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## THE ROAD AHEAD

A sample Mirror survey indicates that most New Bernians are still of the opinion that Senator Edward Kennedy will be the Presidential standard bearer for the Democrats in 1976.

However, those who believe he can be elected to the nation's highest office less than four years hence are very much in the minority. No one interviewed gives him a chance to carry North Carolina, or the South.

Kennedy could lose the Southern vote and win, but it would take strong support elsewhere. Few politicians within his party relish entering the race with this handicap. Unity is uppermost in their minds at the moment.

Present thinking among Democrats, now that the disruptive war issue isn't occupying a prominent place on the stage, calls for a determined effort to bridge the wide gap between the young and the intellectuals and the old guard.

That will take some doing, especially below the Mason-Dixon Line where those termed red necks have less in common with the assorted characters that McGovern assembled than a wary mouse has with a hungry tomcat.

The prevailing attitude in Dixie isn't that the South deserted the Democratic Party, but that the region was deserted by the Party. Bobby Kennedy, who took a sadistic approach toward the Land of Cotton didn't help matters.

Significantly, after Bobby's departure from the ranks of the living the South made greater strides in solving its racial problems than any other section of our country. Meanwhile, in Kennedy's native state the percentage of all-black schools actually increased.

Even without unanswered questions surrounding the drowning of a feminine companion to plague him forevermore, Ted Kennedy would find it difficult to erase the memory of Bobby's Hitlerish posture toward the South.

Ted, whatever his qualifications for President, has lost political strength outside the South in recent weeks. There is a feeling mounting among top level Democrats that a new leader is needed to unify the Party.

What the faithful yearn for is someone who wasn't active as either a hawk or a dove during the long and bitter disagreement over our continued involvement in Vietnam. Hopefully, such a nominee would be acceptable to all segments of the Party.

Senator Kennedy doesn't fill the bill, which is probably a compliment. It has been our observation that mortals in general, and politicians in particular, who make a gesture at pleasing everybody leave much to be desired.

One thing is fairly certain. The knight in shining armor has got to be an improvement on George McGovern, and under no circumstances can we anticipate his doing poorer at the polls on election day.

## Historical Gleanings

—By—  
ELIZABETH MOORE

ABNER BRICKHOUSE  
V. HANNAH LEWIS

The estate of Jedidiah Brickhouse with Mary Bateman, Administratrix, 1818-1819.

Summons for Hannah Lewis, Executrix of Nathaniel Lewis to answer John F. Smith, Esq. Chairman of Craven County Pleas and Quarter Session, successor to John Tillman, deceased, to the use of Abner Brickhouse, Elizabeth and Calista Brickhouse, John Goff and Percy Goff, his wife. June 8, 1818. J. G. Stanley, Clerk of Court. (Mary Brickhouse, Admrx. of Jedidiah Brickhouse.) Served by Spring Brooks.

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Nathaniel Lewis maketh oath that he was intimately and well acquainted with the family of Jedidiah Brockhouse, whose late wife was deponent's sister; that said Brickhouse had six children who survived him, that one of the children, Calista has lived twelve months in defendant's family, at the charge of Hannah Lewis who has maintained her; that during the time Calista lived with Mrs. Lewis she was infirm and weakly. Deponent thinks Mrs. Lewis is fairly entitled to \$4.00 for provisions and clothes while Claista remained with her; that Jedidiah Brickhouse was much embarrassed at the time of his death and it was doubted by his friends how far the property would pay his debts.

Signed by Nathaniel Lewis, 28 November, 1818, before J. G. Stanly.

Nanthaniel Lewis further deposes that while his sister was acting as administratrix of Jedediah Brickhouse he paid William Taylor a debt of said Brickhouse's amounting to \$24.00 with a raft of staves, which the administratrix gave him for that purpose. This 28 Nov. 1818, before J. G. Stanly.

Mrs. Lewis claims for keeping Calista Bateman sixteen months. Thinks she can prove by Levi Bull money borrowed from Mr. Lewis just before Brickhouse's death.

Defendant maketh oath that she is sued as representative of her husband, who was security for Mary Bateman, Administratrix of Jedediah Brickhouse, that some of the vouchers have been lost and she prays for extension of time to procure witnesses.

Names of Purchasers at sale: Vine Allen, Mary Ann Bateman, Silas Bateman, Levi Ball, Whitney Ball, Lucas J. Benners,

## Village Verses

### IT'LL BE WONDERFUL

After so much snow and sleet and ice,  
One thing should be quite clear:  
Spring is bound to be awfully nice,  
Yes, especially nice this year.  
The crocus will bud as never before,  
And birds will sing doubly sweet;  
The sun will smile at every door,  
And on every New Bern street.  
Trees will be lovely, that's for sure,  
Lawns will be radiantly green;  
Spirits depressed will find a cure  
As our eyes survey the scene.  
For nothing helps like winter's sting  
To make us aware of glorious spring.

—JGMcd.

Shadrack Ball, Spring Brooks, personal estate, December 29, 1807, 268 - 1 - 0.  
Joseph Burney, Samuel T. H. Daves, Sheriff,  
Cahoon, Elijah Cratch, H. Joshua Scott, Dep. Sher.  
Carraway, Alexander (Records of Craven County,  
Carruthers, George Clark, Estates No. 4).  
Nelson Delamar, Stephen  
Fowler, John Harris, Samuel  
Harrison, Peter Harper,  
William Jones, Josiah Jones,  
James Kennedy, John Lewis,  
Nathaniel Lewis, John Lewis,  
Church Linsey, Susan  
Mackelroy, Morris Muse, Millis  
Muse, John Paul, John Patrick,  
Eleakim Patrick, Sidney  
Patrick, John Riggs, Jeremiah  
Squires, Church Vendrick,  
James Wilson, James Wilcocks,  
John Tillman's receipt dated  
January 13, 1809; David Tingle,  
Thomas Turner,

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