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Increase In Heavy Artillery Ordered

Rotarians Entertain Ladies With Annual Party Tuesday Night

Security Life & Trust Co. Representative.



G. A. ROYSTER.

Mr. Royster has represented the Security Life & Trust Company in this territory for the past 23 years, and for five years has been among those making the \$100,000 Club.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Royster, and was born and reared in Lincoln county. He was married December 6, 1899, to Miss Maggie Hoyle, of Lincoln county. They have the following children: Mrs. E. P. Rhyne and Miss Margaret Royster, of Hickory, N. C.; Marvin E. Royster, of Laurens, S. C.; Mrs. J. Ray Costner, George Alton Royster and James W. Royster, of Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Royster is a member of the Bethlehem M. E. Church, Lincolnton Masonic Chapter No. 22, Lodge 137, and Junior Order No. 143. Mr. Royster has always been an ardent farmer and his spare time is devoted to his farm located in West Lincoln county.

MRS. W. H. SIGMON DIES TUESDAY

Mrs. W. H. Sigmon, 73, widow of W. H. Sigmon, died at her home at Denver Tuesday morning.

She is survived by four sons, Bryce Sigmon, of Greenville, N. C.; W. G. Sigmon, of Columbia; F. H. and H. A. Sigmon, of Washington, D. C.; and five daughters, Mrs. H. E. Austin, of Charlotte; Mrs. Joyce M. Howard, of Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Marcie E. Lowe, of Washington, D. C.; Leron Sigmon, of Charlotte, and Annie Derr Sigmon, of the home.

World War Veterans Choice For Governor In All Other States

Raleigh, May 24.—North Carolina is the only state in the United States that has not elected a veteran of World War I as governor in the 26-year period since the Armistice, Cale K. Burgess, of Raleigh, pointed out here in an address in behalf of Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor. He spoke on a state-wide radio hook-up.

"Although I have been actively interested in the affairs of veterans since we returned home from the first World War, I have never been inclined to insist that a veteran be elected governor merely because he was a veteran," Mr. Burgess said. "And, though I am not inclined to ask that Gregg Cherry be elected as our governor merely because he is a veteran, I do insist that the present war has created problems and the return of our boys and girls will create governmental responsibilities that a veteran will be qualified best to understand; and I do declare that the experience of Gregg Cherry as a soldier and the work he has helped to do for veterans during the last 25 years makes him peculiarly and particularly well qualified to serve as our governor during the next four years."

"Gregg Cherry is liberal and progressive without being radical; he is conservative without being reactionary; he is experienced both in business affairs and in governmental problems; he is courageous; he is honest and dependable; he is practical and safe; and I believe Gregg Cherry will be the choice of our people when we vote for governor on May 27."

Affair Held At Woman's Club House Was One Of Exceptional Pleasure.

The Rotary Club's annual Ladies' Night party was held Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club house and proved an occasion of exceptional pleasure. A variety program, featured by a humorous talk by Wade Saunders, of Gastonia, and group singing led by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., with Mrs. S. Ray Lowder as accompanist, furnished the entertainment for the evening. The dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Dan Boyd, president of the local club, acted as toastmaster and delivered the address of welcome. The response was given by Mrs. Floyd Corriher.

Mr. Saunders, who has been heard in Lincoln on former occasions, interpreted his talk with plenty of wit and humor and received hearty and prolonged applause as he related one funny incident after another.

S. Ray Lowder, Rotary president-elect, presented to Dan Boyd, retiring president, the club's service medal given for outstanding service rendered the club and community during the year. The ladies present were given candy, chewing gum and a bottle of Sinclair household oil, and as a special favor each received a lovely bath mat.

Rotarians and their guests' present were Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., Dr. C. C. Herbert, Georgetown, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Corriher, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Rhyne, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Love, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sipe, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Heafner, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Cline, Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Self, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Warlick, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McQuinn, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Poag, Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Zimbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kuhn, Mrs. Jas. A. Abernethy, Jr., Mrs. Wiley M. Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chamberlain, Miss Catherine Chamberlain, Mrs. Charles G. Mullen, Jr., Tampa, Fla., Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Gamble, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Lineberger, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Bandy, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McGinty, Joe R. Nixon, Miss Nina Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Clark, Major Walter Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sappendorf, Mrs. Bessie Sheppard, Miss Susan Glenn, Miss Elizabeth Raby, Mrs. J. Frank Gamble, R. C. Patrick, Gastonia, Mrs. Frank Huguenin, Mrs. M. B. Shives, Cherryville.

Local Methodists Have Full Slate For Next Two Weeks

The next two weeks will see a number of activities at the First Methodist Church. The climax will be the revival meeting to be held from June 4 to 9, with preaching by Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., of Shelby.

Next week will mark the beginning of the annual Vacation Church School at the First Methodist Church. The V. C. S. will begin on Monday, May 29, at 9 a. m. It will continue for two weeks, five days each week, two hours each morning, from 9 to 11 o'clock. There will be three departments. The Beginner Department for boys and girls four and five years old, and will have Mrs. Summey Alexander as its superintendent. Mrs. Marshall Pickens will have charge of the Primary Department for children six, seven and eight. The Juniors will be led by Mrs. J. E. Kale, Sr., and will include boys and girls nine through 11 years. Each of these department superintendents will have several capable teachers and assistants helping them.

The evenings of next week will have prayer services in preparation for the revival which is to come the following week. Neighborhood cottage prayer meetings will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. There will be a

Dual Theme For Cotton Week



"First in War—First in Peace," will be the theme of National Cotton Week, May 22-27. With the fixed bayonet symbolizing the grim business of fighting a global war, and the "W" of open bolls suggesting cotton's contribution to ultimate victory, this poster will be displayed in store windows and business houses throughout the nation. Its dual theme serves to emphasize not only cotton's role in war but also what the industry is prepared to contribute to winning the peace.

29th Co. N. C. State Guard Inspection To Be Held Tonight

WAVE Recruiter To Be Here Monday

Recruiter E. E. Moring, of the Charlotte station, will be in Lincoln on Monday to interview young women interested in applying for enlistment in the WAVES.

Mentor Club Hold Meeting At Red Cross Work Room

Members of the Mentor Club met at the Red Cross work room yesterday afternoon for several hours work, making surgical dressings.

When they finished they went to the home of Mrs. Jas. A. Shuford, where they were served two courses of refreshments. Assisting Mrs. Shuford were Mrs. Frank Huguenin, Mrs. Leonard Wright and Mrs. M. C. McCaughlin, of Philadelphia.

Given Discharge.

Ralph Heavner has been given a medical discharge from the U. S. Navy and he and Mrs. Heavner have returned to their home in this city.

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Polls To Be Open Saturday 6:30 to 6:30

More than the usual interest centers around the Democratic primary to be held Saturday, May 27. In the gubernatorial race particularly the vote is expected to be close, with supporters of both Cherry and McDonald confident of victory. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m.

Hospital Allotted Supply Of Penicillin

What is believed to be the first supply of the powerful new drug, penicillin, to come into Lincoln county, was received by the Reeves Gamble hospital last Monday.

It is already in use and marked improvement has been noted in the patient under treatment even in this short time.

Until just recently penicillin was under the strictest control of the government and was being used only in the Armed Forces. A little later a small supply was placed in the hands of the chairman of the Committee on Chemotherapy of the National Research Council for distribution to civilian use, but restrictions were still such that only certain and very definite cases would warrant release of the drug.

On May 1, however, the War Production Board announced that penicillin production had reached a point where it would be available to hospitals in a greater number of cases and, at the same time, set up depot hospital over the country to act as dispensing agents.

Charlotte Memorial hospital is one of these depots and the penicillin received by Reeves Gamble hospital came from this unit.

It is sincerely hoped that the wonders of this new drug are understood and that the benefit to Lincoln county people will surpass by far all present expectations.

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Miss Winstead To Finish At Salem



Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Winstead and Miss Katherine Heim will go to Winston-Salem Saturday to attend the commencement exercises at Salem College. Miss Margaret Anna Winstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winstead, is a member of the graduating class.

THIRD INVASION WARNING GIVEN

London, May 24.—The people who occupied Europe were called upon today into the third instructions broadcast from Supreme Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters to supply complete and accurate information on the enemy's movements during the invasion.

The spokesman for the Allied invasion command stressed the importance of accurate information on the enemy and set out a form for them to follow.

"Do nothing active now," the speaker warned, "but do not forget that accuracy will be all-important when our unformed forces have need for information."

"Meanwhile, he (Eisenhower) urges you to act with the utmost caution, exercise patience, associate only with trusted patriots and above all maintain the discipline without which the enemy can destroy you."

OWI To Be Impartial In Presidential Race

Washington, May 24.—The policy of the Office of War Information in sending news of the presidential campaign to foreign countries will be "to create the best possible impression of both candidates, with absolute impartiality," Director Elmer Davis said today.

The policy, Davis explained in a statement, is contained in a declaration by Robert E. Sherwood, director of OWI's overseas branch, stating that:

"We should advertise and dramatize the fact of the campaign and the free election as a demonstration of American democracy continuing freely in the midst of war."

TEXTILE PRODUCTION.

Combined American and British production of cotton broad woven goods is estimated at 9,700,000,000 square yards for the first half of 1944, according to a report of the Combined Production and Resources Board. The United States has allocated approximately 490,000,000 square yards for export; the United Kingdom, 250,000,000 yards; India, 280,000,000 yards; and Canada, 12,500,000 yards.

HIGHER GRADES.

Approximately 41 per cent of the 1942-44 upland cotton crop in the Western region of the United States was extra white strict middling and above, the War Food Administration reports, representing a noticeable increase in the proportion of these higher grades over last season.

Heim Hoover and S. S. Carpenter are attending the Piedmont Millers Convention in Richmond, Va., this week.

Mrs. M. C. McCaughlin, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rhyne Little at their home at Laboratory.

Nearly A Billion Dollars Will Be Added To This Year's Armament Program.

Washington, May 24.—A tremendous increase in the heavy artillery program has been ordered by the Army on the eve of the invasion of Europe, officials disclosed tonight.

For weapons of 115 millimeter size and greater, ammunition requirements have been stepped up an average of 400 to 500 per cent, with the increase for some sizes running as high as 1,000 per cent above current schedules.

The production schedules for the weapons themselves have been advanced correspondingly, with emphasis on the 15 howitzer, the 15 gun or "Long Tom," the eight-inch gun and the 240 millimeter weapon.

Instituted within the last few weeks, the ammunition program alone represents a dollar-volume increase of approximately \$750,000,000 for the balance of 1944 and 1945.

Program Under Pay.

Some phases of the program are under way, and by midsummer it will require the reopening of some of the TNT production lines, the powder plants and the bag-loading plants previously closed by the Army or placed on a standby basis.

The program will place a new strain on the nylon industry to provide the bags for powder charges for the big guns, and the alcohol required for the stepped up powder demands presage a continuance of the whiskey drought.

Already the revised program has sent Army production officials scouring the country for additional forging, machine and heat-treating capacity in industry to make the shells and the various component parts, such as fuses.

The production changes reflect a significant shift from lighter to heavier artillery in the combat areas, particularly Italy, where the rate of fire has greatly exceeded expectations and battle tests have concentrated the attention of commanders on the larger guns.

Using Big Guns.

Few units now are using significant amounts of artillery smaller than 105 millimeters, although the 37 millimeter antitank gun is the only piece on which production has virtually ceased.

Other production increases adopted in recent weeks include the "bazooka" rocket launcher and ammunition, pastels and helmets. There has been a further decrease in a few categories, notably 30 caliber aircraft machine guns, but in other small arms production has remained approximately level or gone up, as in the case of submarine guns.

The stepped up heavy artillery program results in increased requirements for the high-speed tractors used to move the guns, and adds to the emphasis on the heavy truck program, considered by the Army as "critical" since last fall. The trucks, five-and-one-half tons and larger are used to move the guns where the terrain does not require tractors, or on highways.

Officials are now engaged in a study to determine which closed facilities will be reopened to meet the increased production schedules, with the availability of labor expected to be the decisive factor.

'A' MOTORISTS MAY GET TIRES

Washington, May 24.—New tires may start rolling this fall to "A" card automobile drivers whose hopes and dreams have been wearing thin together.

First, Charles F. Phillips, the OPA's new chief of rationing, said in an interview today that "A" card drivers can expect their first new tires since the start of the war when monthly allocations of synthetics climb to 2,000,000,000 from the May quota of 1,400,000.

And, from the office of the rubber director, where the allocations are set, it was learned that production of passenger car tires probably will reach the 2,000,000 mark sometime in October, November or December.

Miss Mary Alice Heavner is visiting her grandfather, R. O. Russell, at Granite Falls.