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Pages This Week

## Democratic Candidates for Governor



R. Gregg Cherry



Ralph McDonald

## Cherry and McDonald Supporters Mass Forces for Final Drive

Supporters of Gregg Cherry and Ralph W. McDonald, Democratic candidates for Governor of North Carolina, are marshaling their forces for the last-minute drive for votes as Primary day looms Saturday.

Leaders in the Roanoke-Chowan counties this week were predicting victory for both sides, but the Cherry supporters were more prone to talk of victory Saturday than the McDonald men. McDonald supporters contented themselves with such remarks as, "People are going to be surprised when the votes are counted."

### Large Vote Seen

However, in spite of the war and imminence of invasion in Europe, the primary has attracted the attention of many voters and a large vote is being predicted in all counties.

Sentiment in Gates county, according to a survey made by the Index, apparently is running towards Cherry, but a large number of merchants in the county are known to be McDonald supporters.

With the county, district and the gubernatorial races claiming the attention of most of the voters, little publicity has been given the other officials to be selected this year.

Nevertheless, there is a United States Senator to be nominated in this primary, and five candidates are in the field for the position. Leading contenders are two former governors, Cameron Morrison and Clyde R. Hoey. Other names on the ticket are

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## W. Dare Boone To Address Joint Legion Gathering

W. Dare Boone, of Winton, judge of Hertford county recorder's court, will deliver the memorial day address at a joint meeting of the Gates county post and the American Legion Thursday night at 8:30 in the Legion Hut in Gatesville.

Report of the nominating committee, selection of delegates for the State Convention, discussion of the membership drive and completion of plans for decorating the graves on Sunday, May 28, will be made in a short business session.

All members of the Legion and the Auxiliary are urged to attend.

## Leslie Taylor, Pacific Veteran, Now On Furlough

Pfc. Leslie Taylor, veteran of the Pacific war theater, has arrived at his home near Gates to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Taylor.

Pfc. Taylor has spent 27 months in the Pacific theater and has been away from home for the past three years. Places where he has served include Australia, New Caledonia, and Guadalcanal. He participated in much action in the vicinity of Guadalcanal.

## CCC Designated To Purchase 1944 Crop of Peanuts

The Commodity Credit Corporation, or its designated agencies, will be the sole purchaser of farmers' stock peanuts from the 1944 crop, it was announced this week by the War Food Administration.

The order, issued on May 9, took effect at 12:01 a. m. May 10.

The CCC will also provide authorization for the use of peanuts for crushing, cleaning, shelling or otherwise changing farmers' stock peanuts from their natural state in order to assure a proper distribution and use of peanuts for defense, for private account, and for export, the order said.

Although the order does not carry any reference to prices to be paid for farmers' stock peanuts, nor to prices which will be received by the Commodity Credit Corporation for resale to cleaners, shellers or crushers, the following concerning support prices for peanuts was announced May 4 by the War Food Administration:

The 1944 crop of peanuts for oil: 90 percent of the comparable price calculated as of the

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## GEORGE B. MORGAN IS MADE CORPORAL

George B. Morgan, formerly of Sunbury, has been promoted to the rank of corporal technician at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

# 1600 Expected to Vote; Election Interest Rises

## HDC Federation Meets In Gatesville on Friday

Annual Gates county Spring Federation meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Gatesville school auditorium Friday, May 26, starting at 3 p. m., Miss Ona Patterson, home agent, announced this week.

Principal speaker will be E. L. Norton, of Jackson, county agent of Northampton county. The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, of Gatesville, will be in charge of the music for the convention.

Miss Patterson said that she was expecting an attendance of approximately 150 from the 14 home demonstration clubs in Gates county.

Mrs. C. H. Carter of the Carter's club will have charge of the installation and recognition services. New officers to be installed are Mrs. G. C. Worrell, of Middle Swamp, president; Mrs. L. C. Powell of Ariel, vice president; Mrs. H. A. Eure of Corapeake, secretary and Mrs. Glenn Lilley of Gatesville, treasurer.

Retiring officers are Mrs. T. C. Lawrence of Eure, president; Mrs. W. L. Riddick of Hobbsville, vice president; Mrs. B. L. White of Sunbury, secretary; and Mrs. B. M. Eure of Drum Hill, treasurer.

Miss Patterson said that not only club members were invited, but that also friends of club members were urged to attend the meeting.

Light refreshments will be served.

## To Make Plans For Bond Drive

Plans for Gates county's part in the Fifth War Loan drive which starts June 12 and continues through July 15 will be made Sunday at a conference of war bond county chairman in the hotel at Williamston. Robin Hood, Gates county bond sales chairman, will represent the county at the meeting.

The conference is being called by W. H. Wooland of Greenville, chairman of sales in District No. 1 which comprises a number of counties in this area.

## 155 Want Grade 1 Tires; Gates Board Has Only 93

Eligibility for Grade I tires is not a guarantee that such tires are available, since a recent flood of applications by newly-eligible drivers far exceeds the Gates county ration board's quota of Grade I tires, F. H. Rountree, chairman of the Gates county war price and ration board, said Monday.

"Although the tire situation has improved considerably," Mr. Rountree said "there are still only enough for the most essential use.

## Measured for Beauty



Here Norma Brandt is being measured for the Helldorado beauty contest held in Las Vegas, Nev. Maxwell Kelch, president of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce, is doing the honors.

## Three Principals, Five Teachers Are Needed in Schools

Location of three principals and five teachers is a problem now facing Superintendent of Schools W. Henry Overman as he starts plans for the opening of Gates county schools this fall.

Principals and teachers are needed at Eure, Sunbury and Hobbsville schools. Unless resignations are received during the summer prior to the opening of school this fall from either Gates or Gatesville schools, the same teaching staffs will return, Overman pointed out.

However, during the summer several resignations are received from the teachers and it's very seldom that the identical school teachers return, it was said.

## BURNED IN FIRE

Trotville. — Clarine Stallings who was painfully burned about the face, hands and feet, while trying to lead his horses from a burning building, is improving.

With interest mounting in the race for Gates county's seat in the State House of Representatives, a larger than average vote is being predicted for the county Saturday in the 1944 Democratic primary.

Political observers this week, pointing to the interest created by the withdrawal of W. O. Crump of Sunbury from the race for the seat in the State lower house and then his subsequent re-entry in the race, were predicting that the voting would be close in the battle to cause a second primary. W. J. Rountree of Hobbsville, incumbent, and Q. R. Eure of Eure are other men in the race.

In announcing that he had decided to stay in the race, Crump said: "At the request and solicitation of many voters of Gates county, I have decided to stay in the race for the legislature. I would simply like to serve all the people to the best of my ability."

With four county races, the four-way state senate battle and the gubernatorial election attracting the voters, Gates county citizens are expected to troop to the polls approximately 1,600 strong.

### County races are:

- (1) R. H. Eason and Norfleet White for constable in Holly Grove township;
- (2) J. E. Gregory and George P. Kitrell for county commissioner from Sunbury school district;
- (3) Crump, Eure and Rountree for county representative;
- (4) A. H. Russell and Willis L. Lawrence for commissioner from Reynoldson school district.

### No Opposition

Four township constables, three members of the county board of commissioners and the register of deeds face no opposition. They are: constables—Hall Township, Lycurgus Tinkham,

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## Captain Cowper Awarded 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Headquarters, 15th AAF, South Pacific.—Captain William R. Cowper, Jr., P-38 Lightning fighter pilot with the "Dirty Dozen", fighter squadron of the 13th AAF in the South Pacific, has been presented with two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Aid Medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions."

Captain Cowper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cowper of Gatesville.

### The citation said:

"Flights were of a hazardous nature during which there was traversed an area where enemy aircraft fire was habitually expected and in numerous instances encountered. He exhibited great courage and untiring energy, his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

Captain Cowper was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1941 with a degree in commerce and was a letterman in swimming.