

GOLDWATER AND A TOUCH OF TAR

JOHN J. SYNOR

If there is a friend of Barry Goldwater's in the house, please give the erstwhile Republican nominee a word of advice:

Poor old Barry. He was in Virginia the other day, speaking to the students of venerable Washington & Lee University. Between rocket rattlings he gave the boys a sample of his political acumen. Too bad. Once-upon-a-time supporters of the Arizona socks merchant are coming to wish he wouldn't talk so much about so much he doesn't comprehend. That is, about politics.

These things may be said of Goldwater: He is a good American; he is brave; he is 59 years of age; and he is stolid. (There is a "t" in that word, Mr. Printer).

Here: Let me quote him: "(The Republicans) have to get 20 million Democrats to see the error of their (Democratic) ways". Then he said: "If I were President Johnson and I wanted to get reelected, I would put Wallace on my payroll".

If that last remark carries a touch of tar, well Mr. Clean said it. In any event, those disparate quotes are related. What was bugging Goldwater when he spoke of Johnson and his payroll is painfully clear: Goldwater believes the Wallace candidacy will help LBJ and hurt the Republicans. (He can't conceive of Wallace winning). Goldwater bases his conviction on a belief that "20 million" disgruntled Democrats, sick of Lyndon Johnson and without Wallace to clutter their minds, would, willy-nilly, vote Republican. And that is what I mean stolid. Nothing much goes on inside his head.

Wouldn't you think that Barry Goldwater of all people would remember this fact of political life: In 1964, George Wallace campaigned in the Democratic primary of Indiana. In the blue-collar area of that State — in Hammond, Gary, and South Chicago — Wallace polled 53 to 54 per cent of the total vote. Barry Goldwater, as the Republican nominee, that fall, campaigned the same area. He got 18 per cent of the vote.

The conclusion seems clear to everybody but poor old Barry: Blue-collar Democrats, disgruntled or otherwise, wouldn't vote the Republican ticket if it promised eternal salvation. "Republican" to such people means The Boss.

How, then, does Goldwater propose to show them the error of their ways, to get the 20 million votes so obviously needed? No Republican spokesman has offered a program discernably different from that of the Great Society. They hadn't thought one would be needed. They had hoped to win by default, just suck their thumb and wait — and along came Wallace.

There is a way out for them. There is if they are, first, Conservatives, that is, Constitutional Americans:

Join Wallace and his Southern Conservatives and his Northern Blue-collar Democrats.

And that is the only way there is — for them. The Republican party is dead, if political life is measured by a party's ability to elect a President.

Do you doubt it? If so, answer two questions: First what percentage of the voters, today, do

you suppose think of themselves as Republicans? And, second, how many States, north of the Mason-Dixon, did the Republicans carry last time out of the barn, in 1964?

The answer to the first question, according to Gallup, is 27 per cent. The Republican party has shrunk to that.

As to Electoral-College votes, the answer is, five. Five votes, in 1964, that is all the Republicans managed, north of the Mason-Dixon. They carried the home State of the nominee and that is all they carried.

The form remain, the substance has gone — such might be the epitaph for the Republican party.

Today's situation is not unlike another that arose in this country. There is difference: Party position is switched. In 1864, Lincoln was in bad trouble, headed for defeat. Wise politician that he was, Lincoln coalesced with the "loyal" Democrats. (Andrew Johnson) as his running mate, forgot the Republican label, campaigned as a Union-Party man, was elected, preserv-

ed our republic and thus made lemonade out of a lemon.

If the Republicans had really wanted in on the action, they

should have dusted off one of their best and offered him as No. 2 on the Wallace ticket. But it's too late now.



No Mess — No Waiting — Our Ready-Mixed Concrete Is on the Job When You Need It.

Also Sand, Gravel and Crushed Stone.

Barrus Ready Mixed Concrete Company

Free Estimates — New Bern Highway, Kinston, N. C.

ONE HIGH STANDARD



The same thoughtful consideration and complete dignified service is accorded all regardless of the cost of the funeral selected.

Garner's Funeral Home

Dial JA 3-2124 or JA 3-2125 Kinston, N. C.

U*S*AIR FORCE THE AEROSPACE TEAM

See your local Air Force Recruiter



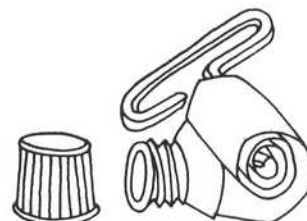
How frugal are you?

Test yourself.



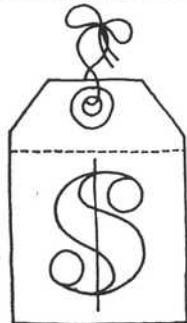
Dress up leftovers?

Always Sometimes Never



Use up all the toothpaste?

Always Sometimes Never



Look for sales?

Always Sometimes Never



Call Station-to-Station?

Always Sometimes Never

Save up to 40%

Most of us do a lot of little things to save money. But oftentimes, overlook the most obvious. And easiest. Dialing Long Distance Direct. It makes a big difference. Up to 40% over calling person-to-person. Makes it worthwhile to remember to Dial Long Distance Direct. Everytime. Remember too... rates are lower every night and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Dial Long Distance Direct — get low station-to-station rates.



NEED TO REIN HIM IN A BIT?

POLLOCK-JOHNSON'S CAN SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS IN DOG HARNESSSES, COLLARS, CHOKE COLLARS AND LEASHES

Pollock - Johnson

Hardware, Inc.

Directly in Front of Courthouse

131 S. Queen St. Kinston Dial JA 3-4064

— FREE PARKING BACK OF STORE —