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—James Boyd, May 23, 1941.

In The Interest of Fairness

Senator Nixon's recent network attack on Governor Stevenson on the basis of the deposition for Hiss makes repetition of the few and simple facts concerning this document essential, at the risk of tediousness.

We ask that our Democratic, Republican and independent readers alike take note of the editorial reprinted below from the New York Times, an outstanding paper which is pro-Eisenhower, yet is endeavoring in this case to maintain its 100-year-old reputation for fairness.

Other Eisenhower adherents would do well to follow suit, among them Senator Nixon, who beyond doubt knows the truth, and the legal responsibility which was entailed, yet chooses to distort them for his campaign interests.

Distortion, one is forced to note, is essential if anyone is to impugn the patriotism of Adlai Stevenson. There is nothing whatsoever in his character, background, record or pronouncements to justify such a smear, and everything to prove it a complete and poisonous fabrication.

Governor Stevenson gave a deposition that Hiss' reputation at the time he worked with him (about 1935) was good. He did this voluntarily only in that it was an alternative to being subpoenaed. It was some time later that Hiss was made president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on the recommendation of John Foster Dulles, Republican statesman who served as longtime foreign-policy advisor to the Administration and who is now serving the Republican campaign along these lines.

It was also revealed this week that in 1948, while Hiss was president of the Carnegie Endowment, and Dulles was chairman, General Eisenhower became a member of the board of trustees. This was many years after Hiss' early beginnings when he and Stevenson were both young men; in 1948 he was mired deep in the conspiracy which was to lay him low only two years later.

Publishing the official question-and-answer deposition in full, the New York Times said last week:

Elsewhere in The Times today we publish, as a matter of news interest to our readers, the text of the deposition made by Governor Stevenson as a character witness for Alger Hiss during the first Hiss trial. Mr. Stevenson had been asked by the Hiss defense to appear in person. When he said that the press of official business would preclude that, he agreed to testify by deposition. After reviewing the extent and nature of his association with Mr. Hiss, Governor Stevenson was asked whether he had known other persons who had known Mr. Hiss, and whether, "from the speech of those persons," he could "state what the reputation of Alger Hiss is for integrity, loyalty and veracity." Governor Stevenson's reply, on each of these three points, was "Good."

It is the contention of Senator Nixon, advanced in his radio speech on Monday evening, that since this deposition was made some months after the so-called "pumpkin papers" came to light, Governor Stevenson was guilty of bad judgment in making the answers he gave and, furthermore, open to criticism on the ground that he permitted "the prestige of a great state and the Governor of that state (to be) thrown in behalf of the defendant in this case." We think that Mr. Nixon is wrong on both counts, and that the correct view was stated yesterday by a group of 22 well-known lawyers who said, in a joint statement, also published this morning: "In accordance with the provisions of our laws governing such matters, this testimony related only to the reputation of Hiss, based on what the governor had heard other people say. In our view as lawyers, the governor acted properly in this matter and did what any good citizen should have done under the circumstances."

We agree, and point out that this group of 22 includes supporters of General Eisenhower as well as of Governor Stevenson.

A Reminder

Republicans and Democrats who may be feeling sour and discouraged over some aspects of the campaign, may find solace in an article in the current Saturday Review of Literature. The author is John Mason Brown, one of the best writers and most

high-minded newspapermen writing today.

Mr. Brown spent several days travelling first with the General and then with the Governor. He prefaces the article, in which he compares the effect the two men made on him and his colleagues, with this statement. We submit that it is one we might well all bear in mind:

Saying that an election year is "the open season for mudslinging, for prejudice at its most violent and abuse at its ugliest," Mr. Brown goes on: "It is hard to see how anyone making a pretense to fair-mindedness can fail to admit, even as the campaign grows in heat, that the General and the Governor are both men whose goodness and modesty are beyond question. They are determined to clean up 'the mess in Washington'. They are equally honest, equally concerned with efficient government. . . . Each is animated by the same genuine patriotism. Each has the same passion for peace. And both are so outstanding that the country can count itself fortunate in having them to choose between."

Of course, we are not voting just for the two men: we are voting for the parties they represent and most of us feel very deeply about that. But, as Mr. Brown says, let us never forget how lucky we are in the two men who head the parties.

To which we add: above all, let us ever be aware how lucky we are that on November 4, we shall be voting freely, just as, during this campaign, we may talk or write freely, as each one has a mind. No fear of losing friends, no fear of losing a job, if we disagree with those around us. For this is America.

Would Marshall Break Silence?

We wish it could be possible for General Marshall to make a non-partisan appearance on radio and television, to tell the truth concerning a number of matters which have become very much a part of the current presidential campaign.

Since he has been dragged into the campaign willy-nilly, and since some of the most controversial matters are those concerning which he admittedly knows more than any man living, his word concerning them should be a help to voters in making up their minds.

We should like to hear him tell about the China situation, about Europe, about Korea, as he saw them and knows them. We feel that the word of this great soldier and patriot would have great weight in clearing up the record, and that all his listeners, of whatever political affiliation, or none, would know his words for truth.

This should be done in the interests of a fair election, with both political parties sharing the cost.

In all the contumely which has raged about his name and actions, General Marshall has remained silent, but his heart must often have been heavy and he must have wondered, "Is it for this I worked and strove?"

We feel it unlikely, however, he could be persuaded to speak, as desirable a thing as this would be. It might be construed as a partisan move, and the General, as is appropriate to military men, has held himself aloof from partisan politics.

And by now he has had opportunity to see, as have others of us, to our sadness, what happens to a great military figure when he plunges into the political whirl.

Confusion—And Some Chuckles

What a confused business this campaign is! If it weren't such a serious thing, though, there would be a good many laughs tucked away in all the talk and furor.

The latest chuckle comes to us through the New York Daily News, a strong Eisenhower paper, which has just revealed the fact that there are, according to the News, no less than nine Communists teaching in Eisenhower's University of Columbia. One might be tempted to believe that the general had slipped up on his homework. The Great Crusader, who is to clean Senator McCarthy's 205, no. 57, Communists out of the State Department, has, to judge by this tale, failed to sweep up his own backyard.

One might believe that, if one didn't have a sense of humor and a knowledge of the facts. It is generally known that General Eisenhower knows very little about Columbia. He has been absent from his post a great deal, of necessity, but even when he lived on the campus, during his active term as president, he remained apart from the academic life, surrounded by his military staff, and never in close touch with professors or students.

But he, and his followers, should be a little wary of "discovering" communism where none exists, while failing to act on what goes on right under their noses.

OUR COUNTRY IS STRONG

Some say we are short of this, or failing at that. But we know that the strength is there—because a country is not like a chain, only as strong as its weakest link. A country's strength is the total of all its past and people, and all their determination for the future. That is the strength we have—and can always count on.

No. 27—Do You Know Your Old Southern Pines?



This old copperplate was found in our batch of old cuts of Southern Pines, but whether the scene is here or somewhere else in the vicinity, we don't know. It is apparently the predecessor of our local hospitals—perhaps, most directly, of

the Sanatorium. In any case, it would probably rate as the Sandhills' first building with complete air-conditioning.

Any clues? Please let us know!

Grains of Sand

If you want to see beautiful autumn foliage such as you read about, it isn't necessary to pack your clothes and head for the mountains. . . just get in your car and drive out in any direction. One of our favorite fall drives in Moore County is the road from Pinehurst to Carthage. . . the view around some of the curves is gorgeous.

But a car isn't an absolute necessity. A walk around the block can be a rewarding adventure. Water for maple, sycamore, sweetgum and poplar trees, and if you come across sumac and sourwood, so much the better. Our summer joy—crepe myrtle—should not be omitted, for at present some specimens are already a soft, deep red, while others gaily flaunt the Christmassy combination of red and green. And the dogwoods! Have you ever seen them so heavily laden with berries. . . giving a jewel-studded appearance to their reddish fall garb. Their pyracantha neighbors, some with orange, others with red pomes, are this year really and truly "fire thorns," adding their beauty to the autumn scene.

The most interesting pet combination we've seen in a long time is that of **Neill McLean** of Vass—a crow and a dog. The crow follows the dog around the place—or is it vice versa—and they get along beautifully together. If the crow chances to get hold of a morsel that the dog wants, he takes it, and "Snapper" gives up good-naturedly.

The crow was given to Mr. McLean when it was quite small and taming it was a matter of only a few weeks. It now eats from his hand without fear.

Miss Vera Clay, a most charming young lady from the Washington bureau of Newsweek, was our companion during most of a recent day when she came here to interview Mrs. **Ernest Ives**.

It was her first visit to Southern Pines and we took pleasure in showing off the downtown sights of our beloved little metropolis. It so happened that that day was just about our first one out after an operation and convalescence. Everywhere we went, up and down Broad street, into stores and restaurants, there were cheery greetings from friends with questions as to how we felt, and comments on how well we were looking.

We loved it, of course, and as for Miss Clay, this constituted what she declared was one of the nicest experiences in her whole life. "How wonderful," she said, "to live in a place where people care how you are! I think this must be the most neighborly town in all the world."

She had already decided it was just about the prettiest, and we happily affirmed both of these superlatives, in regard to Southern Pines.

We have heard some people say this isn't a friendly town. We don't agree. We feel it's the friendliest place in the world, and we're glad to be back in circulation in it.

Miss Clay's story about "Buffie," by the way, should be on the newstands today. It was due in the issue dated October 13, but **Mamie Eisenhower** showed up instead; in the next issue, dated October 20, **Senator Sparkman** was the featured subject. If "Buffie" doesn't show up this week, we're going to raise a plaintive howl.

virtue of being the sister of a Presidential nominee and potential White House hostess.

Of all the stories we have seen about her, one in the Herald Tribune magazine was, we think, the best, pictures and all. Colliers also had a nice one, with very lovely color illustrations.

Somehow, though, both interviewers and photographers are missing the essence of "Buffie." Her vivacious personality and glancing wit are difficult to capture on paper, as is the mobility of her very expressive face.

After her interview, our Newsweek reporter agreed with the right story had not yet been done, and she wondered if she would be able, herself, to catch and pin down that quicksilver lady in type. "And if I do," she sighed, "my editors are apt to butcher it. I never know what they're going to cut out, or how much."

We're looking forward to that story!

Miss Clay herself would make a good subject for an interview. A Barnard graduate, who modeled for Vogue in her college days, she's a really beautiful girl. She presented quite a picture, with her long blond hair flowing from beneath a dark green hat in the new scoop shape, and wearing a tweed suit as a good-looking and practical reporter's outfit.

She is political reporter for Newsweek, and has interviewed Churchill and other topflight personalities in politics. Assigned regularly to the White House detail, she was one of those alerted at 1 a. m. to the President's press conference at which the firing of MacArthur was announced. Her career is studded with such historic moments.

She got her job during the war, simply by walking in the door of Newsweek and asking for it. (Not as political reporter—she worked up to that.) Her assignments take her all over the country. But when she walked into the Pilot office, she sighed, "This is what I've always wanted. A job on a smalltown weekly. Tell you what—you take my job, and give me yours!"

Folks, at that moment you almost got a new reporter, with blonde curls and a green scoop hat.

School Cafeteria

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October 27-31

MONDAY

Barbecued Wieners
Sauerkraut
Whipped Potatoes
Fruited Gelatin
Wiener Bun, Margarine
Milk

TUESDAY

Spaghetti, Meat Tomato Sauce
Snap Beans
Cheese Sticks
Vanilla Peach Pudding
Wheat Bread, Margarine
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Turkey a la King on
Hot Buttered Rice
Garden Peas
Homemade Biscuits
Margarine, Honey
Milk

THURSDAY

Vegetable Soup
Pimento Cheese Sandwich
Raw Carrot Sticks
Spice Cake
Crackers, Margarine
Milk

FRIDAY

Baked Macaroni—Aged Cheese
Pork Seasoned Dry Beans
Cabbage—Sweet Pepper Slaw
Wheat Bread, Margarine
Cup of Preserves, Milk

Flora Macdonald Homecoming Day Slated Saturday

Annual Homecoming Day program for the Flora Macdonald College alumnae will be held at the college Saturday, according to announcement from Mrs. L. Franklyn Jones of Wilmington, alumnae president.

The program, which will begin at 11 o'clock, will include an address by Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., dean of the college; a group of sons by Mrs. J. W. Ware (Betty Kerr), an alumna; piano solo by Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., dean of the Conservatory; the presentation of a drawing of old Floral College, done by a member of the art class at the old college in 1844; and Scottish songs and dances by college students.

The business meeting will be held immediately after the program, and luncheon will be served in the dining hall at 1 p. m. At 2 o'clock, the alumnae will be hostesses to the faculty at a coffee hour in the college parlors.

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