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A Suggestion To the Governor

When Governor Gardner begins consideration of possible appointees to the vacancy in the United States Senate created by the death of Senator Overman he will do well to consider the name of Prof. R. D. W. Connor.

Mr. Connor is eminently qualified for the position. As secretary of the State Historical Commission he gained an intimate knowledge of North Carolina and of its people. As professor of history and government at the University he is familiar with the art of government, and he is considered by many to possess the most accurate knowledge of North Carolina history of any living person.

But it is not alone for these qualifications that we suggest Professor Connor. Friday night Prof. B. B. Kendrick's predicted that unless the Democratic party fearlessly opposed the pampering of big business and fought fearlessly Mellonism and Hooverism it was doomed to defeat. Having no entangling political alliances and not being a candidate for reelection two years hence Mr. Connor would not be forced to play politics but would be free to throw himself into the life of the Senate and of the government fearlessly.

The Greensboro Daily News says in speaking of possible appointments: "There has never been an hour in the history of the state, of the republic, when it might not have been written with truth that 'the times demand men of clear vision, of broad horizons, of poise and known ability.' But it has seldom been so peculiarly true as now. It is a time that especially demands, not the distribution of honors, but the assignment of ability to a share in common labors which are going to require the best in the way of

statesmanship this country can supply. It is North Carolina's opportunity to furnish the federal establishment with talent in the art of government that is badly needed, if North Carolina has that sort of talent to furnish."

We know Professor Connor to be a man "of clear vision, of broad horizons, and poise and known ability." And he is above all others "free from suspicion of entanglements." He would serve the state with distinction and ability. His usefulness to the state and to the republic would not be hampered by future elections, inasmuch as Mr. Connor would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

More practical political arguments in his favor are the facts that he resides in the populous fifth Congressional District and that his appointment would solve a pressing political problem of the Governor. This appointment would relieve the Governor of the prospects of disappointing old friends and further antagonizing old enemies. But we are not interested in the solution of the political problems of the Governor. We are not interested in the election two years hence in offering Mr. Connor. We are interested in having North Carolina represented by a man eminently qualified in every respect, absolutely free from political entanglements, and one whose ability and vision is unimpaired and unquestioned.

Sentiment

We don't think his Britanic majesty will mind our borrowing and perhaps unintentionally misquoting his motto. "Oh God, give us to know the difference between sentiment and sentimentality, to love the one and to despise the other." And sentiment, as intangible as anything can be, obliges us to demand immediate burial for the dead.

The formality is of no consequence to the dead man. But a sentiment of respect that we won't attempt to define is in order. It's not a healthy respect for the water shed, wherever that may be. It's respect to the dead man. And it isn't sentimentality. Some member of some searching party must have scoured his allotted square feet of ground in a slip shod fashion. At any rate, Morgan Moorer lay in the woods nearly ten months.

V. A. D.

OPEN FORUM

"MR. E. C. D." HAS HIS SAY "Good morning, Judge." I have been tried, condemned and sentenced to suffer the punishment of J. B. Fisher's flaying invective in Friday morning's paper. My reply to this attack is that I have been unjustly accused.

Mr. Fisher evidently does not approve of the casual manner in which I dispose of "weighty and important matters." But he mistakes my emphatic statements about Bishop Manning, Judge Lindsey and companionate marriage as evidence of some arrogant presumption on my part. I pretend to no wisdom of my own on this subject; I merely reflect the knowledge of the University's sociology department, members of which have opinions on companionate marriage which are equal in authority to those of Lindsey.

What I meant to say in my recent editorial, whether I succeeded or not, was this: Judge Lindsey is guilty of misrepresenting companionate marriage in that he disguises a form of trial marriage, as indicated by his advocacy of easier divorce, under the name "companionate marriage." That phrase was originated by Dr. M. M. Knight and it refers to an orthodox and legal marital contract in which



By Moore Bryson

The Importance of Being Earnest is sufficiently clever to assure one of a delightful evening, no matter whether one reads it, hears it read, or sees it acted. Therefore, we owe to Oscar Wilde the greater part of our appreciation for an enjoyable three hours at the Playmakers Theatre on Thursday. The play has long since been accepted as one of the outstanding contributions to modern comedy; and while the plot itself is deserving of little more than a musical comedy, the scintillant dialogue and keen repartee justify the play's eminence among dramatic writings, as well as to make it practically actor-proof.

The acting throughout the play was far from satisfactory. At first your reviewer was pleased to notice that the director had realized how absurd it would have been to have attempted to have the actors use an English accent, but as the play progressed it became apparent that to give Wilde in the Southern manner was as absurd as it would have been to have given it with the assumed broad "A". The slurring of "R's" in an English comedy is most congruous. William Figgat as Algernon completely walked away with the honors for the evening. He was the only member of the cast who was able to show an appreciation for Wilde by the portrayal of his character. Mr. Figgat required the majority of the first act in order to get adjusted, but his subsequent performance was well nigh perfect. His handling of the difficult "tea-

both the man and his wife agree to practice birth control for a stated period of time. It has nothing of the aspect of trial marriage which Judge Lindsey gives it.

I would not presume to discuss Lindsey's views on marriage and divorce. My criticism of him is for deceiving the public as to the actual nature of companionate marriage, as it is represented to me by members of the faculty. At no point in his writings does the Judge give Dr. Knight credit for the origination of the companionate marriage idea. He not only plagiarizes the term, but goes further into the more serious crime of warping its meaning.

Judge Lindsey's over-emphasis of the more sordid elements of the trial marriage theory may be attributed to what I have formerly called his paranoiac tendencies. Ample evidence of his lack of mental balance may be found in his sensationalism on numerous occasions. Even now the press of the nation is condemning his display of irrationality in making a scene in Bishop Manning's church last Sunday.

Since I do not deny Mr. Fisher's privilege of calling me swelled-headed and of referring to me in sarcasm as "a commanding genius", I further do not intend to relinquish my right to call Bishop Manning anything I please—that is, anything which is not slanderous and for which I can with safety assume all responsibility. Although I respect the man's apparent intellectual attainment, I still maintain that his persistent opposition to the views of the majority of the younger, liberal-minded clergy of his church on the divorce question is narrow-minded and needlessly dogmatic. As Louis Graves has written in the most recent issue of his Chapel Hill Weekly: "His views on divorce have given evidence enough of his essentially mediaeval out-

look and attitude. He is the spiritual descendant of the churchmen of four centuries ago who sought to promote the Kingdom of God by the use of the thumbscrew and the rack."

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PRESS PUBLISHES NOBLE'S HISTORY

A History of the Public Schools of North Carolina the latest work of Dr. M. C. S. Noble, dean of the school of education here and a man who has done service for education himself—is to come off the press tomorrow. It is being published by the University Press.

The book is a comprehensive study of education in this state from the earliest colonial time to the latter nineteenth century. It begins with the first attempts at education in the teaching of orphans by persons to whom they were bound and the chartering of the first private schools and concludes with the opening of the Normal and Industrial School in Greensboro, a training school for women.

W. S. Rodman Addresses Electrical Engineers Professor W. S. Rodman, vice-president of the southern division of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, spoke Thursday night to the A. I. E. E. here.

Concert at Theatre 2:30 This Afternoon

The Carolina theatre will give a special showing of "Love Parade" together with a short concert by the University band this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. The proceeds from an offering taken at the door will go to the band.

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