

# Gravelly Gets Into Race For Governor Of State

## Rocky Mount Man Promises Efficient Business Management Of Government, Diversified Farming, Higher Teacher Pay.

Rocky Mount, Jan. 13.—Setting a new program in which a man efficient business management of which one hundred million dollars spent, L. Lee Gravelly, former state senator and Rocky Mount business man and farmer, formally entered the gubernatorial campaign today.

Gravelly, a Rocky Mount man, who served in the State Senate and held the important post of chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, has pledged his best efforts to a balanced budget, diversified farming, reduction of the salaries of the State's teachers, "as the revenue state will permit" in a formal statement.

Gravelly, who started his political career 20 years ago when he was elected to a seat on the Rocky Mount Board of Aldermen and later served as Mayor, declared his intention that "My record in the State Senate and on the Board of Aldermen and as Mayor, has been written and on my program I cheerfully submit my record to the good judgment of the North Carolinians."

Gravelly's statement follows: "This opportunity to make my views known to the people of North Carolina is a privilege. I am fully conscious of the responsibility that accompanies the office and I shall undertake to discharge it to the best of my ability. I am aware of my obligation to my state and my party. I am grateful to the people of my party for many things, but I feel the gift of a state government whose record of service to the people is unsurpassed in the nation.

Changes and governments must change as the times change. No government is infallible. I acknowledge with gratitude the splendid accomplishments of the state government, but I believe the time has come to recognize the need for fundamental changes if the government is to continue to render the services necessary to the people. I shall go more into detail in regard to these possible changes as the campaign progresses.

My purpose is to present an outline of my proposed program to tell frankly the people of North Carolina how, as a business man, more interested in North Carolina than anything else, I hope to proceed with the progress made by the great governor and his illustrious predecessors. For the time being, I suggest that I shall endeavor to bring about the injection into the business of government of North Carolina the same methods of business efficiency and economy that characterize the successful business enterprise of this state. This must include a balanced budget, economic administration, and reduction of debt.

The further advance of our system, especially in the field of vocational training. The expansion of vocational education so that the opportunity of every community may be made possible. The vocational program is essential to meet the needs of the state. Teachers' salaries should be increased as the revenues of the state will permit and our system of text books should be considered. The importance to a people of vocational schools cannot be overstated and the control and operation of its

schools must always be retained by the people of this state. Whatever Federal aid may ultimately be offered it must be accepted only with the distinct understanding that no part of the control of the schools shall pass from the hands of North Carolina.

3. The whole structure of happiness and prosperity rests upon the foundation of the health of our people and its government owes the obligation to attend all of our people, irrespective of economic status, the fullest opportunity for health protection.

4. The problem of our mentally sick is an enormous one and as rapidly as possible the state should provide hospital facilities adequate for the need. We must not leave our mentally sick in jail. Consolidation of the work of our hospitals for mental disease under the supervision of one outstanding psychiatrist should result in economy of administration and efficiency of treatment.

5. Our highway system should be improved and expanded as rapidly as it can be done efficiently, and with a view to the greatest possible facilitation of present day transportation. The fundamental basis of such improvement and expansion must necessarily be the farm to market roads. Taxes paid for the construction and improvement of highways, less the necessary cost of collection, must be used for that purpose only. If there is a surplus of highway funds over and above those that can be efficiently used in the construction and maintenance of roads, then we should have a corresponding reduction in the tax on gasoline or license tags.

6. We have a great state with great opportunities and money spent in the proper advertisement of it is a worthwhile investment and the appropriations for this purpose should be continued. Under the present program many millions of dollars have been invested in worthwhile industries within this state and any practical program designed to further such development should be encouraged.

7. Our prison system needs to be further modernized and criminals classified according to the seriousness of the crime and their individual criminal records. Proper steps must be taken to reduce the number of escapes. Our probation system is working admirably in the rehabilitation of young people guilty of crime and it should be expanded with increasing need.

8. North Carolina is blessed with the highest class of labor and, therefore, undergoes fewer labor difficulties. Our Department of Labor is among the best and I am happy to have been co-author of the bill establishing it in its present form. The happy employment of its people is of vital concern to the state and the right to work for fair wages and in a healthful environment must always be maintained.

9. Taxes in North Carolina must not exceed those in neighboring states to such an extent as to penalize North Carolina enterprise. North Carolina industry and business are bearing a heavy tax burden today and as governor I would oppose any general increase. The fair measure of taxation is the ability to pay and not the necessity to spend, and any tax not measured by that standard is unfair and unjust. Anyone who takes the trouble to look into my record as a four-time member of the State Senate knows I am opposed to the sales tax and want to see it abolished. It was imposed to meet an emergency and as that emergency subsides so the sales tax should subsides. It is my earnest hope that this tax may be abolished and to this end I promise my best endeavor without in any way jeopardizing the worthwhile activities of the state. I believe that a more rigid collection of taxes, a limitation of the power of one man to compromise taxes, and the natural economies resulting from a business-like administration will result in increased net revenue, which probably will enable us to reduce the sales tax at the present time to two per cent, which would be the first step in the direction of its ultimate repeal. The reduction of the state debt would make available additional revenue for increase in the state's activities and a reduction in state taxes. For this reason no bonds should be issued except for absolutely necessary requirements.

10. Upon our agricultural condition largely depends the prosperity of our entire state and the state government must co-operate to the fullest extent possible with the Federal farm program. However, our agricultural problems will not be solved as long as we remain dependent on only one or two major money crops. The aim of every farmer should be "some income from the farm every day of the year." This can be brought about only through diversification and the balancing of both animal and plant crops. Agricultural research should be continued and a consolidation of efforts along this line will be beneficial.

11. The State of North Carolina has required every industry within its borders to set up a system of pensions for its employees and it is sheer hypocrisy for the state to do less for those whom it employs.

12. The program of social security providing for the aged and underprivileged should be continued. It is my earnest hope that no additional boards or commissions will be created, but rather that some we now have may be consolidated or abolished. It will be my purpose as governor to give the state an efficient business administration in which one hundred cents worth of value shall be received for every dollar spent.

I am conscious of the obligation of the state government to care for its underprivileged and to guarantee the security and happiness of its people. If I am elected I promise to do the best I can for the citizens of my state hoping that I may be able to contribute something to their general

# Odd Facts In Carolina . . . . .

By Carl Spencer

# Truck Safety School Near

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Director Edward W. Ruggles, of the State College Extension Division, announced today that advance registrations indicate that about fifty operators and others interested in safety will attend a two-day safety school for truck operators, at the College January 17 and 18.

The school will be the first of its kind ever conducted in North Carolina, Ruggles said.

Practical methods for increasing safety on the highways will be emphasized, with experts leading discussions and presenting demonstrations. The course is open to operators, drivers, safety supervisors, dispatchers and anyone else interested in highway safety. Truck line officials, college technicians and safety experts will appear on the program. The State Industrial Commission and the State Highway Safety Division are official agencies which will cooperate in the school; while the North Carolina Truck Owners Association will also give its full cooperation in participating.

Harry Tucker of State College, professor of highway engineering and national known authority on highway safety, will preside over the discussions. Operators will register from 8:30 to 11 a. m. Wednesday, January 17, in Room 207 of the Civil Engineering Building, and the safety school will begin immediately after a short welcoming address by Col. J. W. Havelson, dean of Administration.

First speaker of the instruction program will be Charles Ray, Richmond, Va., safety engineer. Methods of selecting and training personnel, proper selection of vehicular equipment, maintenance of vehicles head the list of topics for discussion. Laboratory demonstrations will deal with drivers' reaction time.

# FARMERS ORDERING GROUND LIMESTONE

College Station, Raleigh, Jan. 13.—From the mountains to the coast farmers are ordering ground agriculture limestone through the AAA grant-of-aid plan, it was announced today by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State college. Haywood county in the west has put in applications for 192 tons of lime to be applied in 1940, and Hyde on the coast has ordered 230 tons to date.

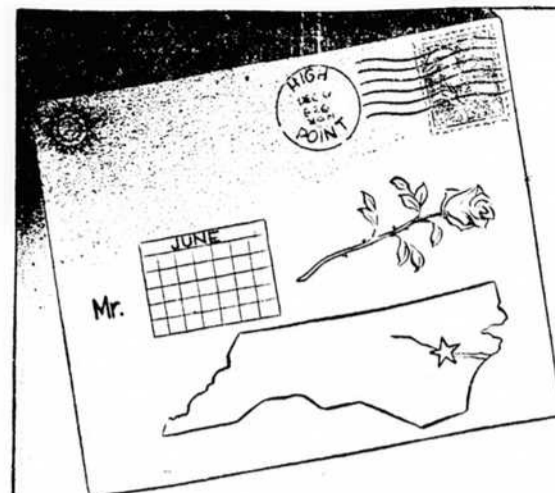
Other applications by counties are: Wilkes, 400 tons; Ashe, 31; Orange, 163; Nash, 150; Edgecombe, 105; Columbus, 100; Anson, 59; Lenoir, 54; Harnett, 53; Carteret, 51; Durham, 50; Mecklenburg, 50; Richmond, 50; and Yadkin, 42. This makes a total of 2,040 tons of lime ordered thus far under the 1940 AAA grant-of-aid plan.

Floyd also said that applications are beginning to come in for triple superphosphate, another soil building material, under the grant-of-aid system. Ashe county has ordered 132 tons, Alleghany 43 tons, Watauga 25, and Avery 20, or a total of 225 tons.

The materials are supplied to farmers without immediate cost, and the nominal charge is deducted from their 1940 soil building payments, as a part of the agricultural conservation program.

Mount Vesuvius, says a University of Naples professor, is Italy's greatest source of natural power. Just wait until Mussolini reads that!

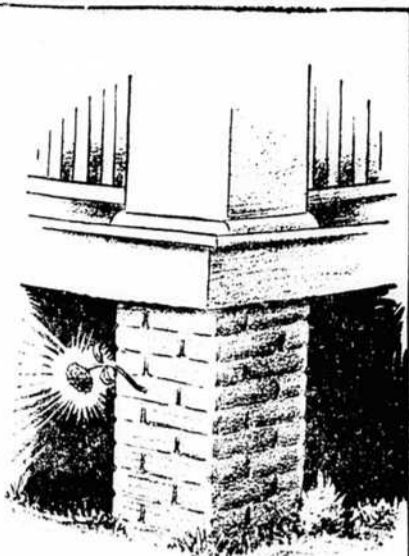
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# Vance County Weekly Extension News

Sponsored by J. W. Sanders, County Agent; Mrs. Hattie F. Plummer, County Home Demonstration Agent; J. T. Richardson, Assistant County Agent; and Josephine Ranes, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent.

## Sagging Prices Seen for 1940 Crop.

The infant tobacco crop, now beginning its first growth in plant beds, is expected to find a rough reception when it finally reaches warehouse floors next fall. To meet this situation, North Carolina growers, the largest producers of flue-cured leaf in the country, are urged to participate and qualify for maximum payments under the Agricultural Conservation program, keep well within their tobacco allotments, and grow plenty of food for the family and feed for the livestock.

## AAA Offers Payment For a Home Garden.

Farmers are offered the opportunity to earn a conservation payment in 1940 by planting a home garden. One unit of credit, or \$1.50 is offered for the planting of a garden consisting of not less than one-fourth of an acre per person. In families containing more than ten persons, a one acre garden will suffice to qualify for the payment.

The requirements are that the garden be adequately protected from poultry and livestock, that good cultural methods be followed, and that proper steps be taken to control insect pests. Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, and field peas may be planted elsewhere on the farm.

We recommend that three or more different vegetables be growing in the garden each month for at least eight months of the year. Not more than one-fourth of the garden area should be planted to any one vegetable at any one time. Timely suggestions on home garden welfare and prosperity.

## Probing NLRB Methods



Edmund M. Toland, counsel for the special House committee investigating the National Labor Relations Board, questions Mrs. Carolyn Agger Fortas, former review attorney for the board. The day's testimony was highlighted by introduction of evidence showing the board had employed Eugene Lacy as a trial examiner after it was allegedly reported Lacy was "pro-CIO." (Central Press)

# Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Jan. 13.—"No Snow Falls on Epic Head," ran a headline in a Wilmington paper; to which this corner's first reaction was, "Why should it? Anybody's got sense enough to wear a hat when it's snowing, particularly a chap who has reached the stage where it's too late for herpicide."

Further investigation revealed that the Bald Head referred to by this particular headline is an island, not a treeless expanse on a man's noggin. Incidentally, it's an island bought not so long ago by the Sheriff who is the "S" in the S. and W. cafeteria chain. It's now below Southport and is about as nearly tropical as any spot in North Carolina.

One floor show here next week ought to be good. It will be put on Wednesday night for the banquet of the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs. Four New York and one Chicago entertainment companies are combining their efforts to make it attractive.

The association's sessions will begin early Wednesday morning and there will be something going on all day.

Norman Y. Chambliss, of Rocky Mount, is down for an address on "State Participation in Agricultural Fairs." He ought to know something about that, the State of North Carolina case had put when it took over operation of the annual exposition here three years ago.

J. M. Broughton, who became the third gubernatorial candidate to pay his \$105 filing fee yesterday, says he will not make any formal campaign speeches before March 1. "I don't think the people could stand more than three months of campaign speeches," he joked, "and I'm going to show them that consideration."

Mr. Broughton will speak to the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at Con-jock Monday night, indicating that he feels the people can stand some kind of speaking by the candidates, even if they can't endure purely political palaver for more than three months.

State headquarters for Lee Gravelly, Rocky Mount candidate who has just announced his platform in the governor's race, will be set up in Raleigh, previously published reports (not carried by this bureau) to the contrary notwithstanding.

There will likely be regional headquarters in Rocky Mount and in Charlotte, but Senator Gravelly regards the State capital as the only logical site for State headquarters.

An unusual feature of the Federal Marketing Service and the State Department of Agriculture's report on December tobacco sales is revealed by comparison of flue-cured and burley prices of 1938 and 1939.

Last season's burley prices ran, on an average, almost five cents a

from the County Agent's office.

Every home garden should contain at least 12 different kinds of vegetables, exclusive of Irish and sweet potatoes, and a variety of small fruits should also be grown on the farm.

Incidentally Rocky Mount, third in flue-cured sales for the entire season, led in December sales, with 5,724,598 pounds to Wilson's 4,896,556; though both Wilson and Greenville (third in December) had greater totals for the entire season.

Dr. Ralph McDonald did not commit himself on the question of a presidential candidate while the Jackson Day dinner doings were in full swing, except to reaffirm that he is first and last for President Roosevelt.

McDonald thinks the President will stand for a third term and is prepared to go down the line for him.

The McDonald view of Paul V. McNutt is not at all unfavorable to the Indiana former governor, however, whom the North Carolinian regards as one of the country's very ablest administrators.

Intellectual methods change, but the heart of man remains the same. Russian soldiers have been firing on their own troops, according to a cabled war dispatch. Which goes to show that even purging can become a habit.



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