

-Around Capital Square-

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Raleigh, April 18.—Governor Cherry's schedule this week is one of the most important he has had since his inauguration. Speaking to the pharmaceutical association in Asheville Tuesday, at the annual horse and hunt show at Tryon Wednesday, delivering a featured purple heart dinner at World War I convales at Charlotte Wednesday night, and addressing an American Legion meeting at Gastonia Thursday night would seem to be enough for one week even for a governor. But on top of that is a scheduled appearance at a North Carolina State dinner in the na-

tioned capital Saturday.

WAYLaid—Governors, however democratic they may be, cannot travel just like other folks. The No. 1 license plate on the state Cadillac is conspicuous, and at every stop several people come up to the car to speak to their chief executive. Governor Cherry, like most of his predecessors, seems really to like it. By the way, the Cadillac has something better than 12,000 miles to its credit, but on chiefly over North Carolina roads. The contact bureau has in mind to trade it in for a new one as soon as one can be had.

PRIMARY—Mecklenburg county joins Cabarrus in breaking precedent, but in the opposite direction. For the first time since the primary was introduced Cabarrus will not have one because none of the candidates have opposition, and for the first time in many years Mecklenburg will have a Republican primary, there being five candidates for Republican nomination for the four seats in the house of representatives. Mecklenburg also will have the next congressman from this north district, both Democratic candidates and the Republican nominee being residents of Mecklenburg.

SOLICITORS—There is a good deal of interest around Charlotte in the solicitorship. Mecklenburgers have long demanded a separate senatorial district and they are pleased with recommendations of the commission which has been studying the matter. Meanwhile a number of Mecklenburg voters are out to break the "gentlemen's agreement" whereby their county sets the judge and Gaston sets the solicitor. Most political leaders and perhaps a majority of the bar are standing by the agreement and will support Basil Whitener of Gaston, but several of them admit that many voters will seek to capture the office for Mecklenburg by voting for Ben Whiting.

FEUD—The solicitorship scrap is just one phase of an ancient feud between the two counties and a couple of obtusers threw some interesting light on the subject the other night. Gregg Cherry, who happens to be governor, and Ben Douglas, highway commissioner, both Gastonians from boyhood, recalled that a baseball game some 35 years ago originated long standing animosity between active participants in the rooting. Gastonia and Red Springs were playing in Charlotte; the Queen City rooters backed the Red Springs bunch, Gastonia was licked, and a few folks haven't forgotten the incident, although most of the citizens of both communities have never heard of that ball game. Anyway it has little to do with present differences over the boundaries of senatorial districts.

JOB—It is conceded around capital square that the commission has worked hard and upon the whole done a very good job in its recommendations for rearranging the districts. Opinion prevails however, that the general assembly will not go along with the proposed changes. In order to set up individual districts for Guilford and Mecklenburg it was necessary to change nearly all the other districts and that involves many problems, especially for lawyers who have established practice on basis of existing county groups. A few commentators think the plan will be accepted; a few others think some different adjustments will be made by the general assembly but majority opinion the first few days after publication of the commission's findings is that no important revision will be made by the next assembly. The plan could not become effective until 1950 and it is suggested that action taken by the 1947 assembly might be undone in 1949, so the whole business had as well be deferred again.

Notes On Books

Assumptions of international import as stated by Robert Sauer-Hughes' **THE BALANCE OF TOMORROW** (published by G. P. Putnam's Sons) have recently arisen to plague the world. No attempt is made at predictions—the projections are based on a number of clearly stated assumptions. Incidentally his book was written several months before V-J day.

Prentice-Hall, Inc. announces that the Joseph Mackey's zany, **THE FROTH STATE** will be published on April 23. This is his collection of experiences with New York's weirdest characters. **DUCHESS HOTSPUR**, by Rosemond Marshall, author of **KITTY**, will be published by Prentice-Hall on April 29.

Controversial discussion of Evelyn Waugh's **BRIDESHEAD REVISITED** (published by Little, Brown & Co.) has brought out widely diversified comment from all parts of the country from high praise to condemnation.

BLOOD OF THE LAMB by Charles H. Baker, Jr. is a novel about the sun-drenched land of the Florida Cracker and will be published by Rinehart & Company on April 18. Jacqueline Shohet Margolish, in Egypt, and Helen Mears, in Japan, have been notified by cable that they are winners, in fiction and non-fiction, of the eleventh annual Houghton Mifflin Literary Fellowship Awards of \$2,400 each, for books to be completed on their return to this country. Miss Margolish's novel is tentatively titled **THE HOUSE OF JACOB**, and Miss Mears will write on the conditions and people in defeated Japan.

Well-known Jan Struther will have for publication by Harcourt, Brace & Company in May selections in prose and poetry, titled, **A POCKETFUL OF PEBBLES**—J. S.

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