



**By EULA N. GREENWOOD**  
**MAJOR OR MINOR.** . . In the old days at Wake Forest College — when it was situated in Wake County — there were no cafeterias, only boarding houses. The most famous one of this century was operated by Miss Jo Williams, Surry County native who still lives in the town of Wake Forest and operates a nursing home.  
 In the late 40's she operated a new cafeteria at Wake Forest. Soon most of the boarding houses were gone. Now the most popular, and newest, eating establishment at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, which moved in when Wake found it's what's up front that counts, is another big cafeteria.  
 And, believe it or not, it is operated by a firm which lists itself as: The Prophet Company.

**DOWN TO EARTH.** . . It doesn't make any difference what he wears, he never looks "dressed up." Not that he ever wears one, but a new hat always looks like a comfortable old worn-out one on him. He no doubt combs his hair daily—possibly several times — but that sidwinder cowlick is always there. He makes friends easily, because one feels at ease with him.

He seldom ever seems to get excited, never seems in a shirt-yearing hurry, but turns out loads of work. Small of stature with deep sincerity on the liberal side but no foolishness, very religious, he will go out of his way to keep from

making an enemy. Fair-minded with no bombast, but doubtless burning with quiet ambition . . .

A pretty good personification of the honest, grassroots, Lincoln-esque country press, a man who never drinks, never smokes, never raises his voice, and who apparently eats only enough to keep body and soul together, Clifton Blue of Aberdeen will make an excellent Speaker of the House. He should at any rate, for he has been a faithful member of that body since being elected to it in 1946. A man with a slow, lazy smile and a keen sense of humor, Blue will firmly rule with velvet glove the rough-and-ready boys of the House.

**PUNCH.** . . He looks younger, but Clifton Blue will be 52 on August 28. He is president of the N. C. Press Association. He just never loses a political contest in which he is personally involved, it seems. Many of us who kept up pretty well with the Speakership race from the time it started a year ago between him and Tom Woodard of Wilson could never see the

latter as winner. Blue always seemed to have, the best we could count, from four to ten votes more among the 120 House members.

Now, after Speaker, what, Mr. Blue? It could be Congress in 1964 if Kitchin wins in the Eighth this fall (as we have predicted he will) and it could be the U. S. Senate by appointment. . . or possibly the Governor's Mansion some time. Clifton Blue has a way with him, make no mistake about it, or as one of his opponents in the recent Speaker's race put it in Raleigh this past weekend: "Behind Blue's velvet touch is dynamite punch."

**HOW THEY VOTED.** . . Since January 1, 1958, we have had 66 school bond votes in this State. Voters approved 55, turned down 11.

Of the total of six, local and State, held since last November 1, we have approved one, turned down five.

**GUIDE.** . . We saw the other day official statistics — if there is such a thing — which showed that a \$100 debt on open account (no mortgage) is worth only \$90 at the end of two months; is worth only \$45 on the average at the end of one year; \$23 at the end of two years; \$15 after three years; and is worthy only \$1 after five years.

Someone has said that "time is the refuge of the debtor."

Maybe that is one reason several counties are now preparing credit guide books giving in code letters the rating of all customers in the

county. We can see a large percentage of people having their credit cut off when the books are distributed.

**NOTES.** . . You 1962 high school graduates . . . and adults as well . . . are advised by G. W. Johnson of the N. C. Department of Education, to check with your local high school principal or an experienced local teacher BEFORE agreeing to sign up on ANY correspondence course. Most of them are reputable, but many are not . . .

Our favorite Raleigh dailly said Sunday that Gordon Greenwood, kinfolks and publisher of Black Mountain News, is sure to get one of the top committee posts (Finance or Appropriations) from Good Friend Clifton Blue. . .

Why cities sometimes suffer politically (governmentally): Both Charlotte (with John P. Kennedy,

local resident) and Winston-Salem (with W. Z. Wood, local resident) had the opportunity. . . and the votes. . . to become important in Congress. . . but let Paul Kitchin of little Wadesboro and Ralph Scott of littler Danbury take them to the cleaners. . . votewise.

Big cities seldom furnish our Governors. . . The last ten have come from these places: A. W. McLean (Lumberton); O. Max Gardner (Shelby); J. C. B. Ehrlinghaus (Elizabeth City); Clyde R. Hoey (Shelby); J. M. Broughton (Raleigh); R. Gregg Cherry (Gastonia); W. Kerr Scott (Haw River R. F. D.); W. B. Umstead (Durham); L. H. Hodges (Leaksville); and Terry Sanford (Fayetteville).

Our two U. S. Senators are from: Morganton and Saxapahaw. Big cities where are you?

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