

Barden Frowns Upon Youth Regimentation

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Frowning upon "regimentation features" of the proposal by President Roosevelt for compulsory military service during peace time Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern, chairman of the House Education committee, today suggested the possibility that America's colleges and universities might, with federal assistance, provide adequate facilities for military training in "the American way."

Barden is the author of legislation under which the House Education Committee and a 12-member national education advisory committee, composed of leading American educators, are now studying the nation's education system and the effect of the war upon her colleges and universities.

"This is the first time," Barden declared, "that those in the field of education have been called upon by the Congress and given the opportunity to express their judgment as to their needs and the means by which, through legislation, such needs can be most effectively met."

Dr. Frank J. Brown, professor of education at New York University, is on leave from his duties to direct the study and has been assigned to an office in the House Office Building adjoining Barden's and adjacent to the education committee headquarters.

Dr. Herbert J. Herring, dean of Duke university, is one of the 12 members of the committee, headed by Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin of George Washington university, Washington. The matter of providing facilities in all the nation's colleges for military training is, of course, only one of many proposals under study by the advisory committee, which, Dr. Brown explained, "is not set up to formulate a program, but to be the channel through which American education will formulate its own program."

With the aid and counsel of the advisory group, Dr. Brown is now preparing to be sent to officials of every institution of higher learning in America, an extensive questionnaire. Through this method he and Eaden hope to obtain a free expression of the nation's education problems from all the leading educators and friends of the colleges and universities. These are informed by an accompanying letter that "at no time will data from any one institution be identified."

Barden believes that many thousands of American youth desire to include military training in their college curricula, but are denied the privilege because the nation does not provide sufficient facilities to enable all those desiring the course to include it. He said that when his son, Graham, Jr., entered Virginia Military institute, the institution had applications for

Capital Choice



Apily-named 19-year-old Venus Ramey, above, won District of Columbia contest among local lovelies for right to represent nation's capital at annual Atlantic City Beauty Pageant. She is pictured proudly wearing new title of "Miss Washington."

about 3,000, but could only take care of about 1,000.

The New Bern congressman hastened to add, however, that he is not taking a position in opposition to a military training program as a part of the nation's postwar peace program. He simply is opposed in principle to the "trend regimentation" and feels that a close study of the situation by the nation's educators may uncover a program under which military training may be provided in the schools under "the American way."

The study has just begun, he added, "and we are not ready now to state just where we will stand or what moves we will advocate to bring about a more adequate educational program for our institutions of higher learning."

"I am delighted with the cooperation we are receiving from those who lead in American education," he continued, "and I feel that we are approaching the situation from the right direction and with our feet on the ground."

Dr. Brown would not discuss any of the questions to be included in the questionnaire now under preparation, declaring he desires that members of the committee approve the final draft before he makes public any of its content.

However, he released a copy of the letter designed to accompany the questionnaire, in which he goes into detail in explaining the plan of the House Education committee, in cooperation with the education advisory committee, to obtain information that would enable Congress to act in alleviating problems of America's education system. He also described the first meeting of the advisory group here last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

"The most interesting thing about the whole proposition," Brown asserted, "is that it reverses the whole process of government in that those directly affected are asked to assist in preparing legislation to be designed for solution of their problems."

The outstanding feature of the director's letter to his colleagues over the nation is his expression that in event of the adoption by Congress of the principle of federal aid, such aid should come without federal control.

"As a general policy," Brown's letter states, "federal funds should be appropriated only if they are necessary to maintain our colleges and universities at a high level of effectiveness. Payments to institution should only be for services rendered that are in the national interest, broadly interpreted. . . . Aid, if given, should be without federal control."

Brown expects to mail out the questionnaires early next week. He hopes to have them answered and returned to his office here before September 15.

COUNTY RESERVE RANKED SECOND

New Hanover county's capital reserve fund is the second largest county reserve appropriation in North Carolina, and the City of Wilmington's reserve fund ranks fifth for municipalities, it was revealed yesterday in information received from the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Raleigh.

New Hanover county set aside \$200,000 for reserve purposes at the close of the fiscal year, 1942-43, and the City of Wilmington appropriated \$100,000 for the same reason. None was earmarked for capital reserve at the close of the year, 1943-44, in either city or county.

New Hanover county is surpassed only by Catawba county in the amount of its reserved surplus. Only 16 counties have established capital reserve funds, and their funds aggregate \$1,159,526.

Durham, Gastonia, Lumberton, and Shelby lead Wilmington in the amounts of their reserves. Twenty-two North Carolina cities have laid aside monies for their post-war plans, the aggregate of their savings being \$1,028,725.

The municipal and county capital reserve funds to be used for

TRAFFIC CRASHES TAKE 45 LIVES

RALEIGH, Aug. 23.—Traffic accidents in North Carolina in July brought death to 45 persons and brought the number of fatalities since January 1 to 319, compared with 337 for the same period last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Five of those killed figured in rail crossing accidents, while 16 were pedestrians. Forty were killed on rural highways, with but two meeting death in cities with more than 10,000 population.

Motor vehicles Commissioner T. Boddie Ward released a report showing that 11,653 Tar Heels were convicted of highway infractions during the month, while 1,391 out-of-state drivers were convicted, making the total for the month 13,044. A total of 6,785 of the convictions were for speeding.

The coastline of Alaska is 4,750 miles long.

FURNITURE PRICES INCREASED BY OPA

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—North Carolina furniture manufacturers were given a break today, when the Office of Price Administration granted five per cent adjustment above ceiling prices for assembled wood furniture parts. The order was made effective August 28.

OPA explained that the action "applies only to assembled wood furniture parts that are not assembled and do not qualify as turned and shaped wood products or hardwood dimension stock."

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