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Helena Cannery Gains Approval Of Commissioners

New Building To Cost \$3,000 Will Be Provided.

Helena and Person County citizens are to have a new cannery building, located at Helena, according to action taken this week by Person County Commissioners, who have arranged for an appropriation of three thousand dollars for that purpose, according to announcement made today.

Approval of the fund for the building has come after long agitation by interested citizens, many of whom appeared Monday before the Commissioners. Among citizens in the appealing group were members of the Person Board of Education, together with Superintendent R. B. Griffin, L. M. Yates, Helena principal, L. C. Liles, vocational agriculture teacher at Helena, a Mr. Meekins, of the State Department of Agriculture, and others.

The Commissioners approved the requested \$3,000 appropriation with the stipulation that it is to come from the 1945-1946 School Capital Outlay Assessment and budget. As originally requested by the petitioners \$1,000 was sought for in sixty days. No mention of this angle was made by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners, however, were informed that the Cannery project as previously operated in the Agriculture Building at Helena High school (now needed for vocational farm classes) was responsible for putting up more than 25,000 cans of meat and vegetables for some three hundred farm families within the past fifteen months.

Old Belt Growers To Meet January 23

In cooperation with the Tobacco Section of the State Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service of VPI, the Danville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a meeting of Old Belt tobacco growers of Virginia and North Carolina, the purpose being to learn ways and means of growing more and better tobacco per acre.

The meeting will be held on January 23, beginning at 1:00 P. M., at the City Auditorium in Danville and will be in charge of Bert Flowers, Chairman of the Farmer Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

O. L. Roach, President of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, will welcome tobacco growers and other guests and will introduce Mr. Maury A. Hubbard, recently appointed Director of the Tobacco Section of the Virginia Department of Agriculture, who will preside.

Committees from the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association and the Danville Tobacco Association have been appointed to solicit attendance prizes and a large number of worthwhile prizes, donated by Danville businessmen, will be given to holders of lucky numbers, tickets for which will be distributed at the auditorium.

Americans Have No Idea Of War

Former Butner Man, Well-Known In Roxboro, Sends Report From France.

Receipt of a heart-warming letter of thanks from a Camp Butner man, Tech. 4 R. A. Farland, of Martia's Vineyard Island, Mass., with the 92 Engineer Combat Battalion and now in England and France, also furnishes some interesting sidelights on what the former Butner boys are going through, according to Dr. Robert E. Long, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Roxboro USO Service Center, who this week heard from Farland.

Program for this week at the USO Service Center will be in charge of Group One, Junior Hostesses. Vespers Sunday will be by Fred Bishop, and supper will be served. Attendance last weekend was smaller, but this condition was expected because of changes in military orders.

Hosts and hostesses to serve this week-end as selected by Mrs. T. T. Kirby are as follows: Saturday, to 4, Mrs. George W. Thomas; to 6, Miss Anne Margaret Long; to 8, Miss Hilda Shoemaker; to 10, Mrs. E. E. Thomas; to 12, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Griffin. Sunday, 9 to 12,

Coming Soon



CAPT. CLINTON WINSTEAD

Capt. Ralph Clinton Winstead, overseas for the past fifteen months and in action in France and Germany, where he has received various awards for bravery, is expected to arrive in Roxboro in a few days, according to a cablegram received from him by his mother, Mrs. O. H. Winstead, Tuesday.

Three Negroes Have Few Hours Off Chain Gang

Capture Here Comes In Short Time After Escape.

Three Negro men who escaped yesterday about noon from a work gang of the State Prison camp here, were apprehended last night about eight-thirty o'clock in a barn near Moriah, according to Lex Newton, prison camp official, who said this afternoon that the men have been returned to the Camp near Roxboro City limits.

The men were: William Alston, 19, and James Lockier, 17, both of Durham, and Clayton Lyon, 21, of Creedmoor. Alston and Lyon wore stripes. Alston was serving 12 to 18 months for store-breaking, larceny and receiving. Lyon was under sentence of 21 months for assault and battery, fighting and drinking, and Lockier 42 months for assault and battery and resisting an officer.

The men made their escape from the Rock Quarry near the Norfolk and Western station. City and County officers and deputized citizens, together with State Highway patrolmen, assisted Prison Camp officials in the search.

Negro Men Leave And Those Of Both Races Sign

Five Person Negro men left for induction at Fort Bragg Tuesday, with Wallace Cameron as leader, according to Miss Jeanette Wrenn, chief clerk. Those who left were Bud Junior Cameron, Robert Featherstone, Elbert J. Hamlett and James Richard Harris.

December registrants are as follows: white, Elbert Bedford Clayton, John Scott Connally, Cecil Everett Carver, Thomas Irvin Humphries, Elmer Kinton Watson, Earn Clifford Robertson, and Roy Thomas Dunn, and Negro, Joe Cletis Harris, Ulysses Grant Niles, Fletcher Pass, Everezzer Boozie, and Clarence Richard Harris.

Has Purple Heart

Pvt. David C. Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nash L. Winstead of Leasburg, has recently been awarded the Purple Heart. He was wounded in action some where in France October 26th. He is the brother of T. Sgt. Ralph L. Winstead, who was killed in action on July 28th. He is also a brother of Cpl. Nash N. Winstead, who is an instructor at Camp Luna, N. M.

Was It Your Boy?

In December quite a number of subscriptions to The Courier-Times for soldier boys expired. Practically all of these subscriptions were paid for by the parents, wives or friends, and we are sure you wish to continue. However, owing to postal regulations we are forbidden to send the paper after subscriptions expire.

If you have been sending the paper to some one of the soldier boys please come in and see if one of these subscriptions mentioned above was being paid for by you. The boys appreciate most highly the home paper and we would like to continue, but we can't.

Womble To Again Head Polio Drive

Two Reasons To Feel Happy

Mrs. S. B. Satterwhite has two reasons for happiness: her Army husband has received a medal, and she is moving back home. Maj. S. B. Satterwhite, of the United States Army, now in Germany and formerly principal of Allensville school, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in military operations against the enemy, November 25, in France", according to a letter received from him this week by his wife. No details of the distinguishing action were mentioned by the Major.

Mrs. Satterwhite, incidentally, is moving this week to Roxboro and will have an apartment in the B. B. Knight residence, High School drive. To live with her is her sister, Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, wife of Lt. (j.g.) Reynolds, now on sea duty. The Reynolds' daughter, Kay, will also live here. Mrs. Satterwhite and Mrs. Reynolds have for the past several months been living near Oxford, but have for weeks been trying to find an apartment in Roxboro. They have it now.

Dates For Tax Paying Approach

Date For Paying Last Installment, Filing Declaration.

Washington, Dec. 31.—It may not be a happy New Year thought, but as an income tax payer your next appointment with your Uncle Samuel is only two weeks off.

Jan. 15 is one of the important tax dates of 1945. In fact it will steal some thunder from the most notorious of all income tax days, March 15.

There is a new and special inducement to many taxpayers to wind up all their 1944 income tax obligations by Jan. 15 instead of March 15. Millions of persons will do just that.

Jan. 15 is the deadline for: 1—Filing the final installment of your estimated tax for 1944, if you owe it.

2—Filing an amended declaration of estimated tax for 1944, if it looks as though your estimate of last April 15 was wrong and you want to adjust your final payment. You aren't really required to file this amended declaration unless you underestimated the tax by more than 20 per cent.

3—Filing an original declaration of estimated tax for 1944 if you are required to file one and have not yet done it. Farmers especially are affected by this because they were not required to make such a declaration last April.

The deadline for those three actions was originally Dec. 15 and was extended by Congress.

Anybody who is supposed to do any of those three things can simply ignore it if he files his final 1944 income tax return by Jan. 15 and pays all of the tax due on it.

Whether you do this or not, don't forget that declarations of estimated tax for 1945 will be due March 15. The number of people who have to file that declaration will be less than the number that had to file the declaration for 1944.

For 1944, tax payers had to file declarations if their wages were more than \$2,700 single or \$3,500 married. For 1945, taxpayers will have to file the estimates if their wages are more than \$5,000 single with an addition of \$500 for each additional exemption such as a wife or dependent. For both 1944 and 1945, declarations are required if the taxpayer earns more than \$100 from sources not subject to withholding taxes.

If you don't expect to file your final 1944 return by Jan. 15, you must of course file it by March 15, the traditional time.

March 15, by the way, is the final deadline for those who postponed part of their 1943 taxes at the time the Nation first went on a pay-as-you-go basis. If you still owe part of the 1943 tax, a separate

Miss Winstead Better

The condition of Miss Eleanor Winstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Winstead, who is a patient at Duke Hospital in Durham, shows signs of improvement, stated members of the family today. Miss Winstead has been ill for the past week or more.

Epidemic Of Past Summer Places Extra Emphasis On Person Appeal This Year.

Pointing out that the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States, the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, Chairman of the 1945 polio campaign in Person County, issued a statement today in which he emphasized the "need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood."

The Polio Fund drive this year will be from January 14, through January 31, according to Chairman Womble, who said today that he expects the quota in Person to be higher than it was last year, when \$1,416 was contributed.

Co-chairman for the Woman's Division this year is to be Miss Dorothy Taylor, of Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, and publicity work will again be in charge of Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., of the Courier-Times, according to Mr. Womble.

Theaters are to show trailers dealing with Polio during the drive and theatre collections here will be in charge of Miss Mabel Massey, of Roxboro high school faculty, who will have the active assistance of her Hi-Y club. Tag day, later on in the campaign, will be under direction of Miss Opal Brown, also of the high school faculty, with the cooperation of the Girl Scouts.

Cub Scouts under Fred Bishop and Sanders McWhorter, will put up posters shortly before the campaign opens and full cooperation is expected from the public schools, church, civic and social groups. It will be recalled that Person County during the Polio epidemic of last Summer had two deaths from the disease.

Reappointment of Chairman Womble, who served last year, also was recently announced by State Chairman Ralph McDonald, of Chapel Hill.

The annual appeal is again being conducted this year in celebration of the President's Birthday, and, as in the past, most of the funds will be used to combat polio in this State.

Although North Carolina had one of its worse epidemics of infantile paralysis during the past year, the death rate from the dread disease was the lowest ever recorded, solely because the funds to provide the best possible medical aid and equipment were immediately available. Chairman Womble pointed out.

This record proves again that quick hospitalization of victims is imperative and the campaign this year will be pointed towards funds to support adequate hospital facilities to serve the growing number of persons stricken each year, the Chairman said.

"Since no one knows where, or how hard, polio may strike in 1945, we must again be ready to meet the attack wherever it may come," Chairman Womble said.

Through November 21 of this past year, 848 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported to the State Board of Health since before the epidemic last summer. Of this number 618 patients have received treatment at the Hickory Polio Emergency Hospital, the Gastonia Orthopaedic Hospital and the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Four hundred and thirty-five were treated at a Hickory.

Only 13 deaths were reported at these three hospitals, making the lowest death rate ever recorded for an "infantile paralysis epidemic."

Eighty-three percent of the hospitalized cases reported will return to normal or nearly-normal health, as a result of early and modern treatment, while only 17 percent will retain some paralysis.

Now On District School Board

New member of the Roxboro District School board is J. W. Greene, of this City, who succeeds the late W. C. Bullock. Appointment of Mr. Greene was made Monday at a quarterly session of the Person County Board of Education body in which power of appointment to the District Board is vested, according to R. B. Griffin, Person Superintendent of schools.

Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Thomas R. Gentry, who was officially reported as slightly wounded in action November 28th, is now in a hospital in England with a broken right arm. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gentry.

Now Governor



R. GREGG CHERRY

Officially installed today as Governor of North Carolina was R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, first World War I veteran to become official head of the Tar Heel state.

'Sister Edwards' Values Message From Friends

Aunt Vinnie Gains Tribute From Friends For Church Work.

Veteran church worker and retired canteen operator, of Roxboro, is an old Negro woman, Mrs. Vinnie Edwards, 80, whose husband Alex, 90, to whom she has been married for sixty years and four months. They have one son, a waiter at Hotel Roxboro.

"Aunt Vinnie", as the old woman is known, is a familiar figure in Roxboro. Naturally, she is proud of her church work. Yesterday she came to the Courier-Times office, wanting to speak to "Mr. Noell". On one arm was a big market basket. In her free hand she held folded sheets of white paper.

Mr. Noell obliged, by reading it, unchanged in punctuation and spelling, apparently the work of one of "Aunt Vinnie's friends", who refers to her as one of the "Oldest Special Missionaries", this is what Mr. Noell read:

"Mrs. Vinnie Edwards, 'Sister Edwards' education advantages were limited, but she had the zeal of God and the spirit to go on in his name.

"This Pioneer went from church to church organizing local missionary societies, sunshine bands, W. I. C. circles wherever she could. She organized locals in the following churches: Old Mt. Zion, Young's Chapel, Mill Hill, Prospect Hill, Mayo Grove, Lawson's Chapel, Jones Chapel, New Mt. Zion, Hycio Zion, and Mt. Bethel.

"Without any compensation, she went on in the name of the Lord doing good. Her way of travel was on horse and buggy, but she went through sleet and snow, sunshine and rain. She struggled her way laying the foundation for this great missionary work that is now going on so successfully in this day. Sister Edwards continued this work until a few years ago when her health failed, now she is not able to fulfill her duties longer as she desires, but she is a well wisher to those who are carrying on.

"Whenever she can she will meet with us, and we can all be grateful to Sister Edwards for her wise motherly counsel and pray the God of Peace may provide and keep her safe to the end."

Sgt. James Shell Reported Wounded

Sgt. James A. Shell, husband of Mrs. Ruth Tatum Shell, of Roxboro, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Shell of Harlan, Ky., has been slightly wounded in Germany, according to a telegram received by his wife Thursday night.

The telegram read as follows: "Regret to inform you your husband, technician fourth grade James A. Shell was slightly wounded in action, sixteenth December, in Germany. You will be advised as reports of condition are received." No information was given as to how he was wounded. Sgt. Shell entered service March 5th 1934, and left for over seas in October 1944.

Installation Monday To Be In Charge Of District Deputy Grand Master Regan.

Masons of the 20th North Carolina District, of which E. T. Regan, of Oxford, is District Deputy Grand Master, will meet in Roxboro next Monday, January 8th, according to announcement made here today.

Grand Master Julius C. Hobbs, of Wilmington, who will be present will address the gathering at the Lodge Hall and will also install the officers of Person Lodge 113 for the year 1945.

Death Turns Case Against Thorpe To Murder Count

Cherry Presents State Program In Inaugural

Takes Oath Of Office And Charts New Course.

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today took his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and delivered an inaugural address that embraced his recommendations to the general assembly. The legislative body, in joint session heard the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry presented a program of outlined growth and development for the state during the next four years when he will be North Carolina's chief executive. Emphasis was given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the second governor of the state to be inaugurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other such governor, took his oath of office while the civil war was in progress.

Finance. In his statement of fiscal policy, Governor Cherry said that appropriations for the coming biennium "must be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium." The present general fund surplus he said will amount to \$70,000,000 by June of 1945, because of abnormal wartime business conditions. "This surplus must not be dissipated in current expenditures," he said. He added that this money should be used to provide for the retirement of state debts, to come due in future years.

His recommendations along this line are for the setting aside of a sufficient portion of this surplus to meet all general fund bonded debt payments as they come due, both principal and interest. He said this would take \$52,000,000 and would, by this provision also reduce current levies of taxation by \$5,000,000. The remainder of the surplus should go into a postwar reserve fund, he continued, to serve as a cushion against a sudden decline in revenue, or for other possible needs and purposes that might arise.

As a fiscal policy for the immediate future, the Governor came out strong against any new taxes, and for holding unchanged (for the most part) the present tax structure. Tax structure changes suggested were to make drugs used by doctors and patients exempted from tax, and permitting the income tax structure to exempt expenses for medical care, funerals, and of children in school. He advocated continuing the war bonus for teachers and state employees.

Education. Turning to education he suggested an eight-point program to strengthen the public school system. He wants: a base pay of \$125 per month for A-grade teachers just starting in the profession, with increment for experience; an expanded program of vocational training; free text books through the eighth grade and rental fees on (Turn to page three)

Person Negro Allegedly Shoots His Landlord Through Front Door.

One of the chief cases expected to be scheduled for trial at the January 29 term of Person Superior Court, over which Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, is to preside, may be that against Ed Thorpe, Negro, about 30, charged with the murder of Mrs. Bertha Tapp Harris, 70, also a Negro, of the Bushy Fork and Hurdle Mills community, who died on New Year's day after having allegedly been shot by Thorpe at her home on Christmas Eve.

Thorpe allegedly shot the Harris woman through the front door of her home, having come there in what was said to have been an intoxicated condition, following members of his own family who fled to the Harris house for protection and crawled under a bed in the front room.

The Harris woman, shot in the lower hip, was taken to a Durham hospital for first aid and then returned home. She was again taken to the same hospital shortly before her death this Monday.

Preliminary hearing for Thorpe may be held Tuesday in Person Recorder's Court, according to Person Sheriff M. T. Clayton, who did not reveal circumstances connected with the case until the Harris woman died. Rites for her are being held this afternoon.

Thorpe is being held in jail, where he has been since the shooting took place. He allegedly shot the woman after she told him the people for whom he was seeking were not in her house. Thorpe was a tenant on the Harris farm. Complete details of the shooting are being worked out, according to Sheriff Clayton.

There will be only one week of Superior Court this month, according to a resolution adopted Monday by the Person County Commissioners, lack of business being the reason assigned. Re-elected as County Attorney for a period of two years at the same Commissioners session was R. P. Burns.

Jurors expected to serve at the January court term are:

J. T. Crowder, J. F. McCulloch, Ernest Wilson, C. T. Blacklock, K. A. Gillis, Spence Bowling, B. W. Gentry, Dennis Latta, Bob Gravitte, C. A. Hall, Spencer Peed, F. E. Wells, Hassel Long, Ed Owens, I. E. Pleasant, C. R. McIntosh, W. A. Gravitte, J. T. Vaughan, L. M. Gillis, C. E. Hester, A. Y. Grinstead, E. Hester Long, H. T. Welch, Curtis Moore, J. L. Cottrhan, Also Eugene T. Gentry, C. E. Robertson, O. R. Yarborough, M. T. Slaughter, George B. Bullock, T. W. Yancey, Earlie Brann, J. H. Foose, L. T. Moorefield, C. B. Gill, E. C. Mims, A. E. Clayton, A. L. Blacklock, H. B. Bailey, H. W. Chambers and C. D. Clayton.

Chaplain Regan Reported Killed

Col. T. H. Regan, chaplain for the 78th Lightning Division when it was stationed at Camp Butner, was killed in Germany on Dec. 18, according to information received in Durham.

Mrs. Regan and her two daughters, Misses Betty and Barbara Regan, are now in Jackson, Miss.

Colonel Regan, in addition to his duties with the 78th Division, was an active figure in activities in Durham and Roxboro during his stay at Camp Butner.

J. W. Green Will Head Person Lodge

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J. W. Greene, of Roxboro, will be installed as Worshipful Master. Mr. Greene has been Acting Master of the Lodge 113 since last April when Oscar Hull left for military service. Dutch Supper will be served at Hotel Roxboro at 6:30 P. M., and the meeting will follow at the Lodge Hall at 7:45 P. M. Masons from Durham, Oxford, Henderson, and Warrenton are expected to attend. All Person and Roxboro Masons are urged to attend, noting the change in date to Monday, January 8th.