

Capital News Letter

(By Thompson Greenwood)

GRAHAM OUSTER?—Carolina students home for the Thanksgiving holidays gave impetus to the rumor that powerful University of North Carolina alumni are attempting to oust Dr. Frank Graham as president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

Dr. Graham, now in Indonesia on a peace mission for President Truman, is said to be too liberal for many a hard-headed business man in North Carolina.

However, those who favor the retention of Dr. Graham as president point out that he is no more liberal than he was a decade ago. He hasn't changed, they maintain, whereas many an alumnus has grown more conservative, this conservatism being in direct proportion to the wealth he has acquired.

FOUNDATION SECRETARY.—I. G. Greer of Thomasville, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage and sometimes mentioned candidate for Governor of North Carolina on the Republican ticket, last week resigned the position he has held for several years now to become executive secretary or director of the Business Foundation at Carolina.

Established by Bob Hanes (Wachovia) and others, the Foundation now has about \$1,000,000 available, and it is hoped this amount will be raised to \$5,000,000. Carolina alumni were pleased at the manner in which Greer conducted the Good Health program last winter and believe his friendship with North Carolina big business may offset to some extent the rumored antipathy of dilution toward Dr. Frank Graham.

NOTES.—The feeling here is that if patrolmen would work during a football game instead of joining the fans to watch it there would be fewer traffic hazards when it is over. Reports are reaching Raleigh that several of the smaller towns now regret the installation of parking meters. Edenton, for one, is now working to have them removed. . . . Mass resignations of nurses are planned for hospitals in Wilmington and Charlotte if officials don't meet salary and working conditions demands. . . . There are now 130 co-ops operating in North Carolina, and the state is now attempting to obtain full reports on their histories, operations, etc. Meantime, State College is gathering information on co-op sentiment in the state.

A dairy concern in Wilmington claims to have lost \$3,000 in October because of strict milk regulations which the state put into effect Sept. 1. . . . But it was still able to buy out a handsome milk plant recently established at Wallace. . . . \$40,000. . . . and closed it to stop competition in that area. Incidentally, the owner of the Wilmington firm is also mayor of the New Hanover metropolis.

Raleigh wants to place parking meters around Capitol Square, but officials of the state have as yet refused.

Merchants throughout the state are now expressing amazement at early Christmas shopping this year. . . . Heavy sales of gifts for the past three weeks.

TREMENDOUS LOSS.—The withdrawal of England from the tobacco market might well mean the beginning of the end of Eastern North Carolina's golden days of prosperity. The prominent place which the current issue of "Time," the weekly newsmagazine, gives to St. James Ambassador Lewis Douglas prompted one state official to remark last week that, while Douglas is doubtless a great man, O. Max Gardner might have saved the English tobacco market if he had lived to go to England

as ambassador. So, many tobacco growers who did not feel a tremendous loss in the death of Gardner now realize that his passing will cost them untold millions of dollars within the next five years.

Some of them might also come around to the conclusion that O. Max Gardner was eternally right when he preached a live-at-home doctrine (as opposed to money crops) when he was Governor of North Carolina.

TWO DAYS.—A survey just completed by the N. C. Merchants Association indicates that more than three-fourths of the business firms in North Carolina will close at least two days for Christmas. It now looks as if there may be a two-day bank holiday.

IN VIRGINIA.—Those towns near the North Carolina-Virginia line whose residents have been traveling over into Virginia to do some of their big buying for the past several years are keeping an eye on developments in the Old Dominion. If there, they are about to do the same thing we did here in North Carolina 14 years ago—that is, adopt a sales tax.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry predicted here last week that the measure would pass. But it won't, if one former North Carolinian has his way about it. Charles McFee, who until about a year ago was secretary of the Asheville Merchants Association, is now executive secretary of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association. The matter will be introduced to the Virginia Lawmakers in about three weeks, and the merchants are readying their ammunition.

Another border state, Tennessee, put on the sales tax last July 10, and South Carolina is expected to consider it next year.

TURN ABOUT.—R. L. Fritz, Jr., former principal of Hudson Schools in Caldwell County, many months ago said he would support Chas. M. Johnson for Governor. Since he was president of the N. C. Education Association at the time (and still is for that matter) this statement carried strength for Johnson. Shortly after he became an ardent Johnson supporter, however, he was found guilty by the State Board of Education of juggling school vouchers. He repaid the money, and there are hundreds of members of NCEA who are apparently on his side.

Anyhow, the State Board revoked Fritz' certificate to teach. Now he is going to be brought before the Caldwell County grand jury for allegedly obtaining money under false pretenses.

Now, Johnson says he is going to spearhead a move in the State Board of Education, of which he is a member, to put the Fritz certificate back in force, providing the jury acquits him next week.

Teache.—some of them, anyway—have been saying all along that the Fritz case is mixed in politics. After Johnson made his statement here last week many a Raleigh observer gave a solemn nod of agreement. It must be admitted that Johnson's little utterance regarding aid for Fritz will get him a lot of teachers' votes—whether the jury acquits the NCEA president or not.

MORE STORES NEEDED?—Since January 1, 8,146 drivers in North Carolina have had their licenses revoked for drunken driving. This far surpasses all previous figures in this bracket. Perhaps we need more ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) stores. It is obvious we aren't doing much to control the stuff with our present number of outlets.

LEADS THE NATION.—North Carolina received a report on its honesty from a native son last Friday. Speak-

ing in Charlotte, Lamar Caudle, Assistant U. S. Attorney General and Wadesboro native, said that this state leads all the rest in the number of tax evasion cases handled by the Justice Department.

Two days before Caudle cast this pall of shame on the people of North Carolina, Tarheilla's leading dramatist was speaking here at the annual meeting of the N. C. Art Society. Paul Green was throwing out a few adjectives which would describe each state. He used "sturdy" for Iowa, "Glamorous" for California, and "efficient" for New York.

"North Carolina is an honest, forthright State," said Green. Caudle declared: "I do not know why so many North Carolinians have been guilty of tax evasion, but it is a condition that existed before I assumed my position."

BEER-WINE LAW.—If 15 per cent of the registered voters of any city or town in the State sign a petition asking for a local referendum on beer and wine, the election can now be held. The revised beer-wine law fixed it so that no elections could be held until 160 days had elapsed after the law had become effective (July 1).

There are reports that one or two units are considering the move. Chances are that few elections will be held. Counties and cities and towns are in need of money, and are reluctant to sacrifice the revenue which beer and wine brings them.

NOTES.—Robert Humber, that world federalist and world federationist, said while in Raleigh the other day that he would oppose Congressman Herbert Bonner in the First Congressional District again. . . . State Employees received a 20 per cent increase in pay on July 1. Teachers received a 30 per cent increase. If the State's present rate of income continues, it will have about \$47,000,000 as a surplus at the end of this fiscal year. In view of mounting living costs, the salary increases were woefully small. So small, in fact, that city and county superintendents formally requested Governor R. Gregg Cherry last week to call a special session of the Legislature to raise teachers' salaries. So far, State employees have done nothing except to complain a little that the decrease in the value of the dollar has made their 20 per cent increase of little real benefit. . . . Governor Cherry says he isn't going to call any special session in the "immediate future." He may be forced to have one, though, if living costs continue to climb.

The belief here is that if any surprise occurs in the gubernatorial campaign it will be the strength which Mayne Albright is gathering out there.

Decision of Kenneth Royall not to run for Governor created hardly a ripple on Raleigh political waters. . . . Your reporter has traveled throughout the State within the past six weeks. He found little real interest in who will be Governor. Most people said, rather nonchalantly about it and with a futile shrug, "Well, it looks like Johnson." But there doesn't seem to be any special enthusiasm for Johnson or for anybody else. . . . However, in the Senatorial race you can get an argument with little trouble. There seems to be plenty of interest in that race. . . . For the State offices, nobody seems to give a hang what happens.

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Bedroom Slippers for Women & Children	Billfolds \$1.50 to \$6.00	Rubber Balls 59c, 89c	Children's Coats and Suits
Robes for Ladies	Ladies' Metal Belts \$1.00-\$2.95	Children's Coats and Suits	Ladies' Metal Belts \$1.00-\$2.95
Embroidered & Hemstitched Pillow Cases	Slips, Gowns	Children's Oxfords	Ladies' Metal Belts \$1.00-\$2.95
Tablecloths & Vanity Sets	"Maiden Form" Brassieres	Children's Oxfords	Hose, Ladies' Nylon, Gordon & Mojud
Gloves	Hose, Ladies' Nylon, Gordon & Mojud	Children's Oxfords	Children's Pocket Books \$1.00, \$2.95
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