

**RALEIGH ROUNDUP**

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**DEWEY DIXIE?**—Authentic reports which reached Raleigh last week on the Dixiecrat doings indicate that at least one big holding company in New York is being supplied with detailed information on the political insurrection in the Deep South. There is some opinion here—freely voiced last week—that Thomas E. Dewey knows of each move being made and sometimes even before.

There was no evidence of any shortage of cash at the Birmingham meeting. On the contrary, the entire shindig seemed pretty well heeled, according to one North Carolina observer. Where did the money come from, and why?

Consensus in Raleigh is that the Dixiecrats will not create a ripple in North Carolina . . . insufficient time, insufficient interest.

**NEW LOOK WANTED** — They are not shouting it from the roof tops, but four North Carolina Congressmen fear that the covets and ridges of Western North Carolina may suffer an invasion of the Republicans while they are in Washington doing their master's bidding during the next four weeks. Congressmen Bulwinkle, Jones, Reddon and Doughton — yes, even Doughton — anticipate hard fights this fall, but were forced to leave their folks and return to Congress to help elect a Democratic President.

Most in demand for the battle are J. M. Broughton and W. Kerr Scott, both of whom are keeping in trim for this final bout. While old Democratic war horses like Cam Morrison, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, and Clyde R. Hoey may be used, the political leaders of the mountains are pleading for Scott and Broughton. They feel that, somehow, the people seem to want that new look in the Democratic party in this State, and believe that Scott and Broughton can best supply it.

The principal worry of the Democrats is not the election of State

officials, but Congressmen. Then too, there is Truman. They must not forget him.

**NOTES**—If you want to see any Big Four football games this fall, you'd better get a move on . . . Some of the early-season events in the high schools may be canceled because of the polio epidemic . . . Incidentally, Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reports that deaths from polio average only one per hundred cases . . . the number of children permanently crippled is less than two per hundred cases.

**SCOTT**—W. Kerr Scott said in Raleigh last Saturday that he thinks he will win in November, has no ambitions beyond being Governor for four years, will not sell his farm or discontinue its operation in Alamance County, still has "at least" 500 letters yet to write supporters in his campaign . . . has hardly had time to look at his farm since June 26 . . . his telephone rings at all hours of the day and night . . . He weighs 208 pounds and is again going light on the calories . . . didn't read a single one of his newspaper advertisements during the campaign, and no stories for him or against him . . . heard only one broadcast concerning himself

. . . that on the night before the second Primary . . .

**WEEDS**—Last year on the south lawn of Josephus Daniels' Wakestone grounds there was a beautiful garden . . . also the year before . . . and all during the war . . . It's in weeds this summer . . . His office at the News and Observer is still vacant . . . Editorials are being written by Jonathan Daniels and Robert E. (Fleet) Williams . . . very good ones, too . . .

**ON THE CUFF**—To see Charlie Johnson ambling down Fayetteville Street here you would never guess he was the loser in that recent incident . . . He is said to be very well fixed financially . . . and will in all probability be in better shape in this wise four years from now than if he had won . . . By refusing J. M. Broughton's offer to become his assistant, Mayne Albright followed some advice given him some time ago by W. Kerr Scott: people like a man who makes a living other than by salary . . . For some time Albright had considered hanging out his shingle, believes now is the time to make the break . . . He will also enhance his political future . . . In his campaign he made many good "connections," as they call them . . . though most of them were not of the lucrative-client variety . . . Very liberal,

intellectually and morally honest, a pretty good speaker and possessed of a good mind, he should go far in the practice of law if his idealistic outlook permits him to stomach the various types of cases and clients which attorneys must contend with now and then . . . particularly in their early years.

**BIRTH OF A NATION**—When David Wark Griffith died last Friday, the notice of his passing made front pages throughout the country. He was the man who made "Birth of a Nation," the writers said. But North Carolina people—those who care a darn about anything of this kind—know it was the other way around. "Birth of a Nation" made Griffith. Who really made "Birth of a Nation"? Thomas Dixon, from his books, "The Clansmen," and "Leopard Spots." Dixon was not even mentioned in the account of Griffith's death, but his widow who lives here in Raleigh had her eyes open-

ed when she read that the film has grossed more than \$10,000,000 and is still being shown.

Being the second Mrs. Dixon—he married her, his secretary, only a few years before his death—she was the wife of a semi-invalid for seven years. However, she knows about "Birth of a Nation" and how the man really responsible for it got so little out of it. Thomas Dixon's biography, though roughly written, lies in a trunk in her home here on Hillsboro Street gathering dust. Will North Carolina permit this literary giant to lie there, all but forgotten, while it lionizes every brassy hack writer, every glib spieler who enters here?

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