

Saturation Point Reached In Taxes And Expenditures

Governor R. Gregg Cherry Said In Address Here To Party Members

Addressing a First Congressional District democratic rally in the Martin County courthouse Monday afternoon, Governor R. Gregg Cherry declared that public taxation and expenditures had reached a saturation point in this State. "Sober thought tells us there is a saturation point where tax-paying ability will not let us go beyond," the State's chief executive said, adding that he believed that point was some where between seventy and ninety million dollars.

The governor prefaced the statement after he briefly touched on the requests advanced during the budget hearings the early part of this month. "We are spending now about 70 millions annually. The budget requests for the next fiscal year call for expenditures of 95 million and 93 million the following year. We collected last fiscal year about 91 million dollars, and it is estimated that we'll collect another 91 million in the current fiscal year," he explained, adding that he was trying to keep State on a sound financial basis and was looking to the future. "With the help of good people we can carry on and succeed," he said.

While the governor strongly intimated that he favored calling a halt in budget expansion, he made no reservations in pledging an all-out program for secondary, farm-to-market roads, school bus and mail routes. He soft pedaled the school teacher problem when he said, "I believe the legislature will help lift standards of the teaching profession." While he did not mention teacher salaries other than to admit they were low, he did declare, "We don't plan to sell this State short. We plan to make it greater, and to do that we must provide better training for our youth."

Governor Cherry pointed out that an enormous amount of money was being spent for schools, that 84 cents out of every dollar went to teachers, that low salaries were causing many teachers to quit the profession. "Schools are near and dear to the people of this State," he said, but at no time did the governor come out in support of a clear-cut remedy to solve the teacher problem other than to express the belief that "the legislature will help lift the standard of the teaching profession," and assure his listeners that "the party" "do not plan to sell this State short."

With a tidy surplus in the highway fund, Governor Cherry brightened up and left no doubt where he stood about a program for rural roads, the by-ways that have been ignored and all but forgotten, to these many years. "From 1921 to 1945 we spent \$972,000,000 building 12,000 miles of main roads. From 1921 when the State took over the 48,000 miles of county roads until 1945, only \$12,000,000 were spent on them. It is a disproportionate amount, but there has been created a definite program, calling for more attention to be given the secondary roads. Since January of this year we have let contracts for 2,000 miles of secondary road

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Recovering From Accident Injury

Joe Hollis, old-time woodsman and logger, is recovering fairly rapidly from injuries received when a team of oxen ran away with him on the Oak-City-Hassel highway earlier this month.

Frightened by a passing train, the oxen jumped and ran away, throwing Mr. Hollis off the unloaded cart. His right thumb was almost torn from the hand and several stitches were required to put it back in place. His right arm was badly cut and bruised near the shoulder, and he suffered a severe head injury.

Semi-conscious, Mr. Hollis was picked up about thirty minutes later and carried to the Robersonville Clinic where his injuries were treated. He is able to be up and about, but unable to resume his work, last reports stated.

Asking Commission For Oak City Bank

LOSES \$500.00

Public Hearing Is Held In Oak City Monday Afternoon

Petition Will Be Placed Before State Commission Wednesday

Hard luck and near adversity overtook L. A. Shaw, operator of a small store near the fairgrounds, yesterday morning when someone picked up approximately \$500 of his hard-earned cash from a public counter in a local bank.

The young man was at the wall counter preparing to make a deposit when he turned and went to the teller's window to handle some detail. When he returned to the counter a few seconds later the pocketbook and money were missing.

Propose \$100,000 War Memorial for County War Dead

Special Committee Drafts Recommendations For Legion Post

Meeting in the John Walton Hassell Post hut, American Legion, a special committee Monday evening drafted recommendations for the establishment of a fitting memorial to be built and dedicated to the memory of all Martin County men who died in past wars.

In addition to the war memorial itself, the committee suggested that possibly the opening of a memorial cemetery for war dead should be considered, and the group is recommending to the Legion Post that a committee be named to investigate the establishment of a memorial plot. It was pointed out that possibly relatives would favor having their war dead buried in a special plot in a kept cemetery in the county, that markers could be placed to the memory of those whose bodies were lost.

The following recommendations are to be submitted to a full meeting of the Legion shortly and a special committee is to be named to take charge:

"Since it has been brought to our attention that there never has been a memorial of any description proposed or completed for the service men of Martin County who gave their lives in any of the past wars, and recognizing the fact that nothing the living veterans of the county could do would be more fitting than to perpetuate the memory of our comrades who gave their lives that others might live in a free world, we the committee appointed to investigate the possibility of a memorial to be sponsored by the John W. Hassell Post of the American Legion hereby recommend that this post sponsor this worthy undertaking.

"We do not recommend merely a shaft of stone or marble with a few names and dates inscribed upon it to become weather-beaten in a few years and then forgotten, nor do we recommend a building with marble walls for the birds to build nests in. We would like to see a memorial erected to our departed comrades of this county that would not only be an everlasting monument to their memory and would at the same time be of great service to the community.

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Open Meeting In Baptist Church

Opening a series of revival services in the local Baptist Church Sunday, the pastor, Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, last evening turned the pulpit duties over to Rev. Paul K. Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth, who will bring the evening messages during the remainder of the meeting which closes on Wednesday of next week.

Rev. Mr. Nickens, stating that his audience last evening was the largest he had ever preached to on a Monday night, took his text from Revelations, "Let Us Arise and Go To Bethel."

The current revival follows two held in the local Methodist and Christian churches.

Kiwanis Club Has Ladies Night And Honors Teachers

Twentieth Anniversary Of Organization Here Also Observed Last Week

With their wives and the members of the high school faculty as their guests and District Governor Jasper B. Hicks of Henderson as their speaker, the members of the Williamston Kiwanis Club Thursday evening celebrated the 20th anniversary of its beginning here.

The meeting was held in the Woman's Club and presided over by President Wheeler Martin who introduced Sam D. Bundy of Farmville, past district governor of Kiwanis and who was principal of the Williamston High school last year. It was, Mr. Bundy said, his "duty" to introduce Governor Hicks but he later agreed it was a privilege and with some genial ribbing and joke telling he presented a man who proceeded to entertain his listeners the while he brought home some important truths.

Congratulating the club on the splendid work it has done in the community, Mr. Hicks paid tribute to the women present by declaring that it has been truthfully said that the wives of Kiwanis members can break a club in 24 hours if they desired to do so. Their cooperation and support through the years has meant much in the progress of Kiwanis, he said.

As the theme of his address Mr. Hicks used the second object of Kiwanis: "Human Relationships." He declared it a part of the firmament of Kiwanis. It is, he said one of the most important things in life, something to be given close attention and developed as often and as much as possible.

Speaking of human relations he listed four important items in this category: Husband and wife, father and son, employee and employer, and citizen and government.

Basically, Mr. Hicks declared, the observance of the Golden Rule is the important thing. It takes a lot of cooperation to have the proper understanding and friendly relations that are so necessary in the family, Mr. Hicks said. He told many jokes and related incidents to support and emphasize his points. The making of friends he listed as one of the really big jobs of life. Most other things may wait but this task cannot be begun too soon, he declared.

To illustrate he told about a man who had spent his early life in acquiring an education, in becoming a military figure, in acquiring a great deal of money, and in the fear that money might not give him security enough, had bought many acres of land. At the end of it all, he said that he was now ready to go about the work of making friends. But he had put it off too long and confessed to a friend that it was too late. Friendships, the speaker repeated, should be an all-inclusive job.

Before Mr. Hicks arrived W. C. Manning led the Kiwanians and their guests in the singing of several familiar songs. Mr. Hicks arrived in time for the meal which was served by the ladies of Holly Spring Methodist Church, and also for the program rendered by three local girls, Misses Marjorie Gray Dunn, Elizabeth Parker and Katherine Manning. They began by singing a selection from Robert Louis Stevenson's book, "Garden of Verses" and followed with the "Little Man Who Wasn't There." They then gave a command performance of "Short'n Bread." This was especially well received by the audience.

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Young Man Badly Hurt In Accident

George H. Manning, Jamesville young man, was critically hurt and his brother, Tom Brown Manning, suffered bruises and shock and possibly a broken back when the 1941 Ford driven by Marvin Corey crashed into an electric light pole in Jamesville at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Corey was not hurt.

His back broken, George Manning was removed to a Richmond hospital Sunday after receiving first aid treatment in the hospital here.

Traveling from Plymouth the car, said to have been running between fifty and sixty miles an hour, went out of control, struck a guy wire and climbed it well in to the air, crashing against and breaking the pole in two. The high-powered lines fell to one side, eliminating danger of electrocution for all three in the car. One section of the town near the Fleming home was thrown into darkness for several hours.

Investigating the accident, Paul Holliday, Jamesville officer, estimated the damage at about \$750 to the car and possibly \$100 or more to other property.

Man Badly Beaten In Gambling Brawl Saturday Evening

Henry Crawford Jailed and Geo. Hardison Placed Under \$500 Bond

Action in an alleged gambling den and illicit liquor retail joint in the rooms of Henry Crawford on the third floor of the Guaranty Bank here reached a climax last Saturday night when Bob Harrell was brutally beaten and another man, George Beach, badly battered himself when he fell in a dash for safety. Few particulars could be learned immediately, but police jailed Henry Crawford and bond was denied him pending the outcome of Harrell's condition.

George Hardison, said to have voluntarily admitted a fist attack on Harrell, was placed under bond in the sum of \$500.

A bad cut over one eye and his face beaten almost to pulp, Harrell told officers that he and several others were engaged in a friendly card game in Crawford's room when an argument was started over a "queen." Sensing the hostile atmosphere when Crawford threatened him, Harrell was said to have left his seat and started out the door. Just as he was leaving someone landed a blow on the back of his head, knocking him out. He was dragged from the third floor to the second and left there, his assailants apparently thinking he was dead. While being dragged down the hall, Harrell said he partly recovered from the first blow long enough to see and feel Harrell beating him in the face. He lost consciousness again and was found possibly thirty minutes later when Charlie Bullock entered the building presumably for a visit to Crawford's apartment.

Police were called and they got medical attention for Harrell and he was later carried to his home near here.

Beach, running to get out of the brawl, was said to have fallen on his face and badly hurt himself.

Crawford was later found in his apartment by officers who arrested and jailed him. It was reported that about six quarts of liquor were found in the man's possession, and he is being charged with operating a gambling den, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of liquor for the purpose of sale.

Last reports from the victim of the brutal beating stated that he had been running a high fever, that his eyes were forced shut and his lips and cheeks were badly swollen. However, he was expected to recover if no complications developed.

A hearing in the case is tentatively scheduled before Justice John L. Hassell for Friday night of this week.

Caught Trying To Relieve Shortage

John Smallwood, 38, and Charlie Wiggins, 40, were trapped by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and other officers last Sunday when the two men circumvented the law in an effort to relieve the meat shortage. While the larceny case was solved, one-half of the 75-pound pig stolen from the fields of agriculturist W. G. Peele was never found.

The theft was discovered early Sunday morning when farm superintendent, Pete Mendenhall, visited the pens and found where the animal had been killed. Officers picked up the tracks and followed them to Smallwood's home below the river hill. When they entered the home, Smallwood was busy parching peanuts, a job he held to without even troubling to find out what the law wanted. Smallwood's wife did not stop her housecleaning. At first no lead in the case could be uncovered, but a few black hog hairs were found around the back porch, and a second search of the house was made. A tub apparently filled with sweet potatoes was examined closely and one-half the pig was packed in the bottom. Smallwood was arrested then and there. Charlie Wiggins, arrested a short time later, admitted helping Smallwood dress the animal, and he was placed in jail.

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Dangerously Stabbed In Oak City Attack

Gus Bryant, Oak City colored man, was dangerously stabbed in the back twice by Arthur Cotten, also colored, on the streets there last Saturday afternoon. The wounds, said to have been several inches deep, were packed by a local physician.

The two men were said to have quarreled over a woman.

Placed under a \$100 bond, Cotten was scheduled to appear before Justice J. B. Whitfield for a hearing.

District Democrats Hold Big Rally In Courthouse Monday

Sales Nearing Ten Million Pounds on Tobacco Market

Boasted by a large offering last Friday and a much larger delivery Monday than was expected, the Williamston Tobacco Market today is nearing the ten million-pound mark for the current season. Last week the market handled almost a million pounds for an average right at \$55 per hundred pounds, or one of the highest weekly averages of the season to date.

Through last Friday, the market had sold 9,487,690 pounds for \$4,836,872.34, a resulting average of \$50.98 for the season, including everything—scrap, damaged, poor quality, medium quality, good and the best. In the first forty sale days last season the market here sold 10,365,446 pounds for \$4,580,389.89, or an average of \$44.20 per hundred pounds. While the sales this season are trailing those

of a year ago by nearly one million pounds—877,756, to be exact—the farmers have received \$256,482.45 more than they did during the comparative period a year ago.

Varied reports were heard about prices on the market yesterday. Some said they noticed very little change in the price trend, but the general opinion was that the price figure was weaker than it was last Friday when one of the highest averages of the season was recorded. A government report released over the week-end stated that an all-time high record of tobacco production was being marketed this year, that the production was nearly two and one-quarter billion pounds, or 12 percent greater than any previous record. It is possible that the increased production is having its weight.

Jas. Henry Terry Died In Hospital Here Thursday

Funeral Services Held In Rose Of Sharon Church Friday Afternoon

Jas. Henry Terry, well-known county citizen and Bear Grass Township farmer, died in the local hospital last Thursday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for several years, but was getting along as well as usual until last Tuesday. He was busy in the peanut fields when he was taken ill, but his condition was not considered serious until Thursday noon when he was removed to the hospital in a Biggs ambulance. Pneumonia developed during the meantime and that with complications was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Terry was born in Beaufort County 56 years ago on September 23, 1890. When a small child he moved to this county and located in Bear Grass Township where he lived and farmed the remainder of his life.

In early childhood he joined the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church and was prominent in its leadership, remaining a loyal attendant upon its services and a willing and liberal supporter of its program. He was a friendly neighbor, a thoughtful husband and father and a good, substantial citizen who valued the fulfillment of every obligation to his fellowmen.

He was married in February, 1916, to Miss Maude Devanport and she survives with seven children: three sons, Charlie I. Terry, James L. Terry and Joseph M. Terry; four daughters, Mrs. Hyman Clark, all of the county, and Mrs. Russell Jones of Virginia

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Nest Of Liquor Stills Wrecked

Raiding in the Stinging Point section of Robersonville Township just off Highway No. 11, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, assisted by Deputy Roy Peel, found and destroyed a nest of illicit liquor stills last week. Five plants, all equipped with crude 50-gallon capacity oil drums for kettles, were destroyed along with approximately 600 gallons of molasses beer. The plants were all located in a small area, the officers explained, adding that they stumbled over four while looking for one.

Earlier in the week, the officers wrecked two plants in Bear Grass Township. The plants were equipped with oil drums and the officers poured out about 150 gallons of molasses beer. That same day, the officers found and captured a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle in Griffins Township and poured out 100 gallons of molasses beer.

Governor Cherry And Many Other Notables Speak

Party Leaders Warn against Over Confidence; Pledge Better Rural Roads

Overflowing the Martin County courthouse here yesterday afternoon for their "off-year" rally, First District Democrats were warned against over-confidence and urged to repair their political fences, State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman William Umstead declaring that strong support from this section would be needed in both the State and national contests two years from now.

Going on the air promptly at 3:30 o'clock, the meeting attracted a large number of notables in high-ranking government posts, heard Governor R. Gregg Cherry review the work of the party in this State and promise the rural population better roads. Party leaders in twelve of the district's fourteen counties reported to the convention, all of them declaring that opposition is non-existent, that the party has no cause for fear.

Opening the meeting, Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the party's executive committee in this county, explained that the visitors were meeting in the party's banner county or Democracy's bulwark. And he offered election figures to prove the claim.

As an ardent disciple of Thomas Jefferson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mayor John L. Hassell warmly greeted and welcomed the approximately 300 democrats. "It has been eight years since a rally was held here," the mayor said, adding, "Much history has been written during that time. Farnkin Roosevelt was re-elected for the third and fourth term. A great war was fought, and the flag of the party still flies without a cloud on the horizon. The party will never be destroyed because of its everlasting principles," he concluded, referring briefly to Martin County's strong stand for democracy.

Taking charge of the meeting, Chairman Umstead said he was impressed by the large crowd (the largest to attend any of the seven district rallies so far held in the State) and explained that the rally was planned to arouse interest in the party and lend help to democratic candidates. "Although there is little opposition in off-year election, we will need help for president and governor two years from now," he said, adding, "We must not sleep, but must keep awake." It was a direct appeal to northeastern democrats for help, the chairman pointing out that conditions here were different from those in the western part of the State where they had too many republicans.

Reporting on conditions in the various counties, party chairmen and members virtually read the

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Local Car Mashed On Wake Road

Both ends of the George Coreys' new Chevrolet were smashed as a result of an accident Saturday noon about 7 miles from Raleigh on the Wake Forest highway when their car was sandwiched between two other cars.

There was a steady line of traffic going to the game. The line stopped suddenly, the driver behind the Coreys' car failed to stop and hit the new car so hard that despite the fact that Mr. Corey's foot was still on the brake, the car skidded three yards, going into the car in front of them. Damage to the Corey car was estimated to be a little less than \$200.

The driver of the car failing to stop had to have his car towed in and the car in front of the Coreys escaped with a few dents in the trunk lid.

None of the occupants were hurt and all except the driver of the car which failed to stop continued to the game.

ROUND-UP

A varied list of law violations was recorded in the book in this community over the week-end when local and county officers and highway patrolmen jailed ten persons. Two were charged with drunken driving, two for larceny and receiving, two for assault, and one each for investigation, breaking and entering, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The ages of the group, including two white men, ranged from 21 to 51 years.

Hugh B. Bennett Died at His Home Saturday Morning

Funeral Services Conducted Monday Afternoon Near Oak City

Hugh Burroughs Bennett, popular Martin County citizen and well known farmer, died at his home near Oak City last Saturday morning at 11:15 o'clock following a long illness. In declining health last December he was forced to retire from his farming activities, and had been an invalid since the early part of this year. He underwent treatment in several hospitals, including a stay of several weeks in Duke. His condition showed some improvement early in the summer, but his condition had been serious for several months and critical for the past few weeks.

The son of the late Joel and Dorah Burroughs Bennett he was born near Williamston 49 years ago on May 17, 1897, and lived and farmed near here and in Bear Grass Township until a few years ago when he located on a farm near Oak City.

He was a member of the Baptist church at Everetts for almost a quarter century. Mr. Bennett was a hard worker and an accommodating friend to his fellowmen.

On September 29, 1918, he was married to Miss Maude Phelps of this county and she survives with four children, three sons, Chief Machinist's Mate Elbert Gray Bennett, U. S. Navy, Miami; and Hugh B., Jr., and Milton Bennett; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Lilley and Miss Sarah Brown Bennett and a grandson, Harold Brinkley Lilley, Jr., all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Leamon Hopkins of Robersonville, Mrs. W. M. Hardison of Poplar Point, Mrs. Johnnie Savage of near Williamston and Mrs. Jesse Rogers of Bear Grass; three brothers, R. F. Bennett of Murfreesboro, Leonard C. Bennett of Bear Grass and Vance Bennett of Everetts.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, and Rev. Mr. Haynes, Hobgood Baptist minister. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.