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CHANGING HIS SPOTS

Senator Ed Muskie, with high hopes of winning your endorsement in North Carolina's Presidential Primary, is attempting to do what no leopard has ever been able to accomplish.

Warning fellow Democratic brethren that at this point in political history it ain't advisable to be hailed as a liberal, Muskie wants to be pictured as a middle of the roader.

The idea isn't new, of course. A candidate, be he Democrat, Republican, or what have you, would like nothing more than to be all things to all people. Straddling sufficiently to lure Conservatives and hold Liberals in his aim.

With all due respects to Governor Bob Scott, who climbed on the Muskie bandwagon even before the wheels were on good, The Mirror detects nothing really new about the "new" Muskie.

It is certainly Muskie's business if he wants to be a Liberal. He has plenty of company, such as Edward Kennedy, Hubert Horatio Humphrey, and that most recent convert from Republican sinning, John Lindsay.

Where we find fault with the Senator from Maine is in his insulting assumption that Tar Heels will be stupid enough to buy his bill of goods. Something that quacks, and has web feet, ain't necessarily a goose or a duck, but don't expect it to be a chicken or a turkey.

Whatever Mr. Muskie may parade as, in his middle of the road posture, he in no way resembles us misguided souls in the Conservative region below the Mason-Dixon Line. He simply ain't our kind of folks.

And judging by the tide of things in sections of the nation far removed from Dixie, a lot of non-Southerners ain't ready to welcome him with open arms either.

The problem facing Democrats when they hold their National Convention at Miami will be finding what Muskie frankly admits they need, an honest to goodness middle of the roader. A flimsy imitation won't suffice.

Truth of the matter is that the Democratic Party on the national level is, and has been for a long time, so completely enmeshed in liberalism that it is unable to convincingly loosen the fetters for the sake of political expediency.

The average North Carolina Democrat, on the outside looking in, has had about as much in common with thinking of the National Party as a mouse has in common with a hungry tomcat.

Let us never forget that the South, until other sections of the country had to come face to face with problems similar to ours, was the one and only whipping boy of Democrats in high office.

Bobby Kennedy, as long as he was among the living, seemed to take sadistic delight in abusing and humiliating the South, as it struggled to adjust to momentous racial transition.

Although Kennedy was the Chief Apostle, other Democrats on the National level weren't hesitant about following his lead. Hubert Horatio Humphrey, as citizens in troubled Greenville well know, is still at it.

No, Mr. Muskie, you don't look like a middle of the roader. Down this way you could almost pass for Edward Kennedy, or Lindsay or McGovern. Having settled that, let's go from there.

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PETITION OF WILLIAM BRYAN AND OTHERS 1817

State of North Carolina, Craven County - Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions -

To the worshipful the Justices of Craven County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:

The petition of William Bryan, John B. Dawson, Anne Grimes, Jennett Dawson, Elizabeth Grist, John Bryan and Joseph Bryan, an infant by the said William Bryan, his next friend, humbly sheweth: That John Bryan, late of Craven County died sometime in the year _____, seized, and possessed of certain tracts of land situate in the County of Craven, Viz.

One tract on the North side of Neuse River and North side of Swift's Creek, and West side of Maul's Run, containing eighty five acres, part of a patent to Samuel Smith, dated 20 Dec. 1771.

One tract on the South side of Swift's Creek, adjoining Garrett Johnson and Benj. Williams' line, containing one hundred and fifty seven acres, granted to John Williams, 14 July 1774.

One tract containing sixty acres on the North side poplar branch and on Swift Creek, and said branch, granted to Stephen Windham 1 Jan. 1793.

One tract on the South side of Swift's Creek, adjoining Spires and Hays land and the creek, containing fourteen acres, granted to Stephen Windham the 15 May 1787.

One other tract on the South side of Swift Creek, adjoining the creek, containing eighty acres, part of a patent to John Hollingsworth, 21 Nov. 1739.

One other tract on Swift Creek, containing one hundred and sixty five acres, granted to William Williams, 23 Jan. 1772.

One other tract lying on both sides of Swift Creek, containing eighty one acres, granted to Stephen Worseley 10 July 1788.

One other tract on Poplar Branch, containing one hundred acres part of a patent of three hundred acres to John Fonvielle, 30 June 1758.

One other tract on Poplar Branch containing seven and one half acres, part of the patent to John Fonvielle, before mentioned, which said tracts of land being purchased by the said John Bryan after the date and execution of his last will did pass under his said will, but descended to the brothers and sisters of the said John Bryan his heirs at law as tenants in common in fee simple.

The said John Bryan left the following brothers and sisters: William Bryan, Lewis Bryan, Sally Bryan, Mary Bryan, Elizabeth Grist, and George Bryan, who inherited each one ninth part of said lands.

The said Sally Bryan has since died intestate and without issue, and her share of lands descended to her eight brothers and sisters herein named, her heirs at law, whose interests is thereby severally increased to one eighth part each of said lands.

Edward Bryan, by deed has sold and conveyed his share of said lands to Lewis Bryan, who has since died, leaving a last will duly executed, whereby he devised to your petitioner Joseph Bryan, all his lands on the South side of Swift Creek, which includes his share of the lands herein described.

Mary Bryan by deed has conveyed her share of said lands to your petitioner John

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TWILIGHT

In sunset clouds
A blaze of red and gold
Brings us a promise
Of smiles after tears;
God's sunset clouds,
They renew dreams of old,
and paint the hopes
Of faded yesteryears.
Each broken heart
Finds sincere sympathy,
As twilight draws the curtain
For its play;
Beneath a scene
Of bright hued majesty,
The night comes down
To softly kiss the day.
—JGMCD.

B. Dawson.

George Bryan has died leaving a last will whereby he devises his interest in said lands to your petitioner John Bryan.

So that your petitioner Joseph Bryan, devisee of Lewis Bryan now holds one fourth part of said lands, and your petitioners William Bryan, Ann Grimes, John B. Dawson, Elizabeth Grist and John Bryan hold each one eighth part thereof. Your petitioners desire that partition of said lands should be made and the share of each thereof allotted in severalty, and pray that five Commissioners may be appointed for that purpose agreeable to law.

J. Stanly, Atty. for Petitioners.

Summons to Craven County for Abner Campbell, Charles Anderson, Moses Nelson, John Chapman and Alderson Ellison to meet and divide the lands set out in the petition for partition between Joseph Bryan, who owns one fourth part of said lands, William Bryan, Anne Grimes, John B. Dawson, Elizabeth Grist and John Bryan and Jennett Dawson, one owns one eighth part each, heirs at law of John Bryan, deceased. Witness James G. Stanly Clerk of Court at New Bern, the second Monday of June in the year 1917.

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Partition had not been made as late as 1831 though Commissioners had been summoned regularly through the years 1817-1831.

(Plots and Divisions Book, Craven County, North Carolina)

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