

By SPECTATOR . . .

COMMENTS ON MEN AND THINGS

I have read with great interest a recent book by Major W. D. Workman, Jr., entitled "The Case for the South." This book is an outgrowth of the confusion caused by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the school case arising from Clarendon County.

This study by Major Workman is based on all the historical foundations cherished by the South and brings to us in convenient form a complete presentation that would prove enlightening to anyone who has not been fully informed of the historical basis for what is known as States Rights.

A fact of profound significance lies at the very root of the problem which is really American and National, rather than Southern and provincial. It is this—thirteen Colonies of the British Crown fought a long war for independence and were recognized as States.

We Americans have become accustomed to the idea that a State is just a glorified province and that the Nation, the Federal Government, is the pre-eminent and supreme authority.

A State, however, is a political, governmental unit. Sovereign, independent, self-governing, supreme. Great Britain is, in that sense, a State; so is France; so is Russia; Canada, though self-governing, has not the full dignity of a State.

The men who guided this group of thirteen States in the formative period were legal scholars; they had precise knowledge of international law and the implications of legal phraseology; they understood the full meaning of the term "State."

Here we come to much of the divergent thinking: the Nation was founded by the thirteen States; the Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court were created by the thirteen States acting cooperatively for certain interests common to the thirteen.

The thirteen States, acting in cooperation, adopted a Constitution which was a statement of the powers of the States and created those thirteen States conferred on the General Government certain delegated powers, reserving all others to themselves. And so zealous were those thirteen States of their own sovereignty that they made their bestowal of power and their reservation of their sovereign powers very clear and definite and definitive, by adopting amendments immediately to assure a clear understanding of their retained powers.

So, the thirteen States conferred certain powers on the General Government. The General Government did not confer any powers on the States.

So today in 1960 we find one group contending for the retained powers of the States. They are the States Righters. But this Union of States has since grown to fifty, with Alaska.

Well, now, let your mind play on this: the National budget, even as it is today, will cost this Nation eighty-one billion dollars in the next fiscal year; and likely eighty-three or eighty-four billion. But the food bill of our Nation is less than the amount of the taxes—73 billion for food as compared with about 79 billion for the Federal Government. Allowing for \$76 billion for food we shall still pay at least \$5 billion more to the Federal Government.

Now when you add the support of States, Counties, and municipalities our tax bill must exceed our food and clothing, more or less. Stupendous, eh?

Now and then I like to fall into Spanish. The Spaniard uses some words that appeal strongly to me. For example our word "Colossal" doesn't have the ring of the Spanish when a Spaniard says with vim and vigor "Colossal"! Another word which frequently conveys a meaning to me when I wish to explode is "espartosa"! (wonderful, marvelous).

We lack the vigor of the Latin in his colorful speech. He can use his hands and his eyes and make his entire being add to the fluency of his words, a masterful exponent of what used to be called "bodily expression," by the elucubrators of ancient vintage.

I quote a short editorial from the Wall Street Journal. The Journal, you know, is a sort of Business Man's Bible, but at times it carries an editorial that breathes a broader spirit than mere business.

This now: "When Elizabeth the Great of England finally sent Mary of Scotland to the block she withdrew from her court to seclusion and grief. And whatever Mary's failings, she became a folk heroine for England and also, in time, for America."

Elizabeth and her subjects were heirs to tangled feuds that a century earlier had torn apart the nation, setting friend against friend and drenching the land in blood. But through them the people had learned that the disgrace of the feud was general, and to be equally borne, while the individual glory of the person who fought with conviction and duty was to be equally shared. Hence the tradition that elevated Mary of Scotland to the Pantheon of heroes wherever English is spoken.

In America the British spy, Andre, hung by the embattled colonials, is remembered as a brave man. A Von Richthofen has a place near an Eddie Rickenbacker and the men who fought with Patton can remember Rommel with respect and sometimes more. Lee and Lincoln are national heroes, in the North, in the South and in the new states that knew neither.

So now the old soldier is dead and wherever there is an American flag it flew at half mast. No one really cares whether he was a forager for a Confederate division in fact or only in his old man's fancy. The flags are where they are because we are what we are.

Would you expect that? It refers to the old Confederate soldier who died recently.

The Editor is right: we are not lacking in appreciation of General Grant's magnanimity, nor need we apologize for a kindly word for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Lincoln had some great qualities and his death was a blow to the South.

Many stories help us to understand the humor which enabled Mr. Lincoln to illumine a problem or refresh his spirit.

I have enjoyed this: "Mr. President, how many men are in the Confederate Army?" Mr. Lincoln, with affected seriousness said: "About two million, I suppose." Two million! Why do you say that? "Because we have two hundred thousand and every time we are defeated I'm told that the Confederates had ten to one."

Another story about Mr. Lincoln proves the bigness of the man, really a noble self-effacement. Someone, who must have been a sort of officious trouble-maker, said with enery: "Secretary Stanton says you are the biggest fool he ever saw." Mr. Lincoln's cabinet somewhat disparaged him and fancied that they would save the Union in spite of that gawky numbskull. Mr. Lincoln pulled his little goatee and asked, "Did Stanton say that?" "Yes, he did," said the meddler who hoped Mr. Lincoln would explode and dismiss Secretary Stanton. "Well," said Mr. Lincoln, "it must be so; Stanton is usually right." Of course "Marse Robert" lives enshrined in the hearts of our people; a noble figure, a great general, yet even greater in the grandeur of his spirit. In my memory I see now his office, just as he left it to go home. And the recumbent figure in the chapel still evokes reverence from all who enter.

ka. Thirty-seven of these States had no part in the formation of the Union; they had no part in establishing the Congress or the Supreme Court. They were admitted to the Union by Act of Congress; they owe their existence or status as States to the authority of Congress.

To the thirty-seven States they are the creatures created by the National Government. Therefore we find one group relying on the original grants from the original states and another group having had no part in the establishment of the Nation and its government of alleged powers has no memories of early patriotic zeal and seems unimpressed by the contentions of the descendants of the Founding Fathers and the students of history who insist that our Federal Government rests on the Constitution on which the National Government rests.

The student of history has always regarded the vast area of our Nation as one peculiarly impelling us to local authority. State autonomy, national limitations, as conceived by those illustrious men who drafted the Constitution and the first Ten Amendments.

Major Workman has set forth all the pertinent data for the benefit of any who may seek to know all the relevant historical bases of those who call themselves States Righters.

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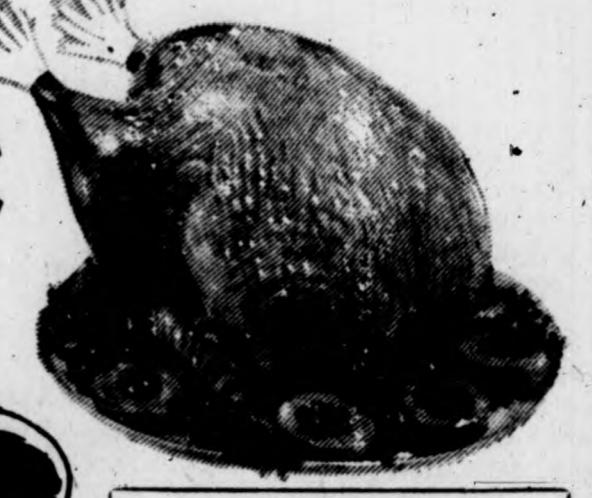
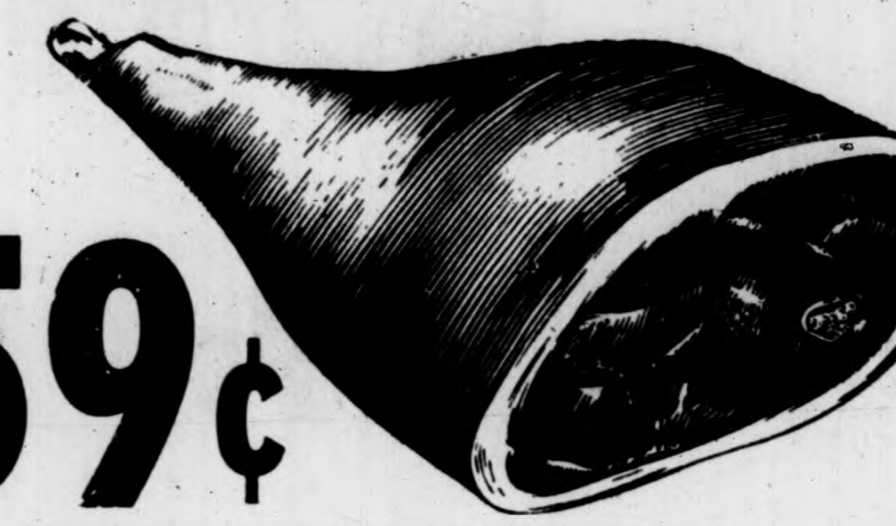
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These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said John W. Finney, Sr., deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on Feb. 16 next, after publication hereof, at 2:30 in the afternoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of January Anno Domini 1960.

J. HEWLETTE WASSON, J. P. L. C.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 25th day of February, 1960, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of Robert C. Davis in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator D. B. N. C. T. A.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

LAWRENCE F. DAVIS, Administrator D. B. N. C. T. A. Jan. 28, 1960 4c-F-25

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