

## The General's Campaign

Just as a good bunch of football players are easily molded into a good football team, thereby making a good coach; so can good troops make a leader into a good general or a good general into an excellent leader. The American soldier has a hard-earned reputation for being a superior fighting man, and the names of those men who have led them are many, including General Dwight Eisenhower, one of the greatest leaders ever to have served his country.

The good general is finding the game of politics considerably different from the game of war. No longer is iron discipline the rule. No longer is the commander the only voice to speak. No longer can authority and responsibility be delegated and blame placed where it belongs. For the game of politics is a complicated, ruleless contest where virtue does not necessarily triumph and showmanship frequently outdoes statesmanship in attracting votes.

Too, General Eisenhower's troops are not of the caliber of those valiant men who followed him unquestioningly in Europe. Many of them swear allegiance to no one man, but only to personal gain. They speak with many voices and many minds, and when the General stands to speak, he can expect certain of his cohorts to punch holes in his arguments and kick the props out from under his campaign.

The good general has a lot to learn, and while his knowledge of the innerworking of politics is increasing, the members of the Republican Party seem to attempt to complicate his education rather than expedite the process. This is standard practice for the Republicans, who would change the present system of government which has brought prosperity to the country for a mass of promises.

## Watch Those Children

Schools over the country have been in session for only a couple of weeks and already the newspapers are carrying tragic stories of school bus accidents and highway deaths in which school children are involved. Too often it is a careless and reckless driver who paints the highways red with the blood of innocent children. Too often it is the absent-minded man behind the wheel who permanently cripples a child too young to know the dangers of the highways.

With the roads crowded with a record number of children going to and from school each day, it is important that every person exercise extreme caution whenever on the highways, because, whether it be our fault or not, none of us want to go through the rest of our lives knowing that we have caused death and heartbreak which might have been avoided.

## Correct Emphasis Important

The refusal of folks to support a losing team is again evident this year, even though the gridiron season has just begun. Everybody likes a winner, but nobody likes a loser and nobody goes to see a loser play except the losers themselves. This attitude makes difficult the task of those who would use athletic competition as a means of increasing the character of the players, because without the financial support provided by paying spectators, there can be no athletic competition.

The truth of the matter is that at most high school athletic contests the players exhibit more and better sportsmanship than their supporters along the sidelines. When the play becomes rough and tumble, it is usually the spectators who would incite a row rather than the players in the game.

Whenever school patrons will accept the fact that somebody has to lose in nearly every game, and that nobody can win all the time, and whenever school patrons realize that there are more important things involved in sports than a long string of victories, then those who guide the destinies of high school athletic teams can concentrate on the character of their players rather than the "win-at-all-costs" attitude of their teams.

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## Uncle Ferd's Almanac

Judging starts at the Five County Fair at 10 o'clock this morning, with fruit, tobacco, needlework, and hundreds of other items getting the once-over from judges. Sixteen years ago today there was similar judging at the Wakefield Home Demonstration Club, with the canned goods of Mrs. Sanford Joyner and Mrs. S. H. Hoyle being rated taps in the community.

The next item is published in the admittedly forlorn hope of enlightening Mr. Arthur Ferrell, Little River Township's leading (and almost only) Republican.

The last time a Republican general was elected president was in 1368 when U. S. Grant and the railroad lobby turned the trick. Within a year money was worth so little, it was hard to tell whether the Yankees or Rebels had won the war. Eighty-three years ago, for instance, a gold dollar cost \$1.44 in paper money. Silver coin was likewise high.

Now, in the unhappy event that the railroad lobby wins this election and puts General Eisenhower in the White House, I hope Mr. Arthur will understand the reason why Vance Brown gives him just seven dimes when he asks for change for a dollar bill.

Fourteen years ago today Willard Morris scored a touchdown on a 2-yard plunge to enable the Wakelon gridders to beat Jimmy Gerow's Raleigh outfit, 7-0. A pass from Robert Lee Kimball to Thurman Pate and a line plunge by Vasser Eddings set up the score.

John Paul Jones, the celebrated yachtsman, made his famous reply to the commander of the British ship, "Serapis," 173 years ago

today. Mr. Jones, captain of the Americans' "Bonhomme Richard," was obviously beaten in a naval engagement with the "Serapis," whose captain invited him to surrender.

"Why, shucks, I have just begun to fight," said Mr. Jones; and sure enough, he had. He kept fighting long enough to whip the "Serapis," to the intense embarrassment and mortification of the British captain.



Checking the Zodiac, I note that today is the first day of Libra, the period represented by a pair of scales. The constellation representing Libra used to be overhead this time of year, but in the past 3,000 years has moved smack dab into the middle of Scorpio, the next sign of the Zodiac.

Originally Libra represented the period between summer and winter, which hang in the balance this time of year. When the scale tips toward winter, water spills out and it rains; when the scale tips back toward summer, more water spills out, and it rains some more—thus late September is always cold and wet, or hot and wet. The only way to enjoy this time

of year is to get in an air conditioned room and pretend it's October.

People born under the sign of Libra are not apt to leap before they look. In fact, they are not apt to leap at all. They weigh all sides of a problem, and spend so much time considering every aspect, that their decisions, while sound, often come too late to do any good. Thus people born this time of year seldom make good soldiers, but they make excellent lawyers, ministers and teachers. Libra-ists are often good bridge players, but they slow a game down considerably. They make good baseball pitchers, but are apt to walk a lot of batters, especially lead-off men.

Libra-ists make lousy shortstops. I saw one in action out at Wichita in a game his team was winning by a 4-1 score in the last of the ninth. With the bases loaded and two out, the batter hit an easy grounder to this shortstop, and true to form, the Libra-ist considered the relative advantages of throwing to first, second, third, or home for the game-ending play. Unfortunately he spent so much time weighing advantages and disadvantages that all four runners scored, and by the time he decided the best thing for him to do was to keep the ball and step on second base, it wasn't there—the groundskeeper had gotten tired of waiting, taken up the bases, and gone home.

Don't ever let a person born under Libra catch you doing wrong; he'll turn you in for sure. Thus a Libra-ist makes a good sheriff, but a poor politician.

## Seen and Heard

We saw a very effective illustrated folder telling why a stay in the hospital (any hospital) costs so much. It pictured the nurse, surgical nurse, laboratory technician, pharmacist, medical records librarian, and a host of others needed to care for a patient.

We here at the print shop could apply a similar attack in our own advertising. "How come my tickets cost so much?" is a question we hear from folks sponsoring barbecues. We could answer them something like this:

"Well, there are a whole lot of folks and machinery involved in getting out those tickets. We have to employ a bookkeeper, a linotype

machine operator, a compositor, a make-up man, a pressman, a cutting machine operator, a shipping room clerk, and somebody to clean up after them all. Then we have to use a \$6,000 linotype machine, a \$500 saw, a \$3,000 press, a \$2,500 paper cutter, and we have to pay for the lights, power, and heat during the time the work is being done. And you complain about paying \$4.60 for 200 tickets!"

Truthfully, the printing industry has to use more expensive equipment to turn out a single, one-of-a-kind job than any other business we know.

Are days and years shorter than they used to be; do hours pass

faster than ten years ago; or am I just growing older?

Everybody has enough troubles without our trying to burden them with a story of our own.

Although it requires a college degree to teach in the public schools, we are finding out more and more that the best educated person is not necessarily the best teacher.

I've seen Ph. D.'s who did not have the ability to teach, and I've seen people who never went further than sixth grade who made superior instructors. Teaching is a talent which may be developed but cannot be acquired.

## Turpentine Drippin's

### Most Everything

(Asheboro Courier-Tribune)

Young lady came in Sat'day wanting some lime. "No, Ma'am, don't have it." "Thought you had everything," she said.

Young feller from Worthville dropped in Monday. "Have any washboards?" "Sorry, the factory went out of business," I told him.

Town's getting sorry. No plate hangers, no fiddle bow, resin, no chin rests, no snath bolts, and no washboards.

### The Capitol's Stone

(News and Observer)

Some weeks ago, in writing about the stone used in the Capitol, we mentioned that State Geologist J. L. Stuckey said he didn't know the origin of the stone used in the trim of the new Highway Commission Building.

The stone for the trim is known as Crystal Gray granite" and was selected by Architect Allen J. Maxwell, Jr., of Goldsboro. Mr. Maxwell said the dark polished granite was selected for spandrel material to form the background for ornamental grille work mainly because of the color. After reading the item here Mr. Maxwell wrote the Cold Spring Granite Co. in Minnesota, from whom the material was obtained, which replied that the granite is obtained from a quarry on the bank of the Sauk River between Cold Spring and St. Cloud in Minnesota. For a long time Crystal Gray granite has been used for monuments and it was only in recent years that it was developed into a building stone. The company told Mr. Maxwell, "Yours was, we believe, one of the first building granite jobs to come out of this quarry."

Mr. Maxwell says that the original plan was for the ornamental grille work on the new building on Capitol Square to be of bronze, but this had to be changed to aluminum because of the Korean War.

### Higher in Bottles

(Charlotte News)

The clerk said, "\$8.97, please." The customer at the check-out point of the self-service grocery store said, "My goodness, what for?"

"Well," said the clerk, pointing to a \$2.85 bottle of imported sherry and a case of beer, "that's over \$6."

Said the customer, "What am I gonna tell my wife when she comes home from her vacation and finds I've spent over \$60 in ten days for groceries?"