

# Raleigh Roundup

By Kidd Brewer  
EITHER WAY — Although a lot of people did not realize it at the time, Gregg Cherry leaped heavily to Kerr Scott in the latter's run for Governor in 1948.

On the surface—and outwardly—Governor Cherry was neutral. But governors, after all, are just as human as you and I—and sometimes even more so.

As the 1948 race tore along—and it went at a terrifically fast pace—Gregg Cherry got a message to Kerr Scott. We don't recall whether he talked with him personally—but rather think that he did.

Gov. Cherry knew he was being knifed at by certain "hot house liberals" in the State. For one thing, they laid out more than 30 million dollars for a post-war reserve fund. He had made personal enemies here and there. Then, too, let's face it: our North Carolina Governors seldom go out in a blaze of glory. Cherry was a realistic person.

With his popularity dragging bottom, old Iron Major Gregg—history will record him as one of our better Governors—let Candidate Scott know he was for him.

"I am not sure, Brother Scott," Governor Gregg is supposed to have said, "whether a speech from me for you will hurt you or help you. So, I will give you three choices. I will make a speech again for you . . . or I will stay on the fence."

The Scott people were faced with a typical Gregg Cherry riddle. They called a huddle to decide what to do.

In the final analysis, they decided to ask Gov. Gregg Cherry to remain neutral. And that's the way she went: publicly, at least, the Governor in 1948 remained strictly neutral. Can Luther Hodges do it?

HARD ROAD — Neutrality is a hard road to travel—and not many of our Governors in recent years have trod it—with any degree of success.

In 1944, Governor J. M. Broughton said he was going to stay out of the Cherry-McDonald thing, unless his administration were attacked. That was a big unless—a big if—and Governor Hodges is now using the same approach.

But McDonald took a side-winder at administration—and J. M. Broughton came back with fists flying. The Cherry-McDonald run was not much to begin with—and from that moment on it was strictly no contest.

Now to slip back to 1928—when Max Gardner ran. Gov. Angus W. McLean could remain neutral all right—for Gardner was the only candidate. There was nothing neutral about Gov. Gardner and so it was that Gardner Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City became Governor over Richard Fountain.

Gardner was in these piteous again in 1936 and his brother-in-law, Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, edged out the extremely popular Dr. Balah McDonald. Now there are people who to this day will tell you Gov. Hoey was neutral in 1940 in the Maxwell-Horton-Broughton affair. He was supposed to be for Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro.

But he was not—and took more than one verbal horse-whipping for not being. You still hear he would have liked to be for Horton, but that kind folks would not let him. So it was—in the Primary—that J. M. Broughton came in first; Horton, second; and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, third.

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State Treasurer Edwin Gill.  
The man who does it is something of an athlete—and is several years older than the other—and is one of the more active members of the Raleigh YMCA Health Club. And his first name spelled backward is Supac. Quite a man—physically and mentally—former ambassador to Colombia, former State Highway Commissioner, former editor of the High Point Enterprise, at one time State Senator from Guilford County, and the man who managed Kerr Scott's campaign for Governor in 1948.

That man stands on his head each and every morning—for three minutes—come rain or shine.

NOTES — They are still saying around Raleigh that said-about-it will be the dark horse candidate for Governor . . . Meantime, put Dr. Beverly Lake down as a definite candidate.

N. C. Petroleum Industries Head Gilmer Sparger—former State Senator from Surry . . . recently had an operation for abdominal troubles . . . and is shortly to have another . . . He's out of work for a spell . . . but nothing serious, we understand.

Sparger, man good man, who has made a lot of friends for his industry.

Bankers Man Jesse Helms says he may oppose State Senator John Jordan, who formerly led the N. C. Wholesale Assn. . . and M. Cording, Duplin County farmer, may oppose Sen. Everett Jordan . . . It may turn out to be a real warm spring, after all.

Dear Lib: Thank you for the note in your paper and also I do appreciate the news note in your paper which brought a wonderful shower of cards. Since then we have had surgery of eye cataract, an improving, sutures just removed.

Lib, I'm enclosing my renewal and please note that after the 20th my address will be Dunn, N. C., Rt. 4, Box 231, as I'm going to live with my sister. Thank you for all.

Lela D. Clark, Route 4, Box 231, Dunn, N. C.

A.L. AUXILIARY— (From Page 1)

der, Swannanoa Feed Store, Buckner's Cleaners, Ward's Drug Store, Folsom's Superette, Noblitt Grocery, B and J Drug Sundries, and Dexter Stikeleather.

During the social hour a dessert course was served. Those present were Mrs. F. W. Stikeleather, Mrs. D. G. Gurnea, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Rudisill, Mrs. H. E. Stichcomb, Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. C. E. Keith, and the hostess.

CHURCH WOMEN— (From Page 1)

Four-way Bible study: 1. Resources for Bible Study, Miss Elizabeth Wilson; 2. Ways of Using the Bible Personally and in Groups, Mrs. W. H. McMuray; 3. Guided Discovery of the Bible, Mrs. A. P. Perley; 4. How to Emphasize the Emphasis, Mrs. Joe Reese; 19: "Love Divine," hymn no. more than one verbal horse-whipping for not being. You still hear he would have liked to be for Horton, but that kind folks would not let him. So it was—in the Primary—that J. M. Broughton came in first; Horton, second; and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, third.

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A Navy tradition came into being on Dec. 25, 1914, when the crew of the battleship New York gave a Christmas party for 125 children at Edinburgh, Scotland.

# What to Do in Black Mountain

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Rotary club meeting, Monte Vista hotel, Mondays, 12:15 p.m.

Black Mountain Lions club, Monte Vista, second and fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club, each Thursday noon, Monte Vista hotel.

The following events, sponsored by the Get Acquainted club, to which all interested persons are invited:

Every Wednesday night, 7:30 p.m., Monte Vista hotel, duplicate bridge; instruction by Max Woodcock. For information call Mrs. Townsend Hay NO 9-3912.

Every Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Monte Vista hotel, contract bridge, canasta, Bolivia and other card games. For information call Mrs. Townsend Hay, NO 9-3912.

Refreshments by making reservations will be served at 1 p.m. preceding card game. Those interested may call Mrs. Townsend Hay for reservations.

Business and Professional Woman's Club, second Monday night in month, 7:30, at Monte Vista hotel.

Other purely social activities listing in this column, may call the Black Mountain News. Save this schedule for easy reference.

By D. C. Nichols, Field Representative

"What family benefits are payable in addition to my own retirement benefit?"

When you receive old-age benefits, payments can also be made to certain of your dependents: Your unmarried children under age 18, and any child over 18 who has been disabled since before he reached 18; your wife, regardless of her age, if she has a child eligible for payments based on your social security record; your wife at age 62 or over whether or not there are children entitled to payments; your dependent husband age 65 or over.

The amount of your old-age benefit will depend on your average earnings (in covered employment and self-employment) up to the time you reach retirement age, or up to the time you actually retire, whichever is later. The exact amount cannot be figured until you retire and make application. The monthly retirement benefit payable now ranges from a low of \$33 to a high of \$119.

Holcombe, Vada Mills, W. R. Reid, T. B. Waddill, Mrs. Sybil Roland, Emma Edney, Clarence W. Owenby, Annie Allen, William Ralph Reed, David Richard Melton, Perry S. Buckner.

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# RETURNS FROM VISIT

Mrs. L. G. Fortune has returned from Orlando, Fla., where she visited her sons, G. R. Jr., and James, who live in Orlando, and her son James who visited there for two months. While in Orlando, Mrs. Fortune was called to Washington, D. C., because of the illness of her son, Howard Fortune, who is employed with Sullivan Electric company in College Park, Md. She reports that he is improved and has returned to work.

Mrs. Fortune's son John returned from Orlando last Sunday. Mrs. Fortune came home from Washington Thursday.

# B. G. Byron Shows Slides At W.C. Meeting

A program of unusual interest and beauty was given at the January meeting of the Black Mountain Woman's club in the Fellowship room of the Methodist church January 13 by B. G. Byron, who, with Mrs. Byron and son Stuart, made a tour of England, Scotland, and the continent. Mr. Byron showed colored slides on England and Scotland and his informative and educational talk showed his deep interest in the old history of these countries. The coloring, particularly of the flowers in parks and gardens, was exquisite and the club women appreciated the sharing of experiences with the Byrons.

A large number was in attendance.

Refreshments were served from beautiful table by hostesses Mrs. H. D. Daugherty, Mrs. H. D. Crawford, Mrs. Wylie Kyles, Mrs. Clyde Jumper, Mrs. Frank Buckner, Miss Edith Chatterton, Miss Mary Young, Mrs. Charles Ross, Miss Caroline Hall, Dr. Lillian Baker, Mrs. Ruth Evans, and Miss Susan Currell.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. H. McMurray, president, during which a nominating committee, Mrs. M. E. Head, chm., Miss Louise Simmons, and Mrs. W. S. Holcombe, were selected.

Mrs. Weeks presented to the club a proposed bus trip to Spruce Pine mineral museum for those interested; trip to take full day and be arranged later in the spring. Mrs. Willis announced offer of artist Mr. Cunningham for classes if ten people would be interested. Mrs. Aleshire announced town meeting for February 20 at the Baptist church.

A new member, Mrs. J. E. Thomas, was voted into the club.

The February meeting will be of special interest to local people who have had samples on occasion, of the creative and artistic work of Louise (Mrs. Lawrence) Barnhill.

—Brigadier General Archibald Henderson, USMC, served as Commandant of the Marine Corps for nearly four decades (1820-1859), the longest on record.

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