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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. SHUBERT

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—Smith and anti-Smith Democrats here were pleased with the New York Governor's "Swan Song" delivered over the radio during the week. They like the fine spirit in which it was presented. They like the wholesome advice it brought to them. They like the sportsmanship which prompted it and the manner of delivery. They feel that he points the only way to victory in the formulation of a constructive program and united action to put it into effect. They believe with him that the Democratic party is "the great liberal party of the nation" which must lead progressive thought and hold out "the only hope of return to the fundamental principles of which this country was built and as a result of which it has grown and thrived." They agree with him in the suggestion that the Democrats cannot hope to build a party, either by withholding their support from the party in power or reliance upon the failure of the opposition to make good. In a previous statement the Governor had eliminated himself from future contests as a candidate for any public office and this gives added strength to his appeal in the interest of the party to which he renews allegiance. Absolute sincerity is seen in every utterance of his latest declaration and Democrats here feel that he gave expression to the views of a loyal party man who stands four square for the principles it represents. The Governor is resting at Biloxi, Mississippi, preparatory to the arduous labor which confronts him in the ad justment of New York State affairs before retiring from office at the end of the year.

Acknowledging himself "thoroughly lagged out and in need of a rest," Governor-elect O. Max Gardner recently fled himself to New York for a brief vacation. On his departure Mr. Gardner expressed deep appreciation of the support the people gave him in the late election and declared he would always hold them very near and dear to his heart. "Since it is only a short time until the legislative convenes," said the Governor-to-be, "I must be in condition to meet every demand upon me. I thought it would be all over when the election ended, but a multitude of telephone calls, telegrams, personal calls, etc., has precluded any sort of rest for me. I must get away for a few days and I am going to New York City." If the Governor elect expects to retire on "flowery beds of ease" any time soon, he has another guess coming, for a rude awakening awaits him. Peace seekers are already on the war path. The State government offers their only hope, since the National party went down in defeat, and Governor Gardner is the "best bet."

Requests from the various departments and institutions to the State Advisory Budget Commission represent large increases for the coming biennium, totalling around three million dollars in appropriations and "pretty nearly" five millions dollars in bond issues, notwithstanding the recent published statement to the effect that North Carolina has the biggest per capita bonded indebtedness of any State in the Union, or \$54.54 for each person residing in the State. State administrative departments ask for \$7,454,938, or \$955,328 more than for the last biennial period. An increase of \$1,018,000 is asked for the school equalization fund advancing it to \$4,228,000. The State Board of Health asks for an increase from \$369,900 to \$463,290 and the Corporation Commission from \$74,075 to \$133,427. The educational institutions are asking for \$3,544,553 as against \$2,555,790 and the State University wants \$1,463,067, or \$603,067 more than was appropriated to it by the last legislature. The Charitable and correctional institutions hold out their hands for \$2,743,043, an increase of \$480,843 over the last biennium. Total appropriations for the present biennium amounted to \$15,907,628. Requests for the next two years aggregate far more than that figure, with the Motor Vehicle Bureau seeking fifteen thousand dollars less than it had before. Bond issues requested for the approaching biennium would, if allowed, add \$10,385,421 to the State's bonded debt. The State Department of Conservation and Development would take \$50,000 for making maps of all the counties of the State and a like sum for advertising. Total amount asked for by this agency for various purposes would add \$239,000 to the budget.

The Federal Commissioner of Internal Revenue find that 4,138,092 individuals filed income tax returns for the year 1926, of which 2,470,990 were taxable and 1,667,102 were non-taxable, the net aggregate income being \$21,958,505,649 and the tax liability \$32,470,790. North Carolinians filing returns for the year numbered 35,332 reporting a total net income of \$153,231,981 and the amount of tax paid on this was \$3,398,235. The Commissioner's report also reveals that one Tar Heel "gave in" a net income of between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000; three with incomes between \$500,000 and \$750,000; one between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and one between \$250,000 and \$300,000, these six persons contributing the federal government in income taxes the neat little sum of \$593,049, or approximately one-sixth of the total paid by the 35,332 filing from the State.

Demands and requests of State departments and educational and corrective institutions for larger appropriations presages a big fight in the approaching session of the General Assembly against any move to revise the States tax laws to provide a greater sum for non-essentials. The last session witnessed a bitter fight for an increase in the school educational fund and the \$359,000 finally appropriated for this purpose was the

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ing the "Honor Day" period. The discharge of Jeffrey Stanback, Assistant State Chemist, by Commissioner Graham, of the Department of Agriculture, occasioned a small flurry in the circle of State officialdom during the week. The reason assigned by Commissioner Graham for his action was that Mr. Stanback had charged State departments with coercion during the speech of Senator Simmons at the city auditorium here a few days before the recent election and not because of his opposition to Governor Smith. The Commissioner stated that Stanback was not being discharged for political reasons, but, among other reasons, for making a result of a compromise. Big corporations are already lining up for a fight to the finish against any proposal that might necessitate an increase in the State income tax, or the corporation tax, and any effort to put a tax on stocks held by citizens of North Carolina in foreign corporations. The educational group is expected to press the demand for a larger equalization fund and if the effort succeeds around \$150,000 additional will have to be found somewhere. Neither Senator Woltz, of Gaston, or Representative Graham, of Sampson, leaders of the movement for an increase of the educational equalization fund in the Senate and House respectively, will be here this time and new leaders for longer school terms must be developed, it is said. Leaders of the denomination here report that North Carolina Baptists responded liberally to the call of the Southern Executive Board for voluntary offerings to cover the \$953,690 deficit in the Home Mission funds alleged to have been made through misappropriation by Clinton S. Carnes, former treasurer now facing trial for embezzlement. Baptist churches were asked to contribute an amount equivalent to one dollar for each member and reports indicate that they responded to the call in a handsome way, especially in Raleigh and the other larger cities of the State. The First Baptist church of this city, with a membership of around 1,300 raised easily more than \$2,200 during the "Honor Day" period. The discharge of Jeffrey Stanback, Assistant State Chemist, by Commissioner Graham, of the Department of Agriculture, occasioned a small flurry in the circle of State officialdom during the week. The reason assigned by Commissioner Graham for his action was that Mr. Stanback had charged State departments with coercion during the speech of Senator Simmons at the city auditorium here a few days before the recent election and not because of his opposition to Governor Smith. The Commissioner stated that Stanback was not being discharged for political reasons, but, among other reasons, for making a

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