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Gerald Johnson Reveals Truth About John T. Flynn, "Road Ahead" Author

Noted Journalist Views Smith Tactics With "Stupefaction"

Gerald W. Johnson, distinguished author, and journalist, yesterday came to the defense of Frank P. Graham in his battle for the U.S. senatorship and declared that he had been watching the campaign in North Carolina "with something approaching stu-pefaction." Johnson took to task supporters of Willis Smith for distributing campaign literature which he said "made sickening reading."

Johnson's observations on the primary campaign were contained in a signed article released yesterday by Gra-ham headquarters in Raleigh. The article was released without comment.

At the present time, Johnson is living in Baltimore, Md., where he formerly was a member of the editorial staff of The Baltimore Sun. Before going to Baltimore, he was on the editorial staff of the Greensboro Daily News. He has written a number of books and been a contributor to numerous magazines.

The statement by Johnson dated Baltimore, June 12, 1950, follows:

From a distance I have watched we were straining every nerve to the primary campaign for United preserve our national existence. States Senator in North Carolina We were fighting two tremendous with something approaching stu- wars on opposite sides of the pefaction. Can this be the old earth, which taxed even the col-North Carolina of Charles B. Ay- ossal strength of the United cock and Thomas Walter Bickett, States. Difficulties at home of the Kitchins, of eloquent Locke were bound to multiply, but if Craig, and purple-and-gold Rob- anything interrupted war producert B. Glenn? Where is the unerr-ing realism of J. W. Bailey, the lessly. But wherever trouble deshrewd good sense of Cameron Morrison, the poise of O. Max Gardner, or, to come down to able, kindly, endlessly patient date, the suavity of Clyde Hoey, man, with no axe to grind, no ama gentleman though the heavens bition to serve, and so patiently honest that men who hated each

fall? • It was my good fortune to know other venomously would listen to him and take his word for practipersonally all these ornaments of him and take his word for practithe state, and my ill fortune to cally anything.

fight some of them from time to So when he was appointed to time. They were sturdy warriors succeed the late Senator Broughand could lay on heavy blows; ton, all the world said, "No won-during my newspaper days in der." On Charles Street in Balti-Greensboro more than one of more the morning the appointthem handed me a wallop that ment was announced a Maryland made me see stars, but I never busines man held out his hand knew a man of them to dip into to me, saying, "Mr. Johnson, I a cess-pool for his missiles. congratulate you on being a North Carolinian." I congratulated my-Sickening Reading

Recently there has come into self, for I knew my state had done my hands a collection of campaign honor to itself. Most new senators literature distributed through the have to stay in Washington for state; and for a man committed to years before anyone knows the belief that North Carolina is whether or not they are any good; far the most civilized of the but North Carolina had sent up Southern states, and one of the one whom the whole nation knew most civilized in the Union, it for a great man.

made sickening reading. The Maybe the whole nation is work of John T. Flynn has actual- wrong. Maybe they are wrong in ly been brought into North Car- far-away Batavia, and in the olina in behalf of a Democratic Hague, where they regard his candidate running in a Democrat- work in Indonesia as almost mircandidate running in a Democrat- Work in Indonesia as almost mir-ic primary. Party perfidy could hardly go further since Flynn has spent the past 15 years heaping denunciation and villification on the Democratic Party. "A virtuoso of the sneer and the smear," as and "Red!" is even worse, for it the Atlantic Monthly called him, sounds like Mississippi or Alahe has done some damage, too. He bama, preparing to elect a Bilbo has been lauded to the skies by or a Heflin, not like civilized all the money-changers that North Carolina. Roosevelt drove out of the temple, Maybe. But if the gentleman which is not surprising; but to greater things than bringing a have him presented to honest men by Democrats is dumbfounding. In 1936 John Flynn was de-at a moment of desperate emernouncing Roosevelt for having gency, or holding the University surrendered to Wall Street; that of North Carolina throughout a shows the value of his judgment. fearful depression still strong, A little later, when it became still honest, still a source of light plain that the President was not going to stab Great Britain in the the grace and dignity of its state. back for Hitler's benefit, Flynn changed his tune. He joined the has achieved such feats the rest rabid isolationists, and in com-pany with Father Coughlin, Ger-ald L. K. Smith, Silver-Shirt Pel-tell. For if they don't, the very ley, and the like, did everything suggestion that they should reject he could to prevent this country Frank P. Graham for anybody else from accepting Hitler's challenge, simply stupifies the nation. When he failed, he actually accused Roosevelt of making a murder- Mrs. Knowles Passes ous assault on the innocent, un-offending Japanese. That shows After Long Illness Mrs. H. S. Knowles, 79, died the value of his patriotism. I have only a slight acquain- Sunday morning at the Moore tance with Willis Smith, but until County hospital after a prolonged this campaign opened I had no illness. Funeral services were held reason to doubt that he is any- Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the Church thing but a reputable gentleman. of Wide Fellowship, conducted by Perhaps he is just that; but if so, the pastor, Dr. R. L. House. Burial he is extremely unfortunate in was in the family plot at Mount the character of some of his sup- Hope cemetery. Mrs. Knowles was formerly port, for there has not been such a spewing up of sewer rats in Miss Lillian Foss, daughter of North Carolina for at least 50 Daniel W. and Ella M. Foss in

years. The worst of the stuff I have seen does not bear Smith's name, but it was put out in the interest of his candidacy, therefore some of the filth with which t drips inevitably sticks to him. Same Old Tricks

Every Southernér knows the old trick of demagogues who, having neither character nor ability to recommend them to the voters, abandon argument to shout "Nig-ger!" That sort of campaign, es-pcially in the Gulf States, has sent to Washington some of the most ruffianly politicians that ever poluted the halls of Congress. It has been my pride, as a native Tar Heel, to believe that North Carolina was above that sort of thing. In the North, where the "Nigger!" cry doesn't work, the same effect is achieved by shouting "Red!" and this method too, has resulted in giving the nation senators without the slightest fitness for the job.

Thus when I find the Smith literature shouting both "Nigger!" and "Red!" the inference is inescapable that the candidate has not much to recommend him. About Graham

His opponent I know much better. In fact, the whole United States knows him much better. Long before he became a senator people from San Diego to Portland, Me., knew Dr. Frank P. Graham. They knew him as the best smoother out of difficulties the country had in the days when

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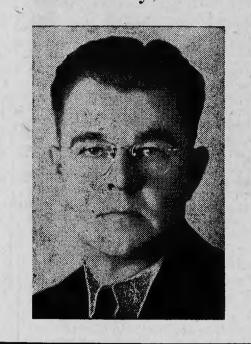
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Clerk Of Superior Court Enjoys The Confidence of Judiciary, Business, Press and the People When Judge Don Phillips began looking for a receiver for the huge Carthage Weaving Co., his choice was Carlton C. Kennedy, an appointment that was made with the consent of eminent attorneys for both sides . . . Mr. Kennedy is now engaged in the

operation of the plant as receiver. When Mr. Kennedy resigned as cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and moved from Southern Pines to Carthage to accept Judge Phillips' appointment as receiver of the Carthage



Treasurer of Southern Pines Y. D. C.

Carlton Kennedy

High Man In The First Democratic Primary For

Weaving Company, the Hon. Chan Page, Mayor of Southern Pines, wrote the following letter which was reprinted in the Pilot:

Oct. 28, 1949 Mr. Carlton Kennedy, Carthage.

Dear Carlton: It is with a deep sense of personal loss that I submit your resignation to the Town Board at their regular meeting. I feel sure that I express the feeling of the Board when I say that your services have been invalu-The Town did not misable. place its confidence and deeply regret losing you and your fam-Feel sure that the latch ilv. string always hangs out for you and yours.

Sincerely yours, CHAN PAGE, Mayor of Southern Pines.

What Mr. Hodgkins Thinks of Mr. Kennedy

In a personal letter, dated May 12, 1950, the Hon. N. L. Hodgkins, President of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Southern Pines, N. C., wrote:

"I do not believe that there has ever been a man connected with our bank, who was better liked by customers, or who was more willing to put himself out to serve the customers of the bank than were you. I should like to repeat again that your resignation was at your own request, totally unexpected by us, so much so, in fact, that as you will recall, it was necessary for us to ask you to stay on with us for a period of a month or two while we were obtaining the services of a successor."

EXCERPTS FROM THE LOCAL PRESS

Southern Pines Pilot

Bank of Pinehurst Ap-

Sept. 23, 1949

Kennedys Move To

points New Cashier

Pinehurst Outlook, Friday,

September 12, 1941

F. Shelby Cullom, Executive Vice-President of the Bank of Pinehurst, announces the appointment of Carlton C. Kennedy as cashier, effective October first, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Byron U. Richardson. Mr. Cullom has, in the interim, been discharging the duties of cashier in conjunction with his Carthage

Carlton C. Kennedy will move his family to Carthage within the next week or two, it was learned this week.

Mr. Kennedy is a native of Carthage, and they have many friends there.

Ridge and Duke university. He is also a distinguished resident of Southern Pines and last vacations, he liked to go to the bank and help his father, P. K. May was one of three new members elected to the town board. with the largest vote of any of Kennedy, who was for many years cashier of the Carthage branch of the three. Mrs. Kennedy, founder and teacher of the Learn More Bible class, interdenominational Bible study group here, said that she will continue this work, but will give up her Sunday School class of adult women at the First Baptist church.

From The Moore County News, Sept. 18, 1941

Local Boy Coming

Home

who has held a banking position

in New York state for the past

12 years, is coming back home to

accept a position as cashier of the

Bank of Pinehurst, is being hailed

with delight by his many friends

here. He spent his boyhood days

in Carthage, and attended the lo-

cal grammar and high schools,

later continuing his studies at Oak

After school hours and during

News that Carlton Kennedy,

ty News Sept. 18, 1941:

Mahomet's Mountain

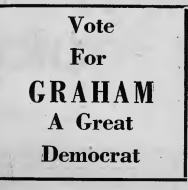
The selection of Mr. Carlton C. Kennedy as cashier of the Bank of Pinehurst meets with the approval of not only the patrons of the bank themselves but the general public as well.

He comes to his new position well qualified. A son of P. K. Kennedy of Carthage, he is a native and former resident of this county. His past association with the more or less rural financial circles in his earlier years in the business, coupled with his wealth of banking experience gained in the metropolitan areas of New York City, make him doubly fitted for the place. The business acumen acquired with the large banks together with the neighborly friendliness, which is his inheritance, equip him with the force of sound and reasonable judgment in monetary affairs, seasoned with the copious understanding benignity of his less imposing and less cosmopolitan early background, to make his selection ideal from the standpoint of efficiency to the patrons and the bank itself. Personable, kindly and neighborly, The News is delighted to express its satisfaction over the bank's choice and to, once again, welcome a native son of Moore county to dwell among his friends.

Editorial from The Moore Coun-

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Pittsfield, N. H. She and her husband, her only immediate survivor, came to Southern Pines from Bethlehem, N. H., in 1915 to make their home. Mrs. Knowles was a faithful

member of the Church of Wide Fellowship, and active in its organizations for many years. She was a charter member and devoted worker in the Lena

Sweezy group of the church. Mrs. Knowles and her husband would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary next Monday, June 26.

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Mr. Kennedy is an experienced banker and comes to the Bank of Pinehurst with the highest recommendations. He originally lived in Carthage, N. C., and will be remembered here from his connection with the Carolina Discount Corporation, Aberdeen. He has been associated with the Chase National Bank, New York City and is surrendering a responsible position at a bank in White Plains,

Mr. Kennedy is married and has two children, a daughter at Mary Washington college, Fredericksburg, Va., and a son, 12, who will enter school here.

The Kennedys have leased the Herbert E. Ehrhardt house for occupancy from October 1st.

Carlton Kennedy, Jr., a June graduate of the Southern Pines high school, will enter State college the end of this month.

the Page Trust company. In this wise he came to embark upon banking as a career, starting out when he was so young and therefore so short of stature that he had to stand upon a pile of books in order to reach the keyboard of the posting machine.

Reaching maturity, Carlton obtained a position with the once affluent Carolina Discount Corporation at Aberdeen, remaining with that firm several years before he left to accept a place with the mighty Chase National bank and went with a bank in White Plains, N. Y., where he and his family have since resided.

Mr. Kennedy will take over his new duties with the Bank of Pinehurst the first of October or shortly thereafter. He will occupy a home in the village, and Moore county folks are glad to welcome not only him, but his charming wife, the former Mary Pegram, and their two children, Miss Marie and Carlton, Jr., back to Moore county.

Mr. Kennedy seeks the continued support of the Democratic voters of Moore County on the basis of his proven ability and past record as reflected in the above excerpts.

"I have stressed my own merits and not the demerits of my opponents. Mud-slinging and whispering are no tactics of mine."

Carlton C. Kennedy FOR **Clerk of Superior Court**

(This Advertisement Paid For By Friends of Carlton C. Kennedy)

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