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CHERRY OUTLINES IDEAS FOR BROAD STATE PROGRAM

New Governor Takes Oath Of Office and Charts New Course This Week

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today took his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and delivered an inaugural address that embraced his recommendations to the General Assembly. The legislative body, in joint session, heard the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry presented a program of outlined growth and development for the state during the next four years when he will be North Carolina's chief executive. Emphasis was given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the second governor of the state to be inaugurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other such governor, took his oath of office while the civil war was in progress.

Finance

In his statement of fiscal policy, Governor Cherry said that appropriations for the coming biennium "must be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium." The present general fund surplus, he added, will amount to \$70,000,000 by June of 1945, because of abnormal wartime business conditions. "This surplus must not be dissipated in current expenditures," he said. He added that this money should be used to provide for the retirement of state debts, to come due in future years.

His recommendations along this line are for the setting aside of a sufficient portion of this surplus to meet all general fund bonded debt payments as they come due, both principal and interest. He said this would take \$32,000,000 and would, by this provision, also reduce current levies of taxation by \$5,000,000. The remainder of the surplus should go into a postwar reserve fund, he continued, to serve as a cushion against a sudden decline in revenue, or for other possible needs and purposes that might arise.

As a fiscal policy for the immediate future, the Governor came out strong against any new taxes, and for holding unchanged (for the most part) the present tax structure. Tax structure changes suggested were to make drugs used by doctors and patients exempt from tax, and permitting the income tax structure to exempt expenses for medical care, funerals, and of children in school. He advocated continuing the war bonus for teachers and state employees.

Education

Turning to education he suggested an eight-point program to strengthen the public school system. He wants: a base pay of \$125 per month for A-grade teachers just starting in the profession, with increment for experience; an expanded program of vocational training; free text books through the eighth grade and rental fees on high school books only high enough to maintain the rental system; 10 months pay for principals to provide for time on the job before school opens and after it closes; raising compulsory attendance age from 14 to 16 years; a program of additional compensation for exceptional teachers; state aid in supplying better sanitation facilities in connection with schools; and better fiscal control of public school funds.

Governor Cherry also recommended "adequate provision" of funds for higher educational institutions. He pointed to future highway needs and said that as men and materials are available he wanted all-weather roads for all communities. He also urged further uses of the by-products of agriculture in the state and the development of new products, and a better program of training. (Please turn to page four)

NEW GOVERNOR ENTERS OFFICE IN MUCH FAVOR



R. GREGG CHERRY, on becoming Governor of North Carolina this week, enters under most favorable conditions, and with few obligations. The Gastonia man made few promises, and he found the state in favorable condition, to begin an administrative program, save for the problems and griefs of war. Among the highlights of his inaugural address, he said:

"I recommend . . . Studies of current policies with a view of framing a declaration of North Carolina policy in respect to all Federal matters, foreign and domestic."

"It now appears, since we have the money on hand, that we should provide for the retirement of this (bonded) indebtedness."

"The present tax structure should remain as it is."

"The General Assembly should make provisions for reenacting the (State employees') bonus for the remainder of this fiscal year."

"The beginning teacher, with an A-grade certificate, should have at least \$125 per school month."

"I recommend that you enact adequate and effective machinery for fiscal control of the public school funds."

"The time has come when all-weather roads should be available to every section and community of our State."

"I believe the time has come when the people of North Carolina should consider the establishment of a new type of school for North Carolina farm youths."

"The State at least could offer free tuition in State institutions of higher learning to all the sons and daughters of our deceased veterans."

"We cannot build a great State or lift the average of all the people unless we assist, most, those less fortunate."

"I recommend . . . An amendment . . . whereby women may . . . enjoy the privileges accorded to the male."

"I recommend . . . That you establish a Department of State Police and Public Safety."

"I recommend . . . Provisions for holding a Statewide referendum on the liquor question."

BERRY-THOMPSON

A wedding of much interest to their many friends was solemnized Friday evening at 6 o'clock in the David Memorial Chapel, Naval Operating Base by Chaplain Cassidy, when Miss Betty Mae Berry of Fairfield, N. C., became the bride of Ivan Thompson, MM2/c, of Filtmore, North Dakota, in a double ring ceremony. The Chapel was decorated with evergreens and poinsettias with the Christmas scheme being carried out.

The bride was dressed in a white flannel princess dress with black accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of orchids.

Dot Parker of 808 Colonial Ave., of Norfolk, was maid of honor and was dressed in black sheer. She wore a corsage of gardenias. Curtis Green, MM2/c, of Columbus, Ga., was best man.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left for the bride's home in Fairfield, N. C. Upon their return they will reside temporarily at 428 W 27th St., Norfolk.

MANTEO PERSONALS

Miss Marjorie Burdette of Newport News, Va., spent the week end with Miss Catherine Midgett, at her home near Manteo.

Pvt. Elwood H. Twiford, U. S. Army, has returned to camp after spending the Christmas season in Manteo with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. L. Twiford. Pvt. Twiford who was formerly at Camp Croft, S. C., is now stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Buy More Bonds and Stamps.

OCRACOKE POWER PLANT IS BOUGHT BY ISLANDERS

Cooperation Buys Old Ocracoke Power Company Plant From REA

Cooperation, the Ocracoke Electric Membership Corporation, has purchased the plant of the Ocracoke Power Company recently sold to satisfaction of \$52,036.07 held by the Rural Electrification Administration.

Members of the new corporation will direct its affairs. Next year are Amasa Fulmer, F. O'Neal, Stacy Howard, C. O'Neal, Carlton Kelly, Willis Williams, James Garrison, Willis, Pinta Williams, Jarron and Joe Burrus.

The Ocracoke power plant was sold on October 21, 1944. Publication of the sale had been in the Hyde County News. A representative of the REA bid in for \$100. This was reduced to \$110 by P. D. Midgett, of the Pamlico Ice & Cold Storage Company at Engelhard.

The sale was then held after proper publication on the 9th day of January. This time the REA representative bid in for \$17,000. This bid was not raised. It is understood that the government sold the plant to the newly formed Ocracoke Electric Membership Corporation who is operating it.

POLIO DRIVE IN HYDE BEGINS MONDAY, JAN. 15

Shelton Says Funds Needed As Protection Against Future Epidemics

The annual campaign to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation will get underway Monday, January 15, and continue through January 31, states N. W. Shelton of Swan Quarter, county chairman. The drive will be conducted through the schools.

Commenting on the need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood, Mr. Shelton stated, "The 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States. Fortunately, we were on the alert and well prepared to meet that attack in tall parts of the nation. More than a million dollars—or ten million dimes—contributed by American people were spent by your National Foundation to provide the best of modern care and treatment for all victims of the epidemic. Since no one knows where or how hard polio may strike in 1945, we must again be ready to meet the attack wherever it may come. Participation in the annual March of Dimes appeal is our assurance that no victim of infantile paralysis will go uncared for, regardless of age, race, creed or color."

MRS. PEELE HOSTESS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Etta Peele Sunday School class met Thursday night in Manteo at the home of Mrs. Peele. Mrs. Henry B. Parker, program chairman, led the devotional, the topic being "Peace." Following the program the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Those present included Mrs. Peele, Mrs. Hugh McChesney, Mrs. Raymond Wescott, Mrs. Henry Boyd Parker, Miss Peggy Sawyer, Miss Delroy Burrus, Mrs. Vernon Davis and Mrs. Joseph Cuso.

The class will meet again the first Thursday night in February at the home of Mrs. Raymond Wescott.

BEST SPACING FOR CORN

Where high yields are to be made, a large number of plants per acre must be used, according to Extension agronomists at State College. For yields below 50 bushels, space 24 inches in 3½ foot rows or 22 inches in 4 foot rows; for 50 to 75 bushels per acre, space 21 inches in 3½ foot rows or 18 inches in 4 foot rows; for 75 to 100 bushels, space 16 inches in 3½ foot rows or 14 inches in 4 foot rows. This gives 6,000 plants per acre for yields below 50 bushels, 7,200 plants for 50 to 75 bushels, and 9,350 plants for 75 to 100 bushels. Such spacings are particularly recommended for hybrid corn.

WILLIAMS NOW A FIRST LIEUTENANT



WOODBURN C. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams of Swan Quarter, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He is a pilot of an English Army Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress and is stationed in England. A graduate of the Swan Quarter high school and the University of North Carolina, class of '38, he was connected with the Iredell County schools before entering service.

SHEAR CHARGED WITH BEATING HIS LITTLE SON

S. Shear, Jewish merchant at Engelhard, was charged Wednesday with assaulting and criminally beating his little son and with neglect in providing adequate support for his wife. He will face trial in Hyde County Recorder's Court Monday.

The charges against Shear were made by John C. Respass, Justice of the Peace at Engelhard, in a warrant sworn out before Ralph L. Roper, court clerk. The following have been subpoenaed to appear for the plaintiff: Dr. J. E. Mann, Rufus Williams, Jim Swindell, Harvey Farrow and John C. Respass.

Shear was arrested Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Claud Davis. He was released on \$100 bond.

The merchant came to Hyde County from Plymouth some two years ago and opened a store in the small building located next to the Engelhard Beauty Shop where he sells dry goods and junk auto parts. He and his family live in the annex on the back of the building which was formerly used to house C. N. Williams' grist mill.

Respass alleges in his warrant that Shear, referred to around Engelhard as "The Jew," does not provide adequate care for his wife, who recently gave birth to a baby. He also alleges that Shear criminally beats his little son.

REGISTER OF DEEDS LEE HURTS BACK WHILE HUNTING

Register of Deeds Bonner R. Lee was not in his office Tuesday because of a kink in his back which caught while he was deer hunting New Year's day. He was on the job Wednesday, but getting about with some difficulty. Mrs. Janie Swindell assisted with the office work in the Register's office.

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NORTH CAROLINA MAY BE THE "FIFTH STATE" IN MANY WAYS

but it's a poor



In Number of Hospital Beds Per 1,000 People

Why not ask your Legislator to Support the proposed State-Wide plan for

MORE DOCTORS—MORE HOSPITALS

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CAA OFFICIAL SEES AIRPORT TOWN BUILDER

Farming, Commerce and Pleasure Will Depend On Air Transport

Progress of all small towns after the war is see independent upon a good airport states Ben Stern, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., in a recent release to the American Press.

Mr. Stern points out that the small town without a suitable airport soon after the end of the war, may find itself becoming one of the ghost towns of the air age. "For progress will fly by if there is no place to land," he says.

"From thousands of small airports, America, in 1950, daily will fly the air roads on business, pleasure trips, and all the other reasons for travel that now keep our highways of the ground congested."

"The CAA has estimated that approximately 300,000 private airplanes will be flying the skyways of this country within three years after the end of the war. If such a figure is even approached, every city and town in the country must have a convenient well-serviced airport, or must suffer the consequences of being behind the times. The loss of transient revenue in such a community would be obvious."

"Surplus needs for airports in rural communities will be the value of the airplane to the big farmer for use as a planting instrument, and as a machine for counter attack against plant diseases and insects through spraying and dusting."

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PFC. JIM BERRY

is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berry at their home near Swan Quarter.

PVT. CHARLIE GRAY HARRIS

spent some time recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris at their home near Swan Quarter.

PVT. BILLY BARBER

stationed with the Army in Kansas, visited his mother, Mrs. Jeon Barber at Lake Landing this week. He will report to California for duty.

SGT. LEON BALLANCE

who has been visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ballance at Nebraska after 19 months overseas in the American theatre, left today (Thursday) to report for orders at Fort Bragg.

MANTEO BOY NOW LIEUT. IN MARINES

Quantico, Va.—Marine Lieutenant Clyde Robinson Mann, son of Mrs. Elma B. Mann and the late Dan Mann of Manteo, North Carolina, has been graduated from the Officer Candidate Class, Marine Corps Schools here.

Lieutenant Mann is a former Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, student where he majored in Business Administration and Social Science. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi fraternity.

He enlisted in the Corps October 9, 1942, and joined the Officer Candidate Class October 3, 1944, from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he was stationed.

FORMER WANCHESE GIRLS IN WAVES

WAVE Katherine Davis

of Coacoa is a Seaman 1st class on duty at Port Blakely, Washington. Enlisted last winter through the Orlando Navy Recruiting Station, Miss Davis, 23, was formerly with the Naval Air Station at Banana River.

Her most thrilling experience in the WAVES was her trip from Boot Camp in New York across the continent to her present station on the Pacific coast.

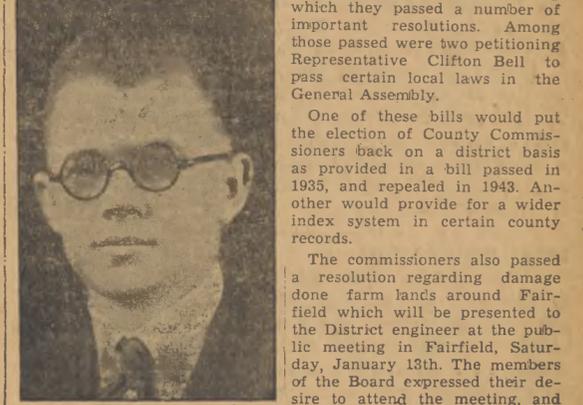
She reports that she is delighted with her work in radio communications and asks us to tell her friends that "WAVES like to receive mail too!" Her address is "Naval Radio Activities 40, Port Blakely, Wash."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Isidoro, Cal., formerly of Wanchese.

HYDE COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY SESSION MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Seek Help of Hon. Clifton Bell in Getting Certain Local Legislation Passed; Hold Hearing on Charges Made In Letter by Respass of Engelhard

BANKING BUSINESS KEEPS HIM BUSY



M. A. MATTHEWS, cashier of the Engelhard Banking & Trust Company, is a busy man these days. With experienced banking help scarce, Mr. Matthews has to work much of the time in the Columbia branch, as well as keep an eye on the main office in Engelhard.

Hyde County people miss seeing the banker around Engelhard so much these days, for they always found it enjoyable to drop by and talk with him about their farming, fishing and store keeping. But now he's usually head-over-heels in work when he's in the office.

One of the things that takes up much of Mr. Matthews' spare time is selling bonds for Uncle Sam in Hyde and Tyrrell counties. He has done a good job at this, as he has in building up the Engelhard Bank throughout the Southern Albemarle.

YOUNG TOM KING OF DUCK HAS ADVENTURES

Dare County Boy Has Exciting Times in Pacific War

Coast Guardsman Thomas J. King, first class seaman, of Duck, North Carolina, has been assigned to duty aboard this Coast Guard LST that is bound for a Pacific combat area. A veteran of twelve months duty aboard the Coast Guard-manned transport Wakefield, combat duty is no new experience with him.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard in September, 1941, King received his recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Station, Algiers, Louisiana, and was assigned to duty aboard the Wakefield, one of the most publicized of the Coast Guard-manned ships.

While a crew member aboard this ship, King participated in one of the most daring rescue missions of the war when the Wakefield was ordered to evacuate women and children refugees in the face of the relentless Japanese advance. The Japs had almost complete control of the air and, even before she reached the city, the Wakefield was attacked by a lone plane which was brought down by concentrated anti-aircraft fire. Tied to a dock in the besieged city for two days, she managed to take aboard more than three hundred women and children despite the almost constant aerial bombardment by the Japs. However, she did not escape unscathed for, as she slipped out of the harbor, leaving the city a smoking shambles behind her, the Japs scored a bomb that killed five of the crew.

Months later, while King was still aboard her, the Wakefield was swept by fire in the North Atlantic. All her passengers and crew were saved and the fire-blackened ship was towed to an east-coast port where she was refitted. Recommissioned and back at sea, she has made many trips to Europe ferrying troops and supplies to the victorious Allies.

Before reporting to this LST, King underwent a rigorous period of training both ashore and afloat at an eastern Amphibious Base. Commenting on his present assignment, he said, "LST's aren't bad duty, but I'd much rather be back aboard the Wakefield. There was a ship any man should be proud to be aboard."

BLAND GIBBS' AUTOMOBILE CATCHES FIRE IN TOWN

The Ford car driven by Bland Gibbs of Leechville caught fire in front of the courthouse in Swan Quarter Wednesday. The blaze which started around the motor was quickly extinguished.

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