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GREGG CHERRY TO SPEAK

Memorial Exercises Begin at 2:30

In Armory Sunday Afternoon; New Officers To Be Elected; Lists of Committees and Graves; Large Crowd Expected

The entire of Franklin County is invited and urged to go out Sunday afternoon and hear Hon. R. Gregg Cherry in the delivery of the Memorial Address at the 1942 Memorial Exercises sponsored by the Franklin County Memorial Association... and take a part in the noble and glorious work of paying tribute to the boys who gave their all for our country and ourselves in the great World War of 1917-18, and to those who are now giving and offering themselves in sacrifice that our cherished liberty and freedom shall not be wiped from the earth and enslave our people and other peoples as we hear so much about in war torn Europe. Mr. Cherry is credited with being one of the State's strongest speakers and it is certain that you will enjoy the entire program.

IRON MAJOR TO SPEAK



HON. R. GREGG CHERRY

Party Promises School Extension

State Platform Pledges Ninth Month; Administrations Are Praised

War-conscious Democrats in State convention in Raleigh Friday cheered New Deal policies of defense for "a civilization of freedom and free nations" and pledged their party to an economical State administration and a nine-month school term.

With war overshadowing politics and the May 30 primary promising little excitement, the convention drew less than 800 delegates—smallest crowd of the century.

War Pledge Applauded However, the 700-odd delegates, some of whom who burned rationed gasoline to reach Raleigh, applauded a Democratic pledge of further war restrictions: "There will be no stinting of our sacrifices, no grudging of our resources."

The new platform declared, "The billions which we must expend and the privations which we must endure are small prices to pay for our independence."

Maj. L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro sounded the same theme in his keynote address. "We might as well here and now realize," he said, "that the lives of thousands of American soldiers and sailors, the expenditures of a hundred billions of dollars and the production of thousands of tanks, airplanes and guns will not win this war."

"It is going to take that many, many times all of that... More and more of us, many times more of us, will have to join the armed forces. We shall buy more and more war bonds... we shall work longer and harder; we shall deny ourselves food and clothing and even homes."

The convention adopted a platform which endorsed without qualification the administrations of President Roosevelt and Governor Broughton, pledged unflinching support to the national war effort and made several specific pledges for action in State matters, the latter being topped by a "sacred pledge" to provide a nine-month school term for every child in the State.

The platform was adopted unanimously by the convention, the motion for adoption by Joseph Daniels, chairman of the resolutions committee, bringing no discussion.

7-to-5 Vote But, there was a great deal of discussion, some of it spirited, in the committee on the nine-month school term plank, which was adopted by a 7-to-5 vote of the committee. The committee also endorsed the constitutional amendment for a unified State Board of Education, which was submitted by the last General Assembly and will be voted upon in November.

Except for these two amendments, the latter of which had been agreed upon in advance, only minor changes were made in the platform which had been written in advance by Hidden Ramsey, Asheville editor, with the approval of the Broughton administration.

Other Pledges Other specific pledges in the platform were not to increase present taxes or levy new taxes; not to make any substantial increase in appropriations until every emergency is provided for; not to retrench in appropriations for education and to continue to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Federal Government.

The platform contained no mention whatever of the contro-

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Franklin County Memorial Association Sunday, May 31st, 1942 at 2:30 Standard War Time

ARMORY
Louisburg, N. C.

PROGRAM

Invocation	Dr. A. Paul Bagby
America	Mills High School Band
Directed by James Byerly	
Address of Welcome	H. C. Kearney, Pres. F. C. M. A.
Music	Bunn Singers
Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers for 1942	Mrs. J. E. Malone, Chm. Nominating Committee
Roll Call of Deceased Veterans	J. W. Neal
Taps	Bobby Andrews
Music	Mildred Lloyd Malone
Introduction of Speaker	E. H. Malone, Chairman Franklin County Civilian Defense
Address	Hon. R. Gregg Cherry Gastonia, N. C.
Announcements	
God Bless America	Audience Standing
Directed by Prof. I. D. Moon	
Star Spangled Banner	Mills High School Band
Directed by James Byerly	

(The flags which will be used to decorate the graves are presented by the Franklinton American Legion Auxiliary and the Louisburg American Legion.)

Mrs. W. E. Murphy Dead

Mrs. W. E. Murphy died at her home about two miles east of town Monday evening following an illness of several years. She was 69 years of age and besides her husband, is survived by two children, Mr. W. Earl Murphy, of Louisburg, and Mrs. Edgar Holmes, of Jacksonville, Fla., one sister, Mrs. J. L. Brown, of Youngville, two grandchildren, and a number of nephews and nieces. She was born and reared in Franklin County and was a daughter of the late Thomas and Frances Horton Young. She was a devoted and consistent member of the Louisburg Methodist Church, and was greatly loved and admired by her many acquaintances who knew her real value, as a wife, a mother and a neighbor.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist Church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Revs. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor, and E. H. Davis, and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. Quite a number of relatives and friends of the family attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The pallbearers were Claude Murphy, Herman Murphy, James Collier, Kenneth Collier, George Murphy, William Murphy. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the entire community.

RED CROSS SEWING

For the summer months, the Red Cross material and wool can be had at the home of Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, 47 Church Street. If this does not work well, other arrangements will be made in the Fall.

On Wednesday and Friday afternoons there will be handwork to do, getting garments ready to send back to headquarters. Go out and help!

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"Comfort By The Way, is the sermon subject for the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning. "Power" is the subject for the 8 o'clock service.

Church School will convene at 9:45, led by Prof. I. D. Moon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will meet in their respective places at 7:15. You are welcomed.

Half Holiday

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that the Merchants of Louisburg generally, will observe the usual summer half holiday on Wednesday of each week, by closing at 12 o'clock, during the months of June, July and August. Make your purchases before or after Wednesday afternoons.

The TIMES is informed that a number of the stores have agreed to remain open until 1 o'clock on Wednesdays.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

DR. STANBURY ADDRESSES GRADUATES

AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Walter Patton Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon; Class Day Exercises Saturday Afternoon; Dr. R. E. Brown, Fayetteville, Delivers Sermon to Y. W. Y. M. C. A.

The Louisburg College commencement for 1942 came to a close yesterday with the commencement address to the graduating class made by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem, and the presentation of diplomas and honors by President Walter Patton.

Dr. Stanbury spoke to the graduating class imagining himself a graduate of the occasion. He stressed the need of working, and not being satisfied with merely working, but going on toward the unattainable perfection in achievement. He made an impressive climax by affirming that no life can be successful if the knowledge of our language and God is left out.

The commencement exercises opened Friday evening when the students of the voice and piano departments were presented in recital. Jessie Mary Wilson, Jane Moon, Gean Sasser, and Dan McFarland were presented by Mr. I. D. Moon, instructor in voice; and Sarah Davis and Nancy Hayes were presented at the piano by Mr. James E. Byerly.

Saturday afternoon on the north campus of the college were presented the Class Day exercises. Virginia Spivey, Louisburg, was the salutatorian of the class, and the first speaker. The superlatives as elected by the class were presented by Frances Terrell, Veuna Vista, Va., class president. Wilbur Payne, Stumpy Point, read the class poem, his own composition. Dan McFarland, Salisbury, read the class prophecy; and Beatrice Lewis, Hobgood, read the class will. Sarah Davis, Louisburg, valedictorian, closed the exercises with the valedictory address.

Saturday evening in the college dining hall the college alumni association held its annual banquet. Reports were heard as to the activities of the organization, and officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. James Malone, Louisburg, president; Mrs. M. Stuart Davis, Louisburg, vice-president; Miss Lula May Stipe, Louisburg, secretary; and Mrs. Genevieve Perry, Louisburg, treasurer. Reverend Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, spoke to the group on the purposes and possibilities of Alma Mater and ways in which an alumni group fight further the areas of service of our educational parent.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. Walter Patton, president of the college, Sunday morning, at the Louisburg Methodist Church. His topic, "Living Witness," was an effective exposition of the necessity for actual and effective living for Jesus Christ in the world today.

Sunday afternoon, from 4:30 to 5:30, President and Mrs. Patton assisted by members of the faculty, received in their home in honor of the members of the graduating class and their parents.

Sunday evening on the north campus of the college the annual Y. M. C. A. Y. W. C. A. vesper service was held. Dr. R. E. Brown, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the visiting speaker. He spoke on character as an agency in building a Christian world, and stressed the need for vigilance and caution every moment of every day, lest the work of a lifetime be undone in a brief moment.

The commencement address Monday morning by Dr. Stanbury brought the commencement exercises to a close. The following honors were announced by President Patton: Sarah Davis, and Virginia Spivey, Louisburg, and Edward F. Smith, Fayetteville, were graduated Magna Cum Laude. Ruth Braswell, Princeton was graduated Cum Laude. The college nomination for a scholarship at Duke University was awarded to Edward F. Smith; scholarships to High Point College were awarded Willis Gup-ton, Hollister; and John Maides, Mayville.

The Brandley medals for the best all-around students, boy and girl, determined by faculty vote, were presented to Sarah Davis and Daniel Miles McFarland.

Five of the top-ranking in

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WAR NEWS

Rio de Janeiro, May 27.—An Italian submarine has surrendered to Brazilian authorities at Natal and 22 survivors of a sunken German U-boat have been landed on the island of Fernando Noronha. It was reported today, encouraging evidence of the body blows being dealt Axis undersea raiders by patrolling United States ships and planes.

Fernando Noronha is 200 miles from Natal of Brazil's northeastern bulge and only about 1,600 miles from Dakar in Vichy-controlled French West Africa. The island recently has been strengthened by the arrival of Brazilian troops, but in peacetime its principal use is a penal colony.

Both submarines presumably were participants in actions reported to have occurred during the week-end between patrolling United States planes and Axis submarines off Fernando Noronha, although there was no confirmation.

(It was reported Wednesday from St. Lucia, British West Indies, that United States forces had destroyed the Axis submarine which torpedoed but did not sink the United States destroyer Blakeley in territorial waters of French Martinique on Monday.)

Cairo, May 27.—A strong Axis armored column, lashing out across 90 miles of blistering Libyan desert supported by intensive divebombing, met British advance forces in a pitched tank battle around Bir Hacheim today and Nazi Colonel General Erwin Rommel's long-smouldering eastward offensive appeared under way.

Another strong German tank force was striking northeast toward the Libyan coast to prevent British forces in the Tobruk area from intervening in the south. This force was reported to have made contact with the British at 3 p. m., Tuesday in the Temrad region southwest of Tobruk.

A British general headquarters communique said no details were yet available on the fighting, which was proceeding some 40 miles inland from the Cyrenaican coast, southwest of the important British-held port of Tobruk and southeast of the British forward coastal positions around El Gazala.

"A large enemy armored force during the night advanced from the west to south of our positions around Bir Hacheim," the communique said. "The enemy was engaged by our armored forces."

Mexico Nears War

Mexico City, May 25.—President Manuel Avila Camacho led Mexico a step nearer war against the Axis powers today with a call to congress to meet in extraordinary session and align the nation as a full-fledged belligerent at the side of the United Nations.

Only this congressional declaration—regarded as a foregone conclusion—stands between Mexico's entrance into the conflict. It is expected at a special "war session" Thursday. The presidential message, which had full cabinet approval, was quickly and unanimously approved by the permanent congressional commission, which functions while congress is not in session. All but two of the 29 members of the committee were present at the reading of the historic, two-page communication in which the president asked that they act with "urgency" in view of the international situation.

Avila Camacho made three requests, for a formal declaration of war—the first such formal declaration in Mexican history—suspension of constitutional guarantees and emergency war powers. It was understood that he would go into details of his requests in presenting them personally to the congressional session Thursday.

The fellow who pulls on the oars doesn't have time to rock the boat.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 30th: Saturday—Wild Bill Elliott and Tex Ritter in "North of the Rockies" and Dennis O'Keefe in "Affairs of Jimmy Valentine" also a new chapter of "Spy Smashers."

Sunday-Monday—Eleanor Powell, Red Skelton, Bert Lahr and Virginia O'Brien in "Ship Ahoy."

Tuesday—William Holden and Ellen Drew in "The Remarkable Andrew."

Wednesday—Ray Middleton and Jean Parker in "The Girl From Alaska."

Thursday—Friday—Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr, John Garfield in "Tortilla Flat."

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BOMBS AND DEPRESSIONS

Babson Discusses These Uncertain Times

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., May 29.—The economic life of the United States differs little from our own personal lives. Both are characterized by ups and downs.

Wars, land speculation, agricultural upsets, tariffs, foreign relations, mergers, pump-priming, legislation, labor unions, and other good and bad factors have all played a part in the prosperity or in the decline of our country's affairs. When the war will end, and whether we shall have a post-war slump or whether boom times will continue, no man can now say. By another six months, however, the entire situation should be much clearer.

LOOKING BACKWARD

My life has been spent in looking forward. I have continually tried to anticipate coming events in order to preserve my economic independence. Due to a praying father and mother, I have looked upward for guidance in my personal affairs and when advising others. Such success as I have had has come through my early recognition of the practical values of the unbeatable combination of faith, industry, and intelligence. History certainly repeats itself and often is a dependable guide.

Hence, let me briefly review some of the events in our national economic experience in the order in which they have appeared to me. My father was born in the depression of the 50s—from which the Civil War pulled us out. I was born following the long depression of the 70s which was caused by the collapse of railroad and farm speculation and paper currency. Resumption of gold payments, the great rise in immigration, several notable inventions, and complete freedom for enterprise finally brought this depression to an end. Some years of prosperity followed.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE This prosperity was brought to an end by crazy politics which led up to the panic of 1893. This constituted my first individual contact with hard times. For some years a severe agricultural depression existed which was aggravated by the Bryan campaign for free silver. In 1898, however, business got another uplift due to the Spanish-American War. Almost immediately a boom followed during the so-called merger years when our great corporations were formed.

For a while both business and the stock market boomed. But anti-trust scares, high finance, and the European collapse in 1914 brought about another period of depression. And then, just now, we got into World War I and a period of great war activity followed. This lasted until the Armistice in 1918 when for a year or more the volume of business sharply receded. The rise of the automotive industries to major proportions and the resumption of foreign trade gave us, however, a post-war boom of eight years of building and general expansion. This resulted in the "New Era" psychology of speculation. Stock prices rose to astronomical heights.

RECENT EVENTS The rest of the story is history within the memory of all readers. We all recall the collapse of the market and business in 1929, the long years of internal depression, of unemployment, and of deficit spending. It took about five years for New Deal pump-priming to produce a rise in business volume. As to how long this artificially-created boom would have continued, no one knows. At any rate, the Nazi wars came along to plug up the business leaks. Now we are engaged in another period of rising business volume and living costs with inflated wages and full employment all associated with boom times. For the time being, however, these factors are temporarily being held back by war scarcities, priorities, regulations, "forced" savings, brakes on installment buying, and other edicts from Washington. Our boom has come thru the creation of our enormous armament industry. This has been large enough to absorb the entire automobile industry, the manufacture of many consumers goods, and other forms of business activity.

WHAT'S AHEAD? This short summary of the past 100 years shows that with all our wealth, legislation, and brains, we have found no preven-

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