

A Plague on Both Your Houses

Race relations in North Carolina have seldom been better than they are right now. Whites and Negroes in Zebulon, which we are justified in considering a representative Tar Heel community, work together in harmony. Every man, white or black, holds his position in our community by hard work and strength of character—he cannot depend on property, legislation, or the color of his skin to maintain his station in life.

Our situation is not perfect, but it is good enough to serve as a challenge to both the frenzied reformers who follow Henry Wallace and the reactionaries who seek to reinstitute a way of life that went out of existence with the advent of the cotton gin and the cigarette factory.

We are not inclined, after considering actions and attitudes of the past, to take a dim view of our current racial situation. Consequently we are exasperated by efforts of racial extremists on both sides of this colored fence to inject a point of prejudice into the presidential campaign. By their actions they are gravely damaging our present social structure, and promoting racial strife.



Henry Wallace stands convicted of shedding crocodile tears over the plight of the Negro. He professes to favor the Russian way of handling minority groups, but shuts his eyes to the millions of people of Europe oppressed by Soviet officials on a scale rivalled only by the efforts of the Nazis. Red Henry says he wants to help the southern Negro, but if he helps them the way his philosophy indicates, he will lower their standard of living 50 per cent. Check with any Russian peasant. Check with the frugal and industrious shopkeeper of Red-occupied Austria and Hungary.

If Henry Wallace really wanted to help the Negro, he would not have come to the South on his rabble-rousing, tradition-flaunting tour which he was pleased to call a crusade. He has hurt the Negro's cause more than all the Ku Klux-ers since the Civil War. His every action was calculated to promote racial strife; for it is such strife that nurtures the growth of the Communist Party.

On the other hand, the Dixiecrats are not helping maintain the status quo by running a candidate for president. Realistically speaking, they are simply insuring the election of Thomas Dewey, whose views on the states rights and civil rights questions are even more extreme than those of President Truman. It follows that they are hurting the cause they say they hold sacred.

As a practical issue, the question of civil rights legislation does not exist at all. Senator Broughton and Senator Hoey will filibuster the thing to death.

The real issues then are whether agricultural and economic progress made under past Democratic administrations is real or fleeting, and whether Harry Truman, Thomas Dewey, Henry Wallace, or Strom Thurmond is better fitted to administer the affairs of state in these days of inflation and the cold war. Americans have a sacred right to vote for whom they please; but they have an equal responsibility to vote from honest conviction instead of prejudice, and should render their decision on real issues.

This, That and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

If you follow the custom of doing all your washing at one time, you may as well make starch that day, too. But, if you wash several times a week, it will be a help to have starch ready. Make it thick, pour it into a jar and keep it covered in the refrigerator. When needed thin with warm water.

Do you sometimes feel that your refrigerator needs defrosting too often? I did until I marked on the calendar the date of the job. When it had to be done again I was surprised to find how many days had passed.

It's the same way by sweeping upstairs. Unless I check on myself, I think the "dust kittens" have taken on an extra spurt of activity.

On a rack on the door of my husband's closet hang forty-two neckties. A few are nice looking, several more are wearable. The rest make me wonder why he will

not permit me to dispose of them in some painless way. But each one is dear to his heart, though he may not have worn it for years; dear in spite of wrinkles, faded places and grease spots, and keep them he will.

After all, it makes a pretty good comeback when he teases me about hoarding different kinds of stuff he considers useless. I point an accusing finger at his collection of old neckware and they become the ties that bind his tongue.

In these days of high-priced eggs you might like to try this recipe which does not call for any, yet is plenty good.

Molasses Wafers: One-third cup melted shortening. (This is five tablespoons plus one teaspoonful.) Two-thirds cup molasses. One-fourth cup sugar. Mix all these and add two cups flour sifted with one-half teaspoon soda, one-fourth teaspoon salt, and one-half teaspoon each of ginger, cloves, cinnamon and allspice. The dough will be very stiff, but you can

manage to roll it thin. Cut out and bake at slow heat, 350 degrees, if your oven has a thermometer. If not, just trust your cooking experience; but be sure to take the cookies from the pan as soon as they are done. They harden quickly, and stay that way.

The young men who are being called by the draft these days have my sincere sympathy when they must give up plans for work or schooling. But the time spent in service may be made profitable, if this is desired. My oldest son told me a story that is striking proof of what may be done.

Eric was teaching in the Post Schools at Schofield Barracks some time before the second World War. Frequently he came in contact with a soldier who was usually partially intoxicated and generally unhappy. One day Eric remonstrated with this man, saying he would rather see a person get dead drunk once in a while and get over it than to see one

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Sunday School Lesson

The central figure in next Sunday's scripture lesson is somewhat of the same type as Ananias, the fearful but resolute servant. Barnabas, however, possessed more insight than did Ananias; for Ananias baptized Paul only because he felt it was the right thing to do, while Barnabas recognized the ability and inborn zeal of Paul, and was able to act with double conviction in helping Paul to begin the greatest missionary effort of all time.

Everyone of us faces the same problem as did Barnabas—the

problem of finding and developing leadership. Every man who runs a business, every farmer who has a helper, and most of all every parent should exhibit the Christian traits possessed by Joses, surnamed Barnabas.

Just how much responsibility to give a child and how to develop his natural abilities constitute a problem that each father and mother should seek personal help from God in solving. Many a child has been ruined by receiving too much leeway in deciding what his own actions shall be—and count-

less other children have been ruined by never receiving any credit for having minds of their own until they were free and twenty-one. Let us approach these problems in the same Christian spirit that Barnabas showed in sponsoring Paul.

The golden text for next Sunday sums up the entire lesson: "he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." If we can be good men, full of faith, we need have small fear of not being a good influence on both our fellow workers and our children.

Farm Home Hints

Do try the many different flavorings, herbs and seasonings, that are available in stores today. Why not use caraway seeds in the cottage cheese or a dash of clove in the Harvard beet? You can buy herb vinegars, too, or make them from herbs from your own garden or from those you buy. They're a convenient way to add herbs to salad dressings and other dishes using vinegar.

Food experts say try new taste adventures with flavors—mint in cream dressing for a fruit salad; drops of lime over your fruit cup or in a cola beverage; peppermint in your chocolate sauce; strawberry in custards. Put delightful pungent touch into cookies and cakes with anise and almond flavorings, or in gingerbread with an orange flavoring. Spice any of your apple dishes with cinnamon.

Sparkling glassware, whether clear or colored, highlights any table setting. By observing a few simple precautions in the care of glassware, breakage and chipping can be kept at a minimum.

When washing glassware, follow the same general procedure as is used in the care of dinnerware. Glass, even more than china, is sensitive to change of temperature, so avoid water that is too hot both in washing and rinsing.

Dry with a soft lintless towel and be careful in handling not to leave finger marks. Be careful not to place ice cream or other frozen foods in a glass container that is above room temperature. Likewise, when pouring a hot beverage into a glass, first place a silver spoon in the glass and then pour the liquid onto the spoon to absorb the first shock of heat.

When storing glasses, avoid

stacking as much as possible. If two stacked glasses become stuck, do not try to force them apart. Pour cold water in the upper glass and stand the lower glass in warm water. Natural contraction and expansion will separate the glasses for you. When placing glassware on shelves, do not let rims touch as a precaution against chipping.

Worked buttonholes are easy to keep straight and with stitches of even length if a row of machine stitching is made around them marking the depth the buttonhole stitches should be.

When joining bias and straight edges, keep the bias part on top when basting and stitching.

To rip machine stitches, cut the lower thread every half-inch. This leaves the upper thread free so that it can be pulled out easily.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The 18 victorious wine and beer referendums for the dries in North Carolina this year have been aptly termed by one editor (Henderson Daily Dispatch) as "a straw in the wind." Another noted dry editor of Tomorrow says "the skies are already growing brighter and soon we will see the dawn of a new day," and truly the heavy dry

margins in all counties indicate future victories in a ABC vote against liquor.

For the first time in years, one may feel that hope of a statewide referendum is not futile. Mr. Scott has pleaded his strength to loosen the strangle grip of the Gag-rule upon the General Assembly, and this done, a referendum is assured.

These days of victory are ones of rejoicing to all who pray for a

sober and happy land, but the road to victory, in this cause, as in others, is drenched with the blood of butchered wives, murdered men, and highway slaughters. North Carolina is the official "brother's keeper," and may someday hear, as did Cain, "What host thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

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