

Editorial and Opinion

One Thing We Like

There are many things one can like about the recent platform announced by gubernatorial candidate William B Umstead, which he entitled "A Program For Building And Serving North Carolina For A Better Tomorrow." It is the purpose of this piece to mention only one.

We were glad that Mr. Umstead recognized the concept that there is higher authority than the governor's office in the affairs of this state. At times some of our chief executives have not appeared to realize the existence of such authority.

In this connection Mr. Umstead wrote: "All legislation must be passed by the General Assembly. The Governor of North Carolina has no veto power. If nominated and elected Governor, it will be my purpose to seek the counsel and cooperation of the Members of the General Assembly in all matters pertaining to legislation for our common welfare."

"I shall make no recommendations which I feel cannot be carried out. Based on the facts now before me, and subject to the platform of the Democratic Party to be adopted at the State Convention."

National 4-H Club Week

National 4-H Club Week, being observed this week in Orange County and throughout the nation, is a week to inform the public of the objectives and value of 4-H Club work and to deepen the loyalties of its members. National Club work opportunities offered to rural boys and girls through the 4-H Club organization. It may also go far in reassuring us that cultivation of the land is man's most important labor. At this time a special effort is made by 4-H Club boys and girls to tell the story of their work to friends throughout the nation.

We invite your attention to further evidence of this effort on another page of this edition.

This year 4-H has as its theme, "Serving as Loyal Citizens Through 4-H." With this theme in mind, throughout 1952 they will strive to better themselves, their communities, state, and nation.

During this week as some of you travel your county and state, you will be confronted with examples of the splendid 4-H work being carried on by the 4-H members. You will notice boys and girls everywhere calling to the attention of the public their work in improving the four H's - Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. There will be special chapel programs in many of the schools, displays in store windows, exhibits and in some communities parades, and radio programs featuring their work. There will also be concrete proof of the fine project work and latest practices in agriculture and homemaking.

As these boys and girls work with much zeal and energy in preparing displays, exhibits, and radio programs, they are training themselves to be loyal citizens and leaders for tomorrow. This is of vital importance and is justification enough in proclaiming National 4-H Club Week.

Four-H Club work has given millions of youth an opportunity to improve their lives through a program that has been planned for them and one that meets their needs. Club work has made a definite contribution to the strength of the nation and it is with pride that 4-H Club members everywhere honor their organization during this week.

Oversized Government And Results

There is such a thing as a law of diminishing returns, in morals, as well as in economics.

A hue-and-cry of popular indignation over some conspicuous case of proved wrongdoing in government is justified and natural. But it will accomplish little permanent good if the underlying causes of the wrongdoing remain untouched.

The only effective remedy is to hack away at the overgrown jungle, to cut the activities of government down to reasonable size, to paraphrase for the present time the resolution of the British Parliament in the reign of George III: "That the power of the Crown has increased, is increasing, and should be diminished."

Some functions of controlling the lives of American citizens which the Federal bureaucracy has arrogated to itself during the last twenty years should be cropped altogether. Others should be transferred to state and local agencies.

It is high time that a responsible political opposition should begin to think along these lines, and to work out a program of decontrol and decentralization, not couched in generalities, but spelled out in practical details. American voters are somewhat immunized by long experience to the conventional denunciation of the rascalities of the party in power by the party out of power. Too often a change of faces has not meant much in terms of a change in methods.

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Recently a host of friends attended the funeral of William Henry Belk. The minister quoted the words from II Samuel 3, 38 "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" Others have spoken and written at length upon the achievements of this merchant prince, philanthropist, and churchman. I would speak of the one characteristic which most impressed me as I served for fourteen years under the Board of Trustees of which he was a leading and active member. It was his gentleness.

Mr. Belk was a strong man in every sense of the word. I marveled that he could remember details about the college operations so clearly over so long a time. The strength of his mind was retained to the end. It must have been irksome to him at times to listen patiently to the opinions of others at board meetings, yet never did he show impatience nor assume the role of one who dictates decisions. At the first board meeting I attended I was surprised and deeply impressed by the unusual consideration he showed for the feelings and opinions of others. He seemed to go to such great pains to be kind and understanding. Sometime he seemed almost timid in presenting his views, because he was so respectful of the views of others. There is a great old title in the English language which has sometimes lost its original lustre because it has been applied to so many in a merely formal way. The word is gentleman. Mr. Belk was a gentleman. His gentleness was not an outward veneer. It came from a heart which had drunk deep of the teachings of Christianity such as: "Put them in mind -- to be gentle" (Titus 3:2) "But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children." (I Thess. 2:7 "And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves," (II Tim. 2:24) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith--" (Gal. 5:22)

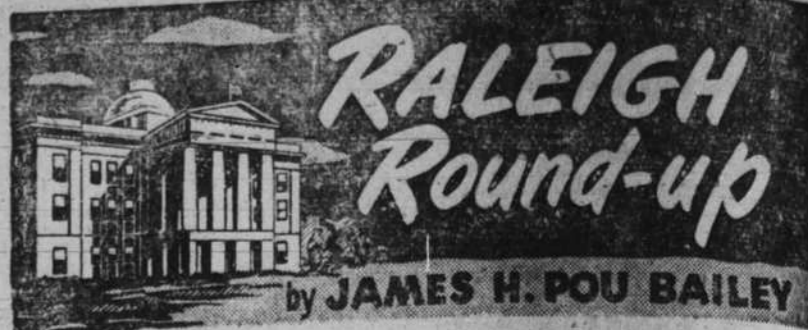


How To Spoil A Good Dish!



For most trees and shrubs the best time to apply fertilizer is at the time the buds begin to swell or when spring is just around the corner. At this time the plants are beginning active root growth and leaf development and are able to make use of the soluble salts in the fertilizers. An exception to this rule would be azaleas which should be fertilized as soon as they are through blooming. Although there is some variation in the requirements of different shrubs it is usually safe to apply 3 to 4 pounds of a 6-8-6 or 5-10-5 mixed fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed space or from 1/2 pound to 1 pound around each shrub where planted separately according to the size of the shrub. A 6-8-6 fertilizer means that it contains 6 per cent of available nitrogen, 8 per cent of available phosphoric acid and 6 per cent of available potash. The fertilizer should be thoroughly raked into the soil under the shrubs and watered in if the soil is dry. For azaleas, camellias and other acid-loving plants there are special acid-reacting fertilizers, or a mixture containing one-third sulphate of ammonia and two-thirds cottonseed meal may be used.

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Too Busy. . . Presidential Candidate Richard Russell of Winder, Ga., agreed last fall to speak at the annual meeting of the N. C. Citizens Association to be held here around the middle of March. Lloyd Griffin, able executive vice president of the organization, watched him climb up the paper in importance during January and most of February. It began to look as if Russell cap the climax of important Citizens speakers which have included James F. Byrnes and Harry Flood Byrd.

A few days ago Griffin, worried, got a letter off to Russell just to nail him down. He wouldn't be mailed, in the Senate, and would have to go back to his old rule of refusing speaking engagements hither and yon when the Senate was in session. Time was when senators could lead a rather leisurely existence. No more. Conservative members feel they must be in Washington at all hours to protect themselves and the country from further Fair Dealings.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina's old faithful and no doubt a better speaker than a dozen Russells, has agreed to run down from Washington for the event.

A few days after Griffin received the negative reply from Russell, the Georgia gentleman announced for the President. Now he is in demand throughout the South, and may have to forget his serious-senatoring for a spell.

For Him. . . Russell didn't go tramping off after the Dixiecrats in 1948, stayed right in his own backyard, grumbling by loyal North Carolina's two senators are for him. You may also observe some of our Congressman announcing they will support Russell, one of 12 children, whose brothers include a college professor, a Federal judge, a physician, and a minister.

Our prediction is that the majority of North Carolina's delegates to the Democratic National Convention this summer will take a firm stand in the corner of Dick Russell, a South gentleman, Suh.

Cars. . . Latest information we have is that there is one motor vehicle to each four people in North Carolina, including men, women, and children.

Despite Ford's calient efforts to move up with Chevrolet, success seemed as distant as ever in 1951 -- at least here in North Carolina. This, despite the fact that if you are as much as 30 or 40 years old, you can easily remember the day when it was something of a disgrace to own a "blamed old chivverlay". If memory faileth not, this was about 1922-24, and before General Motors took over Chevrolet. Never mind. Thousands of folks now living can recall when a fellow would look at the ground like an egg-sucking hound if he owned one, be it regular or baby grand.

Last year, according to a check we have just made with the State registration files on new automobiles sold in the State, Chevrolet led Ford by 22,123 to 18,903. In third place was Plymouth with 10,073. Then came Buick at 7,900. In fifth position was Pontiac, 6,911. Dodge ranked sixth at 5,264. Then came Oldsmobile with 4,824; Mercury, 4,795; Studebaker, 3,898; Chrysler, 2,080; Nash, 1,990; De Soto, 1,830; Henry J, 1,800; Cadillac, 1,505; Hudson, 1,380; Packard, 1,196; Kaiser, 806; Lincoln, 474; Willys, 372; Crosley, 154; and miscellaneous, 375.

In North Carolina last year, 98,831 new cars and 29,448 new trucks were sold.

In January of this year, Chevrolet led Ford by 1,504 to 1,044. Plymouth sold 871 and Buick 571. Nash is soon expected to come out with "the most beautiful ever built" in the hope of getting up into the Big Ten, crowding out Chrysler or Studebaker.

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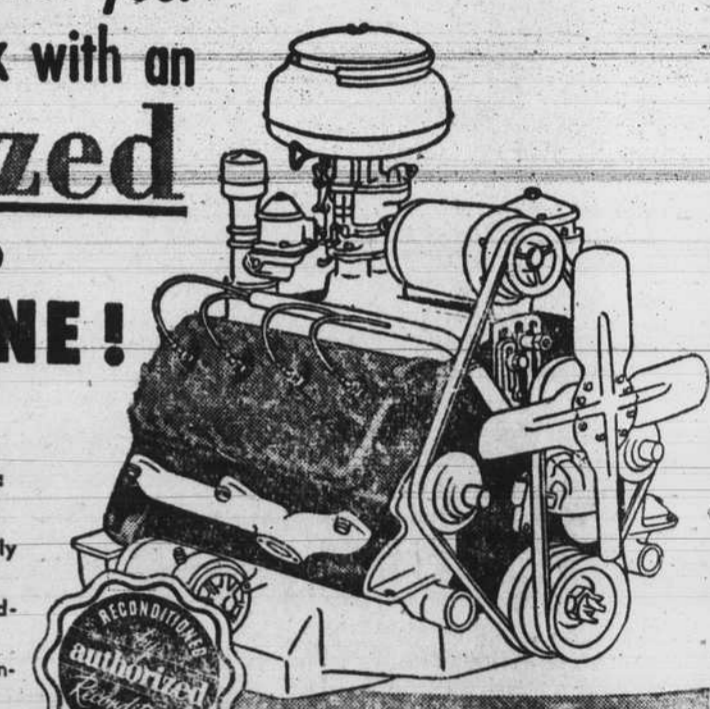
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