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It's a Long, Hard Pull

Congressman Barden and his federal aid-to-education bill are having a rough time. Both its originator and the bill have been through the mill but not the national legislative mill (the House and Senate) as the congressman and many of us would like.

Just within the past week Representative John Lesinski, chairman of the committee on education and labor, dug another pitfall for Barden's HR 4643. Lesinski came up with the unprecedented notion of having "an informal round-table discussion on Federal aid to education" to begin at 10 o'clock this coming Monday morning at Washington.

Mr. Barden has been invited. Mr. Barden has told Chairman Lesinski that he can go jump in the Tidel Basin.

Out Congressman's wrath, and the anger of others who are pressing for an answer in the nation's school crisis, has been roused repeatedly ever since the House bill was attacked by Francis Cardinal Spellman. The widow of one of America's greatest presidents, Eleanor Roosevelt, was subjected to blasts from the Catholic prelate, the Cardinal declaring that her approval of Congressman Barden's bill branded her a disgrace as an American mother. Mrs. Roosevelt charmingly replied that she believed it was God's place to pass judgment of that nature and not the church official's.

Mr. Barden has not literally told Chairman Lesinski to disturb the peaceful waters of Washington's famous reflecting pool, but in a reply to the chairman's invitation, our congressman pointed out that all of the persons whom Lesinski has invited to participate in Monday's discussion have already appeared before the education sub-committee of which Mr. Barden is chairman. There they gave extensive testimony from which bill 4643 was drafted.

Lesinski has since refrained from calling a meeting of the full education and labor committee, thus making it impossible for the bill to get to the floor of the house. Now he comes up with another stall, the round-table discussion.

It may be that Lesinski isn't quite sure what's going on, so he's calling together persons whom he believes will be able to tell him. In pointing out to the chairman that he has neglected to call a meeting of the full education and labor committee, Congressman Barden says,

"The full Education and Labor Committee, of which you are chairman, has had no occasion to discuss these (sub-committee) hearings. So far as I am informed, everyone who is familiar with them is satisfied that the field was well covered. Those who are not familiar with the hearings should read them or call an official meeting of the committee for the purpose of discussing them before any such action is taken as is indicated in your letter to me."

Mr. Barden further informed Chairman Lesinski that he would be glad to attend such a meeting of the full committee, but stated, "If your objective is to hold new hearings, then the normal procedure would be for you to call upon all the interested officials of the Federal Security Agency as well as representatives of 255 denominational groups in the country, as well as various organizations interested in education, besides the NEA. Other labor organizations and not merely the C. I. O. and A. F. of L. should be duly notified. Mr. Chairman, I do not regard the holding of further hearings or a round-table discussion as either necessary, wise, or in the interests of good legislation. Frankness compels me to say to you that in my honest opinion any such action would be in the direction of further delay and inaction. I prefer the direct road to legislative accomplishment. At the present moment I think that you have come up with an impractical suggestion which would result in a waste of time. Unless something comes to my attention that would change any views, I do not intend to participate in your proposed 'informal round-table discussion'."

Our own Congressman "Hap" Barden can be heard tonight at the Morehead City high school as he delivers the commencement address to the graduating class of Morehead City Technical institute.

Raleigh Roundup

By Eala Nixon Greenwood

DISCOURAGING . . . Until two weeks ago, L. P. McLendon of Greensboro and Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville were casting covetous eyes on the U. S. Senate seat snugly occupied by graying, frock-coated Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, the man who is regarded in Washington as the typical old-time Southern statesman.

The mere mention of Reynolds' opposing Hoey drew laughter here in Raleigh, but many political observers have been giving McLendon at least a 50-50 chance and perhaps even better than that.

This was the case until the

"five percenters" began their march across the headlines. And there, looking comfortable in the background, stood Senator Hoey. Nobody knew he could look so hawklike. As chairman of the committee looking into the various contract awards and other similar matters, Clyde R. Hoey rides through the newspapers. His name is on the tip of each commentator's tongue. All of this must be discouraging to would-be candidates.

Now once again Hoey is riding the crest of favorable pub-

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licity. If he cares to run again (there are rumors he doesn't), he should be able to win. Although he will be 72 on December 11, he is still hale and hearty, can still talk like a phonograph record and cast a wistful eye at the ladies.

NOTES . . . One of Gov. Scott's close advisors gave him a tongue-lashing last week on the unfavorable publicity he has been receiving lately . . . Miss Pearl Thompson of Rowan County, secretary of the State Grange, had a quiet visit with the Governor in his office last Friday . . . If you want to see any football games between members of the Big Four, better get your tickets right away . . . Henry E. Kendall, now safely ensconced as chairman of the Employment Security Commission, will observe a quiet 44th birthday August 24 . . . The Governor's office expenses (salaries, etc.) are now running just exactly twice as much as in December, Gov. Cherry's last month as executive. . . . Charlie Parker, whom you have been reading a great deal about lately, will take over Bill Sharpe's job with the State News Bureau very soon now . . . He had a party for the newspaper folks at his home Friday evening from 8 o'clock until . . . but swears it was arranged even before he and the Governor and George Ross and Josh Horne started blasting . . . Two co-op leaders, M. G. Mann and John Marshall, have received important appointments from the Governor recently, the latter to be his private secretary . . . Not only do they have ability, but—more important probably—they rendered yeoman service to Scott in his race for Governor . . .

The disappearance of large numbers of cattle at the State Prison Farm at Caledonia during the past two or three years may be the next item to hit the papers . . . How many were drowned or swept away in Roanoke River floods and how many were not? That is the question—though it may be hush-hushed . . . Also, there is a rumor here that prisoners are being allowed to escape in an effort to make the Scott administration look bad . . .

PURGE! . . . Despite the fact that Gov. Scott, with a subsequent helping hand from the people, came out very well with his legislative program, he knows that he was ridden hard and put up wet in a number of instances. His attack last week on the lawyer members of the General Assembly increased the feeling here that he may attempt a purge of some of the senators and representatives next spring. . . . Speaking to representatives attending the State Federation of Labor meeting in Charlotte, Gov. Scott said: "Lawyers can mess up a program when they try to do it. That was shown in the last Legislature. Some of them were heads of committees and what a mess!"

It is recognized here that the attorneys in the Legislature, being politically gifted and trained and knowing the legal vernacular (and in Raleigh to make laws or to change laws with which they are familiar), pretty well run things.

However, Gov. Scott should not have laid down a blanket indictment of chairmen of committees who were lawyers, for he made two of them judges and gave another an \$8,000 job on the State Industrial Commission.

OFF THE CUFF . . . At the time Gov. Scott announced that Ayer & Gillett's advertising contract with North Carolina would be terminated in 60 days, the man

he wanted to have the job did not have a North Carolina advertising agency. Now, Bob Redwine has attended to this, forming the Eastman-Redwine Advertising Agency, with money from Atlanta and support from the Eastman-Scott firm which used to have the N. C. account . . . Now the whole thing is going to be left wide open again and given to some agency. It must be approved by this board and that commission and the Division of Purchase and Contract, etc. Most people here think all of this

technical double-talk is nothing but a lot of hogwash and that Eastman-Redwine will be given the State's \$200,000-per-year advertising business. Advertising agencies receive 15 per cent of the advertising they place, whether it be for Lucky Stricks, Camels, Hanes Underwear, or what have you. This will mean that Eastman-Redwine will make \$30,000 annually—if they get the contract—with Redwine receiving as his take about \$20,000 . . . the best salary at Scott's disposal . . . The whole trouble began

In The Good Old Days

Thirty-Seven Years Ago
The two factions of the Republican party in the county were still at loggerheads, and the Mace-Jones wing was holding a convention August 29, while the Davis-Wheatley contingent was to hold one August 31.

Directors of the Beaufort Telephone company dissolved the corporation preparatory to a transfer of the company's property to an outside telephone company.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
John W. Davis of Clarksville, W. Va., was notified of his nomination for President by the Democratic party.

The editors of both the Beaufort News and the Morehead City Coaster were hoping that a bridge between Beaufort and Morehead City would be built soon.

Ten Years Ago
A Fox Movietone cameraman was in Beaufort to film a story showing the diamond back terrapin propagation on Pivers Island under the direction of Capt. Charlie Hatzel.

The state agreed to build a bridge fromarkers Island to Straits although citizens fromarkers Island wanted the bridge from the island to Lennoxville Point.

Five Years Ago
Ann St. Methodist church was to celebrate its 166th birthday on this coming Sunday. Senator Clyde R. Hoey was to be the speaker at the morning service.

Commander Ernest Snowden, USN, was in New York and was scheduled to speak over the March of Time radio program from there that evening.

about two years ago when L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, now Commissioner of Agriculture, was planning to run for Governor against Charles Johnson. At that time, Redwine was representing Eastman-Scott here in Raleigh on the N. C. account. Being a great pussyfoot, slider, and caterer, he had played up to Ballentine, cultivated him, and had become close friends with him. Johnson saw that Redwine, here in Raleigh to look after his advertising business and not to play politics, was against him and for Ballentine. Right here the N. C. advertising account became a political football. The majority of the men on the Dept. of Conservation and Development, which places the contract, happened to be Johnson men. Anyway, Eastman-Scott lost the account and a North Carolina firm, Ayer & Gillett, got it. They have done a good job with it and have not played politics, have steadfastly refused to do and since last April they say, have tried several times to get an appointment with Gov. Scott to explain their position . . . Not only have they been

unable to see him, but have not received a reply to a letter they wrote the Governor, according to their statement . . .

After Eastman-Scott lost the contract, Redwine did not have much to do. He had been offered a position with Ayer & Gillett when the contract was hanging in the balance, but had remained loyal to his firm, preferring to go down with them if that was the way it was going to be. Not being too busy, he started backing political candidates right and left: Ballentine, Broughton, and Scott, of course, since he could not support Charles Johnson. They all won. Then Bob sat back and looked the situation over, his pink mustache jumping like a rabbit's whiskers on a frosty November morning . . . He did some public relations work for Southern Bell and received \$1,000 when, lo and behold, the Bell system's one millionth telephone was installed in North Carolina . . . in Alamance County! . . . and he got both Broughton and Scott to participate in the ceremonies. This summer again,

as chance would have it, the Governor decided he would talk by amplified long distance Bell telephone from the Governor's office in Kentucky to Raleigh, North Carolina, when the special judges were sworn in.

Although not a native of this State, Redwine has learned fast. He has made some enemies, but many more friends, all of whom seem to be in power at this time.

UMSTEAD AGAIN? . . . William B. Umstead is being urged to run for the U. S. Senate against Dr. Frank Graham, and he may decide to do it. People who have talked to him recently say that he is still nettled over his narrow loss to J. M. Broughton and wants to avenge this defeat. Those people trying to get him to oppose Graham say he can get 80 per cent of the farm vote, 80 per cent of the business vote, 45 per cent of the labor vote, with the remainder going in any direction.

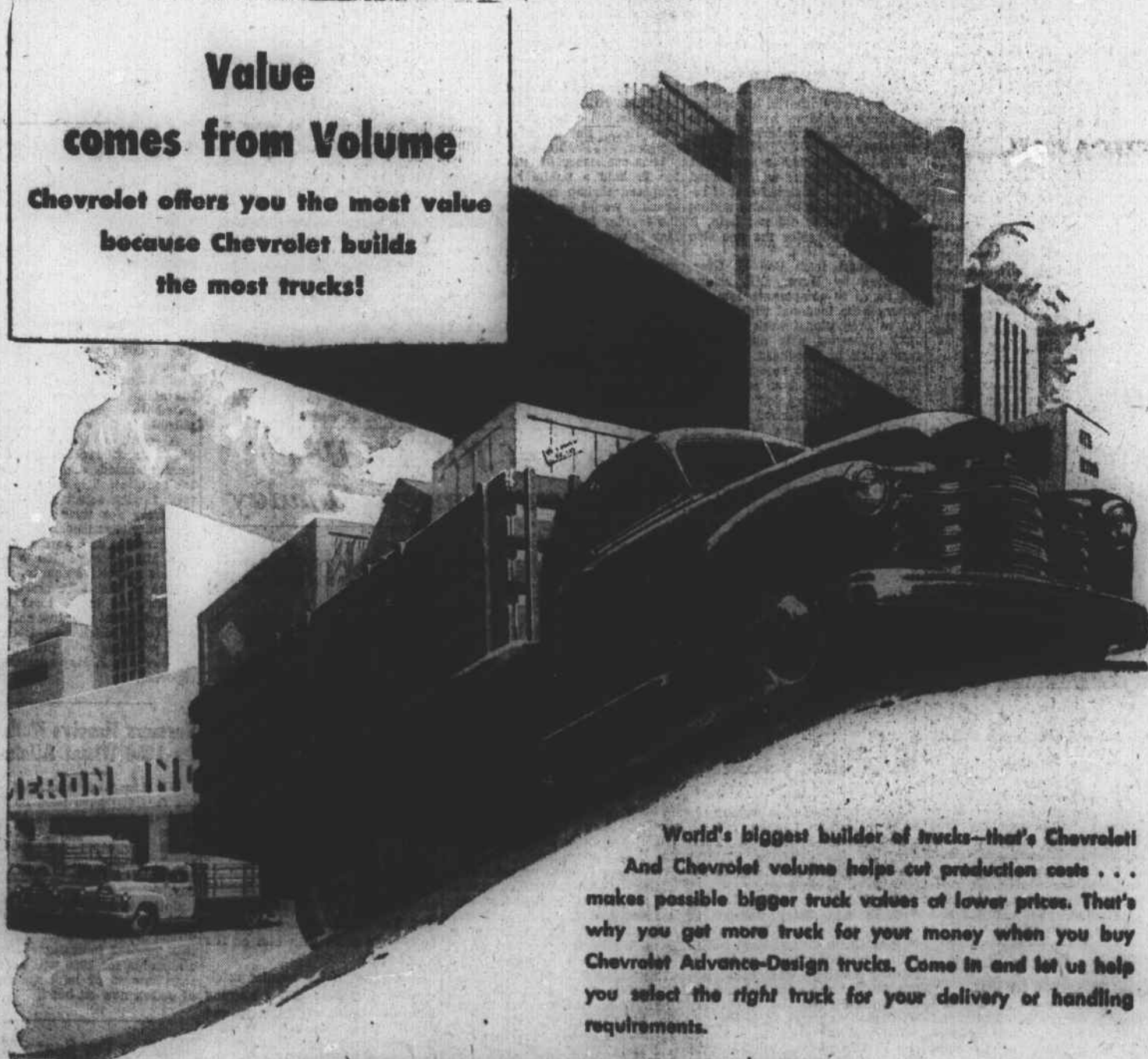
A few hours before Gov. Scott appointed Dr. Frank Graham, the talk here was to the effect it was going to be a "man Bill Umstead will not run against," because of their mutual love for the University of North Carolina. Umstead has already laid this talk in the grave, but he doesn't want to lose again and there is still plenty of time before the 1950 Primary.

Miss Betty Jean Daniels left Saturday for Morganton where she will enter school, her sister Patricia accompanied her as far as Elon college where she will spend a few weeks with her sister and brother in law Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Danley.

Mr. and Mrs. Valverta Garner of Newport left Saturday for a week's vacation. They were going to take Mrs. Garner's sister to Morganton, from there they were going to Asheville and Shelby, then to Williamsburg, Va. to attend the Common Glory and to Manteo to see the pageant of Lost Colony before returning home.



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