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The social legislation of the last 20 years is what gives the department its reason for existence. Soon after they took office, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was tapped into the old smell of the past—the dreadful murals on the ground floor look as though they are an old smell of the past—would be Diego Rivera on Harry Hopkins' art projects.

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You contributed to this need when you gave to the United Appeal, for the Heart Association of Mecklenburg is one of its member organizations. Yours has been a year-round Valentine's gift to the millions of persons afflicted with heart disease.

Your Year-Round Valentine Gift

THIS BEING the Valentine season, let us consider the affairs of the heart. Concern for the human heart is not a modern development. The earliest physician of whom any record survives—an Egyptian named Imhotep—recognized some 5,000 years ago that the heart is the center of a distribution system serving every member of the body.

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On Sassafras And Sweet Gum

ONE of the editorial writers on the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS, obviously an older than the warmth with which he recalls childhood, set our memories to ticking the other day with a nostalgic piece about sassafras.

His eye had been caught by an item from Van Buren, Mo., out in the Ozark country, where the sassafras tree grows in profusion. One of the town's leaders had suggested that sassafras tea would make a good substitute for coffee in these times of high prices.

As the Greensboro editor recalled it, sassafras tea is not so good as all that. It was classed as more of a medicine, along with sulphur and molasses, rather than a beverage to be enjoyed. To that point, our recollections coincided. The youngsters in our town, too, chewed the roots as a sort of idle diversion, but not for the reason he suggested.

"Thinking gum, you must recall, was as cheap as plentiful as currently it came in nickel packages rather than in penny pieces and a nickel was harder to get out of the average dad than a five-dollar bill is now."

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat

VOICE OF THE HIGH-RAILS

A STRICTLY tentative accolade is in order ahead of the commission of the new York Central and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to junk Diesel engines' raucous horns in favor of steam whistles. Preliminarily, it seems a step in the right direction—back.

Not that we endorse blindly the proposed generalized version of the steam whistle which is also anything that smells of a return to the steam-puff days. If the newfangled Diesel steam whistle does it, well and good. On second thought, yet not bring them back with a steam engine under them."

The worried-looking man rushed into the florist's and demanded three potted geraniums.

"I'm sorry, sir," said the clerk. "We're out of geraniums right now but we have some lovely petunias."

"I don't do pointed," the customer. "It was geraniums I promised my wife to water while we was away."—CARLEAD (N. M.) CURRENT AFFAIRS.



"In a strange crowd like this, John likes to let them know where he stands . . . it saves the 'feeling out' process."

Symbol Of New Conservatism
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People's Platform
Class Room Teachers
Appreciate Support

Charlotte
 EDITORS, THE NEWS: THE teachers of Mecklenburg County, would like to express our appreciation for the continued interest you have shown in the problems of our profession. It is very encouraging to know we have the support of you and your readers in furthering the interests of education.

The editorials concerning the supplement voted for county-wide security programs were greatly appreciated. We are glad that this matter has been put before the public so that they are now aware of the situation.

—MRS. MARGARET O. SMITH, President, Class Room Teachers Association.

Liked Pieces on Police Issue And Segregation

Charlotte
 YOUR FEB. 2 editorial on the police department, entitled "What Will The Council Say Now?" was a pointed one. It dealt with a matter of two hours.

On Feb. 10 you published "Progress On Another Segregation Front."

At this rate you are going to take your place beside The Kansas City Star and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Let us hope you are cited by the North Carolina Press Association. More power to you for championing the cause of freedom.

—JAMES J. YOUNG

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round
McCarthy Intervenes

WASHINGTON
 GERARD DAVID SCHINE, the handsome, dream-eyed young man who gravitated around Europe at the expense of Joe McCarthy, still seems to lead a charmed life in the Army. Though only a private, he has almost had a scrape before him, and one officer who didn't, the commander of the provost marshal school at Camp Gordon, Ga., has just been transferred.

He is Col. Francis Kretzel, who had the temerity to come to Washington in January to protest against Schine's assignment to the provost marshal school. On Jan. 19, Col. Kretzel was transferred to Tokyo.

Obviously no one is admitted to the provost marshal school unless under regulation 615-2151 he has had two years' service and unless he has the rank of corporal or higher. Schine has had only four months service and rank of private. Furthermore, his candidate for this school must have a history of freedom from pathological or personality disorders. Schine, however, was deferred from the draft after a physical examination had tabbed him with a "schizoid personality."

Though the Army requires candidates for the provost marshal school to be in Class 1 or Class 2 physical condition, Schine is in Class 3.

McCarthy intervenes because at the age of 23 he acted as vice president of the Ambassador Hotel in Angeles, one of the six swanky hotels owned by his father, later he got a 4-F classification while he gallivanted around Washington and Europe for a commission.

Finally last July, Schine was reclassified 1-A whereupon McCarthy promptly called the Army Miles E. Bober, then Army legislative representative on Capitol Hill and requested that Schine get a commission. To this end, his papers were sent to three different branches of the Army. Each sent back word that he lacked the qualifications for a commission.

So in late October Schine was finally drafted as a private. Whereupon McCarthy requested the Army to assign his young friend to New York to serialize West Point textbooks for left-wing slants.

This didn't go down well with the Army. West Point has had such notable teachers as Douglas MacArthur, Eisenhower and Al Gruentier, now head of NATO. They didn't think West Point textbooks needed supervision by a 27-year-old private.

Schine was ordered to report Nov. 3. But McCarthy got him 10 days' temporary duty at West Point, and he finally sent to Fort Dix for boot training on Nov. 13. However, McCarthy got an agreement from the Army that Schine

GOP Has Abolished Jobs Which Its Faithful Want

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON
 This was the fear expressed by five former career ambassadors, all of them men of outstanding service and many of them inclined to be Republican in their political leanings, in a letter of warning sent to the New York Times.

For four years extremists have hammered the charge of disloyalty and treason against the State Dept. A succession of loyalty investigations have publicly involved responsible career officers. As one consequence it is believed that the frankness and objectivity of the reporting of foreign service officers around the world has been seriously impaired.

The Republican drive for patronage overlooks one important fact. That is that the economy drive of the Eisenhower administration has greatly reduced the total number of jobs available. The civil service commission reports a pay roll reduction of 192,700 during last year.

The number of jobs in the Dept. State has been reduced by 20 per cent. Staffs in some of the larger embassies have been drastically cut down. Thus the number of jobs in London has been reduced 46 per cent.

DODGE INTERVENED
 These economies are cutting deep into the service. The top policymakers consider vital. Recently the Bureau of the Budget was about to lop off an additional 100 foreign service officers. A last-minute plea put up to Director of the Budget Joseph M. Dodge resulted not only in the rescinding of this order, but reinstating the names of 200 foreign service officers eligible for assignment but held up for economy reasons.

The patronage hunters apparently take no account of what the economy drive has done. They seem to think it is possible to fire people and at the same time find good jobs for deserving Republicans. Under the old Chairman Hall that this simply was not possible without doing grave damage to the department.

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On Pulls Strings For Pvt. Schine

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 AS of this date, the dream boy is taking the eight-week basic training given to all military policemen for the provost marshal's school at Camp Gordon. Right now he's learning to direct traffic.

The mental work, however, has brought a howl of protest from his pal and partner, Mr. Cohn, who wants his friend to go direct into criminal investigation, not horse around with basic police training and traffic problems.

Mr. Cohn is so upset about this that he has been telephoning the chief of the Army's Stevens and demanding that Gerard David be spared this basic training.

If Gerard is not spared, Roy wants he is going to see it that the Secretary of the Army is fired.