



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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President Truman To Speak In Raleigh On November 2nd.

President Truman will make a public address in the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh on the afternoon of November 2, Governor Cherry was advised this week by Senator Josiah Bailey.

The President will fly to Raleigh from Statesville, where he will speak to the State Senate on the morning of November 2. After his talk the President will be a dinner guest of the Governor at the Executive Mansion. He will leave that night for points south.

According to Senator Bailey, the President will be accompanied by a party of Washington officials.

This will mark President Truman's first visit to North Carolina since he became President. While he was still vice-president, he was to have addressed the Jefferson Day Dinner in Raleigh on April 15, but the dinner was postponed because of the death of President Roosevelt.

When the Dinner was held on June 2, President Truman was unable to attend due to the heavy duties he assumed when he became President. Postmaster General Robert Hannegan made the featured address in his stead.

An invitation to President and Mrs. Truman to be guests at the Governor's Mansion when the President comes to address the State Senate was extended in a telegram sent to the White House on last Friday by Governor Cherry.

The Governor also wired Postmaster General Hannegan, who is chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee, extending a similar invitation to Hannegan and his wife.

In his telephone conversation with the Governor, Senator Bailey did not indicate whether President Truman will speak at the 165th anniversary celebration of the Battle of King's Mountain on November 2. It previously had been announced that he would attend the celebration after addressing the Senate in Statesville.

The time of the President's address in Raleigh will be announced later, according to the Governor's office.

PJC TO OPEN COURSE FOR VETERANS NOV. 1

Maxton, N. C., Sept. 14, 1945

A special course for ex-service men who will attend the preparatory department of Presbyterian Junior College under Public Law 16 has been arranged to begin on Nov. 1. The program is being set up at the suggestion of Mr. J. H. Harrell, who is in charge of Rehabilitation Instruction for the Veterans Administration of the state of North Carolina. Under the G. I. Bill of Rights several veterans are already attending Presbyterian Junior College and other are expected soon. Arrangements have been made to allow veterans to enter college at any time and begin receiving credit within two weeks in several courses. In addition to the general provision for veterans under the G. I. Bill, the special class beginning November 1 will provide: individualized instruction for men in the service. Each student will be allowed to make as rapid progress as possible, and at the end of the semester standard college entrance examinations will be given. Veterans showing proficiency in these examinations will be recommended for admission to standard college courses at all colleges under a plan being worked out with the North Carolina College Conference. Housing accommodations will be available for married students. Further information may be secured by writing the Veterans Administration in Fayetteville, N. C., or the Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, N. C.

RED CROSS WORKERS WITH TROOPS IN JAPAN

Eighty-six American Red Cross men landed in Japan with General MacArthur's occupation forces.

They brought last-minute messages from home, clothing and comfort supplies for liberated American prisoners of war and civilian internees. They provided service at airstrip canteens, evacuee centers and hospitals, besides maintaining staff recreation centers, information booths and nurseries for internees' children.

In addition, they provided, and will continue to provide, the regular Red Cross Service available to American troops overseas during the war years. In Japan, as in Germany, the American Red Cross will serve the armies of occupation.

Home On Furlough



Sgt. Larry Bostic of Garden City, Kansas is spending a furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bostic in Beaulaville.

FARM CONSERVATION

GEORGE PENNEY Soil Conservation Service

The Southeastern Soil Conservation District is encouraging the use of permanent hay crops in Duplin County. One of the best permanent hay crops for this section of the State seems to be Kudzu, which has been called "The Wonder Plant of The South."

Mr. Tom Faison planted some Kudzu on his farm in the northern end of the County about five years ago to keep sandy hills from washing away. His tenant fenced part of it for pasture this spring and he told me last week that it was the best grazing that he has ever seen. He plowed up about an acre of his Kudzu and planted watermelons and this land produced the best melons grown on any of his farms. He also plans to harvest hay on several acres.

Some of the advantages in using Kudzu for grazing or for hay is that it can be grown on the poorest land, once a stand is established, it will continue to produce until plowed up. It can be harvested anytime from July until frost as labor and weather conditions permit. As previously stated, it is excellent grazing. It is a very good soil builder, and according to results obtained at Experiment Stations, the hay is as good or better than Alfalfa.

GOVERNMENT TO SELL REAL ESTATE AT PENDERLEA FARMS

The Government is selling a number of farms containing from one to thirty-five acres each at Penderlea, in Pender County, on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at 10 A. M. Many of the dwellings have electricity, running water and bath. One lot of Personal Property will also be sold. There will also be a Barbecue Dinner. See their ad on the inside.

Editorial

JOBS

All of us believe in the future of America. We believe that the present uncertainty is only temporary - a period between war prosperity and an era of peace-time plenty.

But believing is not enough. That, alone, is not the answer to unemployment and other hazards of reconversion through which we are passing. The only solution for unemployment is - JOBS.

We, in this community, are fortunate. Of course, the national situation is bound to have some influence on each State and County of the nation, but by and large we have no reconversion problems here. Duplin County has no munition plants or factories that must be converted to peace-time employment. What we have got, though, is our farms and forests which are producing commodities as necessary to the well-being of the country and as urgently needed now as during the crucial days of the war. A job is waiting for most anyone who wishes to work.

Of course, work in Duplin County does not pay the swollen wages obtainable from some of the big city war industries before V-J Day. But living and working here does not cut wide gaps into a paycheck either. In fact, taking all things into consideration, it is possible to live better and save more at current wages here than could be done with considerable higher big city wages.

Nor are current wages very low. Current farm prices enable farmers to earn and pay good wages, while pay for pulpwood cutters and haulers and other workers in forest industries are higher than they have ever been.

If anybody wants good living, doing healthy and invigorating work at good wages, he can find it on one of our neighboring farms or in cutting urgently needed timber or pulpwood for one of our neighboring mills. There is no reconversion problem here.



PEANUT POLITICIAN — North Carolina's Governor R. Gregg Cherry is urging all governors and agricultural leaders in peanut-producing states to become "peanut politicians" in assisting the industry to convert the peanut from an essential wartime oil crop to the No. 1 health food of the nation. Here Governor Cherry is shown bedecked with leis of peanuts at the recent meeting of the National Peanut Council held in Raleigh.

ABOUT NYLONS

Less than one pair of Nylons will be available, per woman, by Christmas is the prediction of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers.

The association said it probably would be late spring or early summer before women could buy Nylons whenever they wished and that rayons would have to supplement Nylon supplies probably for a year or more.

IN 1st RAID ON TOKYO

William Earl Byrd, S 1c, USNR of Faison can claim two "firsts" along with other members of the ALASKA's crew.

The ALASKA was the first of a new class of fighting vessels - the battle cruiser - and she took part in the first raid on Tokyo, in February of this year.

On Transport Meriwether



Robert L. Minton, Carpenter's Mate 1c, of Warsaw, sailed into Tokyo Bay aboard the Meriwether and help land the first occupation forces on the conquered soil of Japan.

A few hours before General MacArthur's triumphant arrival, the MERIWETHER landed a contingent of Marines on the eastern shore of Tokyo Bay.

GOVERNOR SETS ASIDE RELIGIOUS STUDY WEEK

Governor Cherry proclaimed the week of September 30th to October 7th as the Fifteenth Annual Religious Education Week, and he called upon the citizens of this State to "rededicate themselves to the creation of a society and a nation which are worthy of the sacrifices our fellowmen have made on the world's battlefields."

The Governor pointed out that peace recently came again to our nation, and that many homes now know for the first time in many years the joys of family reunions. "Secure foundations can be laid for the future only as men commit their plans and purposes to the eternal principles of religious faith and themselves to a loving and intelligent God," the Governor stated. "Let us set ourselves in family groups in Sunday schools, and in churches, to the learning and the teaching of religious faith, which alone will avail for that fairer world for which we yearn."

SHOTGUN SHELLS

The Army is releasing more than 23,000,000 rounds of shotgun ammunition to hunters.

Secretary of War Stimson told Representative Robertson (of Va.), in a letter that 6,000,000 rounds of 12-gauge shells have already been declared surplus.

They will be distributed through regular commercial channels for civilian use, he said.

In addition, Stimson wrote, the War Department shortly - probably this week - will declare approximately 17,000,000 12-gauge shells and 700,000 rounds of 16-gauge shells.

PROMOTED TO

STAFF SERGEANT IN GERMANY

With the 1st U. S. Infantry in Germany -

Sgt. Dolphus Bell, platoon Sgt., in C Company, 8th Infantry, was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant as a result of the apt leadership he has shown in the handling of his platoon.

Sgt. Bell's family, Mrs. D. Bell and his son, Robert Bell, reside in Warsaw. To add to the occasion Sgt. Bell had the extreme pleasure of playing host to his brother, Sgt. Norris Bell, of the 252nd Ordinance. It was a very happy reunion for the two brothers as it was the first time they had seen each other in over three years, when both attended the Beaulaville High School together. Although the parting was difficult as the meeting was happy, both brothers have expressed the hope and expectation of seeing each other again in the near future.

Shovel Squads Are Preparing For Grim German Winter

Church Services

At Beulaville Sunday

Regular services at the Beulaville Baptist Church Sunday at 12 o'clock noon, and 8:30 P. M. Rev. R. W. Fitzgerald is pastor. All are cordially invited.

649 AUTO DRIVERS

LOSE THEIR LICENSES

Six hundred and forty nine automobile drivers had their licenses revoked during August for various infractions of the law, Motor Vehicles Commissioner T. Bodie said. A majority followed convictions on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicants. Other causes for revocations were hit-and-run driving, transporting whiskey, and involuntary manslaughter.

LT. (jg) STRICKLAND

RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Lt. (jg) John Edward Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strickland, of Warsaw, returned last week from Alameda, Calif., where he was released from the Navy.

Lt. Strickland has been in service for 38 months as pilot of a carrier based bomber aboard the U. S. S. HORNET. He has received several citations and awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, and an Air Medal with 3 gold stars in lieu of a second, third and fourth Air Medal. Ten months of his service was spent in the South Pacific.

Arrives In Philippines

Mrs. R. C. Pridgen has received word that her son, Robert Pridgen, Merchant Seaman, has arrived in the Philippines after several months at sea. Young Pridgen is transporting troops from the Pacific back to the states.

CHERRY TO OPEN

BIG LEGION SHOW

IN RALEIGH NEXT WEEK

Governor To Speak Monday Night When Legion Celebration Opens in Raleigh

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, a former State department commander of the American Legion, will formerly open the American Legion Victory Celebration to be held next week at the State Fairgrounds, in Raleigh, under the auspices of Raleigh Post No. 1, of the American Legion.

The Governor will speak at 7 o'clock next Monday night in front of the grandstand preceding the performance of "The Song of Victory Revue," starring the Roxettes, who are the main attraction of the glaxxy of grandstand acts to be brought there by Geo. A. Hamid.

Providing the midway attractions will be Endy Brothers Thrill Show and Circus.

Proceeds of the celebration will be used by the Raleigh post in the construction of a \$150,000 American Legion Home for veterans of World War One and World War Two, according to Garland E. Bobbitt and George A. Iseley, co-chairmen of the celebration.

Tickets for the premier performance are already on sale at the War Bond Booth in front of the Wake County Courthouse.

Hint to school children: Make the most of your schooldays - they don't last forever.

It is very rare to find a man who is too busy to eat.

It has been reported from Berlin that Shovel Squads are already preparing the graves of Berliners expected to die from starvation or suicide during this winter's depressing months.

Told in the British-controlled zone that the fuel wood shortage would not permit cremations or burial in coffins, the grave-diggers are excavating before the ground freezes.

They are also reintering in cemeteries bodies by thousands found in hastily-dug and thinly-covered graves in the city's parks, gardens and courtyards during final days of the Berlin siege.

Authorities in the American zone conceded that there will be a high winter death rate, but said they expected no mass deaths from starvation. Americans are bringing in 600 tons of food daily from the country districts in their zone. While not fattening, the fare is enough to sustain life. What effect the scanty rations may have upon the suicide rate when cold weather comes is an unanswered question.

Most of perhaps 100,000 bodies in scratched out graves in Berlin have been transferred to cemeteries, relieving a serious threat to health. But, still to be recovered, are thousands of bodies in a stretch of subway who perished when the SS flooded the tubes.

BY CANDLELIGHT

Lights in Washington, N. C., went out last Tuesday night but it did not retard things at Tayloe Hospital, where candlelight was used to bring three bouncing babies, including twins, into the world.

The power failure occurred about eleven o'clock while doctors were awaiting new arrivals. Hospital attendants got the candles when it became apparent they would have no electric lights. Things moved along smoothly.

All three children were born about the same time, and hospital attendants reported all were doing well.

TO OUR READERS

You will notice that our correspondence this week is very limited.

We have requested from time to time that news, as well as advertising be sent in early. We exceedingly regret not having enough line casting machines to care for a whole week's work on the day we go to press. In as much as we do not have the machines, we will be forced to omit such late news in order to meet our deadline with what machinery we now have in use.

WRITES FROM TOKYO BAY

Mrs. Hubert Simpson of Beaulaville has sent the Times a letter written by her son, Ottis, while lying at anchor in Tokyo Bay. He is serving on the U. S. Cowpens.

We regret that his letter is too long to print in this issue, but he tells that he is well and is with the Third Fleet and Task Force No. 38, under command of Admiral Halsey.

He spoke particularly of the battleship Missouri, which he said could shoot a 2,200 pound shell for a distance of 22 miles.

Ottis, in one part of his letter said that he had been in 26 strikes against Japan and told of one near hit by a torpedo on the Cowpens by a Jap Sub. He said the torpedo had been aimed at the carrier Wasp but missed it and came very near hitting the Cowpens. Had it been four foot nearer the surface, it would have got them sure, he related.

Officers of American Legion



Pictured above are the 1945-46 officers of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Commanding Officer: Victor E. Johnson, Pittsboro. In the center. Others in the group are: left to right, top row: Department Vice Commander J. L. Walker, Forest City; Brown Wilson, Gastonia; J. W. McLennan, Burlington, and Ralph Dowd, Dunn. Second row: Department Historian Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro and Chaplain Lawrence A. Watts, Raleigh. Third row: Department Adjutant James M. Caldwell and Department Judge-Advocate Thad G. Stem, Oxford. Bottom row: National Committeeman Bryan Booe, Winston-Salem; Alternate National Committeeman Ralph Shell, Hickory; Department Service Officer C. A. Pennington, Oteen; and Assistant Service Officer Karl A. Muschette, Johnson and Stem are attorneys; Bain is director of North Carolina Committee - United States Brewers' Foundation; Watts is chaplain, state prison; Pennington and Booe, postmasters; Walker, insurance agent; Wilson, cotton broker; Dowd, railway mail clerk; McLennan, contractor; and Shell, oil dealer.