

CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Willis Smith's failure to show up at the Alamance County YDC rally last Friday evening didn't help things.

The rally was deliberately staged at Governor Scott's Haw River farm in an effort to boost Smith's stock. Alamance is about evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, and some observers see a likelihood that the county's vote could go to GOP standard-bearer E. L. Gavin of Sanford, despite

the Governor's personal popularity.

Around the fringes of the crowd of some 6,000 who ate barbecue and listened to the speeches, there was a distinct tone of disapproval of Smith's failure to be on hand.

Smith sent a telegram of regret, stating that he had a previous engagement with the State Bar Association at Pinehurst. From the reports of the bar meeting, Smith's duty was to introduce the

main speaker at the bar association's annual banquet. The senator-nominee was detoured on all sides for not appearing, but there were a lot of folks present who seemed to think that it was more important to carry Alamance County for the Democrats than it was to put on a dress suit and introduce an outsider at a banquet.

All of which comes back to this: the conservatives are in charge of the Democratic campaign. The liberals, who fought them bitterly in the primary, are calling for a united front and a big Democratic vote for Smith. Governor Scott and defeated Senator Frank Graham are doing all they can to assure the party of a bigger-than-ever majority in the general election.

If the vote falls off, with the Republicans getting more than a normal 21 to 30 percent of the ballots, it will be the conservative faction which is to blame—no matter how hard they may try to pin it on the Scott-Graham-Daniels group.

First things should come first, but State Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan, Willis Smith and fellow conservatives apparently consider the election in the bag and not worth worrying about.

They seem to be more interested in a victory in the 1952 gubernatorial campaign.

School teachers will get the official word October 27 on the supplemental pay raise question and it's certain to be yes. Nearly three weeks ago the Advisory Budget Commission said that the pay boost could be made if general fund revenue continued at the then present level through October.

Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw has indicated that his department will have a pretty clear picture of October collections by October 27, when the Budget Commission meets to continue its study of requests for the next biennium.

Last week, Shaw announced general fund collections for September showed an increase of \$932,602 over collections for the same month last year. That was a boost of 13.71 percent. Average increase for the previous two months was 13.57 percent, which brought the total increase for the first quarter of the fiscal year to 13.61 percent, or more than \$13,100,000.

This rate of increase—if it continues—will mean that the State will have a surplus of more than six and a quarter million dollars by December. Add to that the \$800,000 the budget commission declared surplus as of last June 30, and it runs the total to the \$7,000,000 needed to put something in the pot for the teachers.

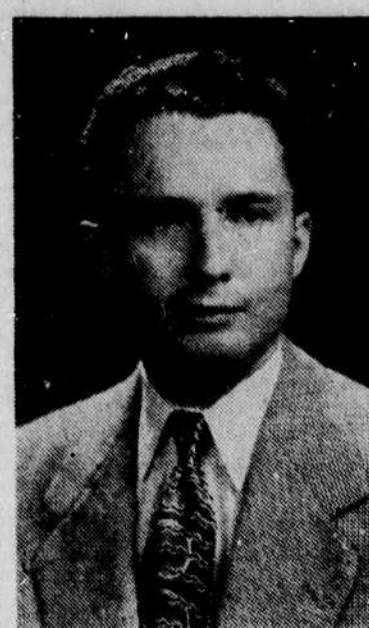
Meanwhile, machinery is being set up for issuing the bonus checks to the State's 26,000 teachers for a very Merry Christmas.

The Shennigans at the congressional rallies are leaving the so-called political experts talking to themselves.

Conservatives are touting Bill Umstead of Orange as a candidate for governor in 1952. The experts can't make up their minds whether this is a sounding out process—trying to get the Scott-led liberals to say who they'll back—or whether it's a serious move to put Umstead in the race.

It could be a move to find out whether or not the east-west tradition still is holding firm. If it

CHIROPRACTOR



Dr. Gerald James, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James of near Williamston, and a graduate of Lincoln Chiropractic College, Indianapolis, Indiana, is opening an office in Dunn.

The young man moved to this section from Bethel when he was in the seventh grade. After finishing high school he went to Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. Shortly after his marriage to Miss Mae Belch of Merry Hill, he entered the Air Corps, serving most of 39 months as a flight engineer in North Africa and the South Pacific. Following the war he farmed with his father a year and then entered the Indianapolis college, completing a four and one-half-year course in 36 months. Umstead would have one strike—at least—against him. Reported

willing candidates Secretary of State Thad Eures, State Treasurer Brandon Hodges, Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, Highway Commissioner Henry Jordan, and Asheville Publisher D. Hiden Ramsey are keeping quiet. The furor caused by a premature and, according to Thad, unauthorized announcement of Eures' candidacy has died down.

If the Governor has a favorite, he isn't letting it be known. And all of the above-mentioned men have been doing the rallies except Ramsey, who has said nothing and is laying low.

Some eyebrows were lifted when Congressmen Bob Dough-ton and C. B. Deane told voters to send Kerr Scott some men to the legislature who would help him carry out his program.

It sounded fine to Scott supporters on first glance, but a second look had the governor's friends wondering what good the pleas were. Most of the house and senate members were decided in the primaries, and general election will have little effect on the makeup of the 1951 General Assembly.

The Governor's announcement that Congressman Eitel Carlyle will lead a fight for flood control and hydroelectric development of the Cape Fear came as a surprise. The governor was credited with some astute maneuvering.

All in all, the rallies give the appearance of some of the politicians seeing that Scott's popularity is on the upgrade and trying to climb on the bandwagon.

But one suspicious Scott supporter tabbed it as a "feint before they (opponents of the governor) swing a roundhouse punch".

Anyway, things should be interesting politically speaking, around the Old North State for some time to come.

Republican Gavin could have rolled up quite a vote, possibly won the election, with a different sort of campaign. A great number of Democrats in the State, who supported Frank Graham, were bitter about the type of campaign waged against the former UNC president. A lot of them were talking about voting Republican, others about writing Graham's name on the ballot, and still others about not voting at all.

A non-partisan campaign, such as Gavin advertised, with an appeal to vote against bigotry could have put a Republican in the Sen-

ate for the first time in many years.

But Gavin apparently got some bum advice from somewhere and has used practically all of his speeches to cuss the Democratic administration, both State and National.

Despite this, there still is a strong possibility—from reports from over the State—that the Republicans will run up their biggest vote in years this November.

If they do, it will be the fault of the conservatives—winners in the primary—who still are on the defensive about their campaign methods and are trying to discredit the State administration via a whispering campaign that is going on right now.

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Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in the undersigned by the laws of North Carolina, and by the heirs of R. W. Salsbury and the heirs of Laura E. Salsbury, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction on Monday, December 4, 1950, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Homeplace of the late R. W. Salsbury in the Town of Hamilton, N. C., the following property, to-wit:

One ten room dwelling house at the corner of Liberty and Front Streets in the Town of Hamilton, N. C.; one seven room dwelling house on Liberty Street in the Town of Hamilton, N. C.; 66 shares of common stock of the Farmer's Cotton Oil Company of Wilson, N. C.; 10 shares of Millner Stores, Inc., Raleigh, N. C.

The undersigned will also offer for sale at public auction on Monday, December 4, 1950, at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the Post Office door in the Town of Hassell, N. C., the following property, to-wit:

One store house occupied by J. W. Eubanks and located on three lots in the Town of Hassell, N. C.; one store house formerly occupied by W. D. Bell in the Town of Hassell, N. C.; two large warehouses located on the railroad in Hassell, N. C.; 175 acres, more or less, of farm land known as the "Johnson Farm" near the Town of Hamilton, N. C. (40 acres of cleared land and 135 acres of well-timbered land); 52 acres, more or less, of farm land known as the "James Farm" (20 acres of cleared land and 32 acres of well-timbered land), located at Hassell, N. C.; 585 acres, more or less, of farm land known as the Homeplace of the late Laura E. Salsbury, located at Hassell, N. C. 1 Set Quartered Oak Bank Fixtures.

This the 10th day of November, 1950.

P. L. Salsbury, Administrator c. t. a. of R. W. Salsbury's Estate.
P. L. Salsbury, Agent for heirs of R. W. and Laura E. Salsbury.