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## Editorial

### DOCTOR BILLS

By an overwhelming vote in a recent national poll, the people of this country made it clear that they think something should be done to make it easier to pay doctor and hospital bills. But by an even more overwhelming vote, the same group of people made it clear that they did not think a federal insurance plan, which would involve a six per cent deduction from their wages, as proposed by a group of congressmen is the right answer.

In other words, the poll made it clear that doctor bills are considered a real burden, but, as opposed to a federal protection plan, the people hold the doctor bills to be the lesser of the two evils.

The poll thus indicated that the plan most people want is one worked out by the doctors themselves rather than by the government. And we imagine that the medical profession is at this time working on possible plans to ease the burden of doctor bills without government assistance. One plan might be to work out a basis by which we could pay a doctor a stipulated fee each year to keep us well without additional payments being required by those who are unfortunate to suffer from serious illness.

### NEWS FROM ENGLAND

During the recent coal strike in this country, we heard a number of people say that it would be almost worthwhile to have a few bombs dropped over here in order to make the miners realize that there is a war going on.

But the news from England indicates that even bringing the war to our own front yards wouldn't alter the situation. For the English miners have seen plenty of bombs fall on their homeland. They have seen homes ruined and friends killed during the blitz. They know that the greatest battle in history is soon to be fought.

When hundreds of thousands of men in both this country and England are willing to show such callous disregard in their war role, even when their own sons and brothers are fighting at the front, it makes any patriotic American keenly aware of the limitations of his understanding of the mysteries of human conduct.

### WE MUST GIVE MORE

We must give more to the Red Cross, because the Red Cross needs more, to carry on the humanitarian work of this war. The Red Cross is serving millions of men now in the service and those men stand ready to give their all if called upon to do so. Is it asking too much for us to give more this year . . . to give all we can?

Surely we cannot fail the Red Cross or our men in service. Let us complete the drive this month by raising our quota. Remember, the Red Cross is in need of your help, now. Don't wait. The men in service are not waiting to do their duty. They are on the alert, ever ready.

### MYSTERY FIRES

Usually the diagnosis of fires which start with spontaneous combustion is, cause unknown. "Mystery" fires of combustive origin destroy millions of dollars worth of property and many lives every year. The following questions are taken from a booklet entitled, "12 Ways to Prevent Fires." Those who can answer them satisfactorily stand a good chance of avoiding fire losses from combustion; those who cannot, stand just as good a chance of watching the sun come up some morning (if they are lucky) with the terrible knowledge that the ashes before them are not the remnants of a nightmare, but the remains of their home. The questions are simple: Have any oil-soaked rags or mops used for dusting or polishing been left in attic, closets, kitchen, pantry or cellar? (A tightly closed metal can is the safest place for them). If a cleaning compound is employed in sweeping, is it placed in a covered metal can after being used? Has any paint been done recently? If so, have the paint cans been covered? Have paint-stained rags and clothing been burned? Has any damp or unweeded hay or grass been brought into cellar, barn or garage?

In those questions are the solution to most unexplained fires. A large percentage of urban homes, farms, and places of work are rife with delayed action incendiary bombs. Many of us in the course of a single day may walk past some of these bombs a score of times. After all, a greasy pair of overalls or a few oily rags are not a frightening sight. But they are nonetheless fire bombs, which may sooner or later wipe out in a few minutes the results of years of toil.

Spontaneous combustion works while you sleep, or while you are away. It seldom unleashes its fury before witnesses. That is why its visitation is wreathed in mystery.

## Quit Following Me Around!



### R. Gregg Cherry

#### CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

On May 27, the people of North Carolina according to a custom now well established, will face the solemn responsibility of choosing a candidate for Governor, along with candidates for other State offices, to direct the affairs of the commonwealth for the four years beginning next January.

In times of peace this functioning of a free electorate is highly important in the administration of the complex affairs of our government. In a war that today, directly or indirectly, touches virtually every living human being in the world the exercise of a free franchise is of even greater concern where democratic processes have flowered and the people have continued to enjoy their liberty their forefathers won in bloody struggles. This liberty, which embraces the freedom of religion, the right of free speech and the dignity of the human soul, cannot be preserved without constant vigilance and effort. If it is to be retained, the normal processes of government must continue. Elections must be held. Places of trust and responsibility must be filled by the vote of the people.

Today, in the turbulence of war, another and a vitally important campaign is under way. Having been in control of the state government for many years the Democratic party in North Carolina feels justly proud of its past performances and it believes the great majority of our people want it to continue the administration of public affairs. To that end, Gaston county is this year dropping Major R. Gregg Cherry, one of the state's foremost public servants and a veteran of World War I who fought valorously with his command overseas in 1917 and 1918, for his Party's nomination.

For the next Governor of North Carolina, the task will be one demanding an understanding of the problems of our people—particularly those that will face the soldiers and sailors who come back from World War II and which will challenge alike them and their elders—and the courage and integrity to meet them as they arise.

Upon the people who will nominate and elect the next governor there also falls the great responsibility of selecting a man who will advocate, without fear or favor, those policies so necessary for the continued progress and development of North Carolina.

It is with the confidence that Major Cherry measures, by every yard stick, up to these requirements that his friends present his candidacy.

Born on October 27, 1891, his mother died in his infancy, and his father, a Confederate soldier and lifelong Democrat died when he was but seven years old. After the death of his mother, his home was with his grandparents in Gastonia, where he attended the public schools until 1908. After completing the high school courses, he entered Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1908 and was graduated from that institution four years later. In 1914 he completed the law course, having in the ensuing six years earned his college expenses by working at jobs provided for those otherwise unable to pay their tuition and board.

Hardly had he become established in his profession, with an uncle in Gastonia, when war was declared against Germany. He volunteered his services, organized a company and served as Captain of the 115th machine gun battalion of the 30th Division, participating in numerous

engagements with the enemy in France and acquitting himself as a fighting soldier in a manner that won the admiration alike from the men who fought under him and the Officers who were superior in rank to him. His concern for the defense of his country resulted in continued military service and for several years after his active service which ended in 1919, he was a battalion commander with the N. C. National Guard.

Shortly after his return from overseas in 1919, he was drafted to serve as Mayor of Gastonia and returned to that post in 1921. He was in the forefront of the organization of the Gaston Post of the American Legion, serving as the first Commander and, in 1928, was elected by his comrades as State Commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Since he was old enough to vote, he has been a staunch Democrat, participating in recent years in all the campaigns of his party and serving it from 1937 until 1940 as chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee.

Starting in 1931 as a member of the House from Gaston county he has since served with distinction as its Speaker (1937) and for the past two terms of the General Assembly (1939 and 1941) he has been one of the outstanding members of the State Senate. Over this 12 year period by virtue of his high sense of duty, he has diligently and intelligently studied the problems of our state government and by reason of this study, and this continued intimate experience, he is today one of the best informed men in North Carolina on governmental affairs and is peculiarly endowed with the executive ability so essential to their direction.

Major Cherry is a member of a number of fraternal orders, including the Masons, Red Men, Junior Order, Odd Fellows, Elks and Pythians. In 1924, he served as Grand Chancellor of the latter order.

He is also a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, of the Board of Trustees of Duke University and a former vice president of the N. C. Bar Association. A life long Methodist, he is a member of the board of stewards of the Main Street Methodist Church in Gastonia.

In 1921 he was married to Miss Mildred Stafford, of Greensboro.

Known and respected throughout the length and breadth of his native commonwealth, he understands and has a genuine affection for the people in all walks of life, and in natural consequence this affection is returned.

He is committed to the philosophy that character and honesty in both private and public life are indispensable in the discharge of a public trust. Because he is so eminently qualified for leadership today, and because under him would be continued North Carolina's sound progress of more than four decades past, and on the basis of his training, experience and fitness for the office to those who best know him command him to the voters of this state, he merits confidence and support.

For glamour through grooming learn to do by doing: hands clean and well-cared-for nails; clothes brushed, pressed, and neat; the stockings freshly laundered with straight seams; shoes shined, heel even.

Don't neglect good grooming at any age. Keep the hair clean and neat in styling; the skin clean and clear, with natural-appearing make-up.

## BUY BONDS

**HAY**  
 Early cut hay is more palatable, more digestible and contains more protein than late cut hay, says Dr. J. O. Halverson, animal nutritionist with the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

**LIME SPREADER**  
 Home made lime spreader can be built by using the rear end of a Model A Ford car, says County Agent J. P. Woodard of the State College Extension Service in Hyde county.

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