

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

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GRAHAM SUPPORT . . . They aren't saying much about it in the schoolroom, but reports reaching Raleigh are to the effect that 90 per cent of the school teachers in North Carolina are doing a lot of mental whooping it up for Sen. Frank Graham to be returned to Washington, D. C., for another four years . . . a recurrence of 1936 and 1944 McDonaldism.

AWAY . . . Since most of them will be away from home and in the midst of commencements on the day of the primary, their active strength will be as weak as a May wind. However, indications are that more than one teacher will leave for home after school on Friday so as to be able to drop one in the box for Frank Graham . . . on the week-end of the primary.

NODS . . . And in Raleigh this week as 3,500 teachers gather here for the annual convention of the N. C. Education Association—sometimes referred to as the Teachers Union—friendly nods will be made in the direction of Incumbent Graham. Nevertheless, when they return to their schools silence will prevail, for school boards frown exceedingly angrily on school people dabbling in politics until they have reached the superintendent or principal stage.

IN 1975 . . . One of the greatest men ever produced in North Carolina was Josephus Daniels. Now Gov. Scott has taken the first step toward having a Daniels memorial erected. He has appointed a commission to study the matter; but Tom Bost, the old never-forgetter, finds there is a law on the books to the effect that such memorials paid for from State funds and set up on State property cannot be erected within 25 years of the death of the memorialized.

Since Mr. Daniels died in 1948 it looks as if the memorial may have to wait until 1974-75, along there somewhere. He was instrumental in getting the majority of the handsome markers now on Capitol Square placed there—to the extent that the grounds are now sometimes referred to as a marble orchard—and it is ironic that Daniels' efforts in behalf of our State great have paved the way to a statute delaying a statue memorializing

APPLE JUICE . . . The future of thousands of families in Western North Carolina may be closely tied to some research work being done now on the apple.

The Dept. of Conservation and Development here has scores of projects underway on a wide variety of items vitally affecting cities, villages and whole sections of North Carolina. Nothing much can be said about them. The firms and individuals contemplating locating in this State or developing special programs in this area want it that way. Nevertheless, the work is progressing and young, lack of knowledge of the activities won't hinder the plans one iota.

A young, visionary fellow—and his name doesn't matter—is now laboring with the apple. He hopes to come up pretty soon with an apple juice concentrate similar to the orange juice concentrate you can purchase at the corner grocery. Some time back he thought he had it, but the alcoholic content was rather staggering and he was forced back into the laboratory. You can purchase bottled apple juice and sweet cider at most super markets, but the development of apple juice concentrate is expected to open an entirely new, and tremendous, market for the sale of apples.

APPLE KING . . . Speaking of apples, one of the largest apple producers in the world—Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia—will speak at the annual meeting of the N. C. Citizens Association next week. Apple-cheeked Harry, Truman's chief Democratic adversary, will talk for about 50 minutes, 30 minutes of which will be broadcast over a State-wide network. He is in great demand as a public speaker. The N. C. Citizens Association is fortunate to be able to get him.

BLACK MARKET . . . You are not the only one who has been forced to buy any kind of coal you could get, here lately. The State of North Carolina is in the same boat. This may be denied in official quarters—since to admit anything which frowns in the least on labor is just awful, exclamation point—but some of the State institutions are scraping

the bottom of their coal bins and are buying what is known as black market coal at a price of a little better than \$10 per ton.

HAIL ALUMNI . . . The report was out last week—and it came from deep within the heart of the Frank Graham-for-Senator headquarters—that alumni of the University of North Carolina would be contacted by circulars and otherwise with appeals to go down the line for the alma mater's former president.

The matter has been discussed with Dr. Frank, but he thought it hardly fair. However, latest plans are to move ahead with the idea, which eventually may do more harm than good. If the alumni list is made available to Graham headquarters, it will no doubt be sent, also, to Candidates Willis Smith, Bob Reynolds, Olla Ray Boyd, et als. Since Smith is chairman of the Duke University Board of Trustees, he might be able to obtain some names from there. Frank Graham's publicist is an alumnus of Wake Forest, so he might rink in the Baptists.

All in all, it does look as if college grads are going to have a lot of reading to do. Let us all hope that the letters-to-alumni idea came from someone in Graham's camp who is letting his, or her, enthusiasm for the cause get the better of his, or her, judgment.

NOT SO MUCH . . . Meantime, as Sen. Frank Graham speaks about the State it is becoming more apparent that: he's not really so much for the FEPC, after all; he's against socialized medicine; and he's interested in a lot more things than history and world plans. His next move will likely be along the line of decreased taxes and a balanced budget.

If Willis Smith doesn't hurry and get started, he's going to find himself only echoing the sentiments already expressed by Frank Graham. Watch that Episcopalian conscience, Doctor.

NOTES . . . Regarding Gov. Scott's blast at his Utilities Commission: The feeling here in Raleigh was that it was all right if he wished to lambast his appointees, but what was the advantage in doing it for the public . . . that is, through the newspapers and radio?

Although businessmen are complaining about sales, the sales tax in February ran about \$125,000 over February a year ago . . . General Fund revenue, including sales tax, income tax, and about eight other items was nearly a million dollars less this February than in February of 1949; in other words, some income was up, others down. Income tax collections accounted for the biggest loss . . . and the General Fund is in bad shape, is staring hungrily at March 15 . . .

If the people who are writing, wiring, and phoning Willis Smith aren't kidding, the Raleigh candidate will have no trouble getting into the second primary . . . with the chances good that he will be high man . . . Of course, it is still over two

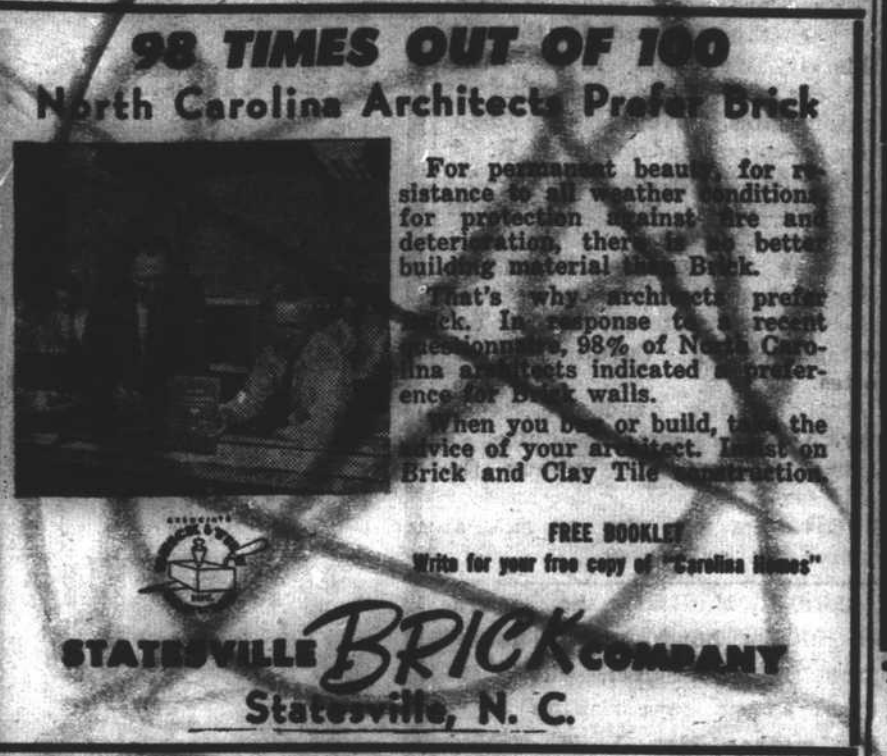
months until the first primary and a lot of things can happen . . . One of his staunchest supporters is Col. W. T. Joyner, son of former Superintendent of Instruction J. Y. Joyner, who has already written a letter to be used by Frank Graham's front men . . . Smith's manager may come from Greensboro, with his publicity man from Salisbury or Winston-Salem . . . Sen. Graham is speaking this week in Smithfield, Durham, and West Jefferson . . .

Raymond Maxwell has just written and published a book about his father, "Life and Works of Allen Jay Maxwell" . . . Raymond is sec't., State Board of Elections . . .

Dr. Billy Graham, evangelist, is now holding meetings in Columbia, S. C., and Gov. Strom Thurmond predicts the Charlotte native will be another Billy Sunday.

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