

# At the CAPITAL

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A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, of Hillsboro, is expected to be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina in 1932 and for Governor of North Carolina in 1936.

While no definite announcement has been made in either case, it is generally understood among his friends that Mr. Graham will enter the race for Lieutenant Governor in due time, and that, such entry will have a very definite object—that of becoming candidate for Governor four years later.

Although young, only 40, Mr. Graham has packed a lot of experience in his limited years, particularly since he graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1912, studied law there the next year and at Harvard Law School in 1913-14. He entered the first Officers Training Camp early in 1917 and served more than two years in France, rising to a captaincy with the 81st Division.

Since 1921 he has been a member of the General Assembly from Orange county and has served as chairman of several important committees, all preparing him for the speakership in 1929. He has served as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission for several years and during the past two months has been Executive Counsel to Governor Gardner, all of which, his friends say, are excellent training for the position to which he is almost certain to aspire.

In the first contest he will doubtless

have to contend with D. F. Giles, Marion, former legislator, secretary of the N. C. Railroad and, within the past year or two, becoming an attorney-at-law. William F. Wood, also of Marion, has also made some sort of announcement, conditioned, for the lieutenant governorship.

In the second race, that for the Governor, Mr. Graham will doubtless contend with Judge Thomas L. Johnson, Asheville, formerly of Lumberton, who retired from the approaching governorship race in 1932, who has let it be known that he is looking toward that goal in 1936, and probably Col. Thos. L. Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, original good roads enthusiast, who has said that he will be a candidate in 1936. Other prospects are W. M. Handren, Winston-Salem; A. L. Brooks, Greensboro, and—but that is enough for the present.

The "irreducible minimum" of 13 Republicans in the North Carolina legislature, 10 representatives and three senators, achieved in 1923 through the charged gerrymandering of senatorial districts by the late Col. A. D. Watts, was still further reduced to eight Republicans, six representatives and two senators, as a result of the election last week, which proved a landslide for the Democrats of greater proportions than the 1928 Republican deluge.

While the Democrats were winning more than 100 Representatives and a dozen Senators for an almost exact even number with the Republicans in the National Congress, and carrying many hitherto rock-ribbed Republican states with the election of Democratic governors and other officers. North Carolina Democrats made inroads that surprised even the most sanguine of the party leaders by electing a full Democratic delegation to Congress, electing 144 of the 150 representatives and 48 of the 50 senators in the State General Assembly, and reclaimed county governments in more than 20 counties.

The only two Republican senators are A. T. Grant, Mocksville, veteran representative from the 24th district, composed of the heretofore Republican counties of Davie, Wilkes and Yadkin, Davie going Democratic and Wilkes naming a Democratic representative this time, and Roy A. Harmon, Elk Park, from the 30th district, composed of Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey.

The six counties having Republican representatives are Avery, Mitchell, Pamlico, Randolph, which elected half of the Democratic ticket, Sampson and Yadkin, where the Republican majority of 15 is being contested. Some of the counties that have been Republican since Civil War times swung to the Democratic column last week, and some of those remaining in the Re-

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publican column are there by greatly reduced majorities. All of the counties which went to that column in 1928 were returned to the Democratic fold.

Shift of 29 members of the House of Representatives in 1929, including one Independent, to the Democratic column in 1931, a part of which was unexpected, has brought about redoubled efforts among the new Democratic members on the part of the four candidates for the Speakership of the next House. The candidates, Willis Smith, Raleigh; E. B. Moss, Spring Hope; Fred I. Sutton, Kinston, and H. G. "Tobe" Connor, Wilson, are out after the new Democratic.

All have numbers of pledges of support, but it is impossible now, with the possibilities of trades and shifts, to make a safe prediction.

Only eight members of the 1929 Senate will return, but several of the new members have had legislative experience in one or both of the houses before. Three candidates are mentioned for President Pro Tem of the Senate, to serve with the president, Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, including Marvin K. Blount, Greenville, and Rivers D. Johnson, Warsaw, and H. R. Horton, Pittsboro, the latter two returning after two-year intervals.

Deposits in State banks in North Carolina decreased nearly ten million dollars, \$9,950,000 during the past year, or to \$250,000,000 on September 24, last, as compared with October 4, 1929, the report of John Mitchell, chief State bank examiner, on the 405 banks, including 84 branches, shows.

Total resources of these banks decreased \$27,852,000 in that period, or from \$341,182,000 to \$313,330,000, but in the last three months, since the call dated June 30, 1930, the resources have increased slightly, \$1,469,000, the report shows.

A county Board of Education has supreme and final authority in fixing the number of teachers in county schools, even at a figure lower than the State schedule, the N. C. Supreme court held in dismissing the mandamus brought by Johnston county school districts to force the board to supply the scheduled number of teachers, after a cut, due to a reduced budget, had been made. The action of the board in that particular was not subject to control by mandamus, the court held. A compromise had previously been reached by the education board and the board of county commissioners, so the decision has no definite effect upon this much-contested Johnston county case.

A State-wide eight months school term for North Carolina, the last two months of which may be suspended when the attendance will not justify continuation, is embraced in one of the two bills drawn up by the special Educational Commission provided by the 1929 legislature and to be submitted to the 1931 body through Governor Gardner. In another bill which the commission offers in case the General Assembly is not ready to enact the eight-months bill, are included provisions seeking to produce efficiency and economy, as are also included in the first bill.

Economy of operation is sought through consolidation of administrative units, of school terms and of spending agencies, and by greater aid from the State in current operating costs. Savings are expected through suggested increases in teacher load, by abolishing the experience increment in teacher salaries, and in the administration of the schools.

Both bills seek to eliminate further the small schools, in favor of larger units, permit the transfer of pupils across district lines within the counties and allow distribution of pupils to equalize the teaching load. The commission in its report, finds it "inadvisable at this time to create the office of business manager or financial secretary of the State Board of Education, one of the objects the commission was named to investigate and report on.

DAVIDSON AND U. N. C. MEET ON GRIDIRON SATURDAY

The University of North Carolina and Davidson College this Saturday renew a gridiron rivalry that has existed for 33 years. Twenty-eight contests have been played during that time, with the Carolina Tar Heels, having a decided advantage over the Davidson boys. In those years, the University elevens have rolled up over four times as many points as Davidson. To be exact, Carolina has 325 points, compared to Davidson's 75. Only four times in all those years has Davidson been able to take the measure of the Tar Heels, and four of the tilts have ended nothing-all. This gives Carolina a total of 20 games won. With the exception of two years, the Carolinians have never defeated Davidson over three touchdowns.

## 8,387 Motorists Are Warned by Patrolmen

State Police Arrested 208 During October Found 4400 Without Proper Lights

State Highway Patrolmen warned 8,387 motorists of highway violations last month, making 208 of the warnings more emphatic with arrests, according to the report made public by Capt. Charles D. Farmer, in charge of the patrol. Of those arrested 48 were charged with driving while intoxicated, 14 with reckless driving, and the remaining number for passing on curves or hills and violations of a similar nature, and for failing to have equipment on their cars repaired after receiving warning cards from the patrol.

Drivers whose cars did not have the regulation three lights led the list of offenders, 4,400 motorists of this

class having repaired their lights at nearby filling stations or garages when stopped by patrolmen. Cards were issued to an additional 73, while 197 cards were issued to drivers with defective brakes or other equipment.

A total of 132 cars without license plates were apprehended, 35 with improper plates, and 60 with lost tags.

Motorists required to buy license tags before continuing the use of their cars spent \$1,266.12. Fines imposed on offenders totaled \$2,593.15 and costs in the various cases, \$1,486.53, bringing the cost to offenders to \$4,079.68. Sentences totaling 32 months were also imposed.

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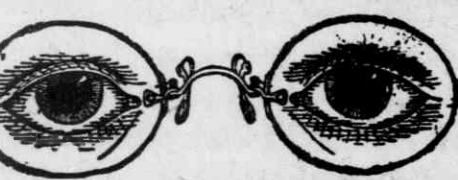
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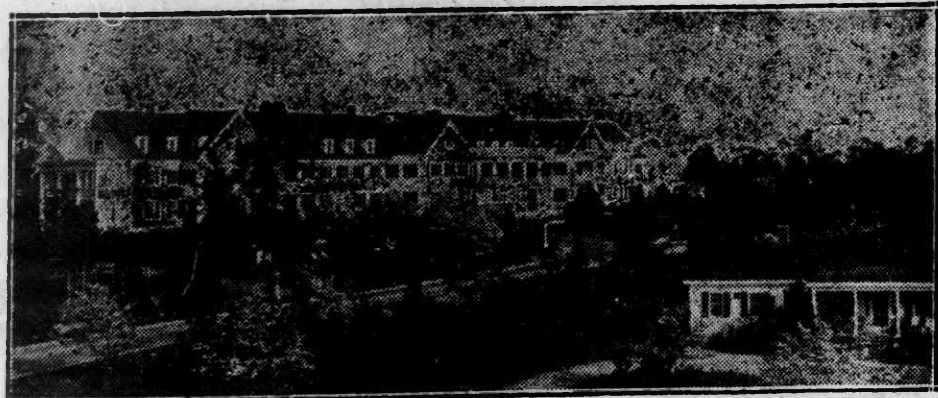
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