

POLITICAL SLANDER

Politics, so Mr. Webster says in his dictionary, means "the science of government." Politics, as exemplified by the senatorial brawl between Dr. Frank Graham and attorney Willis Smith, means taking a man's character and ripping it asunder, making derogatory criticisms, slandering, and employing tactics that are loathed by righteous men.

The one conspicuous instance that riles us most is the accusation by his opponents that Dr. Frank Graham is a communist. We have been led to fear and hate communism and things communistic, and now when we wish to damn a man in the eyes of the voter, we brand him as a communist.

The one great fact which is intentionally overlooked by Dr. Graham's opponents is that communism and Christianity can not exist together in a nation or in an individual. Christianity and communism can never be reconciled. A person who believes in God is a deadly foe of communism.

Dr. Frank Graham has been correctly described as "Christ-like." He has spent his entire life working for others. He has been generous with his time, money, and energy. He believes in the Almighty God. How, then, can anyone with a conscience insinuate that Dr. Graham is a communist or is in sympathy with the communists?

To make a false or misleading statement through ignorance is sometimes forgivable. A child frequently does wrong because he does not know better. But the scoundrels who, whether for personal gain or through fear, maliciously attack the reputation of Dr. Frank Graham lay themselves open to the righteous indignation of all patriotic Christians and foes of communism in North Carolina and the world.

WE NEED A BIG VOTE

In spite of frequent statements by office holders that they look to the needs of everyone with fairness no matter where they live, the fact remains that there are politicians who cater to the whims of centers with the largest number of active voters before they manage to get around to the less populous areas. The reason for this is that said office holders enjoy being remembered favorably when election times rolls around around.

This explains why our presidential candidates come almost entirely from the heavily populated states which carry with them a large electoral vote. And that, too, is the reason why representatives from those sections speak loudly and are heard.

We hoped for a record-breaking vote in Little River Township on Saturday, but we were disappointed. Two years ago exactly 1,000 ballots were cast, and this year we failed to equal that total. But we did turn in the largest vote of any township outside of Raleigh. Did you notice how the candidates flocked to Zebulon to court the favor of our people? Did you see how they all recognized the importance of swinging Little River Township their way? The 727 votes which were cast for Philip Whitley played a big part in nominating him in the first primary.

If we keep Little River Township in the lead so far as the total number of votes is concerned, we can speak with a big voice when we require something done. "Remember," we can tell those who try to ignore our needs, "a thousand votes are not to be sneezed at!" So let us all vote in the second primary!

ON LAWFUL ELECTIONS

Zebulon has been noted for quiet and lawful elections. We certainly hope that it continues to hold this enviable reputation. With this hope in minds, we quote from pages 34 and 35 the N. C. Guidebook for Election Officials.

In a primary election any voter, disabled or not, is allowed, upon request to the precinct officials, to have a "near" relative go into the voting booth with him and get whatever help he wants from that relative. The Statute defines a "near" relatives as a husband, wife, brother, sister, parent, child, grandparent or grandchild.

A physically disabled voter who obviously cannot go to the booth and mark his ballot alone, and an illiterate voter (allowed to vote only if registered under the Grandfather Clause) who cannot mark his ballot intelligently, after stating their incapacities to the registrar, are entitled to help . . . If no near relatives is available, any other voter of the precinct who has not given aid to another voter may be called upon.

. . . In a primary election every ballot marked by another in one of these ways is recorded in the poll book as follows: "Ballot marked by _____."

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This, That and the Other

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With a fire in the kitchen heater on Saturday and Sunday mornings I reflected that heat in winter is a necessity, and as such is taken as a matter of course. But a little extra warmth on a chilly May day is luxury that is due special appreciation.

In looking over advertisements and articles on doing over rooms and thus "bringing color into the home," it is dismaying to find how often I prefer the pictures taken before to those taken after the redecoration. It must date me as hopelessly old-fashioned.

You have probably heard of the man who gave up his job grading potatoes because deciding whether they were large or small was such a strain on his mind. The so-called new potatoes on the market now make me sympathize with the grader. When ever I start preparing them for cooking I don't know whether to treat them as one does old potatoes. Usually I begin with scraping, get tired of taking off tough skin that way

and finish by peeling. But the scraped ones are better.

With school vacation right upon us, there are probably many mothers deeply grateful that vacation Bible schools will open soon and take care of the children for two weeks' mornings. Not to mention what will be learned during the two weeks, the little ones will be off mother's hands and well cared for; which is no small consideration.

My husband woke from sleep with a groan. "I have had the most terrible dream," he explained. "I thought I went somewhere to preach, and just as I walked to the pulpit found I did not have any sermon."

I told him not to worry; that a great many preachers had done that when it was not a dream. Some of them didn't find it out.

My husband and I went last Friday night to Middlesex school to hear the recital given by piano and voice pupils of Mrs. Lineberger of Wilson, who has a class at Middlesex. It's not to be de-

nied that the main cause of our going was to hear granddaughter Lynne play a simplified version of Liebestraume; but it should also be said that we enjoyed the entire program. Stage decorations were beautiful. Nowhere else have I seen quite so large floor baskets of larkspur and other flowers. Entrance was under a trellised arch entwined with rambler roses. And a basket of flowers near the piano with the large bowl of red and pink roses and Queen Ann's lace which sort of presided from the top of the instrument would have held my attention a long time, even if nothing else could have been seen or heard.

On Saturday Mrs. Lineberger's class at Middlesex went to Atlantic Christian College and repeated their program. At least three other Nash County schools sent music classes, and the recital lasted for hours. Lynne declared that the concert grand on which they played at A. C. C. was "so long that when you sat down at it you couldn't even see the ends." Had I been one of the performers, I think I couldn't have seen the middle either. Trying to play before anyone scares me out of all reason.

Economic Highlights

Those who are bewildered by the fact that the Federal government can't seem to make both ends meet, no matter how great its tax revenues are, would do well to read — and reread — a piece in the May 1 issue of Newsweek called "Well, It's Only Money." It deals with Senator Paul Douglas' brave but wholly ineffectual effort to do something about a \$1,565,000,000 rivers and harbors bill.

These bills are the traditional pork-barrel measures. As Newsweek puts it, "The whole principle is: 'Don't ask questions. You vote for my project, and I'll vote for yours.'" Partisanship is forgotten as the bills are rushed through and every state is given its share of the pork. Senator Douglas, who was formerly a college professor and who made a distinguished record as a volunteer Marine combat officer when he was past 50, generally favors the philosophies that are associated with the "New Deal" and the "Fair Deal." However, Senator

Douglas also hates waste, unbalanced budgets, and the kind of political cynicism which creates them.

As Newsweek says, "Douglas didn't ask the Senate to cut the pork from the bill . . . All he requested was elimination of the baloney." Even this would have reduced the appropriation by more than half. The Senator explained precisely why the projects he wanted to kill — including two in his own state of Illinois — were wasteful. And here is what resulted, again in Newsweek's words: "Each amendment was greeted with raucous laughter. Each was howled down, and some of the loudest shouts were from those Republican and Southern Democrats who moan most about economy between appropriations bills. Only one voice was raised in support of Douglas — by Democratic Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia who pointed out that, unless whittled down, the rivers and harbors bill eventually would cost

the nation \$30,000,000,000 . . .

"While the Senate was laughing at Douglas, the House also demonstrated that in Congress economy is a word that rhymes with hypocrisy . . . The only savings effected were a 10 per cent reduction in the \$12,000,000 Federal contribution to the District of Columbia, which has no votes, and the elimination of a \$7,000,000 contract authorization for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, for which there was no basic authorizing legislation anyway."

Newsweek went on to say that the 1951 Federal deficit is now likely to reach the incredible figure of \$7,300,000,000. It is a common political practice to claim that this is the result of such costly undertakings as the national defense, the rebuilding and rearming of Western Europe, and so on. But Congress' unbridled amusement when Senator Douglas attempted to take the baloney out of just one bill indicates how empty that claims.

Tar Heel Farm Facts

The 1950 National 4-H Club Camp will be held in Washington, June 14-21. North Carolina will be represented by two boys and two girls to be selected on the basis of their outstanding record in club work.

Farmers and business interests of Columbus and Brunswick counties are cooperating in an intensive program to improve the quality of sweet potato seed stock being bedded this year.

Cleveland County farmers are expected to increase their turkey production to about 7,000 this year as compared with a total of about 2,000 in 1949.

In average beef herds, less than one set of identical twins occurs in every 2,000 births.

Turkeys brought farmers 31.6 cents a pound live-weight in February compared with 44.1 cents a year earlier.

Farm fence post treatment is proving highly popular with Wayne County farmers, who to date have ordered enough materials to treat an estimated 360,000 posts.

Pastures seeded by Gates County Negro farmers are in good condition at the present time.

A total of 41 young rural Americans have been selected to spend this summer on farms in 15 or more European countries as participants in the International Farm Youth Exchange project.

Sheep production has proved to be a profitable sideline for Jack Camp, Jr., Rutherford County dairyman. Starting with 14 ewes, he has sold and used at home \$263.70 worth of meat and wool in just one year's time. He has kept his feed costs low by growing plenty of Ladino clover and orchard grass pasture.

The early lamb crop is estimated to be 2 per cent larger than that of last year. If an increase is shown, it will be the first in nine years.

Nearly 85 million acres of wheat were grown in the United States last year. The 1950 crop is expected to be less than 73 million acres.

Cattle numbers in the U. S. increased about two million head in 1949.

Records of cash receipts from farm marketing show that only five states topped the billion-dollar mark in 1949 as compared with 11 states in 1948, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Cotton consumption in the United Kingdom has been increasing steadily since the war and is expected to reach 2,150,000 bales during the 1949-50 season.