

Editorial and Opinion

Same Act-New Front

The Difference

The impression seems to persist among some hurried readers that the "Nixon fund" and the "Stevenson fund" were more or less alike. This is far from the fact.

The Stevenson fund was the balance remaining in the treasury of the Stevenson-for-Governor Committee at the time it was dissolved early in 1949, after Adlai E. Stevenson's inauguration as Governor of Illinois. The committee turned this balance over to the Governor for "such purposes connected with the office of the Governor as Mr. Stevenson shall determine." To this balance of \$19,744 were added subsequent contributions of \$2,900 by Chicago businessmen. Out of these funds Governor Stevenson made donations to eight state officials whose salaries he considered so inadequate as to constitute a financial hardship.

The Nixon fund was a horse of another color. The money was raised not for campaign purposes, since Senator Nixon had just been elected to the Senate, but—or so he said—to help him defray various expenses as a Senator. Nixon did not mention in his carefully-staged television act that he was drawing more than \$60,000 a year from the government for office and travel expenses, in addition to his salary. Nor did he repeat the admission attributed to him by columnist Peter Edson: "If I had not received this help (the contributions), I could not have made the down payment on my house."

In short, the oil men, real estate men and so on who picked up some of Nixon's bills enabled him to save enough out of his salary to swing the purchase of a house. The end result was the same as if they had contributed to a fund for the specific purpose of helping him buy the house.

But the Senator acknowledges no breach of ethics on his part.

This man is not good enough to be elected to a job from which a sudden death could elevate him to the Presidency.

News For You

The American Magazine recently carried an editorial signed by John W. McTherrin, its publisher, called "Citizens: Your Retailers Have News For You!" He said, "Retail merchants in every section of the country are cooperating in a tremendous effort to see that every eligible voter goes to the polls and casts his ballot in November. More than 600,000 retailers are supporting the 'get out the vote' campaign of the American Retail Federation and its 56 affiliated state and national associations.

This is civic enterprise of the highest order. It is in keeping with the public service always rendered by the small businessmen of this county. Druggists, hardware merchants, proprietors of department stores, and the host of other businessmen in public affairs, we have a better chance for good government. They know, too, that nearly one-half of you failed to cast your votes in recent national elections. They hope this won't happen this year.

In 1948, only 52 per cent of the eligible voters troubled to go to the polls. Mr. Truman was actually elected by only 25 per cent of those with the right of franchise. This is government by minority with a vengeance.

The retailers of America have traditionally taken an active part in all kinds of worthwhile campaigns to make this country a better place to live in—and to maintain our freedoms. None has been or could be more important than their current drive to get out the vote.

Footnote To Surrender

Back in June the Eisenhower "crusaders" charged loudly and bitterly that the Taft Old Guard had "stolen" delegate votes in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia.

How then in September could the General surrender so abjectly to the vanquished Taft, letting the pleased-as-punch Ohioan not only dictate but announce the terms of surrender? Is he so hungry for office that in dry-running September he could forget the dreadful smell of June?

Or does he wistfully hope that, if elected at any price, he could then clean up the combination that elected him, regain the June victory he threw away in September, and with a Presidential spot-remover transform the hides of those dihard isolationists who hate everything about him except his five stars and his ignorance of domestic problems?

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Bible Comment

DEEP FAITH MAKES CREATIVE POWER

As we face these troubled times and peer into the future trying to decipher trends of world events, the ancient message found in the Book of Hebrews can offer hope.

Defining faith as the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," our author offers us a tangible rock on which to anchor ourselves.

Because what the world needs is the faith to go on in spite of peril and difficulty.

As the substance of things "hoped for," faith becomes the essence of all religion. We see evidence of faith as the motive power of all creative activity, even life itself.

The artist sees his design. His vision solid and firm in his mind, gives him faith.

The poet hears his ringing rhyme before the words are scrawled across his page. The composer knows every note in his melody before it is played and the actor "gets the feel" of his character, recreates in gestures the vision he carries in his mind.

But without the faith, this vision would never be accomplished. It is these things the author of Hebrews discusses. He stresses the strong faith necessary to go off to a far-away land and trust promises still far from their point of fulfillment.

He offers a faith which will sustain us even in the face of pain, persecution, suffering and death.

And man will face these things in the atomic age just as he has always had to face them in the past.

And so Hebrews is an inspiring story for us today. The faith he tells about must be more than the faith of the explorer or scientist.

It must be subject to a still higher faith which will bring the human race to power to give and save lives rather than destroy them.

And this is the role played by religion. This higher faith can only come when deeper meanings of things are probed and brought to light. Without this faith, man cannot work out his own salvation.

The development horns can be prevented by applying caustic soda or potash to the horn buttons when calves are four to eight days old, according to State College dairy husbandrymen.

Extension foresters recommend planting pine in the Piedmont to reclaim idle land, stop erosion and conserve water.



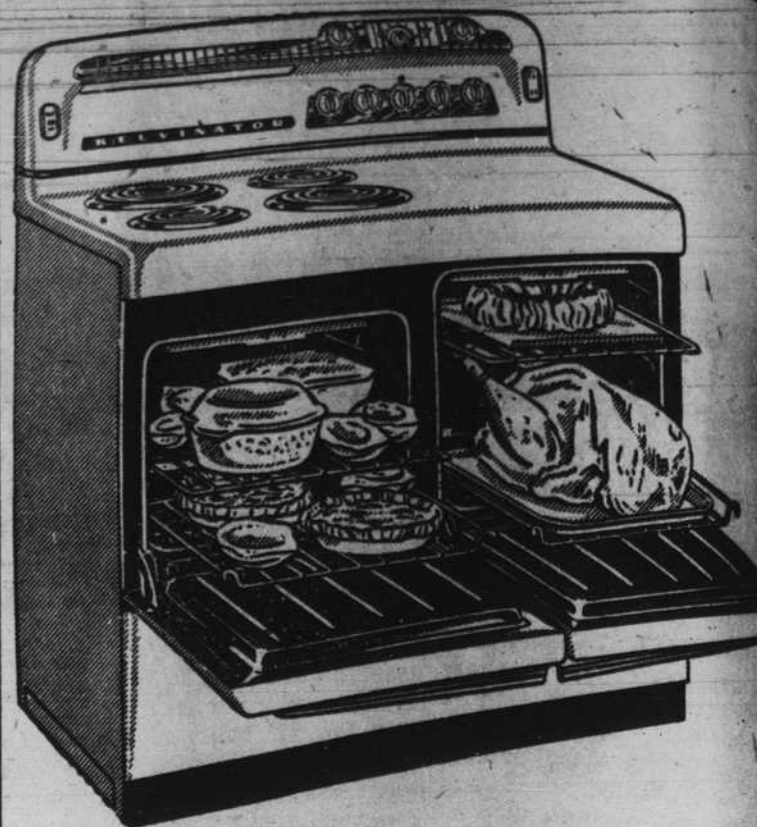
The month of October is a very good time to transplant evergreens of most kinds and especially azaleas and camellias. I have recently seen a number of newspaper advertisements of azalea plants for sale. Many of these are of the indica species (Indian azaleas) such as the well known Formosa and Pride of Mobile varieties. Buyers should be warned that the varieties of the Indian species very often freeze back in central and northern North Carolina and are not at all hardy in Western North Carolina. Also it is usually the case that these plants offered for sale at this time of the year have been grown in states to the south of us and are not fully dormant at the time they are shipped and the first hard frost may damage or kill them: Two years ago hundreds of these plants were purchased and planted in the vicinity of Raleigh and when the late November freeze came practically all of them were killed.

The Kurume species (Japanese azaleas) are hardy in piedmont North Carolina and should be generally planted. In the upper Piedmont it might pay to plant only the more hardy deciduous species. Commonly known varieties of Japanese azaleas are Hinodegiri, Snow, Pink Pearl, Coral Bells and Christmas Cheer.

Azaleas have a shallow, fibrous root system. It is very important that they are not planted any deeper than they were before transplanting. That is also true of camellias. They require an acid soil and most fertilizer used should be acid forming. It is a good idea to mulch azaleas and camellias. Good mulching materials are old sawdust, leafmold, or partially decayed pine straw.

Although azaleas like some shade they will not bloom well if planted in dense shade. The Kurume varieties thrive in full sunshine if they are given sufficient water. And even if you often see azaleas planted along lakes and streams, their roots must be in well drained soils.

A 1,000 lb. horse or mule at hard work should have 10 pounds of good quality hay and 12 1/2 pounds of grain per day.



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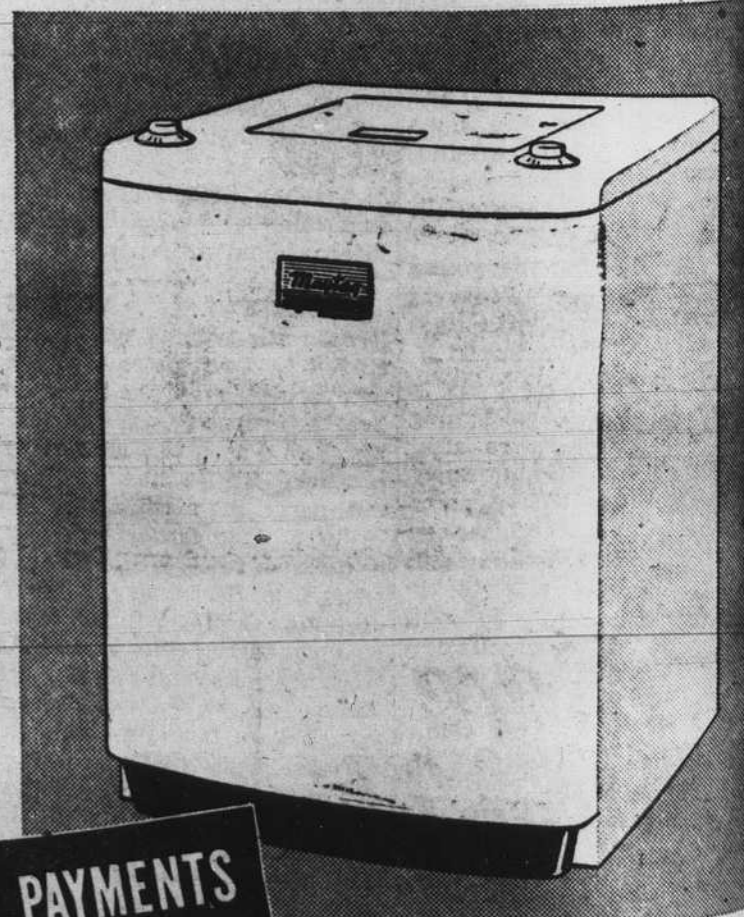
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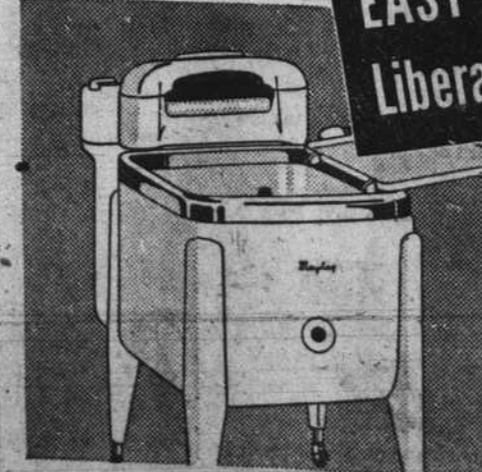
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