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## Educators Charge Politics Killed Professors' Book

### Board of Education Fails To Follow Advisory Commission's Opinion On Newsome and Lefler Text

By Charles Barrett

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"Merit and economy," said former Governor Clyde R. Hoey recently, in explaining why the state board of education rejected a highly recommended book by two University professors, in favor of a book by Jules B. Warren, former newspaperman and now secretary of the North Carolina Education association.

"A \*!%\$?!," is the reply of scores of school teachers, superintendents, and outstanding educational leaders.

"No commodity in North Carolina is sold on so low an ethical basis as elementary textbooks," assails one of the state's highest educational authorities. "An educational crime," is the verdict of a former member of the state textbook commission.

These are typical of the rapidly spreading charges that political favoritism, and a desire to instill political propaganda in school children, lie behind the board of education's selection.

The rumble of complaints began back in December, when the schools first heard that "The Growth of North Carolina," by Drs. A. R. Newsome and Hugh T. Lefler of the University history department, was not accepted.

**Failed to Follow Advisory Group**

Now, a wave of condemnation is being fanned by the knowledge of a few persons that the ex-officio state officials composing the board of education have failed to follow a unanimous recommendation from the state textbook commission, an advisory body of teachers, principals, and others who deal daily with education.

The commission, after considering each of the five state history books submitted, was completely in favor of the book by Newsome and Lefler.

In the commission's own words, "of all the texts submitted, 'The Growth of North Carolina' by Newsome and Lefler is by all odds, the outstanding, complete, scholarly, authoritative, best organized and suited to our needs."

The commission merely listed the other books "without placement but with comments upon their special features."

Concerning the Warren book, accepted by the board of education, the commission said "This book is well-organized, being divided into eleven major units and each unit being divided into a convenient number of topics. In addition, there is an interesting feature sketch of distinguished men in North Carolina. It is a worthwhile story of North Carolina history, told interestingly from the viewpoint of a former newspaper man."

**Publishers' Reaction**

Describing the book by Newsome and Lefler as "the best state history ever printed," the World Book Company, internationally-known publishing house, accepted it without knowing whether it would get the state contract.

Warren's book is said to have been rejected by a well-known publishing house. Even now, with the recently-acquired state contract, Warren himself is believed to be acting as his own publisher.

A possible explanation for the board of education's preference lies in the attitude of the two books towards present and past state politics.

One who has read the Warren book in manuscript, said it contained long "eulogies" of most of the present state political leaders, individual pictures of "as many as possible," and a full picture of the entire board of education. The Warren book, See BOOK FIGHT, page 2.

## History: Political Football

(Editorial)

The DAILY TAR HEEL usually concerns itself with the University of North Carolina and with events that in some way directly relate to its welfare. The article above, which reveals that a history textbook written by two University historians was rejected by a political group in favor of one written by a non-historian, reaches outside the boundaries of the University campus. It affects the entire educational system of the state, and, in fact, puts the finger on a condition that no doubt exists in some degree in every state in America.

We urge every DAILY TAR HEEL subscriber to read and absorb its content. Briefly, it tells of a fifth grade history text written by Professors Albert R. Newsome and Hugh Lefler of the University history department; of their book being unanimously approved by the State Textbook commission, an advisory body composed of teachers and principals of North Carolina schools; and of the book then being rejected by the State Board of Education, the group empowered with final decision. The board—composed of politicians who hold various offices in the state administration and therefore have no claim to exceptional knowledge of education—rejected the Newsome-Lefler text in favor of one written by Jules B. Warren, a former newspaperman and now secretary of the North Carolina Education association.

Governor Hoey, now out of office, who aided in the selection of the text, justified the choice on the basis of "merit and economy." Merit in the text was of course decided by the politicians who hold membership on the board.

The choice has been made, but it is the hope of the DAILY TAR HEEL that its small voice may yet save the fifth grade children of North Carolina from being subjected to a politician's history of their state. We would protect them from the kind of education they would receive if they were children in Adolf Hitler's Germany. Hitler would of course purge all textbooks that tell the truth, be it good or bad.

We will not prescribe the legal machinery for righting an obvious wrong to education. This state is still blessed with a legislature which can think and legislate for itself; it can examine the case and clear the path for justice. If Governor Broughton and the legislature are the friends of education we believe they are, they will reopen the textbook matter and erase the scar that has been marked on North Carolina education.



AUTHORS OF the history text causing the flare-up in the Board of Education are Dr. A. R. Newsome (above) and Dr. H. T. Lefler who, it was stated, "have written the best state history ever printed."

## Inter-Faith Group Forum

### Rev. Darst Leads Bible Discussion

Opening the winter quarter activities of the Inter-Faith council, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst will discuss "The Value of Bible Study Today" in a forum to be held Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the parish house of the Episcopal Chapel of the Cross.

On February 9 Kirby Page, internationally-famed lecturer and pacifist, will deliver the University Sermon for the winter quarter, sponsored by the Inter-Faith council. Rabbi Louis I. Wolsey will address a forum on March 3 under the joint auspices of the Inter-Faith council and the Hillel foundation.

Cooperating in the program of the council are the Baptist, Episcopal, Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterian and United church student organizations. Evening programs of these groups have been postponed for this Sunday night.

**Prominent in Church**

Bishop of the East Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church since 1915, the Rt. Rev. Mr. Darst is well-known in this district as a preacher and speaker. He is also prominent in the activities of the church councils and was a leader of the Bishops' Crusade.

A graduate of Roanoke college and Virginia Theological seminary, Bishop Darst holds honorary degrees from this University as well as from Duke, Wake Forest, and several other southern colleges.

## Student Council Reveals Facts On Honor Offense Statistics

### State Legislature To Meet At Chapel Hill January 30

#### Session To Honor Latin-Americans

The state legislature yesterday stepped in to join preparations for welcoming the Latin-American summer school by passing a joint resolution to convene in Chapel Hill on January 30, the day designated for the official greeting.

To indicate even more official interest in the southern delegation's efforts to further a "policy of good will and neighborliness," the assembly has invited recently inaugurated Governor Broughton and other elective officers to accompany it to the University.

Latin-Americans will then be able to observe not only the University's administrative machinery at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the same day, but also American state government actually in operation.

With President Roosevelt's birthday falling on the same date, University officials are preparing an extensive program. Complete plans have not been released, but the town of Chapel Hill has already announced a barbecue luncheon for the Latin-Americans, trustees and legislators.

Yesterday's resolution was introduced in the house of representatives under a suspension of the rules by J. W. Umstead of Orange county. It was immediately passed by a unanimous vote in both divisions of the legislature.

Meeting times for the Board and the two houses for the day at the University are arranged so that the Latin-Americans may attend all three. The trustees will convene in Gerrard hall at 10 a. m. At 11 o'clock the legislature will meet — representatives in Memorial hall and senators in either Gerrard or Hill Music hall.

## New Art Exhibit Features Wooden Architecture

"The Wooden House in America," an exhibit tracing the changes in construction and design of wooden homes, will open Sunday at the Person Hall Art gallery, John V. Allcott, head of the art department, announced yesterday. The exhibit comes from the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Ten of the most recent wooden houses designed by noted American architects will be shown in model form. Homes by Frank Lloyd Wright, John Yeon, Carl Koch and George Howe are included in the exhibit, and range in cost from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The first material used in American house construction was wood and it is still the favorite after four centuries. The exhibit traces the changes. See ART EXHIBIT, page 4.

## 3630 Registration Ties Last Quarter

The estimate made yesterday by I. C. Griffin that 3630 students have enrolled for the winter quarter equals exactly last winter's final registration figures.

Although registration for this term has been completed, the director of the Central Records office declined to give the final total until official tabulations have been checked.

Complete figures, broken down into the numbers enrolled in different schools and classes, will be published at the beginning of next week.

## Jane McMaster Calls Meeting

### Junior Coeds To Elect Delegate

The only required meeting of the Woman's association this quarter will be held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Gerrard hall, Jane McMaster, president of the association, announced yesterday.

This meeting is the regular meeting of the association and the business of the winter quarter will be discussed. All coeds are required to be present.

There will be a meeting of junior coeds after the regular meeting in which nominations will be made from the floor for the position of junior representative on the honor council.

Jean Hahn and Mary Caldwell have already been nominated for the office by a committee appointed by Miss McMaster in accordance with the constitutional amendment made last spring. The election will be held within two weeks.

## Editor Spies Asks Writers To Report

The Carolina Mag office will be open during this week-end, Editor Adrian Spies announced yesterday and all persons who are interested in meeting the January 15 deadline are requested to come around and make "a little duty call." This particularly pertains to fiction writers and alleged editorial assistants—present and past.

## News Briefs

## Non-Interventionists Slam 'Arsenal of Democracy' Bill

### Joe Penner Dies In Philadelphia

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—President Roosevelt's "arsenal of democracy" bill giving him unlimited peace-time powers to supply Great Britain with guns, tanks, ships, airplanes, and other armaments, was introduced in Congress today, and non-interventionists promptly labeled it a declaration of war.

The far-reaching measure included an unexpected provision under which workshops of friendly nations could be repaired or refitted in U. S. naval, military, or air bases. The President also would be given power to supply friendly powers with military information, such as details of the Navy's secret bomb-sight.

The measure vests all authority solely in the Chief Executive. Some quarters said that the provisions go so far as to authorize him to make gifts of war weapons.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Progressive of Wisconsin, styled it "a See NEWS BRIEFS, page 4.

## Freshmen Lead Other Classes in Violations

Sweeping aside its former policy of strict secrecy on honor system and campus code violations, the Student Council yesterday released traditionally-hidden statistics revealing all 30 cases tried by the group and sentences imposed during the fall quarter.

Freshmen led all others with nine offenses, sophomores, six; juniors, five; seniors, five; graduate students, one. Four students were taken off probation. The predominant charge was cheating and the most frequent sentence was conduct probation.

Twelve students were charged with cheating on examinations. There were seven freshmen, two sophomores, one junior, three seniors, and one graduate student. Two seniors, one freshman, and one junior were convicted; the others sentenced.

Four violations of the campus code were brought before the body. Freshmen and juniors were conspicuously absent from this classification. Four sophomores and one senior were tried.

Charged with stealing, four students, all upperclassmen, appeared before the council. Two left school under fire while one was convicted and another acquitted.

Juniors and seniors were also solely charged with passing bad checks on campus. Two juniors and one senior answered the charges; all were found guilty. Of the juniors and seniors applying for release from probation, one senior and one junior were released and one junior was refused.

Compared with other quarters, the offenses and sentences during the first three months of school were low. Other quarters have seen twice as many cases appear before the council. Fifteen See STUDENT COUNCIL, page 4.

## IRC Issues Call For New Members

A call for freshmen applications to fill five to 10 vacancies in the International Relations club was issued yesterday by President Manfred Rogers.

Rogers said six vacancies have occurred for upperclassmen, due to the failure of several members to return to school this quarter.

Those interested in filing applications, Rogers added, should see Tempe Newsome at the YMCA any time next week. After filling out forms, applicants should give them to Miss Newsome, Rogers, Robert Lamson or Elinor Elliott.

## Playmakers Plan Annual Revels Tonight At 7:30

Celebrating the "Old Christmas" tonight in the Playmakers' theater, the Carolina Playmakers will hold their twelfth Night Revel from 7:30 on.

The first half of the program will be opened by a welcome from "Proff" Koch, director of the Playmakers, and after an English folk song by Professor Clyde Keutzer and the glee club, the annual production of the Revel Scene from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will be presented by members of the faculty.

Following this there will be a student-prepared program of surprise acts. Sanford Reece, graduate student in dramatic art, is heading the committee in charge, and is planning a parody of Paul Green's "House of Connelly," a new and original "folk" play by Elizabeth Smith, songs written especially for the production by Sanford Stein, and special numbers by Tom Avera and Joe Salek.



SEE HOW HAPPY THE young man is as he takes snapshots.

He really gets a kick out of it.

You can get a kick out of it, too. What's more, your pictures can be used in the Yackety Yack. The Yackety Yack needs snapshots taken by you of your friends and their activities, their parties. Just informal shots that show Carolina campus life. If you have any leave them by the Yackety Yack office as soon as possible.