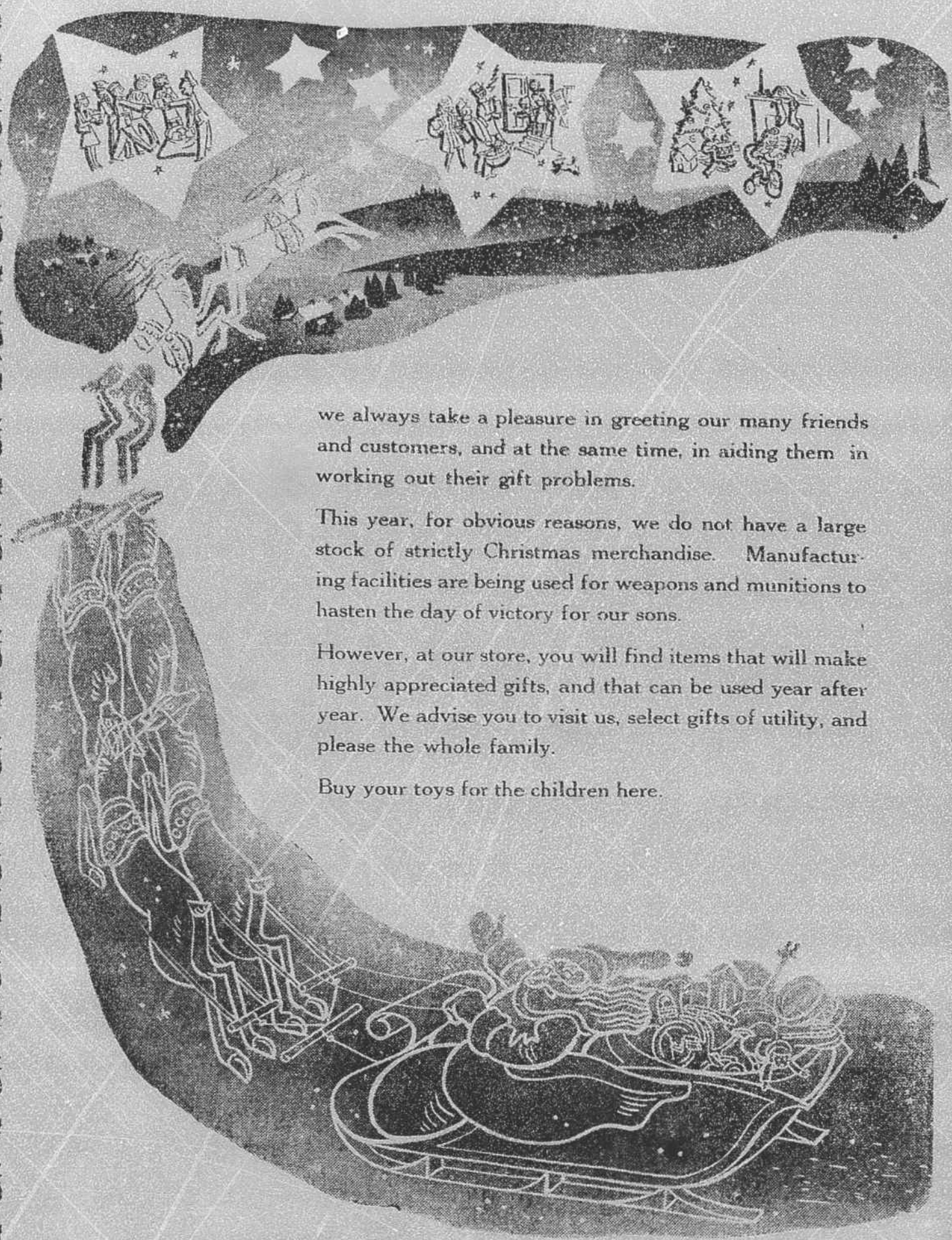
### Considered Controversial

The question of divorcing the game and inland fish division from the department of conservation and development is not new. It is definitely controversial. In one of his primary campaign speeches Cherry pledged support for the plan, which has been favored for years by professional sportsmen. The separation is opposed by most of the rabbit hunters and can-pole fishermen who use earth worms for bait, while it has support of the mechanical reel, fly-casting fishermen and the bird hunters who own hundred dollar up dogs.

It is also opposed by most of the forestry conservation people. For several years all of the revenue derived from hunting and fishing licenses has gone into game propagation and control, none of it to forest fire control or reforestation. The forestry folks, however, contend that since hunters are responsible for many of the devastating forest fires the two should be kept under one general administrative head for better co-ordination of both services.

Changes in departmental structure of the state government come with every new administration. If current rumors are well founded, Gov. Cherry will almost establish a record in that respect.

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