

Lost Cannon  
by Wilborne Harrell



A CHOWAN HERALD FICTION STORY

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED**  
Ted Brant and Jim Carson, teenagers, are last friends and also expert divers. They have earned an enviable reputation as local underwater men, and are also friends and proteges of Professor Hill, one-time adventurer and now a teacher of history in Holmes High School. Ted and Jim often did research for Professor Hill, and in the course of this research they ran across a map purportedly showing where Blackbeard had sunk a chest of treasure in the Sound. Both boys set out to recover this treasure, if it exists, but as the story opens they are on their way to keep an appointment with Professor Hill. These appointments usually led to further adventure.

Professor Hill ran his hand through his hair in a characteristic gesture. There was a twinkle in his eye. He said, "Well, have you boys discovered Blackbeard's treasure yet?"

Ted and Jim were seated in Professor Hill's business-like, book-lined office. They grinned, taking Professor Hill's sly dig good-naturedly. "No, sir," said Ted. "Not yet. But you never can tell—we may find it tomorrow."

Professor Hill became serious. He came to the point without further preamble. "Boys, you've no doubt heard the story of the Holy Heart of Jesus, which sailed from Marseilles with Captain William Boritz, master, during the Revolution with a cargo of cannon destined for Virginia and North Carolina. Well, as the story goes, the Holy Heart of Jesus anchored at Edenton, delivered Virginia's cannon, but North Carolina could not raise the required poundage of tobacco to pay for her share. Captain Boritz, his patience gone and his sailing time at hand, dumped the cannon in Edenton Bay. There were twenty-three cannon in the cargo, but all but fifteen have been dredged up, and as you know, are scattered about town in various places.

"Now—Ted, and you too, Jim—The Chowan Historical Society wants to recover those lost fifteen cannon, and will pay you boys well if you will undertake the job of locating them for the Society. Mr. Jamison has contacted me and will lend his yacht for a base of operations. You boys can live aboard the yacht and save a lot of time in the operation, and have fun besides. And too, let's don't forget Blackbeard's treasure—you can look for that also in your search for the cannon. There will be a ship-to-shore radio, and I've informed the police about the two suspicious characters in the Bay. The police will keep an eye on you at all times—and so will I."

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further detail about what he insisted on calling Operation Cannon, and when Ted and Jim left the Professor's office, they were prepared to undertake the biggest and most ambitious underwater job of their diving career.

Ted Brant made a final adjustment to his diving gear, settled his goggles more firmly on his face, and made a forward motion with his hand to Jim Carson. Both boys stepped to the rail of the yacht, poised a moment and dropped into the water, smoothly and easily. The water swallowed them hungrily as they sank below the surface.

As the water closed over his head, Ted floated down into a new world. The scenic panorama before him here was not as varied and as exciting as the sea, but it possessed a beauty all its own. The sunlight, although rather subdued, filtered down through the water and reminded him of a vast cathedral with sunlight streaming through its stained-glass windows.

He allowed himself to relax as he sank down; he felt weightless and motion was effortless. The lead belt about his waist his aqua-lung, balanced his body and he was free to turn, somersault or barrel roll at will. With a slight motion of his flippers he had complete control of his body. He glanced over at Jim,

grinned at him through his mask. Here, if anywhere, he was monarch of all he surveyed.

As Ted swam leisurely along with a casual glance at Jim not far away, he allowed his mind to survey the last three days they had been diving from the yacht. He and Jim had mapped the area, and had dived and searched a different segment each day. Professor Hill had come aboard each night and they had reported on each day's activities and progress. He and Jim were thoroughly enjoying themselves, for this was more fun than a camping trip. It was like a deluxe vacation—diving, cooking in the galley, sitting around at night as around

a campfire, spinning adventure yarns with Professor Hill. Ted, from sheer exuberance, did a somersault, adjusted the underwater knife that hung at his belt, and looked up as a shadow passed overhead. A boat heading for shore, he thought, did a barrel roll and instantly forgot all about the boat or the shadow.

The underwater of the Albemarle Sound was rather murky, and in the landlocked Bay where they were diving, visibility was not too good. But down here he didn't have the strong currents of the sea to contend with, and the attendant dangers of sea-diving were lacking in these inland waters. In fact, the only

times that he and Jim had had any accidents were when his mask had flooded, and Jim had strangled on water that entered his snorkel. But these, Ted reflected, were minor dangers compared to what a diver may encounter in the sea.

Ted looked up. A lot of history, he thought floated on the surface of these waters. He could imagine above him Indian canoes, the ships of Sir Richard Grenville, Adamus and Barlow, the pirate craft of Blackbeard and the ship of the patriot, John Paul Jones. All had sailed these waters, and later, when Edenton was founded and became a flourishing seaport, it was port of entry and departure for ships

bound for exotic places in the West Indies and all over the world. Lazily Ted propelled himself along, with side glance every now and then at Jim, who was still pacing him. Allowing his imagination to roam further afield, the thought came to Ted that the civilization that later became America really began on these North Carolina shores. Actually the first colonists landed on Roanoke Island, not far from where he was born and spent most of his early life.

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# KENNEDY'S VOTING RECORD

FEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE VOTING RECORDS AS RADICAL AS KENNEDY

IN GENERAL, KENNEDY HAS CONSISTENTLY VOTED:

FOR—Inflation	AGAINST—Sound Money
FOR—Extravagant Spending	AGAINST—Economy
FOR—Government in Business	AGAINST—Private Enterprise
FOR—Big Federal Government	AGAINST—States Rights
FOR—The Union Bosses	AGAINST—Individual Rights of Union Members

Intelligent voters, who prefer documented facts to irresponsible campaign talk, are invited to study a portion of Kennedy's shocking voting record:

- Against State Sedition Laws—** Kennedy voted against right of states to maintain and enforce their own laws against sedition and Communist subversion, an irresponsible vote against states rights and against National security (S. 654; 9/21/58).
- Expropriation By Foreign Countries—** Kennedy voted against suspension of Federal grants to foreign countries (such as Cuba) which expropriate American property without just compensations (S. 1451; 7/8/59).
- Against Union Members—** Kennedy, favoring the Union Bosses against the individual members, voted against Labor's "Bill of Rights" which would have protected union members against coercive and unfair actions by unions (Amend. to S. 1555; 4/22/59).
- Against Secret Ballot On Strikes and Removal of Union Officers—** Kennedy voted against right to secret ballot prior to a strike (Amend. S. 1555; 4/24/59), and against secret ballot by union members on removal of union officers (S. 3974; 6/14/58).
- "Hot Cargo" Issue—** Kennedy voted against a proposal to ban notorious "Hot Cargo" coercion by union hoodlums (S. 3974; 6/16/58).
- Misuse of Union Dues—** Kennedy voted against bill to prevent misuse of Union dues for political and other purposes contrary to wishes of members (S. 3974; 6/16/58).
- Against States Rights In Labor Disputes—** Kennedy twice voted against giving the states the right to deal with certain labor disputes ("no-man's land" cases) which the National Labor Relations Board does not handle (S. 3974; 6/13/58 and Amend. to S. 1555; 4/23/59).
- Against Right-To-Work Laws—** Kennedy has voted against and is pledged to have the Federal Government invalidate Right-to-Work Laws in Virginia and 19 other states.
- Against States Rights Generally—** Kennedy voted against proposal that no Federal law shall nullify state laws unless specifically so provided by Congress (S. 654; 9/20/58).
- For Inflation and Against Sound Money—** Kennedy favors artificial determination of interest rates by Federal Government, which would encourage inflation (S. 3497; 4/15/58 and H.R. 9035; 9/8/59).
- Against Private Enterprise—** Kennedy has consistently voted against private enterprise and in favor of massive Federal power projects at taxpayer's expense (S. 1333; 7/19/56. S. 555; 6/21/57).
- Against Lewis Strauss—** Kennedy, playing partisan politics of a low order, voted against confirmation of Lewis L. Strauss, a public-spirited and able Virginian, as Secretary of Commerce (6/18/59).

On Every Issue Listed Above, Senators Byrd and Robertson, and a Large Majority of Virginia's Congressmen, Have Voted Contrary to Kennedy

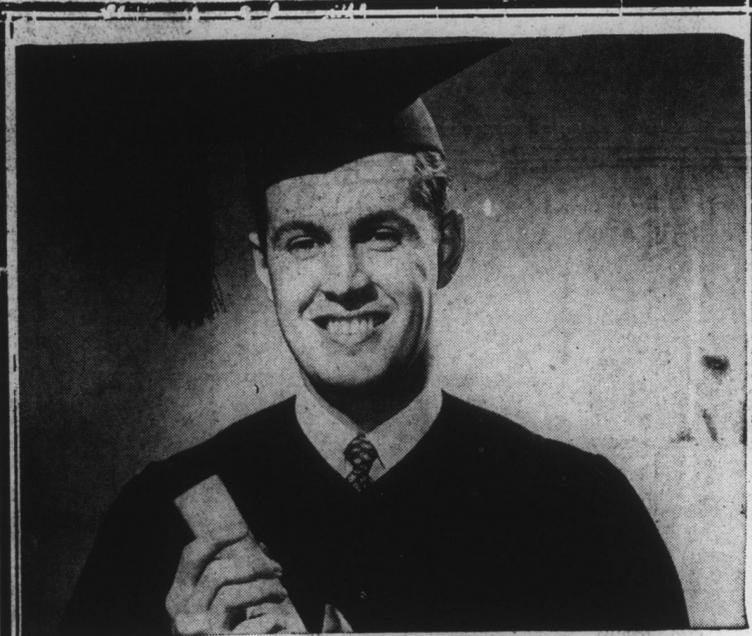
As Senator Byrd said on the floor of the U. S. Senate:  
"There is no use for me to debate with the Senator from Massachusetts. He is at the North Pole and I am at the South Pole on questions of concentration of power in the Federal Government."  
(Cong. Record, p. 9676, 1958).

Kennedy's record is repugnant to almost all Virginians. Some Democratic officeholders and professional politicians may feel that in the interest of party regularity, they have to swallow Kennedy and his Platform. But thoughtful Virginians, interested only in good government and the welfare of our country, are free to choose.

President Eisenhower, who has been the dedicated President of all the people and who has no political ambitions, strongly recommends Vice President Nixon and Ambassador Lodge.

## VOTE FOR NIXON-LODGE

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON-LODGE  
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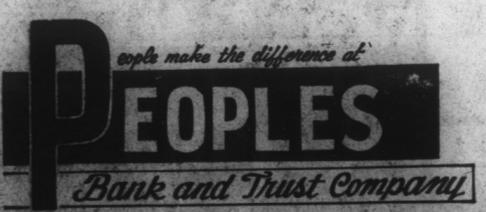


EARNING EXPECTANCY  
**\$268,000.00**

That's what the average college graduate earns in his lifetime according to the Bureau of Labor Standards. This compares to \$155,000 for the high school graduate and \$116,000 for the grade school graduate. The demand for college-trained people is sky-rocketing.

But the question is can you afford to send your child to college? Listen. Today one-third of all boys and girls of college age are going to college with many of their parents earning less than \$100 a week.

So the answer is you can afford it if you save. And we suggest you start now at this strong, friendly bank.



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