

Raleigh Roundup

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of Mellon's (men's clothes, etc.), an oil company, and three other concerns. In a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer his firms carried five one-page ads.

Republicans Have Cash

RECORDS—The report in Raleigh is that the Republicans are now spending \$1,500 per week on radio programs for John A. Wilkinson, Republican candidate opposing J. M. Broughton for the U. S. Senate.

Last week, he was on 39 stations lambasting in a good radio voice one Harry S. Truman, and seems to be breaking all known records in radio speech-making in North Carolina. He will be on these stations "each week, same day, same time" until further notice, for the records have been cut and are now wending their way like flying saucers all across the State, from Waynesville in the west to Elizabeth City down in the flat country.

The general theme of the Republican advertising in North Carolina this fall will be words to this effect: "The next national administration is going to be Republican. Send a Republican to Washington to look after your interests, etc." The above is for the Congressmen and the Senatorial candidate. In the State—if Wilkinson's early speeches are any criterion—it will be the same old theme song: "Break up that Raleigh machine." Ho hum.

Democrats Start Work

NOTES—Charlie Parker, Scott publicity man, said Saturday that the Democratic campaign will get underway this week. He will handle the publicity and material for some of the speeches.

...They tell you in Durham that it was not Henry Wallace who cancelled his room reservation there, but the hotel management, which did not want that hostility to be the scene of racial troubles... with an eye on the Negro vote, ...Howard McGrath no doubt said a few weeks ago that there would be no segregation of whites and blacks who toiled in the offices of the National Democratic Executive Committee. However, Joe Blythe of Charlotte, N. C., now says that Chairman McGrath was talking through his Stetson... At least, Negroes and whites will not work cheek-to-jaw in the National Democratic Treasurer's office...

...The entire State Highway Commission, with the possible exception of Jordan, may be moved out because they didn't vote right in the Primary. Has the present Commission done a poor job of road building? Well, everybody is complaining about all the detours. That's a sign work is going on somewhere... It's a good highway indeed which does not have "Slow Men Working" cautions placed along the shoulders... and it has been impossible during the past six months to travel from Durham to Burlington without detouring by Highway Chairman Sandy Graham's home in Hillsboro... If the next Commission does as well as the present, there should be no complaints.

Mad About Inspections

INSPECTIONS—Last Saturday morning, as the temperature was edging toward 95 in most sections of the State, many a motorist realized that he had only a few more hours in which to have his car inspected. In Winston-Salem, 500 cars stood waiting for the arrival of the inspectors. Conditions had become so bad on Friday afternoon that the radio was used to urge at the Raleigh inspection grounds car-owners to go to Wake Forest.

There, on Saturday morning, cars swarmed all over the place. Perspiration flowed. Tempers were short. In the Twin City, youngsters were making good money selling soft drinks to the drivers in line, while in Raleigh State College boys were doing pretty well as car-sitters.

Meantime, garages all over the State raked in the cash. The mechanics had their troubles, too, however, finding parts for old jalopies, collecting for the parts and labor after the job had been completed. All in all, the inspection program is being called "a good thing" in one breath and cursed to a fair-thee-well in the next. With new cars virtually unobtainable and more old cars on the road than ever before, it hit the State at a might bad time. Watch the '49 Legislature.

Judge Wiley Barnes

OFF THE CUFF—Although many of the Dixiecrat electors announced Sunday have been known for years as anti-New Dealers, there were two of three eye-brow-lifters in the group, among them Oldline Democrat Wiley Barnes of Raleigh (whom some blame for causing Wake to go against J. M. Broughton in the Primary) and Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, one of the South's leading Baptist ministers...

...Secretary of State Thad Eure is rapidly becoming known as an expert on the harmonica. He's been playing the "mouth-organ" for a long time in a nonchalant, casual sort of way, but now he seems to be more in demand as a French harpist than as a speaker. He performed for the taxi-drivers in requests on tap now for performances about the State...

...Nobody seems to know what the new Governor will say and do about taxation, appointments, roads, and education. Kerr Scott has everybody guessing. He said something the other day about the possible necessity of accelerating the gas tax. He is also known to have a sharp eye on what is happening down in Louisiana, where gasoline now sells for as much as 31 cents per gallon and cigarettes cost 27 cents per pack. In short Scott has the perennial lobbyists... who heretofore have been able to pre-guess incoming Governors... running around in circles. They are placing their whole confidence Senate, where 26 stubborn men in a conservative, stand-put State can, if they wish, tie up the Governor's program and the will of the entire Legislature. This may well happen next January-February-March.

G.O.P. in Legislature

HOW MANY—How many Republicans will there be in the next Legislature? Normally, there are around 12 to 15. In moments of slack conversation, State officials last week made their guesses as to the number, and solemnly wrote them down and filed them away, to be forgotten if they are far wrong, to be gleefully brought out again and paraded with "I-told-you-so's" if they are right.

In 1929, after the Al Smith debacle, there were around 40 Republicans in the two branches of the General Assembly. Guesses this time run as high as 30, which indicates that leading Democrats don't think the party is in as bad shape as in 1928—despite the Progressives and the Dixie boys.

This time we may have four in the Senate, and 18 to 20 in the House.

Albright Made Promise

HARD FACTS—The teachers drew from R. Mayne Albright the

promise that their minimum salary would be \$2,400 per year... Then W. K. Scott and Charles M. Johnson solemnly pledged the same, saying that salaries would run from \$2,400, for first-year teachers, up to as high as \$3,600 for those with experience. Albright and Johnson were freed of the responsibility of making this dream come true. It now falls on the agrarian shoulders of Scott... Can he do it? Can he deliver?

The school budget this year will run approximately \$62,000,000. If Scott follows through on this promise, this figure will be pushed up about \$30,000,000 raising the total output to schools to \$92,000,000 per year. This money must come from the General Fund... unless they start dipping into highway money. The General Fund income this year will run right at \$125,000,000. But in

NORMAL years (1940 for instance) the General Fund revenue is only around \$44,000,000.

It's easy to talk and to have visions of sugar plums. But the hard facts are: How can North Carolina pay its teachers from \$2,400 to \$3,600 per year? How can the State take from the General Fund \$92,000,000 per year, for schools alone, when this Fund's income is only \$44,000,000? Perhaps we can do it for 1949-51, but the odds are against it. However, it cannot be done for more than two years UNLESS the State's income stays above the \$125,000,000 mark... UNLESS highways suffer... or UNLESS we increase the sales tax or go back to a tax on land.

Forget all these big figures if you wish, but just put this down: Scott's promise to teachers cannot and will not be entirely fulfill-

ed... and it may fall far short of fulfillment.

Local Cotton Growers Taking Part in Show

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H. H. Pollard, Raleigh Route 3; arrive 4:05; leave 4:20; observe 40 inch rows and band placement of fertilizer.

Marvin C. Johnson, Raleigh Route 3; arrive 4:20; leave 4:30; observe 40 inch rows and band placement of fertilizer.

J. Q. Adams, Willow Springs; arrive 4:40; observe mechanization demonstration.

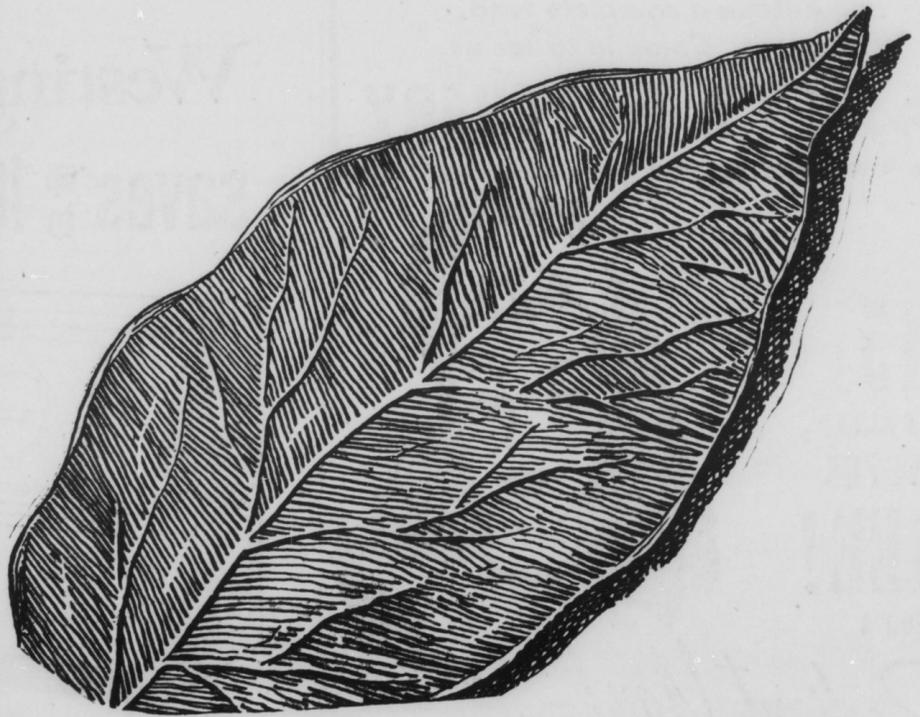
Mrs. Charles Flowers, Sr., is visiting her son and family in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. John Liles and family of Sanford visited Mrs. M. B. Chamberlee over the week-end.

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