

Washington Digest

North, South Fought Hard Over President Buchanan

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WASHINGTON.—Democratic harmony, so far as the Dixiecrat revolt is concerned, remains an uncertain quantity. Democrats, basically, are still Democrats, but there will always be certain fundamental differences between North and South which existed even before slavery and secession became issues.

Beyond that, however, recent clashes with the Dixiecrats are largely only a leveling off process and probably nothing a sensible compromise cannot cure.

People outside of Washington are often surprised that differences still arise between North and South over ancient matters which most of the country has forgotten. The country has also forgotten that it was here that the earliest outbreaks of sectional feeling took place. As early as 1848, there was a riot following an "underground" slave-running incident in which 76 household servants were spirited off to freedom. The Abolitionist Weekly was stormed and the capital suffered the biggest attack of jitters it had had since the British burned the White House 34 years before.

Nine years later a band of armed ruffians from Baltimore entered the city bent on helping the "Know Nothing" candidates in the local election. (We had local elections then.) The marines had to be called out; six men were killed and twice as many wounded.

The tide continued to rise and no President, from Tyler to Buchanan, could or would do anything about it. It was an open secret that Buchanan's sympathies were largely south of the Mason-Dixon line. Historians agree that he learned in advance the decision in the famous Dred Scott slavery case which was one of the last of the explosions which started the Civil War. Today supreme court secrets are kept secret. But Buchanan knew the court had ruled that Dred Scott was not a citizen under the meaning of the Constitution, and could not be made a citizen; further that the Constitution affirmed a property right in slaves, and such slave property was protected by the "due process of law" clause.

Buchanan realized what the effect of this decision would be, but in his inauguration speech plausibly advised the country to accept the verdict, no matter what it was.

Later when southern sentiment grew in the capital, Buchanan did try to organize a militia, but congress would have none of it. The regular army troops in the city were known to be of doubtful loyalty. The militia, much larger on paper, could muster only 150 men. Meanwhile the southern group, the Militant Jackson Democratic association, was drilling 800 men.

Finally the militia managed to get a thousand men under arms. But feeling ran high, and on Washington's birthday following the election of Abraham Lincoln by the electoral college but before his inauguration, the militia paraded. Ex-President Tyler, a Virginian, went to Buchanan and protested the fact that they had been allowed to display the Stars and Stripes, and Buchanan is said to have apologized.

Most people have forgotten the northern animosity toward Buchanan, but it was to crop up again in my time when it was the subject of one of those asiduous debates for which Sen. Cabot Lodge was notorious. Many Presidents are memorialized in stone in Washington, but not all, and in Lodge's time, Buchanan was one who was not.

Buchanan had been a bachelor and had taken his niece with him to the White House as hostess to assist in the brilliant entertainments for which he was noted. She later

became Mrs. Harriett Lane Johnston, lived to an affluent old age and when she died, left the sum of \$50,000 (which bought a lot more marble and bronze than than it would now) for the erection of a statue of her uncle.

The donation of a site required the approval of congress. This donation was cheap, considering that, unlike similar tributes to the nation's hero, all expenses were provided. Congress was willing enough, but not that stalwart yankee, Lodge, who lived perhaps nearer to the age of Buchanan to his own generation.

He chose to dig up all the unsavory memories his scholarly brain could muster to block the donation of the site. Naturally hot southern blood grew hotter, and what some of Mr. Lodge's opponents lacked in data, they more than made up in oratory. The motion was passed, but not until tempers had been thoroughly ruffled.

The site chosen for the statue was not conspicuous. In fact, I had never seen it until it was brought to my attention by a gentleman fully conversant with the details of the dispute and likewise familiar with every nook and cranny of the capital city. I asked him to show me the statue. He said he knew where it was. In Meridian Park. But just before we arrived at the scene, he paused and said: "It ought to be here."

It developed that he had never seen it either.

It was there—in an inconspicuous spot, a huge bronze statue, of good workmanship, backed by a wide exedra which is defined as "a seat with a high back"—but this would seat several squads of infantry.

It is a huge piece of stonework flanked by two symbolic figures in classic style, one representing diplomacy, in which Buchanan was skilled (he had served well as minister to Great Britain) and one representing the law in which, if we may judge by his breach of ethics in connection with the supreme court decision, he was not of equal stature. Perhaps his niece was sensitive on this point for she specified the inscription—the only words on the statue beside the dates of his term and the single word "Buchanan"—It reads:—

"The incomparable statesman whose walk was upon the mountain ranges of the law." (Although it isn't indicated, it was Buchanan's own attorney-general who said that.)

There is a certain ironic touch in the fact that Buchanan's memory had to be perpetuated in stone by family subsidy, for from 1820 to 1830 he was one of the few members of congress who pursued the futile attempt to get congress to approve a suitable memorial in the capitol to George Washington.

Efforts in this direction either were circumvented or ignored until 1831, the centenary of Washington's birth. At that time, the public was so aroused over the indifference of congress that George Watterson, then librarian of congress, formed an association which raised the money for the Washington monument which was eventually completed on the spot originally chosen for a statue of Washington by Major L'Enfant who drew the plans for the city.

The President said recently he didn't depend on opinion polls under any circumstances. Well, if anybody has a reason for that attitude, it certainly would be Harry Truman.

Farm Topics

No Crystal Ball Needed To Tell Needs of Soil

Tests Will Give Farmer Answer to Question

You don't need a crystal ball to tell you whether your soil needs a soil test will give you the yes or no answer. Where a deficiency exists, a test will indicate how much lime your soil needs. County agricultural agents, vocational agricultural teachers or agronomists at state colleges and experiment stations are glad to cooperate in making such tests.

Testing is always the safest course in applying lime. Some soils have plenty lime. Adding more might be harmful rather than helpful to crop production.



To soils that need it, lime is the keystone of any well-planned soil building program. Lime adds needed calcium. Lime boosts the efficiency of fertilizers. It neutralizes acid soils and makes possible the growth of sweet clover and alfalfa. These deep-rooted legumes add precious organic matter to the soil.

But lime by itself cannot do the whole soil building job. It has to be supported by the generous use of phosphate and potash fertilizers, by plowing under deep-rooted legumes, by the return to the soil of all possible animal manure and crop residues.

Plowing Under Organic Matter Aids Oxidization

Plowing under some organic matter in the field or garden is a good way of disposing of crop residues because the microbes "burn" or oxidize them.

They do this slowly, yet the process of microbial combustion of such materials may have disastrous effects on a crop planted soon after plowing, in which case it is said the crop was "burned out."

Microbes need more than energy "go" foods. They need the "grow" foods, too, just as humans do. They do not demand that the nitrogen be given them in the complete proteins or the more complex compounds of this element as humans do; nevertheless, they are just as exacting in their needs for nitrogen, at least, in its simpler forms.

Dr. William A. Albrecht, chairman of the department of soils, University of Missouri college of agriculture, in discussing how soil microbes get their food, points out that they get it before growing crops get theirs.

\$732 Turkey



Elwood Swanson of Turlock, Calif., with his grand champion turkeys at the Far West turkey show. The 24-lb. hen on the left was grand champion and sold for \$30.50 a pound. The 41-lb. tom on the right was reserve grand champion and sold for \$10.75 a pound. The birds were finished on a grain and mash ration to which pelleted milk product was added.

Livestock Sanitation Gets Credit for Avian TB Curb

Professor F. E. Muschel of the University of Nebraska poultry husbandry department credits the work of the U. S. livestock sanitation association with doing much to reduce losses from avian tuberculosis. The livestock sanitation group comes into the picture, he explains, because avian tuberculosis was quite often found responsible for condemnation of hogs. Swine retentions for tuberculosis are lower.

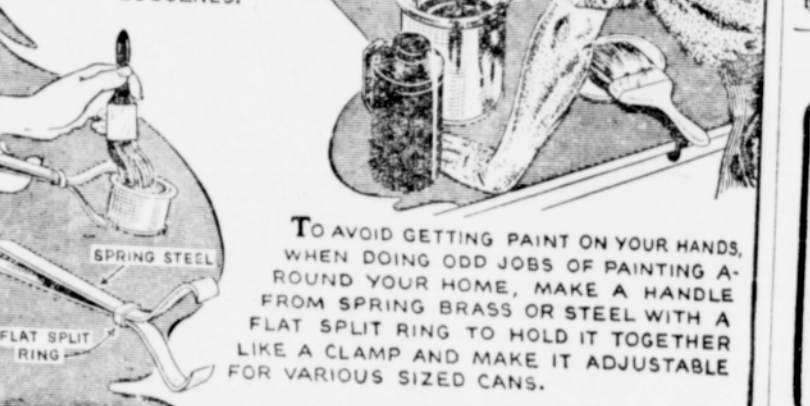
Weather Vane by Carl Starr



WING ICE
IT ISN'T THE WEIGHT OF ICE OR SNOW THAT'S DANGEROUS TO AIRPLANES—IT'S THE INTERFERENCE WITH THE FLOW OF AIR OVER THE PLANE'S WING. THE MINIMUM FLYING SPEED AND STALL SPEED OF A WING MAY BE MORE THAN DOUBLED BY EVEN A THIN, SEMI-TRANSPARENT LAYER OF FINE SNOW OR HOAR FROST ON THE TOP OF A WING.

HOW TO FIX IT By TOM GREGORY

WHETHER OF THE MANUFACTURED OR HOMEMADE VARIETY YOU CAN INCREASE THE USEFULNESS OF YOUR METAL PAINT-STIRRING PADDLE BY SIMPLY BENDING THE END OF THE PADDLE AND SHARPENING THE BENT EDGE. YOU'LL FIND IT'S EASIER TO SCRAPE LOOSE THE PIGMENT THAT SETTLES AT THE BOTTOM. THE BENT EDGE ALSO MAKES A HANDY MASHER FOR LUMPS ALREADY LOOSE.



TO AVOID GETTING PAINT ON YOUR HANDS, WHEN DOING ODD JOBS OF PAINTING AROUND YOUR HOME, MAKE A HANDLE FROM SPRING BRASS OR STEEL WITH A FLAT SPLIT RING TO HOLD IT TOGETHER LIKE A CLAMP AND MAKE IT ADJUSTABLE FOR VARIOUS SIZED CANS.

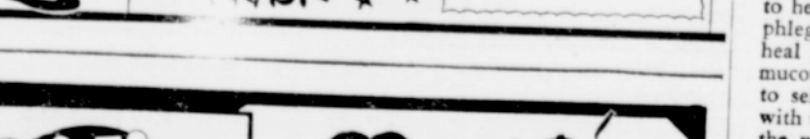
SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

RED ROCHA

IS PROOF THAT HEIGHT IS A NECESSITY IN THE HUSTLING PRO RANKS, TALLEST PLAYER ON THE ST. LOUIS BOMBERS, RED STANDS 6'-9". A WEIGHT OF 185 GIVES HIM AN AVERAGE OF JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN 2 POUNDS TO AN INCH.



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Didja Hear?



IN CHICAGO THE QUEEN OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL CONVENTION WAS INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

1. What is a centograph?
2. Who was Governor Dewey's running mate (candidate for vice-president on the Republican ticket) in 1944?
3. In what section of the United States is industry advancing most rapidly?
4. What is the approximate total of Protestant Sunday-school membership in the United States?

The Answers

1. A tomb or monument erected in memory of a person—or persons—buried elsewhere.
2. Governor Bricker of Ohio.
3. Houston, Texa — with over \$80,000,000 invested there during 1946-47.
4. 25,000,000.

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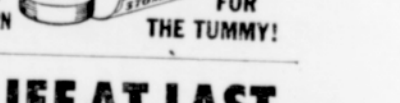
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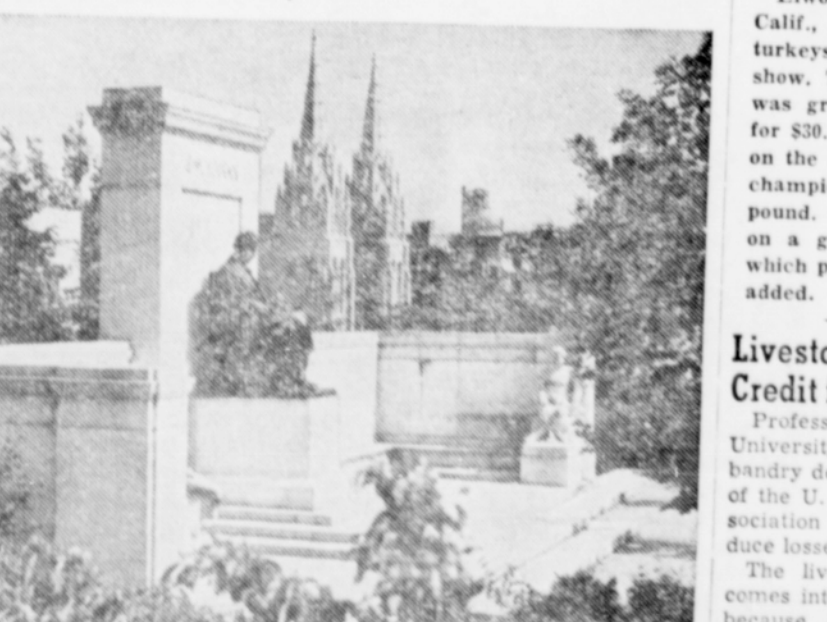
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Watch Your Kidneys!

Help Them Cleanse the Blood of Harmful Body Waste

Your kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as Nature intended—fail to remove impurities that, if retained, may poison the system and upset the whole body machinery. Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination. There should be no doubt that prompt treatment is wiser than neglect. Use Doan's Pills. Doan's have been winning new friends for more than forty years. They have a nation-wide reputation. Are recommended by grateful people the country over. Ask your neighbor!

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