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The GOP And Mr. Lilienthal

WITH the notable exception of Senator McKellar, all the Senators who have commented publicly upon the appointment of David Lillential to the Atomic Energy Commission agree that he is an object to the Atomic Energy Commission agree that he is an object to the Atomic Energy Commission agree that he is an object to the Atomic Energy Commission senator Moore makes the point has earthful and the Atomic Energy Commission. Senator Moore makes the point that atomic energy may some day provide a greater source of industrial power than even TVA and therefore, as an opponent of TVA, he is also bound to oppose Federal control of atomic energy for industrial uncontrol of atomic energy for industrial uncont

doubt that his nomination by President Truman will be confirmed.

There probably isn't any simple explanation for this rather remarkable circumstance, although Drew Pearson has, as usual, offered one. According to Mr. Pearson the opposition to Mr. Lillenthal is a matter of official Republican policy. He quotes a conversation in which Senator Taft is alleged to have directed GOP leaders to go to work on Mr. Lillenthal or any other Presidential appointee who was ever identified with the New Deal Diltical considerations constitute a full evaluation of actual motive or not, reasons for copposing the appointment offered by most Republicans have been weak indeed. There was, for instance, Senator Wherry, who said he doubted if any of the charges brought against Mr. Lillenthal so far would hold water, but felt he would have to oppose confirmation because the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission should be "ann upon whom no shadow of suspleion has ever failen." This is tortuous logic: unanuported and unfounded tharge at him in a committee hearing. But perhaps the most remarkable objec-

mission. Senator Moore makes the point that atomic energy may some day provide a greater source of industrial power than even TVA and therefore, as an opponent of TVA, he is also bound to oppose Federal control of atomic energy for industrial pur-

poses.
What makes this interesting is that this whole question has been explored at length by the Congress and a final decision reached. The very purpose of the Atomic Energy Commission is to control atomic energy—

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Its industrial development as well as its military potential. Republicans and Democrats alike agreed months ago that nothing short of outright Federal control would provide adequate safeguards against the dangers inherent in the spile atom. Thereout a man who, beyond any other available, is experienced in the administration of public power projects.

All in all, these objections to Mr. Lillenthal underline the futility of the President's sincere effort to co-operate with the Congress. The Republicans certainly have every right to examine carefully any nomination sent forward by the President, but when that examination falls to develop any sounder basis for opposition than that the appointee shares the philosophy of the Democratic Administration then the Republicans must accept him or lay themselves open to charges that they are playling politics of particulary primitive nature. ing politics of particularly primitive nature.

The New Textile Wage Pattern

THERE is, of course, nothing resembling industry-wide collective bargaining in the South, but the rise and fall of wages in the textile industry has followed, since in the textile industry has followed, sincelong before the coming of the unions, an
industry-wide pattern. The Textile Workers
Union, although it represents something
less than 25 per cent of the textile workers
in the South, therefore deserves some credit
for the general 10 per cent wage increase
that now seems to be assured throughout
the region.

The union originally demanded 15 per The union originally demanded 15 per cent, and negotiations dragged along until Roy Lawrence, regional TWUA director, began talking about the possibility of a strike. Then last week the big Dan River and Marshall Field plants reached an agreement with the union for a ten per cent lincrease. The non-union Cannon Mills at Kannapolis and Concord Immediately announced a similar across-the-board pay increase. Now mills, union and non-union, in the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia are beginning to follow suit.

The settlement, which will apply to all unionized mills and provide a pattern for the remainder of the industry, does not quite wipe out the old North-South wage differential. The contract negotiated a few months ago by TWUA with virtually all New England mills provided a ten cents an hour increase in all job classifications, which figured out to an average increase of almost 15 per cent. The differential, however, because of varying job classifications in the northern and southern branches of the industry, averages out to something less than three per cent. The union apparently considered this negligible, or at least not worth fighting for.

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This latest wage increase brings the minimum textile pay rate hereabouts to 80 cents an hour. And this represents tremendous progress toward litting the textile industry out of its old low-wage classification; after all, it has been only fourteen years since the first Federal minimum wage — under NRA — brought the scale up to 30 cents an hour and evoked dire predictions that the cotton mills would be forced into bankruptey.

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If seems to us both management and union deserve congratulations for this amicable and speedy settlement of the 1947 wage scale. Undue obstinancy on either side of the bargaining table could easily have led to the wave of crippling strikes the industry has thus far avoided in the uncertain post-war period. The negotiations were apparently characterized by reason, and the happy result has been a reasonable settlement.

Charlotte's New Research Council

THERE are something more than 80 or-THEER are something more than 80 organizations, boards, and agencies in
Charlotte that concern themselves, on a
full-or part-time basis, with municipal betterment. Most of these have long recognized the need for greater coordination,
particularly in the matter of research, the
eternal percequisite to intelligent planning
and effective action. They are now, we are
pleased to note, joined together in a new
Community Research and Advisory Council.

The Council, sponsored initially by our norning contemporary, is still in its formative stages. Its task was laid out for it by General Manager Batte of The Charlotte General Manager Batte of The Charlotte Observer, who said at an organizational session: "We can't be the best city in the Carolinas In retail stores, in transportation, and other respects and still not be the best city in all other fields, cultural, entertainment, recreation, and otherwise... Our comparative attractiveness is the thing we've got to watch 'Yet when we start on some improvement project in Charlotte the town is divided. Why is that?"

H. M. Wade provided an answer to Mr. Batte's question, we think, when he said:

"When a program is proposed to the com-munity the people should be able to under-stand it in all its ramifications." This, then, will be the primary task of the Council-research to determine what is needed, and how the need can best be met. The first project on the agenda is a municipal auditorium unon the need for met. The first project on the agenda is a municipal auditorium, upon the need for which there was unanimous agreement. The Council will attempt to determine what sort of auditorium is needed, how much it would cost, and how it could best be financed. This information will then be made available to any agency public or private, interested in furthering the cause.

Drivate, interested in furthering the cause. Obviously, a great deal of voluntary work and some professional assistance will be required if the Council is to succeed in its ambitious program. Methods of financing its work are yet to be determined. Dr. E. William Noland accepting the Council's chairmanship, said: "About the main thing I have to offer is enthusiam." Enthusiasm, it seems to us, is the quality the Council most needs at this point; if it is austained we are confident a long and useful career lies shead of it,

Another Voice

Of One Blood We Are

IN his letter to the State press explaining his protest against the Rosenwald grant to the University of North Carolina and the activities of Dr. Guy B. Johnson of the sociology department, John W. Clark of Franklinville states that Dr. Johnson addressed a mixed group of Negroes and whites at Greenshoro a few days ago.

The meeting was opened by a Methodist minister who is quoted by Clark as making the audicalous!?) statement: "We thank Office and of the blood office of the same race when the same and the preacher believed that white people and Negroes were members of the same race.

What the minister doubtless meant was that all men, regardless of race, nationality, creed, economic standing, or "previous con-

dition of servitude," are members of God's official of servitude," are members of God's amily—that all men are the creatures of the same mighty creator and are, therefore, brothers entitled to equal rights and privileges before the law and the equality. And what same right-thinking American doesn't believe this?

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People's Platform

More On Health

Editors. The News:

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The "Better Health For North Carolinlans" edition

of Thir News, February 11th, is regarded as a
magnificent contribution to the cause of hospital care

The News is to be congruintated and thanked
for your industry, public spirit, the success of your
project, and for your service to the cause of "Better
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Yours very truly.

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—JOHN A. FERRELL, M. D

Executive Secretary, N. C. Medical Care Commissis

Wish to congratulate The Charlotte News on its Good Health Edition. I think you have rendered a very great service to the state. I am sure the medical profession of North Carolina joins me in thanking you for it. President, Medical Society of the State of North

Carolina.

PEEL grateful and deeply impressed with the fine public service shown by your aperial "Good Health public service shown by your aperial "Good Health period of the sphendid contribution which you have dation for this sphendid contribution which you have made in the fluerest of better health for more people in our state.

Allow me to congratulate you and send you my

RALEIGH very best wishes for success in your new organiza-tion of the paper. -JAMES W. VERNON, M. D. Broadoaks Sanatorium.

Students' View

-EDGAR C. SWEENEY, JR. ERWIN H. ZIMMERMAN,

Wrong Address

Editors, The News:

IN regard Dr. Paison and the Fact-Finding Committee:

Flease accept my sincere apologies for the card I sent you in regard to the above. The card was intended for The News & Observer, Raleigh, what referred to the Ku Klux methods of the Comhad referred to the Ku Klux methods of the Com--JAMES H. REGISTER.

Senator Soaper Says:

It begins to appear that the Yalta and other greements based on broad generalities are as unsatis-tions to the paperhanging job in which the Mark others covered walls, doors, a davenport and a number.

We believe that while the McKellar-TVA feud is longer, the Jack Benny-Fred Allen thing is funnier.

Marquis Childs

Our Timber Reserve

future."
Watts outlines four steps that
must be taken. First, as an elementary step, organized fire protection must be brought to the 136,000,000 acres of forest land that do
not have it, and the forces fighting

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WASHINGTON

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Drew Pearson's: GOP Jumps On Sen. McKellar's Bandwagon Merry-Go-Round

IF, one year ago, anyone had told Republican leaders that February 1947 would find them leaping aboard the Sena-torial bandwagon of aged Kenneth McKellar, the tempes-tucus solon from Tennessee, they would have laughed in

thous adon from Tennesse, they would not suggest in the Nevertheless, that has now happened.

Nevertheless, that has now happened, an increasing number of Republican Senators, after shefully watching McKellar carry on his one-man crussed against David Lihenthal as chairman of the Atomic Buergy as the senate of the Atomic Buergy as personal (red and have Joined him.

Irony is that only a few months ago, many of these same Republicans were grousing about McKellars sometimes senile Senate leadership, and using him as allustration of the Senate leadership, and using him as allustration product of the senior of the senior senior

Party.

Tail, Ind., it was only last Spring that McKellar's mental tapes were such that he had to leave the Senate for the Naval Hospital. The Tri-year-old Tennessean haß passed out in a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing, experienced another lapse in the coffee abop of the Mayflower flotel, and finally had to be invelgied out of the presiding officer's chair.

and the state of the collection of the presiding officers committee that the state of the president of the state of the state incident was most embarrassing. As President To Tem of the Senate. McKellar was wielding the gavel on a sternois when it became obvious he did not know what the state of the stat

Passion For Mediocrity

SENATOR McKELLAR's mental lapses at the age of 77 could be forgiven if they climaxed a career notable for statesmanlike achievement. Instead they climaxed 32 Sena-

torial years of personal feuding, petty patronage-grabbing and pork-barrel politics always so seveily criticized by the Republican Farty at election time, but sometimes—as now—serviced a reasonable budget for school lunches, Senator McKellar, chairman of the powerful Ampropriations Committee, arbitrarily curtained the powerful Ampropriations Committee, arbitrarily curtained they for a new Federal Building in Nash-wille, Tenn. The Government had not urged construction of this building—since it was bound to divert critical insteriors. Last year also, when Republicans were preaching economy, McKellar proposed building two dams simultaneously in the Tennessee Valley. TvAdministrator David Lillentheckhair on this. He claimed the Government could save two milling dollars by building the dams, not simultaneously, but consecutively—one after the other. This would permit moving buildozers, men and see the completed.

But McKellar, who was up for re-election, wanted a lot of money spent in Tennessee.

Hottest Senatorial Temper

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N. fact, there is almost nobling in the 32 years since Kenneth McKellar harely squeaked through the Tennessee has a margin of only 2700 votes that should endear him to Republicans as a leader—except his ability as a troublemaker. Scanning through the newschips on the gentleman from Tennessee, here briefly, is his record:
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Wild motorist—Twice in seven months, during 1932, Mcar snashed up himself and other people in auto accidents,
sued and was sued in turn, but nobody collected. After
McKellar yot somebody else to drive him. When Truleft the N'Ue-Fresidency for the Willet House, McKellar
ritted the sleek and shiny Vice-Presidential limousine,
ther with chauffeur and slicoto for extra expenses.

appropriation Committee, he decided otherwise.

Jobsynsheber-As a patronage crar McKellar is without peer. Total salary and expense allowances for the Senator and the Government-paid relatives last year was \$43.00.

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It is sweeter to the gentleman from Tennessee than to strike back at someone who has opposed him. After Sergeant-a-t-Arms Cheely Jurney sent a deputy to bring McKellar to the Senate on a rollcall vote. McKellar successfully blooked Jurney's reappointment as Sergeant-a-trams. When J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Seedon to translate the superintendent of the Great Court the appropriations of the Interior Department.

And when Gossense Geothe Resembles of Tennessee.

Kellar henchmen to park jobs, the Senator threatened to cut the appropriations of the Interior Department.

And when Governor Gordon Browning of Tennessee floaght the Crump machine of Memphis in the 1838 primary.

Browning had a brillaint record in World War I with the rank of capital, and in this war Gen. Cornelius Wickersham was ready to commission him as colonel in American Military Government. Browning was the the War Department and blocked the appointment, Browning finally went in at his World War I rank of capital which has well as the world War I rank of capital which has been resembled by the partment in the state revenue motive the man who has consistently blocked McKellar's attempts to make TVA his partronage boodle-bag. And instead of probing the operations of the McKellar-Grump machine, which long have needed a thorough airms, Senate Republicans are jumping on the McKellar Senator and the McKellar Crump machine, which long have needed a thorough airms, Senate Republicans was that it was not for this that the American people elected a Republican Congress.