

*** RATION DEADLINES**
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Churches Join In Holy Week Rites Here This Friday

Assembly Ends After Following Cherry's Lead

Gov. Cherry Misses On Only One Of More Than Dozen Recommendations.

Raleigh, March 21.—Governor Cherry, whose administration is less than three months old, battled close to the one-thousand mark on legislation he proposed before the 1945 General Assembly which adjourned sine die last Wednesday.

Although administration influence was felt on almost every important piece of legislation passed at this session, all but one of the more than a dozen recommendations the Governor made in his inaugural address on Jan. 4 were enacted.

In addition, gubernatorial influence decided at least three bills of State-wide importance which headed for defeat on the floor. And only once did the hard-hitting "Iron Major" deem it necessary to appear in person before the lawmakers in support of an administration measure.

That one occasion was in connection with the much talked about State hospital and medical care program, which Cherry said before becoming Governor he would like to study further. In the appearance the Governor urged passage of a greatly abbreviated medical care program in keeping with the State's ability to pay. The measure was one of the last to be handled by the 1945 session.

Cherry endorsed a bill meet complete defeat. That was the State-wide referendum measure, which proposed to allow a vote on the liquor question six months after the war. It was reported unfavorably by the Senate Finance Committee.

The Governor, meanwhile, announced early that he would commit his administration to an unalterable policy of maintaining a balanced budget. And although the Legislature appropriated more than \$15,000,000 more than the original budget bill provided, Cherry said that the State's finances, based on expected revenues, are proportionately well balanced.

In order, here are some of Governor Cherry's inaugural recommendations. (Please turn to page eight)

Games Start

Roxboro high school's baseball season, with twelve games scheduled begins this week, with opening game here Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock against Hillsboro. Second game of the week will be Friday afternoon at two o'clock with Hurdle Mills at Hurdle Mills.

Coach is the Rev. Boyce Brooks, with Jim Allgood as assistant. Two dates are open, according to J. L. Hester, supervising principal.

St. Louis Winner In Show Here



"Little Greyhound," shown above, sire son of Guy McKeney and Dane, Peter Volo, will be entered in the Roxboro Horse Show next week by his owner, T. M. Motley, Jr., of Chatham, Virginia. Featured in the Road stake trotting class, the "Little Greyhound" does a mile in 2 minutes 7 seconds. He has won extensive honors in meets throughout the country including first place at St. Louis, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., and last year Little Greyhound was awarded a \$1500.00 prize in St. Louis. Standing 15 hands high he is iron grey and extremely well built.

In France



CPL. W. E. REAVES

Cpl. Willie Edward Reaves, of Woodsdale, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Reaves and a brother of George Reaves, is now stationed in France. In the service four years, he has been overseas about two and one-half years.

Red Cross Will Continue Drive All This Week

Whitt Reports On Standard Oil Gift. Contributions Still Coming.

Although March 31, will be final date for contributions to the Red Cross fund drive here, the quota is already over the top with \$11,621.71 turned in and more coming each day, according to Miss Dorothy Taylor, of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, financial tabulator.

Quota was \$8,900, but it is now indicated that totals will go above \$12,000. Typical of contributions was one for \$50 from Standard Oil, sent to P. T. Whitt, district representative, from R. T. Hammett, who said that State appropriation for Red Cross from Standard Oil was \$5,600 this year. The Roxboro area contribution this year was increased, according to Mr. Whitt. Many other oil agencies and chain store organizations have also made good contributions, says O. B. McBroom, general finance chairman here.

Break-down of contributions thus far received here is as follows, according to Miss Taylor:
Special gifts, \$3,637; Business district, \$1,238.42; Woman's division, \$1,471.28; Industrial division, \$898.73; White schools, \$2,352.96; Negro schools, \$1,374.64 and miscellaneous, \$648.68, total, \$11,621.71.

Former Roxboro Resident Dies

Funeral for Ben Franklin Cozart, 57, of South Boston, Va., formerly of Roxboro, a native of Granville county, whose death occurred Friday at his home in South Boston from a heart condition after a long illness, was held Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at West End Methodist church, South Boston, of which he was a member, by the Rev. R. J. Wells and the Rev. Mr. Roach, with interment in Oak Ridge cemetery.

A son of the late Pink Cozart, he was connected with Halifax Cotton Mills, South Boston.
Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Maxie Carver, of South Boston, three daughters, Mrs. J. R. M. New, Danville, Va., Mrs. J. R. Duffey and Miss Tiny Belle Cozart, both of South Boston, a son William Cozart, of South Boston, and two sisters, Mrs. Will Forbrush, of South Boston, and Mrs. Hezie Brame, of Roxboro.

Rainey Norris Slightly Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Norris, of Hurdle Mills, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Cpl. Rainey Norris, was slightly wounded in Germany on March 8th. Cpl. Norris was with the famous 4th Armored Division, with General Patton's Third Army and has been in action since July 1944.

Cpl. Norris was awarded a certificate of merit by his commanding officer in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty. The citation reads "Meritorious and outstanding gunnery on 26 September, 1944 at Rebecourt, France."

G. I. Bill Can Be Benefit In Social Service

Carolina Power And Light Official Speaker At Rotary Club.

Consideration of various aspects of the G. I. Bill of Rights, with special reference to financial and educational benefits, furnished the topic for D. E. Stewart, of Raleigh, official of the Carolina Power and Light company, guest speaker Thursday at Roxboro Rotary club for T. Miller White, who introduced Mr. Stewart.

Presiding was Fred Long, club president, and a special guest was Mrs. Ethel Walker Whetstone, tri-county librarian, who was introduced by Thomas J. Shaw, Jr. The meeting was at Hotel Roxboro, where this week's special session for Dr. Ellen Black Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will also be held.

Mr. White in introducing Mr. Stewart paid tribute to him as man interested in public affairs. Stressing the fact that the G. I. Bill and its benefits represent a social advance over the last war, Mr. Stewart pointed out economic advantages that will result in various communities such as Roxboro when money available to returned veterans for homes, business ventures, farm purchases and educational projects is released.

A distinct advantage this time is the fact that returning veterans will be aided in settling down in their home communities. The G. I. program is being administered in part by the United States Employment service, as the speaker pointed out, and the USES will be glad to render what service is possible. Mr. Stewart is agricultural consultant and assistant to the vice president of his company.

Next week's meeting is to be in charge of I. O. Abbott.

Pfc. G. B. Walker Gains Recognition With Patton Army

Pfc. George Boyd Walker of Roxboro has been awarded the good conduct ribbon and an ETO ribbon on which he wears a bronze star for participation in a major battle according to word received by his wife. Pfc. Walker, in a Medical Headquarters Detachment with Patton's Third Army, at last word received from him was still in France but is thought to be in Germany now.

He went into the Army in May 1944. Walker writes that he is getting along fine, but would like to come home to see all his relatives and friends and especially his five months old son, whom he has never seen, he has one other child. His wife is the former Miss Lavenia Walker, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walker.

Easter Music To Be School Feature

Fourth and Fifth grades of Cavell school will present a special Easter musical program at the school Thursday night at eight o'clock, according to Miss Louise Stephens, principal, who said this morning that the public is cordially invited to attend.

Burns To Speak To Teachers Here

Regular meeting of the Person Schoolmasters club will be held Wednesday night at six-thirty o'clock at Hotel Roxboro, where speaker will be Rep. R. P. Burns, who will discuss school aspects of legislation recently enacted in the General Assembly.

To Clean Grounds

Friends and members of Mt. Zion Methodist Church are asked to meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, March 27th, to clean the church grounds.

Along The Way

In case you want any spring plowing done call Jack Hambrick and he will be glad to look after it for you. Jack has purchased a nice plow with a motor attached. The contraption has two large auto tires on the wheels and will really go down a row. Of course someone has to walk with it and hold it in the ground. Whether Jack can or will do this we do not know.
George Walker, Jr., of the U. S. Army is at home for a few days and altho he appears to be in good shape he must be rather weak. His father says that the other day he sat down to breakfast and looked at George's plate. He had six cakes of sausage on it and later ordered four or five fried eggs. Of course he had the regular amount of bread and butter along with coffee. No bacon was available.
No wonder it costs so much to feed the armed forces.

Bridge Of Bombs



Airfields Became Lakes in parts of Italy with the heavy winter rains and snowfalls. At a British airfield in eastern Italy, an R. A. F. airman uses a line of 1,000-pound bombs as a footbridge thru the floods.

Merchants Meet Thursday Night

Planned for Thursday night of this week, March 29, at eight o'clock in the main courtroom at Person Court house is a meeting of OPA officials and merchants at which a new regulation (MPR 580) governing retail prices of apparel and house furnishings will be discussed.

The Roxboro and Person merchants coming under the new directive have been or will be notified of the meeting and the majority have already received an official statement covering the new regulation, according to Person OPA officials. A full attendance is requested and all who come under the ruling are urged to be on time.

Published below is a complete copy of the statement issued here in connection with the apparel and furnishings regulation:

"The OPA has just issued a new regulation (MPR 580) governing retail prices of apparel and house furnishings. It provides for the preparation of a pricing chart similar to that required by RMPR 330. It is impossible for a retailer to price merchandise correctly unless his pricing chart has been made out. Each retailer selling items covered by the regulation MUST file two copies of a properly prepared pricing chart on or before April 29 with his District Office. Any retailer who has not received an acknowledgment from the District Office by MAY 4 that his chart has been received MUST DISCONTINUE SELLING ALL ITEMS covered by the regulation on that date until an acknowledgment is received.

"The regulation covers stores that sell the types of commodities listed below except those covered by MPR95, RMPR 208, RMPR 229, MPR 274, RMPR 304, RMPR 306, RMPR 330, 2RMPR 339, MPR 385, RMPR 506, MPR 547, and MPR 578: "Men and boys' apparel and apparel accessories; feminine apparel and accessories; infants' apparel and accessories; footwear; household textile commodities and yard goods; consumer durable goods; bedding, floor coverings, lamps and lamp shades.

"Practically every retail establishment in the county will be covered by this regulation. Your trade meeting will be held in Roxboro, N. C. at the Court House in the courtroom on Thursday night, March 29, 1945 at eight o'clock. You and other officials of your organization are urged to attend. Please be present and on time."

Julius White, Jr., At Oliver General

Technician 5th Grade Julius White, Jr. of Roxboro, has arrived at the Oliver General Hospital Augusta, Ga., in Ward 5.

White has just returned from overseas where he served with the Medical Detachment. He has been in the service for a year and 9 months.

Small Fires

Blaze from a pan of grease on an electric stove at the residence of R. M. Spencer, this City, was responsible for a fire department call Sunday night at seven-thirty, according to Roxboro Fire Chief Henry E. O'Brian, who reported no damage was done. Fire was out before firemen could reach the scene. Two grass fires, with no damage, were reported Friday.

The requirements of our armed forces are growing. There will be a little less meats, lard, fats, and sugar but nothing to get alarmed about. There will be a wholesome diet for everyone, says WFA.

Changing Picture Of War Prisoner Vividly Revealed

Roxboro Man Helps Wipe Out Jap Stronghold

Pvt. Wrenn Takes Part In Spirited Morotai Campaign.

The Dixie Division on Mortal-Quick shooting infantrymen of the 31st Division, including Pvt. Max Wrenn, of Roxboro, skilled Jap hunters and veterans of two Pacific campaigns, ran up "the score" of 72 to 0 in a five-day combat patrol on Morotai island in February. The G.I.'s got the drop on the Nips and kept it—they "scored" 72, captured six, and suffered not one casualty.

Only once did the hunted beat the hunters to the draw, when a lone Jap popped out of the undergrowth 30 yards away and let go a wild shot from his pistol. Before he could get off a second round he was cut down by two rattling tommy guns, fired by Private James Richardson of Ackerman, and Sergeant John Barfield, son of James L. Barfield, DeKalb, both of Mississippi.

Five North Carolina men are members of the company which made the three-mile trek into the interior and returned. They are: Pfc. George M. Cook, Jr., son of Mrs. G. M. Cook, 3311 Rigdon Street Charlotte; Pfc. Howard J. Cox, Rt. 3, of Asheboro; Pfc. William Mullis, husband of Mrs. Ruth Mullis, Peachland, and son of Mrs. L. P. Mullis, Laurinburg; Pfc. Clifton T. Thomas, son of Mrs. Addis R. Thomas, 805 Eva Street, Durham; and Private Max E. Wrenn, son of Sid Wrenn, Rt. 1, Roxboro.

Already that morning five Japs had received the surprise of their lives when they walked into a trap. Although armed, only one Emperor's son had time to make a false move—he pulled the pin from a grenade, tapped it and had his arm raised for the delivery when a blast of lead from four Mississippi riflemen perforated his body; the gre— (Please turn to page 8)

Cpl. Ronald Hicks Receives Wings

Cpl. Ronald E. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hicks of Timberlake, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises held here.

Court Of Honor

March meeting of the Court of Honor for the Person Scout district will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at Person Court House, according to Gus Deering, chairman. It is hoped that all boys prepared for the court will attend.

Regular monthly meeting of the Negro Scout district will be held Tuesday night at eight o'clock at Person County Training school.

Dr. E. B. Winston To Speak Thursday

Dr. Ellen Black Winston, of Raleigh, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will make her first official visit to Person County and Roxboro this Thursday, March 29, when she will be guest speaker that night at Hotel Roxboro at six-thirty o'clock at a Council of Social Agencies dinner meeting to be attended also by members of Kiwanis, Rotary and the Business and Professional Woman's club.

Introduction of Dr. Winston will be by former Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, of this City, and invocation will be by the Rev. W. C. Martin, Program chairman in charge of arrangements is Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff, director of the Person Department of Public Welfare, and presiding officer will be the president of the Agency Council.
Thursday's jointly sponsored dinner meeting will take the place of regularly scheduled meetings of the Agency Council and the civic clubs concerned. It is also expected that there will be a number of additional guests.
Dr. Winston, who last year became State Commissioner of Welfare, succeeding Mrs. W. T. Bost, resigned, is a woman with a wide background in social service and at the time of her appointment to the Commissioner's post was a member of the faculty of Meredith college. She is a native of North Carolina, coming from Bryson City, and received her doctorate from the University of Chicago.
Topic of her address has not been announced, but it is expected that she will discuss present and future problems of public welfare in the State, with some comment on recent legislative trends.

Prisoner Of War Work Explained By Atlanta Speaker Here Yesterday.

A thorough and convincing picture of present aspects of the Red Cross prisoner of war program, both in the Far East and in Europe, was presented here yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Elizabeth Lott Minor, of Atlanta, southeastern area representative of the American Red Cross, who in a gathering at Person court house addressed next of kin representatives from three or more counties and assured them that "We (the American Red Cross) shall not cease in our efforts until every man (prisoner of war) is home again."

Largest part of the interested audience was from Person, but also present were families from Caswell and Granville counties, many of whom stayed after the formal talk was ended and sought further information by more direct and personal questions. Presiding was Miss Nancy Bullock, local prisoner of war chairman, who announced that next regular meeting of the group will be in May.

Also announced was a state-wide next of kin meeting to be held in Charlotte on Tuesday, April 3, when men who have been prisoners of war will be among the speakers. Miss Bullock is expecting to attend this meeting and will seek to make transportation arrangements for any other local citizens interested in going. Such persons are, however, requested to notify her as soon as possible.

The picture of prisoner of war work is apparently improving so far as Japan is concerned, according to Mrs. Minor, but it is to be feared that conditions in Germany are deteriorating, chiefly because of destruction of transportation systems there under heavy Allied offensives. The Germans are, however, abiding by Geneva convention rules, says Mrs. Minor, while the Japanese are not.

Mrs. Minor, who left late yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, gave much new and encouraging information to a large audience, but many of those who heard her appreciated most of all her confidence in the Red Cross program.

Charles S. White Out Of Marines

Now returned to civilian life is Charles Shaw White, of this City, formerly a Private First Class, the United States Marine Corps and veteran of months of service in the South Pacific, who has received an honorable discharge after spending several months in hospitals for treatment of a tropical fever.

Mr. White and his wife arrived here Friday and will be at home Tuesday night at eight o'clock at Person County Training school.