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On the Eve of Election . . .

Regardless how the election goes tomorrow, there will undoubtedly be cries of "Fraud!" "Bought votes!" and any other accusation that can be pulled out of the bag.

Many a moon has waxed and waned since Carteret countians have seen anything that can even be compared to the present fight. Representatives from each camp will be watching the polls like hawks—hovering 50 feet from the voting place, as the law specifies—or swooping in closer if they can get away with it. If there are going to be any post-election fights, no one need fear that either faction will be at a loss for complaints about "illegalities" at the polls.

The senatorial fight pales slightly in the light of our local picture. If we take the advice not to wager any money in the senatorial race, the same goes for the county scene.

Advice of elections officials, to vote early, must not be taken lightly. It is predicted that the vote tomorrow will be twice that of any previous election. The polls will be open for 12 hours, a total of 720 minutes in each precinct. With maximum efficiency, it is estimated that each voter can cast his ballot in about three minutes.

If there are six booths at a polling place, this means that 1,440 persons can vote in the space of 12 hours. But in Morehead City there are approximately 3,400 Democrats registered. It is hoped that 2,500 will vote. Figure it out. It all adds up to a mob at the municipal building. Beaufort isn't much better off.

If a voter goes to the polls with his mind made up, if the checkers can locate his name on the registration books immediately, if the voter knows exactly what to do with the two or three separate ballots he may be handed (depending in what precinct he casts his vote), the balloting process would be speeded up appreciably.

No matter how the situation is sized up, the wise man or woman in the larger precincts will not wait until 6 p.m. to start strolling to the polls.

We hope that the usual voting apathy has been dispelled by the circumstances of this election. Citizens who have the privilege of voting and ignore that right, which has been paid for in blood, are traitors to democracy.

Government is closer to the individual today than ever before. Anyone who casts aside his right to choose that government also casts aside his right to criticize its policies.

ed to the Secretary of State that he had spent \$7,140.04. Willis Smith came along then and reported expenditures at \$8,942.32. Bob Reynolds said he had spent \$4,921. They all listed contributions, etc., with the usual bull . . . and stayed within the law, which ought to be taken from the books as it is not worth one tinker's damn. It would be safe to say that money spent for Graham by the CIO, AFL, and several other groups . . . and quite a few individuals . . . would run approximately \$100,000. The amount dished out for Smith by small businessmen, middle-of-the-road individuals, and some businessmen not so small, would probably total around \$100,000. Bob Reynolds was likely nearest to the amount spent in his behalf. All told, his expenses should not run over \$25,000.

FALSE . . . Of all the tales that have been making the rounds in this Senatorial campaign, one of the worst is that Dr. Graham was playing sick in order to avoid having a part in the FEPC vote of last Friday. He has been sick, is still ailing—physically and mentally. The mental suffering is derived from the slam-bang type of campaign which is in progress. Those folks who persuaded him to move from the sheltered, quiet, and academic atmosphere of Chapel Hill into the very real, hard-bitten, and hard facts field of practical politics did him a great injustice and should be ashamed of themselves. They probably shortened his life . . . and they certainly led a man into disillusionment.

Dr. Graham's illness has been very real. He had pneumonia shortly after being appointed Senator. His recent illness has been diagnosed as pneumonia. It takes a tough man, physically and mentally, to go through modern day political battles and one tougher still to withstand the onslaughts which come his way once he is elected.

MOVING OVER . . . The story was around Raleigh Saturday that Tony Toler, late of the State Highway Patrol, had sent a wire to Scott Secretary John Marshall in Washington saying: "Come on back, John, Jeff Wilson and I are making a place on the bench for you." P.S.—Toler and Wilson were recently moved out of their positions in the Scott Machine.

THE MARSHALL THING . . . On Thursday afternoon, May 18, a telephone call came from Philadelphia that John Marshall and Carl Williamson had been there contacting a distiller for funds to use on behalf of Frank Graham's candidacy for the U.S. Senate. It was known here that Williamson, former head of the State ABC Board, was out of town, and that Scott Secretary John Marshall was "away on vacation."

LATE . . . But when the news came from Philadelphia that they had been there together, Lynn Nisbet, Raleigh correspondent for N. C. Afternoon Daily, was also out of town . . . in Winston-Salem. However, on Friday morning he was back, got on the trail of the story and checked on the facts. By the time he could nail them down it was 1:30 Friday afternoon. He wired the story immediately, but Western Union delay in sending it prevented any of his papers . . . except the Raleigh Times . . . from getting it, and the Saturday morning papers got the fruit of his efforts.

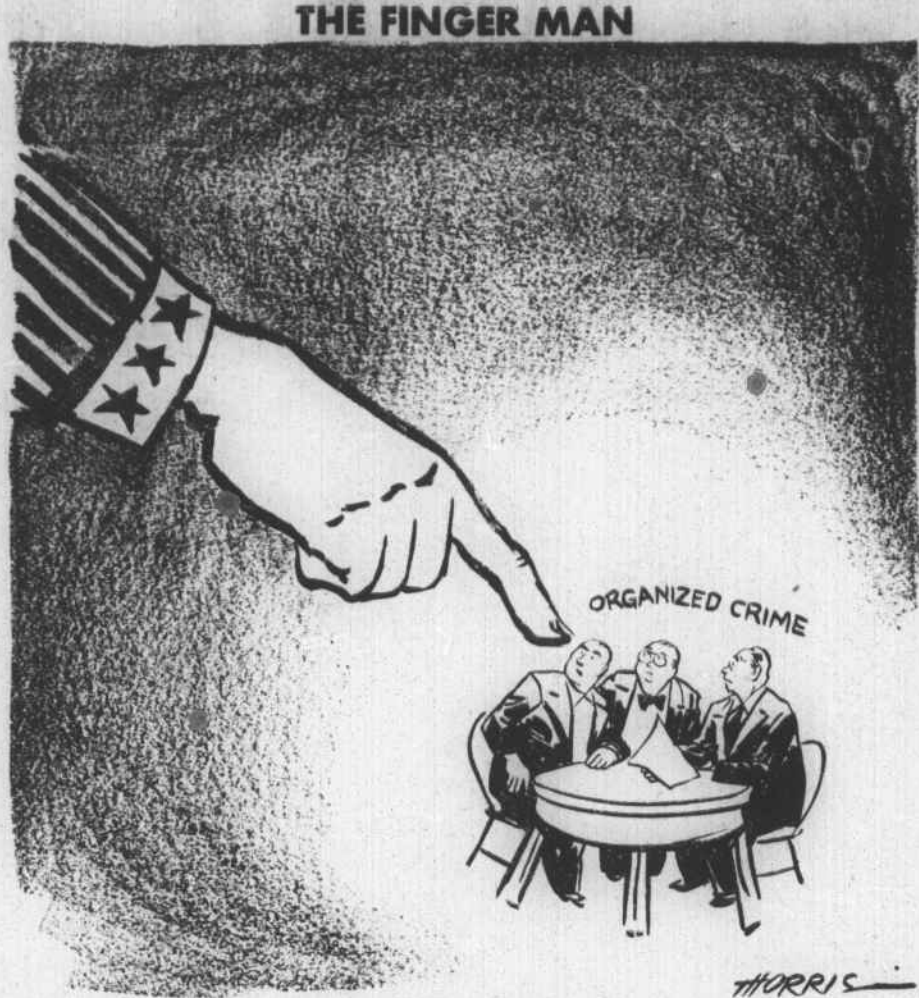
FACTS . . . Nisbet is a cautious, mature reporter. He is frequently boringly careful with his facts. He was correct in what he wrote . . . even though Marshall denied it . . . that Marshall had solicited distillers for contributions. Knowing Nisbet as he does, the Governor's secretary used poor judgment, let alone poor honesty, in denying the reporter's charge. Nisbet is one of the oldest reporters in the State in point of service, and he seldom, if ever, goes off half-cocked on anything. Some other interesting information on Marshall's trip may reach the papers now—or later.

QUESTIONS . . . Questions are: Did Gov. Scott know what his secretary was up to? What effect will this revelation have on the Primary Saturday? Scott said he talked to Marshall by long distance telephone, but didn't know where his secretary was calling from. Is that correct? Did Marshall go off searching for money from distillers without his boss knowing anything about it? Your answer is as good as that of anyone else until more information is forthcoming.

Will some people who were for Graham turn to another candidate because of this recent development? Smith people say yes; Graham people say no; Reynolds folks say nothing either way. Others say there WILL CERTAINLY be a second Primary. Watch it!

THE OUTCOME . . . Issues are so confused that it is impossible to say who will emerge the winner. Consensus here of impartial observers is that the race will be close. It is impossible to get a clear picture of the situation. The Smith people have been cutting sharply into Graham strength for the past three or four weeks, but everybody except the wishful thinkers is in doubt about the outcome. Don't bet any money!

The highest suspension bridge in the world spans the canyon of the Arkansas River over the Royal Gorge in Colorado.



Letter to the Editor

Reader Requests Voters To Heed May 23 Editorial

To the Editor: I hope that before Saturday, May 27th the voting citizens will read and take to heart your May 23rd editorial, "The Light of Senator Graham Must Not Be Eclipsed." It should enlighten and inspire to action all interested in electing a man of excellent character and superior qualifications for Senatorial duty.

Elizabeth Huntley Prest

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Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

MACHINE POLITICS . . . It seems hard to believe that two short years ago right along now gubernatorial Candidate Kerr Scott was leveling an index finger at Charles M. Johnson, Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount, Oscar Richardson of Monroe, Hathaway Cross, and some others and speaking blatantly of machine politics and a hand-picked candidate.

PREMIERES . . . This week Nashville, one of the most beautiful little towns in North Carolina, had the world premiere of "Waves of Green," a technical movie which tells of the contribution made to agriculture by colleges like State, Clemson in S.C., and VPI in Virginia. On May 31, the world premiere of "Bright Leaf," the story of tobacco written by Foster Fitz-Simons of Chapel Hill, will be held in Raleigh.

BOTHERSOME . . . Supreme Court justices are politicians, too. Associate Justice E. B. Denny has opposition in Judge O. O. Efrid of Winston-Salem. He managed Broughton's campaign for Governor and knows the ropes. Judge

Denny let his Sunday School folks at Hayes Barton Baptist here know he would have to be out of town some this spring. Efrid doesn't stand a chance, of course, but any opposition is bothersome. Waldo Cheek of Asheboro, the best Insurance Commissioner we ever had, will also win out on Saturday.

SAFETY FIRST . . . As highway deaths mount throughout the State, a backward look into the Scott and Cherry administrations might prove helpful in determining why scores of North Carolinians are killed and injured every month.

With Broughton running against Umstead, Cherry's political-minded friends begged and pleaded with him to call a special session of the Legislature to kill the auto inspection law and thus regain his popularity and be in position to help Umstead. He steadfastly refused, saying the auto inspection law was a good thing. Umstead lost.

Gov. Scott's Legislature laid the hatchet to the law, with no objections from the Governor. He picked up a lot of popularity there. Highway deaths have mounted. All types of cars are now on the roads. And the Governor is issuing statements . . . and has named a Highway Safety Committee . . . in an attempt to reduce the highway death rate . . . but apparently to no avail. Cherry placed safety over political expediency.

THE JOKE . . . Anybody looking for a laughing place had only to glance at the headlines last week when the three leading candidates for the U. S. Senate reported on their expenditures. Dr. Frank Graham (an old colored lady in Elizabeth City said last week she would vote for him if she could as she had "always liked doctors") report-

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