

Editorial and Opinion

Potomac Fever

Senator Richard Brevard Russell, Georgia Democrat, had been built up by his party's dissident Dixie division as the South's white hope in the forthcoming election. The good Russell had gone so far as to take upon himself the mantle of Senator Harry Flood Byrd, of Virginia, and Governor James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, two of the most partisanly Southern men in present day political life. Now, however, the Georgia Senator has succumbed completely to a bad case of Potomac Fever, and has let his sponsors down with a bang.

When Byrd, Byrnes, Hoey, Smith and other like-minded Southern politicians boomed Russell as the Democratic Presidential nominee, they knew that the Georgian had no chance of actually being nominated by the Fair Deal-packed Democratic convention. They knew that Americans for Democratic Action, the CIO and AFL, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and other organizations, would never accept an avowedly States Rights Southerner as the party's standard bearer in the forthcoming Presidential election. Russell was merely a stalking horse, a bargaining point, and a rallying cause.

In his early campaign utterances, Russell was forthright in his opposition to FEPC, and attendant civil rights measures, sponsored by the Humphrey-Ewing wing of the party. He stood adamantly by his decision to refuse to run on a platform which included the civil rights stand of the 1948 program.

Up until that time it would seem that Russell was playing his stalking horse role to the hilt. He was being an honest Southerner, blustering about his opposition to Humphreyized civil rights legislation.

But just as he was all set, and Byrd and Byrnes were enjoying some hearty anti-Truman chuckles, Potomac Fever hit Russell. He decided he wanted to actually be President.

One of the most easily recognized symptoms of Potomac Fever is an early delirium on the part of the patient that he actually has a good chance of being nominated and elected President. About the time of his battle with Senator Kefauver for Florida's delegates, Russell went into his period of delirium, and announced that he, and only he, was a sure winner against either Taft or Eisenhower.

In one of his briefly lucid periods the Senator realized that he had to take a leaf from Kefauver's book, and say that while he personally was against all the civil rights proposals, he'd stand on them, if the Fair Deal Convention wrote them into the platform.

When the GOP nominated Eisenhower and the Democrats got more jittery, Russell and the South's bargaining position got still stronger but Russell's fever really struck at this point. He decided Taft-Hartley, the bane of big labor, had to go. This struck consternation into the ranks of the Southland's stalwarts as well as among sympathizers elsewhere. Political doubletalk never quite covered the breach. The South's best bargaining agent in years had fallen victim of Potomac fever.

P.S. If subsequent events in the convention just beginning as this is being written make the foregoing slightly on the inaccurate side, we'll make our apologies now. We doubt that they will.

How Cheap Can Talk Get

While Administration yes-men battle for a "strong" civil rights plank in the Democratic platform, the steel strike continues to spread its creeping paralysis over the nation.

More than a million workers in other industries are victims of layoffs due to lack of steel. The 600,000 strikers have thus far lost an estimated \$37,000,000 in pay. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of consumer products, automobiles, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, home appliances and countless other needed items have been lost. The loss in defense material is a military secret, and will probably never be known. Twelve percent of the industry is now producing for only the most urgent military needs. Thousands of tons of foods, especially fruits, will rot for lack of steel to make cans. And every day the strike continues, it is estimated the U.S. Treasury loses \$3,000,000 in income taxes.

We mention the steel strike in connection with the civil rights battle, since, for more than a month the closed-shop has been the only point of disagreement between steel management and the union. Thus the sole question is whether or not a man has a right to work in a steel mill without paying union dues. President Philip Murray, of the United Steelworkers, says he can't. And in refusing to employ the Taft-Hartley Act, which gives the workers a secret ballot on which to say whether they wish to return to work, President Truman puts himself in Murray's corner.

The steel impasse may have begun as a strike, but it is rapidly assuming the far-laid off, against the American people and their sons who are fighting in Korea and manning the ramparts of Europe.

This, in the "land of the free and the home of the brave", while the President's stooges yammer about "civil rights" in Chicago!

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Put Out Your Bait, Merchants Told

(Tom Davis in The Johnstonian-Sun)

County business men suffering from usual "summer slumps" are sitting on this excuse and watching business, cash business, go to larger towns. Store owners report sales are off this month and "until the market opens". The majority are accepting this and doing nothing about it. Some are using this time to make improvements within their stores and planning fall promotions to attract customers.

Real business may be dead in Johnston County, but it is not in Raleigh, Durham, Goldsboro and other nearby towns. A look at any daily paper from these shopping areas will indicate that the merchants there are doing everything they can to attract business. Sales and promotion are bringing cash customers. Sales indicate that July will be a better month than last year.

What works for others will work for local stores. Customers will not come and buy unless an effort is made to get them.

A fish won't bite an unbaited hook.

Bible Comment

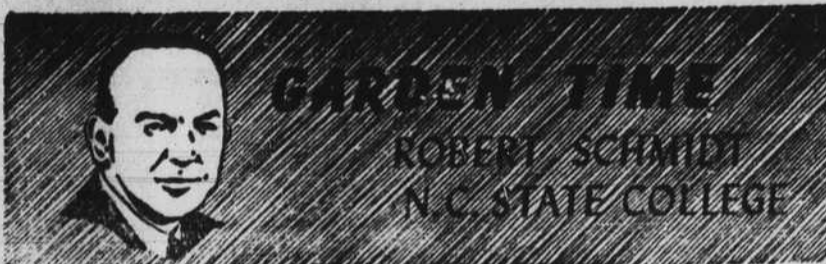
Pure Heart Does More Than Resist Evil

To the wise men among the ancient Hebrews the heart was not only the center of man's physical being, but it symbolized also the center and source of his moral and spiritual life. He thought not only with his mind, but with his heart. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." "Search the heart, for out of it are the issues of life."

Purity of heart, therefore, became the supreme condition of a good and wholesome life, as much as pure blood is the condition of a healthy body. One can live with a diseased body, for a time at least, just as one can live with a diseased soul, but the seeds of destruction are there. And the conditions and demands of good moral health are as imperative as are the conditions and demands of good health for the body.

What does it mean to be pure in heart? The common tendency is to think of "purity" chiefly, if not altogether, in terms of sex; but purity of heart means a great deal more than avoidance of what Saint Peter has called the "Fleshly" continued on page 7

But Actions Count



Are you getting tired of running the cultivator and wielding the hoe in your garden in a losing battle with weeds and grass? Why not use a mulch?

It is surprising how few gardeners make use of mulches as an aid in the conservation of moisture and the control of weeds. A mulch may be any material such as hay, straw, strawy manure, leaves, leaf mold, peat, sawdust, pine-straw, or paper which can be put down on the ground around plants for the purpose of conserving moisture during the hot, dry, summer weather. At the same time it will keep down most of the weeds.

I recently read of one gardener who collected all the cardboard boxes he could get at the stores, flattened them out, and put them on the ground around his plants as a mulch—and the results were excellent.

Many vegetables, flowers, small fruits, and shrubs are good subjects for mulching. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cucumbers may be mulched with straw, leaves or paper. Azaleas, camelias, and blueberries which desire

an acid soil may be mulched with sawdust, leaf mold, or peat. Red raspberries, dewberries and grapes may be mulched with straw or strawy manure.

In all the cases the mulch should be applied after the soil has been well moistened by rain or irrigation. If fertilizer is necessary it also should be applied before the mulch is laid down.



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NOTES . . . The four-lane highway being constructed between Raleigh and Durham stops abruptly at the Wake-Durham line. Reason: Funds in the Durham highway district have been exhausted in the Scott Farm projects.

John Marshall, private secretary to Governor until going with J. A. Jones Construction Co., is a new member of the State Personnel Council. He was appointed by Governor Scott last Friday. Hum.

OVER BACKWARD? . . .

Criticism of the State Board of Public Welfare is sometimes heard because of its failure to grant this individual and that organization a license to solicit funds on the street or from various firms and people. You would be surprised at the number of street beggars who have left a reasonable living and a settled home supported by relatives or county welfare offices to go in search of alms from strangers. They are required by law to have licenses.

The State welfare people are sometimes accused of leaning over backward in their eagerness to protect the public from schemers. However, each case is thoroughly examined—and now and then some of those organizations regarded as most deserving are turned down.

HOME . . . Take Father Flanagan's Boys' Home at Boys' Town,

Nebraska, for example. Because the home makes no report to the public as to its finances or expenditures, Dr. Ellen Winston feels it is entitled to solicit funds from the public in North Carolina. In the home's superintendent proposed Dr. Winston that no fund solicitations would be made in the State until clearance had been granted.

BY MAIL . . . Despite this, however, solicitations are being sent by mail for this ten-million-dollar plant, according to Dr. Winston, whose office reports.

"Because of this institution's persistent violation of this North Carolina law, even after the written assurance of its officials that solicitations in this state would cease, the State Board of Public Welfare has made investigation of its assets. It has been ascertained that Father Flanagan's Boys' Home owns a large plant having an approximate value of \$100,000. In addition, there is an endowment fund totaling about 1,000,000 known as the 'Father Flanagan's Boys' Foundation' which is set up in a separate corporation for the Home's benefit."

Personally, we have been pretty foolish for Boys' Town since seeing the movie several years ago. We like them, hope and think they are doing wonderful work. Welfare work is moving from sentiment toward the hard reality.

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