

Raleigh Roundup

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RALEIGH CALLING WASHINGTON . . . As close as sweethearts dancing in the moonlight were Washington and Raleigh last week as staid and steady old North Carolina suddenly found herself wafted into the forefront of liberal thought in America. Like school kids yelling over the back fence, several states within recent years have played the game of "I can be more liberal than you can." Now with Dr. Frank Graham holding down one of our U. S. Senate seats, we can be just as liberal as any of them. The White House was kept informed of developments for several days prior to the appointment. President Harry Truman himself contacted Raleigh the night the appointment was made public.

THE REACTION . . . Reports reaching Raleigh plus an infor-

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mal survey made by this column in several sections of the State indicate that organized labor was delighted with the appointment of Dr. Graham to fill the big seat left vacant by the death of J. M. Broughton. The educated Negroes like it, too, but the others don't know Frank Graham from Sandy and have little interest in it. School teachers, as a whole, seem to be very much pleased with the appointment. Farmers are apparently disinterested.

In the main, the political leaders of the towns, counties, and of the State think the appointment is "a hell of a note," whatever that means. Business men—small and large—say they are getting rather used to being surprised by Governor Scott and merely shake their heads. Virtually every editor in North Carolina who took the time and space to comment on it (and most of them did) commended Governor Scott on his choice.

NOTES . . . The strongest lobby here is the one trying to get a law passed to permit trucks to carry heavier loads on North Carolina highways. It is easy to know when Winston-Salem is interested in legislation, for Raleigh is immediately filled with U. S. Grant beards and what-have-you's—in observance of Forsyth County centennial. Watauga County is coming up with the same thing—beards and all—later on this spring. Claude Abernathy of Nash County, Burial Associations man, is in line for a Federal appointment arranged by Sen. J. M. Broughton, who appointed Abernathy to his present position.

BOB DEYTON . . . Bob DeYton, assistant director of the budget (the Governor is ex officio head), was offered a job with North Carolina's largest bank, but turned it down for the \$18,000 comptroller position with Ecusta (cigarette papers, etc.). The place he is leaving pays him \$10,000. He is expected to complete arrangements for moving to Brevard next week. Although he and Governor Scott had numerous tiffs while Scott was Agriculture Commissioner, they have done a lot of rabbit- and dove-hunting together and are parting on relatively good terms. Al-

though DeYton was regarded as a Charles Johnson man, his younger brother, C. P. DeYton, was in charge of Scott's finances during the early weeks of his campaign last summer. DeYton's leaving won't be any help to Nathan Yelton, his cousin who is in charge of the State Retirement System. He was supposed to be a Johnson follower too, but not of the enthusiastic variety.

SUGAR PLUM . . . Bob DeYton's leaving drops another sugar plum appointment into the Governor's lap. This position is probably the most difficult in North Carolina officialdom and Scott should place his appointee in DeYton's office before long now so he can learn how to handle the State's fiscal matters while there is an expert around to show him the ropes.

ROAD BOND . . . The State Senate has virtually fixed it so that the people will not be able to vote on the \$200,000,000 road bond issue unless a one-cent tax increase is attached to it. Look for this bill—the \$200,000,000 (the tax increase—to pass through the Senate, which is riding roughshod over Scott, and then to go over to the House, which wants the bond issue separate from the tax. The House will argue over it for a time. Then conferees (men from the House and Senate) will be appointed to come out with a compromise. This first set of conferees will likely not be able to come to an agreement. Another set will be appointed, an agreement will be reached, and the Legislature will adjourn. This bill is the bellwether.

WINE-BEER-WHISKEY
The beer people, crying "sneaky Pete, are pointing angry fingers at the wine folks for the sorry plight they find themselves in these days. And the grape crushers are looking envious daggers at the brewers. Each group knows it is on a hot seat and each is blaming the other. Both of them are looking envious daggers at whiskey. Confidentially, they are of the opinion that they would be faring much better if they had the financial strength and political support with which the ABC system is blessed. They still have hopes that the Legislature will somehow assist them in salvaging at least something from the ruins brought on by county votes. Keep an eye on this during the next two weeks. Capers White, brother of Dairyman Geo. L. H. White and just as fine a man, is the wine frontier while Sam Blount of Washington, N. C., is the brewers' bat boy. They want to get under the ABC system or into something just as popular and powerful.

WHAT ABOUT IT? . . . Speaking of power, what has the State done about those five ABC officials in five Eastern North Carolina counties who have been charged with mishandling liquor in the stores under them (selling entire cases of liquor to friends, etc.) during the past 18 months? This is something State ABC Head Carl Williamson should clear up before he takes his leave.

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Zionville News

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wilson have returned to their home here from Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent the winter months. Mrs. Don Bingham and son, John Thomas, of Sugar Grove were guests here Sunday of Mrs. Bingham's mother, Mrs. Lillie Thomas.

Miss Frieda Dare Campbell and brother, Dare, spent the past week end with relatives on Beaver Dam. Euri Miller has returned from Pennsylvania where he has been employed for the past two years. Mrs. Homer Cornett and sons, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stephens, have returned to their home at Reese.

Mrs. Earl Madron of Neva, Tenn., was a recent guest here of her brother, Geo. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Winebarger and family of Mabel, left last week for points in Idaho and Oregon where they will make their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Trivette and son, Jimmy, were week end guests of Mrs. Trivette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Day of Boone. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ragan in Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Holman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and family attended the funeral of Tom Woodring on Meat Camp Sunday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. General Brown on March 24, a daughter. Among those who are seriously ill at their homes here are Mrs. J. C. Reese and Mrs. Max Miller, Robert Lookabill, Ottie Miller

CONTRAST . . . Life magazine is planning to contrast in a picture layout the careers of Movie Sirex Ava Gardner and Mrs. Sexton Malpass of Clinton, a shapely striking brunette who defeated Miss Gardner in an Atlantic Christian College (Wilson) beauty contest several years ago. Mrs. Malpass, the former Janie Fitzgerald married a prosperous Clinton businessman and has two children. You know about Ava. A life photographer was in N. C. last week preparing the feature.

and Bobby Younce left Monday for Moro, Oregon, where they will be employed for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Luter Miller are the parents of a daughter born on March 24 at Watauga hospital, Boone.

The national fine-cured tobacco allotment for 1949 has been set at 960,823 acres.

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Camden, N. J. — After being reprimanded by a policeman for striking a pedestrian, Martin English, of Moorestown, N. J., thumbed his nose at the cop. Taken before a judge, English explained that he had "lost his head." The judge told him he would lose more than that, \$2 for every finger—or \$10 fine.

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