

CAPITAL CLIPBOARD

Says More Democrats Switched Than Registered GO P Voters

BY EULA N. GREENWOOD UPSIDE DOWN ... Death and decay ... is all around I see. Thus begins an old Christian song; and this seemed somehow to fit the occasion as the election returns rolled in on the evening of Nov. 8.

MAJORITY ... In county after county in North Carolina—and in state after state in the nation—you found (after the smoke had cleared) more Democrats had voted Republican than the total number of registered Republican voters in the area.

Very few—and maybe not one—Republican voted Democratic. The Democrats voted Republican by the millions in this country Nov. 8.

WILL HE OR WON'T HE? The question being asked in whispers among shocked Raleigh Democrats is:

Will President L. B. Johnson seek a second term? He has been in office exactly three years. To many a good Southern Democrat it seems so.

Even before the election debacle there was some conjecture that LBJ was weary, tired and sick. In Washington, D. C., where you can hear anything—especially if you ride by taxi—you can learn "on good authority" that the President has this and that disease. There seems always to be more uneasiness in Washington than anywhere else in America.

And, this time it is a fact that the President is worried lest that growth in his neck might lead to cancer. You hear that the physicians will issue a statement on this by Dec. 1.

STILL ON TOP ... The one governmental leader in North Carolina apparently unhurt in the political shakeup is Lt. Gov. Robert Scott. The young man makes few enemies, many friends. One political leader—former Democratic Chairman Bert Bennett—is regarded as unfriendly to Scott. He was beaten in his bid for a seat in the State Senate.

But on these things—you hear of no gloating from Bob Scott. Frankly, he seems to be growing stronger day by day.

COURSE ... It may be that two young men—one a Republican born in 1927 and the other a Democrat born in 1929—may right now be running on a collision course for November of 1968.

They are, of course, Jim Broyhill of Lenoir and Bob Scott of Haw River.

Broyhill is the Congressman from the Ninth District. Smooth as silk. But, as of right now—despite the election's shock—it looks as if Scott would easily be the winner. The Republicans don't have much money as a party in this State—in fact, still owe for some 1964 campaigning. They are now expected to get well in a hurry.

Republican Charles Jonas, Congressman from the populous Charlotte area—Eighth District—will turn 62 on Dec. 9. He will be urged to run for Governor, but there are persistent rumors that he would like nothing better than to get back to some nice quiet law practice in Lincolnton.

He has been in Congress since 1952.

NOTES James C. Gardner, winner over Harold D. Cooley, is—like Broyhill—a young man of means. His people are not related to the Cleveland County Gardners—were pioneers in the dairy business in the Rocky Mount area. Gardner is one of the chief owners of Hardee's, hamburger drive-ins. New Congressman Gardner's father-in-law is millionaire Arthur Tyler, partner in a dozen Belk-Tyler stores throughout Eastern North Carolina—and one of the State's religious and civic leaders.

The oldest men—in point of service, in the 1967 Legislature will be Senator Claude Currie of Durham, who will be 76 on Dec. 8 ... and Representative Jim Vogler of Charlotte, who was 71 this past April. Volger has been in 16 regular and special sessions of the Legislature. Both are even-tempered, easy to know and to like. Senator Currie was born in Candor, Montgomery County. Vogler is a native of Charlotte ... is semi-retired, but has broad real estate holdings in the Charlotte area.

Democrats hereabouts admit that the main reason the Republicans did not score even more legislative victories out over the State ... is that they didn't have more running. More of them would have announced for office ... but they had not recovered from the Goldwater catastrophe two years ago.

Many a Republican out there wanted to run for the State Senate or the House—particularly so in view of the redistricting, etc.—but they could get no promise of fi-

ancial aid ... and felt they were not able financially to carry the load ... and it gets more expensive all the time ... by themselves.

Election results should make the 1967 Legislature even more conservative (no new taxes) than projected early in the fall.

Lees-McRae Will Stage Play

On the evening of November eighteenth the Delta Psi Omega, a national dramatic fraternity, will present Jean-Paul Sartre's one act, "No Exit". The production will be presented at eight o'clock in the evening in the A. C. Chaffee Auditorium on the Lees-McRae College campus.

The one-act is a very intensive play. The three people cast into hell provide the fascinating subject for Jean-Paul Sartre's play, "No Exit". When the characters find themselves sealed in a room together forever, they proceed to badger each other in an attempt to understand all the underlying reasons for their predicament. In a merry-go-round of mental anguish they stumble upon the real truth about hell. For as one character so brilliantly states it, "Hell is other people."

More Troops To Vietnam

Predictions from Pentagon sources are that United States forces in South Vietnam will reach 382,000 by December 31 and reach 400,000 men during January. Needs beyond early 1967 have not been calculated.

C of C Notes

The New River Valley Development Association met Monday evening, Nov. 14, 6:30 p. m. at High Meadows Inn, South of Sparta on Highway 21. Among things discussed were roads 221, 321 and 421, with emphasis on 221. Discussed also, was the resolution from Allegheny, Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties signed by government, industrial and Chamber of Commerce officials of the respective counties, to be sent to Governor Dan Moore and the State Road Commission requesting action be taken on above roads.

Those attending from Watauga County were Glenn Andrews, President of the Association, Col. Clyde C. Miller and Fred M. McNeal.

Stanley Harris Sr., Fred M. McNeal and Dr. Kenneth Webb, Dean of Student Affairs, ASTC, attended the Dilsworth Rotary Club in Charlotte Friday, Nov. 11, at which Dr. Webb was guest speaker. Dr. Webb appropriately used "Freedom" as his subject.

The November membership meeting, usually held the second Tuesday of each month, will be held this month as part of the Farm-City Week program, Thursday, at the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge.

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