

## Make Speech Over Radio For Graham Wednesday Night

Elbert S. Peel Urges Voters To Stay Off The Old Hoover Road

Speaking over the radio last evening at 6:45 o'clock, Elbert S. Peel, Martin County attorney, pleaded for support for Frank Graham in the U. S. Senate race, and solemnly warned against the dangers of returning to and traveling the Hoover road. His address follows:

I speak to you in behalf of the candidacy of Frank Graham for the United States Senate. More than that, I speak to you in behalf of the farmer, the laboring man and women all over the world who in the hour of their suffering and want look to Democracy in America for leadership and direction.

The question to be answered at the polls on Saturday, June 24th, is no new question. It is the age old question of money values against human values. Jesus Christ put it bluntly in the land of the Gaderenes. Is a hog worth more than a human soul?

This world is at least 6000 years old. But never in the history of the world until 1933 and Franklin D. Roosevelt did any government make an effort solely and directly to better the condition of the farmer and the laboring man. Franklin D. Roosevelt, leading a militant and liberal Democratic party, gave to the farmer, laborer and small business man a new deal.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt needed a man from the South, whom did he call. Frank Graham. Eleven times he called Frank Graham for positions of trust. Why did he call him? Because Frank Graham had the same kind of heart that Roosevelt had, because Frank Graham was the same kind of Democrat that Roosevelt was and because Frank Graham, like Roosevelt, loved the little man and was willing to fight, that the little man could have his rights.

Since 1933 and Franklin D. Roosevelt we have traveled a good road. Our farmers, our laboring men and our small business men are happy and contented. Voters of this great section, stop and think. These things did not just happen. These conditions have been won by the little man at the ballot box. They are ours because we had sense enough to elect men like Franklin D. Roosevelt and Frank Graham who believe in the little man and are willing to fight for him.

Willis Smith says that he does not like the road we are traveling. What is this Democratic road? Translated into terms that the farmer can understand it means 45c tobacco, 11 cent peanuts and 35 cent cotton. Willis Smith wants to Republicanize that road. We have traveled Willis Smith's road too, with the great Republican Herbert Hoover. That road meant 8 cent tobacco, 1 cent peanuts and 5 cent cotton.

Willis Smith claims to be a Democrat, but he uses the arguments of the Republican party. His camouflaged skin may feel like Esau, but his voice is the voice of Jacob. He claims to be a Democrat with Franklin D. Roosevelt and Frank Graham, but he talks the language of Herbert Hoover, Taft and little Tom Dewey. We have heard this language before. We have heard Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Taft and Dewey talking this same language. We did not like it then and we do not like it now when it is talked by Democrat Willis Smith.

The issue is Big Business against Little Business, entrenched wealth against the farmer, big money against labor, and conservatism against liberalism.

To becloud the issue and to draw your attention away from the fact he is a big corporation lawyer who has made more than a million dollars fighting the little man lobbying in our legislature against the laboring man, Willis Smith has gone down in the political bag and pulled out all of the known tricks.

He advertises himself as a Veteran. Frank Graham and Willis Smith both served in World War

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## To Try Murder Case At September Term

### REPUBLICANS

That there was heavy bloc voting for Smith in North Carolina is being revealed in a study of the May 27 election returns. New Benner Precinct, a predominantly Republican stronghold in Johnston County, voted 27 for Smith and NONE for Frank Graham. But bloc voting by the Republicans doesn't seem to worry Mr. Smith, a report from Johnston County said.

It was further pointed out that there is strong evidence that Mr. Smith is lining up with those Republicans who put the farmers in Hoover Carts and the wage earners in bread lines.

## Legislator Tells The Real Story Of Frank Graham

### Brother of Former Senator Umstead Refutes The Malicious Falsehoods

Speaking in Southern Pines on Monday of this week, State Representative John W. Umstead, brother of former U. S. Senator Bill Umstead, told the story of Frank Graham as seen through a State Legislator's eyes in six consecutive General Assembly sessions covering the period 1939-49.

There was not a session, Umstead said, when Graham was not present doing battle for farmers, for schools, for the University, for good health, for better opportunities, for all citizens of the State.

"In 1931 he came before the General Assembly asking a grant of \$10,000 for tobacco research. I was raised on a farm, but I couldn't help thinking that sounded kind of funny. Why do we research on tobacco? Yef it was during the 30s that tobacco almost became a casualty of the Granville will and other wills, and if that research had not developed will resistant tobacco, North Carolina would have no tobacco crop today.

"Frank Graham did not have to wait till he was running for office to declare his interest in farm problems. He has been helping to solve them for us for 18 or 20 years.

"And when the great fight for raising teachers' salaries was going on, and for better school buildings and better roads, Frank Graham was in there pitching—but I never heard his opponent lift his voice. When the wartime draft, revealed the pitiful state of health in North Carolina's youth, Frank Graham worked to found the Medical Care Commission which has since built 49 hospitals and clinics and where was his opponent then?"

"Frank Graham has lived his life for others, in the most truly unselfish way I know, and in my opinion is the best man who has ever offered for public office in our State."

Umstead sketched briefly the life story of the Junior Senator now a candidate for election subject to Saturday's runoff vote: His determination to enter the service in World War I, finally success.

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## Recover Stolen Car In Norfolk

The 1938 Ford coupe, stolen from Mr. W. L. Edwards here last August 7, is being recovered in Norfolk today. The car was parked back of the Watts Theater here on the night of August 7 when it was stolen.

Mr. Edwards was notified late yesterday that the car had been parked in the Granville garage in the Virginia city.

Accompanied by Messrs. Melvin Edwards and George Whitaker, Mr. Edwards left here this morning to claim his car.

## Green Wave Band Draws First Place Tie At Charlotte

Kannapolis, State Representative At National Meet In 1949 Ties

The Green Wave Band of Williamston High School, representing the Williamston Lions Club in the parade at Charlotte Monday afternoon drew a first place tie with the big Kannapolis High School band it was learned yesterday from returning delegates to the convention.

While the young musicians were satisfied with their big trip during which they were treated royally everywhere they went and traveled "strictly first class", they welcomed the news that their efforts under a broiling sun that turned the temperature up to 97 degrees had brought them up even at the head spot with the Kannapolis unit which last year represented the State at the national convention in New York and drew a fifth place among all bands in the nation at New York's big parade.

The principal maneuver used by the band in the parade at Charlotte was the big encircling one which made a hit at the drill and concert in the local ball park last week. They again used the cut-out lions on their caps which were originally made for the parade at Goldsboro this spring.

Noted wherever it has ever appeared for its discipline and orderly behavior, the Williamston band drew much comment on this factor as well as its marching ability on the trip. The students and officials at Davidson College, where the band set up headquarters for two nights, were greatly impressed with the behavior of the youngsters and remarked on the thoughtfulness of their guests, the first visiting group they had permitted to stay here for years because of some past sad experiences. For their part, the children fell in love with the food and the treatment accorded them at the college and will be talking about it for a long time to come.

The State Highway Patrol gave the band full and complete cooperation all the way from the high school building here to Charlotte and back again, using the relay system to keep a patrolman with the band all the time. In the various towns, particularly in Concord, Asheboro and Charlotte, the band traveled at top speed right to their destinations with city police cooperating with the patrolmen to keep everything out of the path of the two heavy Norfolk Southern buses and the truck and cars.

There were so many interesting incidents connected with the trip that it would require considerable time and space to mention all of them but one of the biggest thrills of the trip was the visit to the swimming pool at Charlotte Monday night. The city police cleared the way all through the town and the busses were swept over their route as fast as they could travel. The youngsters remarked that President Truman could not have been shown more attention. At the pool, the local people left it almost entirely open to the band members who enjoyed the "dip".

During the trip the band ran up with Whit Saunders who was one of the patrolmen assigned as part of the relay escort. He was "ticked pink" to see the band and all the youngsters, declaring he "never expected to see the Green Wave Band traveling in such high style."

It is understood that a letter of official confirmation of the band's rating will be forwarded here and a plaque will come later.

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### LIBERTY BELL

A replica of the famous old Liberty Bell will be displayed on the streets in Williamston between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 o'clock p. m. Saturday.

The bell is being brought here in connection with the current savings bond drive. Similar bells are being displayed every state in the nation.

## Propose \$200,000 Bond Issue For Service Expansion Plan

### Program To Make Service Available On Every Street

To Extend Water-Sewer Lines Several Miles and Build Water Tank

Convinced that something must be done without further delay to meeting critical needs, the Williamston Town Commissioners in a special meeting Tuesday evening, by unanimous vote, proposed a \$200,000 bond issue for extension of water and sewer lines and the construction of a 300,000-gallon capacity water tank.

The question of a bond issue will be placed before the voters of the town within the next sixty or ninety days, according to present plans.

The proposed service expansion program; briefly stated, is designed to provide sewer facilities on every street in the town, make water and fire protection available to every piece of property inside town, and insure sufficient water storage to meet any emergency.

Appearing before the meeting Engineers Rivers and Rivers estimated that it would require \$90,000 to build an adequate water line to every home and provide facilities that would support the lowest fire insurance rates for every piece of property in town.

The sewer expansion program calls for approximately \$110,000. Engineer Henry Rivers explained that nearly half of the cost of the sewer project would be necessary to finance the construction of a 15-inch line from the river to a point on West Main Street near the highway underpass. From that point a smaller line would be run to the town limits on West Main Street. The large septic tank, a short distance off West Main, would be eliminated, the engineer stating that sanitary authorities had strongly recommended that something be done to relieve the health hazard there.

A line would run from Haughton Street down Washington Street to the railroad at the peanut plant, and a connection would be made with the new Main Street line to accommodate all that property beyond the railroad to the town limits near Sunny Side Inn. Lines would be extended on Railroad Street, Sycamore Street, Warren Street, North Haughton Street to the town limits and all the new developments in the high school-hospital area and near the town limits on Jamesville Street.

No actual figures are available, but engineers estimated that the cost of the proposed program is about \$100,000 less than the amount that would have been extended to include the North and West End sections.

It is estimated that nearly one-half as many homes and places of business are without sewer facilities as there are connected to the present system. Thousands of dollars are being spent annually for the installation and maintenance of individual systems, and in some instances the inadequate system is offering a serious problem, engineers and town officials pointed out.

Discussing the bond issue, the commissioners stated that just about all of the town's bonded debt of approximately \$200,000 would be retired in 1958 and 1959, that the proposed issue could be handled without affecting the tax rate. "If we can complete the system, the increased rentals from it will almost take care of the bonds," one of the commissioners explained.

The motion, proposing that the question of a bond issue be submitted to the citizens of the town, was offered by Commissioner K. D. Worrell and seconded by Commissioner W. O. Griffin. Commissioners David Moore and Leman Barnhill voted to make it unanimous. Commissioner N. C. Green was out of town on business.

## Excessive Rains Damaging Field Crops In The County

Incomplete reports indicate that the Monday storms, damage running from thirty to fifty percent in some areas.

Reports from several counties in this section state that crops have been all but washed away in some areas, that the damage has been heavy.

The rains have delayed the opening of the tobacco harvest season, incomplete reports stating that Farmer W. S. Rogerson, near Williamston, is the only county man to have harvested any of the current crop.

## Town's Budget Calls For \$2.00 Tax Rate

### Need \$150,000 In New Fiscal Year To Operate Town

Approximately Half Of The Budget To Be Raised By General Taxes

Meeting in special session Tuesday evening, Williamston's town commissioners tentatively adopted a tax rate of \$2 on the \$100 property valuation for the next fiscal year, the commissioners anticipating approximately one-half that amount from sources other than general taxation.

A review of the tentative budget follows:

**Anticipated Revenue**  
Penalties on taxes, 525.00; paving assessments, 2000.00; privilege license, 900.00; auto tags, 650.00; ABC and Wine-Beer profits, 11,000.00; J. P. and Mayor Courts, 800.00; cemetery lots, 2000.00; solvent credits, 2493.46; Utilities-Franchise Tax, 1277.32; tax advertising, 25.00; rental City Hall, 1200.00; water service sales, 35,800.00; water and sewer connection fees, 3,000.00; current tax levy - 1950 (valuation - \$3,866,556.00, rate - \$2.00, tax), 77,331.12; sewer service fee, 7,400.00; parking meters (town share), 3,750.00; taxi privilege license, 480.00; traffic fines, 50.00.

**Expenditures**  
General administration: salary Mayor, 600.00; salary Treasurer, 3120.00; salary assistant, 1600.00; salary Commissioners, 1009.92; salary Janitor, 780.00; Legal and Audit, 500.00; listing taxes and preparing tax books, 425.00; stationary - office supplies, 500.00; telephone - lights, 300.00; repairs-City Hall, 6000.00; Insurance and Bond Premiums, 1070.00; rent and leases, 155.00; colored recreation, 600.00; advertising, 500.00; Library, 600.00; membership Dues (N. C. League of Municipalities and Ocean Hiway Assoc., 325.00; custodian - City Hall, 600.00; rat and mosquito control, 1200.00; employees - ins. and hospitalization, 762.60; fuel - City Hall, 700.00.

Cemetery: new land payment, 2666.66; interest (31-2 percent of \$3,333.34), 186.67; labor, 3160.00; supplies, 700.00.

Swimming Pool: supplies, 500.00; insurance, 223.95; lights, 55.00. Fire Department: salaries, 1680.00; salary - part time fireman, 420.00; repair to equipment, 200.00; supplies, 500.00; Gas and Oil, 100.00; insurance, 250.00; convention, 150.00.

Police Department: salary Chief, 3120.00; salary Policemen, 14,950.00; supplies, 250.00; repairs to equipment, 350.00; Gas and Oil, 450.00; tel. and tel., 200.00; medical, 120.00; radio - service charges, 120.00 clothing, 750.00; new equipment, 0.

Street and Sanitary Department: salary Supt., 1710.00; labor, 17,500.00; supplies, 5000.00; gas and oil, 2000.00; repairs to equipment, 1500.00; tel. and tel., 75.00; new equipment (1 pick up, 1 truck and body), 5000.00; lights,

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## Delivers Address Over The Radio For Dr. Graham

County Attorney Refutes False Claims Made By Opposition

In a radio address early this afternoon, Clarence Griffin, Martin County attorney said:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the radio audience, I am speaking to you this afternoon in the interest of the campaign of the Hon. Frank P. Graham for the United States Senate. Never before in our generation have we witnessed a campaign based so completely on an appeal to prejudice and hatred as has this campaign. The words of Socialism and Communism have been promiscuously used by people who have no conception of their meaning, or any of their implications. All of these charges have been directed toward the candidate for whom I speak. In an agricultural community, we are naturally interested in the welfare of the farmer. I invite the farmers of North Carolina to examine these two candidates, Senator Graham and Mr. Smith, and ask themselves the question what have they to gain by repudiating Senator Graham and nominating Mr. Smith? Senator Graham has long advocated price support for farm commodities and our present parity price program. Senator Hill, of Alabama and Sen. Russell of Georgia have given Senator Graham credit for persuading President Truman not to veto the bill increasing the allotment for cotton and peanuts. This is one example of Frank Graham's interest in agriculture. I know of no way to better express Frank Graham's attitude toward agriculture than his own words: "The farmer, with labor and intelligence, brings into creative focus the earth, the air, the rain and the sun, for the production of foods and fibers upon which depend the sustenance, clothing and shelter all the families of men. The farmer asks not for charity, but for parity; not for privileges, but for equity; and for the equal opportunity to play his indispensable and creative part in making of a fairer and a stronger America."

The laboring men of North Carolina should likewise examine the records of these two candidates and ask themselves the question, "which one of them has proven to be their friend?" Frank Graham has always advocated better working conditions for labor, a decent minimum wage scale, abolition of the sweat shop and against child labor, and supported other progressive movements for the advancement of the cause of the working man. Should you vote for a man who has advocated that kind of program, or a man like Mr. Smith, who, as a paid lobbyist, told a Legislative Committee in the General Assembly of North Carolina that 40 cents per hour was too high as a minimum wage scale for workers in North Carolina?

I invite the school teachers and other State employees of North Carolina to ask themselves the question "which of these two candidates has championed their cause during the past 25 years?" I speak to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, as a witness when I say that as a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina from the 1941 session to the 1945 session, inclusive, I heard Frank Graham plead your cause before the Appropriations Committee of that body. In 1941 I saw Frank Graham lead the fight for the first State Appropriations to establish a library service in every community in North Carolina. Senator Graham was equally active in his fight for the establishment of the State supported 9th month school term and the 12th grade in our State School System. His opponent, Mr. Smith, also made frequent appearances before Legislative Committees, but in a vastly different capacity. I am sure those of you who are interested in the cause of public education will remember on day after tomorrow the man who has been the unselfish champion of the rights of every school child in North Carolina. Better roads, better medical care and hospital

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### SPEAKER

Clay Carter, Washington attorney, will speak over station WRRF, Washington, tonight, Thursday, June 22, at 6:45, in the interest of the candidacy of Frank Graham for the United States Senate. The public is invited and urged to listen to Mr. Carter. The attorney is well known in this county where he has appeared in a number of court cases.

## Medium-Size Vote Is Predicted For Primary Saturday

Race for Representative To Boost Total Vote In Martin County

Martin County voters are expected to return to the polls on Saturday of this week in fairly large numbers to decide a contest for the State House of Representatives and cast their lot in the United States Senatorial race.

In the county, A. Corey, Jamesville man, and E. G. (Andy) Anderson, Robersonville man, are in the race for a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly as Martin County representative.

On the State ticket, Willis Smith, Raleigh corporation lawyer, is opposing Frank P. Graham, the incumbent, for a seat in the United States Senate.

Other than that the vote will fall considerably below the 5,013 recorded in this county in the first primary on May 27, few are agreed about the size of the vote Martin County citizens will pile up on Saturday of this week. Some say the total will hardly pass the 2,500 mark while others say it will move right on up to

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## County People In Wreck Wednesday

Mr. and Mrs. B. Willoughby Taylor and daughters, Misses Sue and Anne, and Misses Patricia and Dianne Rogerson of Gadsden, Alabama, were injured in an automobile accident just north of Hertford at 6:05 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Reports reaching here stated the car skidded and crashed into a telephone pole. Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Sue, suffered head injuries, and the others suffered shock and bruises. After receiving treatment in Hertford, Mrs. Taylor and Sue were removed to the hospital here in an ambulance where they are now patients along with Miss Anne. Mr. Taylor was out and about this morning, and the Misses Rogerson were to return to the hospital for further examination.

The automobile was badly wrecked, it was stated.

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