

Raleigh—Over Wake Forest way the Royal Cotton Mill is having a little labor trouble. State Democratic Party Chairman Everett Jordan is the mill's president, and U. S. Senator Willis Smith is a major stockholder.

This strike doesn't seem to be tied in with the general textile upheaval throughout North Carolina and the South, other than the fact that the union is the same national outfit—T. W. U. A. This trouble started some months before the Southwide outbreak. The Royal Cotton Mill workers had an election and voted for the union to represent them. Later the National Labor Relations Board ordered the management to negotiate with the union. Up to now there has been little negotiating and no meeting of minds.

This strike hit the headlines over the week-end with an outbreak of shooting. Strikers blame it on non-strikers. Non-strikers blame it on strikers. You would think that Senator Smith—who made much of his love for the working man in his successful campaign last Spring—would be anxious to see the affair settled. It is obvious that a good mediator might help.

So, why wouldn't it be a good idea for Party Chairman-Mill President Jordan—who piously proclaimed in the senatorial election—to ask that that well-known labor-management mediator, Dr. Frank Graham, be sent to Wake Forest to see if he can't help them work out a solution?

Could it be a coincidence that the string of strikes and labor unrest throughout the State—amply backed by T. W. U. A.'s million dollar organizing war kitty—comes at a time when North Carolina textile manufacturers have received government orders totaling more than \$6,600,000?

Hackney Brothers Body Building outfit of Wilson—nicked for more than \$6,000 last year when they failed to live up to a state school bus delivery contract—again has a contract to build school buses.

This time it's for 350 buses at \$1,330 each—some \$200 each higher than last year—but the new contract is all in Hackney's favor.

Last year the buses were to have been delivered by September 1—they weren't for a couple of months after that. But there was a clause that, if the buses were not delivered, the state could have another firm do them and charge Hackney Brothers for the freight and other expense incident to moving the chassis to the new body-builder. One hundred of the buses were taken from Hackney and given to another outfit, costing the Wilson firm some \$80-odd for each bus.

This year the Wilson company carefully omitted that clause from the contract, but promised to have all buses to the State by early September, "if possible".

Then they added, Hackney Brothers promised to build the buses if it had the time, but the State is without a means of enforcing the contract.

That contract—and a similar one with the Thomas Car Works of High Point for 600 buses at \$1,386 each—was okayed by the Advisory Budget Commission, which is the board of awards for bids. That Board is composed of Harry Caldwell of Greensboro (who was absent), Alonzo Edwards, John Larkins Jr., J. Hampton Price, Eugene Bost, and Larry



Clifton Webb and Edmund Gwenn are a pair of angels who come down to earth in search of good deeds to do in the Twentieth Century-Fox comedy "For Heaven's Sake" which opens Tuesday at the Marco Theatre. Beautiful Joan Bennett and Robert Cummings are also co-stars.

Moore—Wilson attorney who tried to get Hackney's more than \$8,000 restored to him, pleading inability to deliver last year's school buses because of war conditions.

Incidentally, a bill was prepared for introduction in the recent Legislature to restore Hackney's eight thousand bucks, but it was withheld after Moore was named House Appropriations Committee chairman for fear it might embarrass Larry.

So, maybe we'll get new school buses in time for school, and maybe we won't. Maybe we'll never get 'em.

Everybody's fussing about the MacArthur affair, but it seems almost unbelievable that anyone who has been in the service could condone such a clear-cut case of unpunished insubordination. If any officer under MacArthur had questioned an order of his, you may be sure that that officer would have been court-martialed and jailed.

MacArthur—the living myth—has received or taken credit for the work of Admirals Nimitz and Halsey in the Pacific. In addition, the famed invasion of the Philippines was staged by one of the Army's master strategists, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger.

When folks get back to exercising their brains instead of their emotions, perhaps MacArthur's actions can be viewed in their proper light—a pure case of repeated insubordination. In his case, however, it has paid off with a \$100,000 a year job plus an \$18,000 a year salary for life from Uncle Sugar, with an office full of flunkies thrown in for good measure.

As Bob Ruark put it, I'd be sick to my stomach if the cost of food wasn't so high.

Governor Scott's evaluation of the MacArthur episode and his backing of President Truman brought in hundreds of letters—many of them from out of state. The mail varied from outright damnation to the "I'm with you boy" kind. The latter were in the minority in out-of-state mail (which included letters from Texas, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Connecticut), but ran about 60-40 against in letters from North Carolinians.

Governor Scott told a press conference that he feels Truman could "run tomorrow and be elected" and that he was certain enough to bet that as of right now Truman could carry North Carolina by a big majority.

He said he hopes a visit early in the campaign by the Democratic presidential candidate to North Carolina will cut off any Dixiecrat movement or coalition between so-called Democrats and Republicans.

Clifton Webb Back In Heavenly Role

Clifton Webb, the screen's pre-eminent comedian, returns to local audiences Tuesday with the arrival at the Marco Theatre of "For Heaven's Sake," surprise comedy from Twentieth Century-Fox also starring Joan Bennett, Robert Cummings and Edmund Gwenn. The new film has Webb and Gwenn cast in a heavenly mode, playing angels sent to rescue the happiness of a marriage between theatrical producer, the Cummings part, and his actress wife, the Joan Bennett role. The theatre has been known for its "angels" before, but surely for close to losing the baby! But all ends happily, with a final fade-out at the infant's christening with the distraught grandpa coming into his reward when the baby is named "Stanley."

"Father's Little Dividend" Due

The captivating Barks family, whose adventures in "Father of the Bride" provided one of Hollywood's most hilarious movies, are back again in M-G-M's follow-up picture, "Father's Little Dividend," showing at the Viccar Theatre, Sunday Monday and livable, lovable and laughable Tuesday. And they are more than ever!

In the original story, we left Spencer Tracy, as Stanley Banks and Joan Bennett, as Mrs. Banks, exhausted but happy at having launched their "little girl," Kay (Elizabeth Taylor), over the threshold from unexpectedly grown-up daughter to budding bride. The new adventures revolve themselves about the uproariously funny and warmly human happenings contingent on Stanley Banks becoming a grandfather!

It's all there as it happens in all families whose daughter is "expecting." The typical "Stork Shower," the fears of the young expectant mother, the issue of which doctor is the best, the arguments as to what the baby will be named, the period of tentativeness in which Stanley and Ellie are riveted to the telephone in case of emergency call. Then the turbulent excitement of the baby's birth, further jealousies between the respective parents-in-law, each of whom wants a hand in the raising of the young heir, the inevitable spat and reconciliation between the inexperienced young married couple. And, finally, when all seems well, with Kay and Buckley established in a home of their own, Stanley by an unexpected misadventure comes

Odds and ends: Capus Waynick, Nicaraguan ambassador mentioned as a potential candidate for governor, will be back in the state in July. He'll take time out to write a book, and will announce then his decision as to whether or not he'll run for governor. An alleged radio commentator recently questioned Kerr Scott's loyalty and honesty. How do those guys stay on the air with phony charges like that? Folks talking about Gene Bost for House Speaker in 1953 might do well to have another candidate in mind. Cabarrus voters are so irked at him that he'll be lucky to be back. Look for a surprise development in the lieutenant-governor's race.

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North Carolina, Martin County, In Superior Court Robert J. Reddick v. Ernestine Reddick The defendant, Ernestine Reddick, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 18th day of May, 1951, or within twenty days thereafter, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said

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