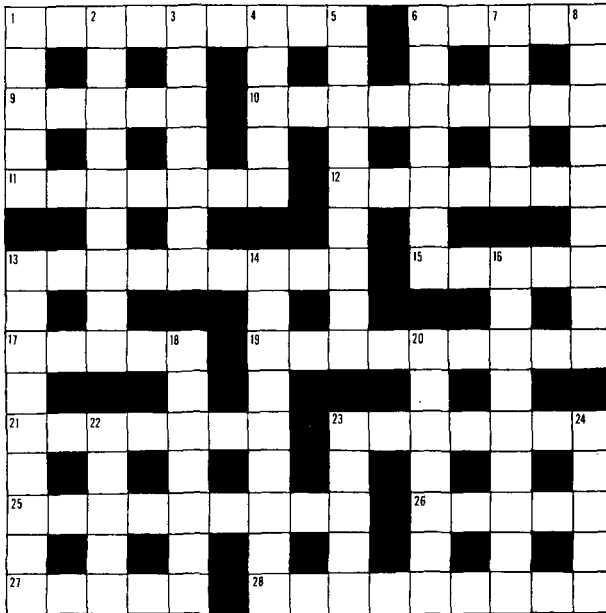


the political puzzle

by John Barclay



ACROSS

1. May follow chief or precede assistant in D. C. (9)
6. Brace itself for bitter taste... (5)
9. ... of inexpensive peach. (5)
10. May follow 1 Across in D. C. (9)
11. Tear all sheets sidewise. (7)
12. Pen exes item from account. (7)
13. Place to look out for stern cows. (5-4)
15. Find something to praise in sex alteration. (5)
17. Self-contained sensors. (5)
19. To whom team prays

- for salary checks. (9)
21. Part let alone is quite flat. (7)
23. Seek answer among church singers? (7)
25. Get speech styles from Eric Short. (9)
26. "For where there are --- there's loving and fighting." Kipling. (5)
27. Cruel wind not blowing currently? (5)
28. The planes disgorge party symbols. (9)

DOWN

1. Come out best before Lent. (5)
2. Choices made among elevated notices. (9)
3. Judges find the prime among us. (7)
4. Find cause in chimp elations. (5)

5. Apparently why ten lived. (9)
6. One bone pastry produces youth. (1, 6)
7. One ye need to keep to monitor. (3, 2)
8. Eastern accomplishment in beer does yeoman service. (9)
13. Little company spin around Communist made mischief. (9)
14. Lost when long-time peer exits. (9)
16. Wearing it into art. (9)
18. To us it's mean when she passes up dance. (4, 3)
20. You should know when Ash quit as Prime Minister. (7)
22. An eye for an ear in the sports place. (5)
23. It's time for Susie to come out. (5)
24. Where one gets all those moral ideas. (5)

The numbers indicate the number of letters and words, e.g., (2, 3) means a two-letter word followed by a three-letter word. Groups of letters, e.g., USA, are treated as one word. Answers to last month's puzzle are on page 52.

After the Scandal: Picking Up the Pieces

by Frank Browning

As the casualties of political scandal accumulate, many careers lie in ruins. In happier times, Jeb Magruder had planned to return to his native California and run for a seat in Congress. It is likely that John Dean's hopes were as high, as were those of Gordon Strachan and the dozen others now laid low by public censure.

These are young men. Although they had been working on the fringes of power, most of them have been touched with scandal before their careers have really begun. Twenty-five years from now they will still be supporting their families, still trying to make some sense of their accomplishments and fates. As they contemplate what those years may bring, they may do well to study the story of a man who has walked the same path, Edward Prichard, humiliated by political scandal and jailed 23 years ago.

As the New Deal was supplanted by the Fair Deal, Prichard was among the most promising of the young men who congregated in Washington. Although "Prich" was born into poli-

tics as the son of a state senator in Bourbon County, Kentucky, his rapid rise was earned rather than inherited. Pronounced a prodigy in grade school, Prichard went through Princeton and Harvard Law School with a record so sterling that he was selected to clerk for Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter. For a young man, perhaps no position could have provided swifter entree into the heady world of Washington during the Roosevelt Administration. After his service with Frankfurter, high government posts followed in quick succession. Before he was 30, Prichard was an assistant U. S. Attorney General; from there he went to the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion as general counsel; and when the war ended, he was assistant to Treasury Secretary Frederick Vinson, who later served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

But a man can stay too long in Washington if he's hoping for power in state politics. Credentials from the Capitol aren't enough to win elections. Not in Kentucky, anyway. A good family goes far in Kentucky, and Prichard's was good enough, though it was never at the heart of the mint julep aristocracy. So, at the end of the

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