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GOV. SCOTT OPENS ASSEMBLY

Governor Kerr W. Scott opened his biennial message to the General Assembly of North Carolina today at 11 a. m. with these words:

"We are assembled here in a period of national emergency to plan the course of our State for the two years immediately ahead. Although we pray for the secure establishment of peace, we must support without stint our county's purpose to be prepared for any eventuality."

In speaking of certain acts passed by the last General Assembly which were advocated by Governor Scott he said, "I thought I knew how the people felt about these things. I was not surprised when, in the road bond election, they placed the value of these roads above the amount of money required to build them."

"This administration is carrying out a program of progress under the direct mandate from the people. Every effort to impeach it has failed and will fail," the Governor said in reference to the "go-forward" program which was instigated in the State with his leadership.

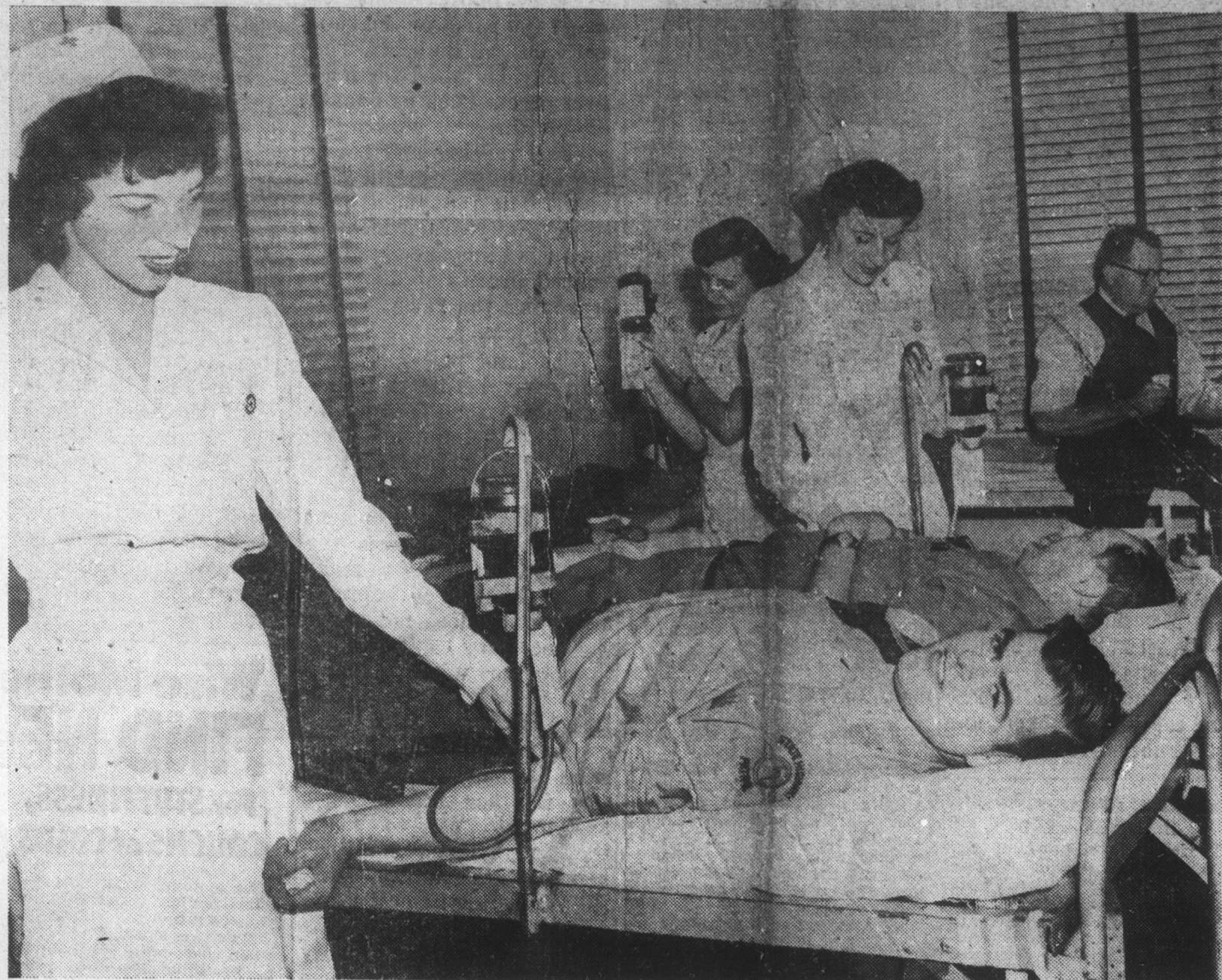
Mr. Scott said he was aware of the criticism against the administration; aware of charges being made that vast sums of accumulated reserves have been spent. In defense he said his campaign was carried out upon "the proposition that tax money should be converted to public service." And "I affirm here my belief in a proper balance between income and expenditure in operating the State Government. I contended two years ago that North Carolina did not have a true \$200 million surplus, but that it was keeping that amount of money in banks at the expense of a great deficit in public service."

"I believe in a balanced budget, but I believe also that it is as important to balance the State's budget of social and economic needs as it is to balance its income and expense account."

Along the lines of public education he urged that a salary schedule for teachers be set up ranging from \$2,200 to \$3,100 per year so that the State school system would be able to hold highly qualified persons in the profession of teaching.

The Governor renewed his stand on the question of alcoholic beverages by saying, "Two years ago I urged the General Assembly to order a state-wide referendum on the question of legal sale of alcoholic beverages. On this matter, I stand where I always have stood. The people are sovereign and have the right to vote on such questions."

In ending the address, Mr. Scott assured the Assembly that "By keeping abreast of the needs of the people, we face a vigorous and a growing state. We



Patrolman Charles Long Gives 10,000th Pint of Blood

"GIANT" TOBACCO GROWN IN COUNTY

J. W. Robinson of the Prices Creek section of this county discovered something new and astounding in his crop this year.

Last year Robinson set his crop of tobacco from ordinary seed which had been bought from the Farmers Federation in Burnsville. As the crop grew, he discovered that there was one plant in the patch that was growing to giant size. The plant had a total of 53 leaves. Realizing he had something not ordinary, he saved the seed from this plant which he used for the season just passed.

From seed grown from the "giant" stalk, Robinson set a patch of 487 plants last spring. The entire patch grew to the enormity of the first plant, except larger. His crop averaged 65 leaves to the stalk and the average height was from 12 to 13 feet before topping. Middle leaves averaged three feet long and 19 inches wide.

One difficulty encountered by Robinson was in hanging the tobacco. The length was so great that he was forced to use every other tier of the barn.

The crop, seven tenths acre, weighed 1726 pounds and sold for an average of more than 54 cents.

E. L. Dillingham, farm agent, said this discovery may aid farmers in their allotment if the giant tobacco becomes available to them. When it is difficult to expand the allotment on the ground, take to the air.

Mrs. C. O. Ellis has been ill for the past few days.

will be building a better North Carolina next year and for the years to come."

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. G. L. HENSLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. G. Leslie Hensley, 50, who died Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Wray of Burnsville, after an extended illness, were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Charles B. Trammel, the Rev. F. R. Barber, the Rev. David Swartz and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated and burial was in Burnsville Cemetery.

Pall bearers were L. V. Pollard, Troy Ray, Reece McIntosh, Tom Griffith Ashton Ramsey, Roy Ray, Dover R. Fouts and B. R. Penland.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the church were in charge of the flowers.

Mrs. Hensley was the former Miss Mary Wray, a daughter of Mrs. W. B. Wray and the late Mr. Wray of Burnsville. She was a lifelong resident of Yancey County, was a graduate of the former Yancey Collegiate Institute here and at Meredith College.

She had served many years as president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the church, superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday School, and a leader in the Training Union. She had also been active in civic clubs and Parent-Teacher Association work.

Surviving are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. Russell York of Asheville; one son, George Leslie Jr.; the mother, Mrs. W. B. Wray; three brothers, Garrett Wray of Nogales, Ariz., William B. Wray of Sanford, La., and Rush T. Wray of Burnsville; and one sister, Mrs. John B. Bennett of Burnsville.

Fourth Group Leaves For Examinations

Forty young men left Yancey County this morning for the Induction Medical Center for pre-induction examinations.

The group that left this morning on two special busses for Charlotte is the fourth group to leave this county for examinations. Two groups have been called to duty and fifteen other men are scheduled to leave for induction on January 16.

R E A Approves Loan For Cooperative

The R E A has approved a two million dollar loan to the French Broad Electric Membership Corp. according to reports.

The loan will be used in expanding rural lines in Yancey, Madison, Mitchell and Buncombe Counties and two counties in Tenn., D. M. Robinson, manager of the Cooperative said.

Red Cross Representative To Be Here Monday

Mrs. Catherine M. Stewart, special field representative of the Red Cross will be in Burnsville for a meeting with the local chapter at 10 a. m. on January 8 in the Town Office.

Mrs. Stewart is now administrative assistant in Fund Raising Service and has served as a chapter executive secretary, as a general field representative, and as administrative assistant and chapter correspondent for North Carolina and Tennessee.

Since Mrs. Stewart is to be in Burnsville to aid in the present fund raising campaign, local chapter officers and as many members as will are urged to attend the meeting.

Blood Mobile Unit Collects 75 Pints

Highway Patrolman, Charles Long of Burnsville, picture above, is shown giving the 10,000th pint of blood to be donated to the Red Cross Blood Bank of the Western District. Other donors shown in the picture taken at the Legion Building last Thursday when the bloodmobile was in Burnsville are E. L. Dillingham, county agent, Max Proffitt and Charlie Chrisawn. Names of the nurses, whose services are known.

More people in the county answered the call for donations of blood Thursday than at any other time since the blood mobile unit had been coming to this county. A total of 71 pints of blood were donated.

Max Proffitt donated his fifth pint Thursday and Howard Johnson, one of the officials of Roberts and Johnson Lumber Co., gave his sixth pint since the opening of the Red Cross blood bank. Several others, according to local Red Cross officials, have donated more than one pint.

Blood collected by the mobile unit is flown to the fighting forces in Korea.

JAMES ROLAND, 96 PASSES

James Roland, 96, widely known colored citizen of Yancey County passed away at his home in Higgins Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by three sons, three daughters, one sister, 24 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the Roland Chapel Church. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Smith.

LAST RITES FOR MURDER VICTIMS HELD IN YANCEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Pitman, 49, Delma Pitman, 14, and Harold Shelton, 3, victims of the mass murder in Buncombe County last week, were held Thursday at the Concord Union Church. The Rev. William J. Baker of Burnsville and the Rev. Jake Nanney of Pensacola officiated.

Mrs. Landon Rathbone of this county is one of the children who survive Mrs. Pitman.

Mrs. Margaret Shull, Summer Resident, Dies In Florida

Information has been received of the death of Mrs. Margaret Shull of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, at her home Friday morning. Funeral services were held in the Fairchild Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dale Hagler, pastor of the Bryan Memorial Methodist church of Miami, officiating.

Surviving are her husband, David R. Shull, and three children, Bobby, Betty Deen and Shirley Ann.

Dr. and Mrs. Shull and their children have been summer residents in Yancey County for several years. The Shull summer home is in the Cattail Creek Community.

Brush Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Eleck Jarrett and children, Billie Sue and Romie, from Blacksburg, Va. spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Jarrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett of Green Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snider of Asheville spent the holidays with Mrs. Snider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson.

Jess Howell of Green Mountain is in the Appalachian Hospital at Johnson City, Tenn. where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Rev. Gene E. Woody of Burnsville and Rev. Albert Fender of Bee Log, returned back to Camp Gordon, Ga. Monday, after spending the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Miner and daughter of Rogersville, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughrun of Skyland visited Mr. and Mrs. Luke Laughrun during the holidays. Mrs. Miner is Mr. and Mrs. Laughrun's daughter.

Ray J. Laughrun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Laughrun has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant recently. He is a clerk-typist at the Kadena Air Base in Okinawa with the Twentieth Air Force.

NOTICE

Rev. Bradley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Spruce Pine will preach at the Newdale Presbyterian church at Newdale, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. There will also be a communion service at that time.

NOTICE TO VETERANS

With few exceptions, eligible veterans planning to go to school under the GI Bill will have to start their courses with the new school terms opening in late January and in February.

This word of caution was passed along by the Veterans Administration today in view of the fact that the deadline for GI schooling is July 25, 1951.

The regulation says that aveteran must be actually in training on July 25, 1951, if he wants to continue afterward under the GI Bill. This cut-off date falls at a time when most schools are having summer vacations. For this reason, the VA pointed out, this coming Spring term may be the last chance to enroll before the deadline.

Arrangements should be made by the veteran immediately for enrollment in the school and course of his choice, or he may find himself out of the running.

Once he is in training on July 25, 1951, he must continue thereafter without interruption in order to continue his education on the GI rolls. Regular vacations, ill health, return to active service, and teachers who continue in their regular school year employment and attend school every summer are exceptions to the without interruption rule.

Exceptions to the rule of being in training on July 25, 1951, in order to continue after that date, are:

(1) Veterans discharged after July 25, 1947, who have four years from date of discharge or July 25, 1951, whichever is later, in which to begin training, but must finish by July 25, 1956.

(2) Veterans who enlisted or reenlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act (between October 6, 1945, and October 5, 1946) have four years from the end of their enlistment or reenlistment period in which to start training and nine years in which to complete that training.

(3) Those veteran-students who have completed their pre-medical or pre-dental schooling under the GI Bill and can show that despite all their efforts they have been unable to obtain admittance by July 25, 1951, to a medical or dental school because of overcrowded conditions, may be allowed to resume medical training after the deadline.

(4) Those veterans who complete GI Bill undergraduate courses and intend to go ahead with graduate training which would start after the deadline date, provided they make application for their training before they complete their undergraduate work, if it is completed after the deadline.

Mrs. Lester Bailey is very ill at her home at Jacks Creek.