

Why The Poodles Yap at the Heels Of A Great Man

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We have, politically, always been a little on the liberal side; but in this day, when stepping off the curb with the left foot first is sufficient to lay a fellow open to a charge of communism, it is perhaps necessary to go a little farther and specify what kind of liberalism we mean.

We think we can best sum it up this way: We believe in liberalism without tears. We think we can trace that back to three influences—birth in the North Carolina mountains where people tend more to be individualistic; education at the University of North Carolina under such men as the late R. D. W. Connor, Paul Green and Frank Graham, and maturing in the great depression which took a lot of eye-wash out of such catch phrases as free enterprise and the American way of life.

So we are liberal without tears. We are a liberal because it offers the best means to a better end in which all Americans have a chance to share in the great heritage nature placed here. In view of this, we think it only natural that we should find ourselves supporting Frank Graham in his campaign for the United States Senate. We are supporting him in spite of those newspaper scribes and radio Pharisees who have been untiring in their efforts to picture him as everything from a communist fellow-traveler to a solicitor of whiskey contributions for his campaign fund.

We are supporting him because we believe in him. We believe in his intellectual honesty; we believe in his moral integrity. We believe in his innate ability. We loathe the kind of political cynicism which is now trying to convince the people of North Carolina that if you are really honest, you are a sucker for liars; if you are really decent, you are a sucker for crooked deals; if you are really kind, you are a sucker for every phony hard luck story.

We do not believe the people of North Carolina are yet to swap off Frank Graham for an opportunist running on a negative platform whose support comes mainly from the newly-rich who fattened on the war and now stand in deathly fear of having to move over and give somebody else a chance.

Now, what is the background of Frank Graham, who, according to the political ads, is trying to subvert the nation's government by adopting the communist line and the nation's morals by buying his way into the United States Senate with evil-smelling whisky money?

Frank Graham was born a North Carolinian, son of a Confederate soldier. Perhaps the first "subversive" organization he ever joined was the United States Marine Corps during the first world war. He signed up as a private and came out as a lieutenant. He returned to the University of North Carolina, became a professor in 1927 and its president in 1930.

A few other of his "subversive" activities should be listed.

An elder in the Presbyterian church, he married the daughter of an Episcopal minister.

He was twice president of the North Carolina Conference of Social Service, which sponsored the State's first workmen's compensation act; and during the depression he served as vice chairman of the NRA consumers board.

He founded the Citizen's Library movement; became a member of the President's committee on education.

He wrote the plan of consolidation for the Greater University of North Carolina. He was chairman of the Industries Committee of the American Railroads.

During the second world war he served on the National Defense Mediation board, the War Labor board, the Maritime War Emergency board, and was chairman of the Public Hearings committee of the President's labor-management conference.

He served as a member of the President's committee on civil rights, dissenting, with other southerners, to compulsory provisions of it FEPC recommendations.

He was first president of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

He was president of the National Association of State Universities; of the North Carolina Historical society, and of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teach-

ing. He served as U. S. representative in helping to settle the Dutch-Indonesian conflict and is currently serving as North Carolina's junior senator by appointment of Governor Kerr Scott.

And that, we submit, is too distinguished a record for a man to achieve who doesn't believe in either his country or himself. It probably explains why there now are so many poodles yapping at his heels.

Oak City Plans Finals Program

The Oak City High School will begin its commencement exercises with a Class Day program on Friday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock. The program, an original one written by the senior class, will be in the form of a television show.

On Sunday morning at 11

o'clock, the Rev. C. W. Bazemore, Baptist minister of Scotland Neck, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The culmination will be the final exercises Monday evening, May 29, when 20 seniors will receive their diplomas. The commencement address will be delivered at this time by Dr. Robert Rutan, noted professor of English at E. C. T. C. and author of English textbooks.

Of the twenty seniors at Oak

City High, six are members of the Beta Club, having made an A average during their four years in high school. Stella Mizell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julien Mizell, is valedictorian of the class. Lorene Oglesby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oglesby, is the class salutatorian. Gladys Everett is class historian; Kay Everett, prophet; Dorothy Smith, testator; Lorette Oglesby, gifforian; and Billy Worsley, poet.

Members of the graduating class

include Elmer Davenport, Kip Etheridge, Garland Hardison, R. S. Edmondson, Irvin Manning, Reuben Manning, Jack Liverman, Bill Thomas, Billy Worsley, Margaret Bryant, Laurie Davis, Renatha Edmonds, Gladys Everett, Kay Everett, Ruby Goodrich, Stella Mizell, Lorene Oglesby, Lorette Oglesby, Dorothy Smith, and Murleidean White.

Uranium ore is found in isolated area of Michigan.

In the exchange cafeteria, two floor traders on the New York Stock Exchange were philosophizing.

"You just can't figure this market," said the one, "it goes up when it should go down and down when it should go up."

"It's the same old story," said

the other, "the only things you are certain of are death and taxes."

"Yes," replied the first, "but one thing about death, it doesn't get worse every time Congress

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TO THE VOTERS OF Martin County

In order that you may better understand this article, and why it is being written, the writer feels that it is necessary to mention a few happenings in his own life.

As most of you know, I was born and reared on a farm in Griffins township, Martin County, where I lived, farmed and raised livestock until twenty-one years ago this coming May 30th. On that date I moved to Williamston, and opened up Roberson's Slaughter House. Since that time, I have dealt with part of you many times each year, and with almost all of you at least once or twice every year, through these dealings altho very small at first we have built up a confidence and respect for each other, of which I feel very proud. Many things have happened that were of great importance to Martin and the adjoining counties, perhaps the most important of these happenings was the opening of the first Cash Hog Buying Station, in this County about fifteen years ago and one of the three first in all of Eastern Carolina. Before that time your only outlet for fat hogs was through cooperative shipments to Richmond, Virginia, where they were graded and weighed and you had to bear all the transit shrink. Naturally, it meant thousands and thousands of dollars in your pocket when we were able to establish markets here and got an agreement with the Packing Companies to accept the weight at this end. Some of you were a little bit skeptical at first, but through the years your confidence has increased and our business dealings have been so satisfactory that now you do not hesitate to come in and ask my advice on matters pertaining to your livestock and you all seem to accept that advice with full confidence. The advice that I have given you has not always been correct, but it was given in the best of faith and has proven to be correct way more than half the time. This fact alone has increased your confidence to the point where you are quite willing to accept my word, on all business matters, and I am glad to say in return, that at least ninety-nine per cent of you people who have dealt with me over a period of years have done exactly what you promised, and I don't believe that any of you can truthfully say that I have ever gone back on my word to you.

Through all these years of our business dealings, and the I have tried to advise you on many different subjects, I have refrained from offering any advice in a political way, not once I have asked you to vote for or against any particular Candidate, I have followed this policy because I have always believed and still do, that every man and every woman of voting age should vote in a way they believe to be right, without advice or pressure from any one, unless they see fit to ask for it. But I do think that it is your duty as voters to find out for yourselves, if possible, the merits of the different Candidates, before casting your ballot. Don't just go to the polls and vote for a Candidate because some politician ask you to, or because said candidate happens to already be in. You owe it to yourself, to your community and to your County, to vote for the best qualified Candidate for the place to be filled.

Although the writer has refused to enter the political field, in any way, he has watched from the sidelines, and has seen you make some pretty serious mistakes in the past twenty-five years. Some of these mistakes could have been avoided had the writer made known a few of the things that he knew about the different Candidates in question, thus he has refused to do in the past on every occasion, but now he feels that it is time to make at least one exception, and ask you to vote for Henry Johnson for Sheriff, in the coming primary, May 27th.

To you people who know Henry, I do not have to tell you why. I am asking you to give him your support, you always know why, and to you people who do not know Henry so well, won't you take my word just once? You have shown a willingness to take it on almost any other question, and would it be asking too much for me to ask you to take it at least once in the political field. I sincerely believe Henry to be the better qualified for the office of Sheriff of the two Candidates, but if you are not willing to take my word, on this occasion, then investigate for yourselves, and here are a few of the things you will find: First, Henry was born and reared in Martin County, a matter that we often overlook, in selecting Candidates to hold office in this County. Second, he is a farmer, and a family man, having reared eight children at Gold Point, N. C. Third, he has a friendly smile and a hearty hand clasp for every one rich or poor, black or white, this is one of the most important Characteristics in a public Office Holder, being able to make friends and remember Names is a qualification possessed by Henry Johnson and equaled by few people. Fourth, Henry Johnson is a public spirit individual who does not hesitate to serve the public in any way he can and on all occasions that require Public Service and sacrifice these services are usually rendered free, without any pay whatever. This is the way Henry wants it, and he would not hear of it otherwise. In almost every Community you will find one of the Public Spirit Citizens, that the Public just uses on all occasions, that requires service and sacrifice, quite often the Community or the County or the Public at large doesn't get a chance to repay the Public Spirited Citizens. But the fact that they do not get a chance to repay his many little deeds of Service, in no way cancels their debt and their obligation to repay should such an opportunity present itself, well such an opportunity will present itself on the May 27th. Let's show Henry Johnson that all of his acts of Public Service, and all of his deeds of kindness have not been in vain. Perhaps all of you people don't know, but Henry Johnson has never received any pay for Auctioneering at the Sale of Widows, and to you Fat Stock Show Boys and Girls and to your Parents, and to you members of the Pure Bred Swine Graders Association, perhaps it's news to you but Henry Johnson has always sold your livestock for the past seven years without any pay whatsoever. In some instances, not even thank you. You at least owe him your appreciation if nothing more. But since the opportunity has presented itself let's go down to the polls on May 27th, and make Henry at least a token payment.

Yours truly,

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