

# LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thursday, October 8, 1964

## It's A Family Affair

Lady Bird has been and gone. Maybe the state will never be the same again. The First Lady said she was making the trip to help her husband and the Democratic Party. To this end, she appears to have been successful.

She succeeded in getting gubernatorial candidate Dan K. Moore to greet the President, even though the Democratic candidate has indicated that he does not publicly support the President. Mrs. Moore gave the President a hug and Judge

Moore applauded unashamedly.

The First Family is a charmer. They make a very impressive appearance. And they are wise to the ways of politics. The Lady Bird Special whistle stop tour has brought the Democrats more favorable publicity, free of charge, than anything they have done. Regardless of a person's political affiliation he must hold a warm spot for a wife attempting to help her husband, a daughter speaking up for her father and a husband who shows his appreciation for both.

## In Your Heart

A phrase being used by the supporters of Sen. Barry Goldwater and being paraphrased by

supporters of President Lyndon Johnson, has been used and will be used many times between now and November 3. It gives cause for serious thought.

If the American voter will search his or her heart before voting in the coming general election, the country will be the better for it. Whether or not "He is right," as the slogan implies, is something for each voter to determine for himself. The point is, that every voter should take the time to study the issues and the candidates.

Whether or not each of us want to "Let us continue" or believe

that we "Cannot afford to continue," the seriousness of the election should be uppermost in the minds and hearts of all. It is no idle campaign gimmick; our nation is in grave danger. As General Mark Clark has said, "Communism is the greatest issue confronting the American people today." Domestic problems we can live with. Foreign dangers we cannot.

William Tyler Page, author of The American Creed, said, "I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies." In your heart, you know he's right.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

### Moore And Johnson Ahead

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Editor Henry Belk of the Goldsboro News-Argus has just completed a poll of North Carolina editors as to present prospects for governor and president in the November election. As might have been expected, they came up with different opinions as to their own localities. The sampling of sentiment ranged from the mountains to the coast, and in the aggregate found Moore safely ahead of Gavin, the Republican candidate for governor, and Johnson apparently certain to carry the State for president.

There were a few pockets of leadership for Goldwater, but a large majority of expressions were that the President will come out on top. Very few editors thought Gavin would lead in their areas.

We suspect the conclusions of these observers will be verified in the election next month. Editors may be wrong, and may be basing opinion to a large extent on past performance of the electorate. North Carolina has never

deserted the national Democratic ticket, at least not in this century, except when it went for Hoover over Al Smith in 1928. Not since Dan Russell, who immediately preceded Aycock, has the State elected a Republican governor. Certainly there is dissatisfaction at both levels, but our feeling all along has been that the party lash will whip the rank and file into line for the nominees on November 3, as has been true more than once in the past, including 1960.

Belk's is the only statewide sampling of opinion thus far, and even that was restricted to newspaper editors. Their collective opinion was that the State will be found in the Democratic column when the votes are counted, as it has been in the past. This is too much liberalism to be overcome in the balloting this fall. And the Johnson visit to Raleigh next Tuesday and Lady Bird's barnstorming across the State for two days won't do the national ticket any harm here.

### "Hook, Line And Sinker"

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9-17

"I am going to swallow the Democratic ticket hook, line and sinker."

These were the words of Secretary of State Thad Eure during a campaign stop here Tuesday afternoon with Dan K. Moore, Democratic candidate for Governor.

We suppose this is what Mr. Eure thought his audience wanted to hear.

If so, he must have been sadly disappointed because his profound pledge was greeted by dead silence.

If there were those who agreed with his attitude of blind loyalty, they gave no indication of it.

What the silence may have meant is that the audience was trying to tell the distinguished Secretary of State that the day is gone when voters are willing to swallow the Democratic ticket, the Republican ticket or any other political party ticket "hook, line and sinker."

affairs, are beginning to do a little thinking themselves.

Party loyalty is fine, but not when it means voting against the dictates of one's conscience. The hook, line and sinker business belongs to an age that has passed.

The Democratic Party has some outstanding candidates for public office, but it also has some candidates that are unattractive to many voters. The same thing may be said of the Republican Party.

We doubt that Mr. Eure likes all of the candidates on the Democratic ticket, but he indicated by his "hook, line and sinker" statement that he is willing to set aside his personal views and accept without question whatever the party offers.

This attitude, of course, relieves him of the need to do any political thinking for himself, but it is not a mark of responsible citizenship.

"I HAVE A LITTLE SHADOW THAT GOES IN AND OUT WITH ME..."



## Viewpoint

### Choosing the Right Leader

By JESSE HELMS

It takes so little, really, to emphasize the goodness and decency in the potential of our land, and to sweep away some of the blots created by rioting in the streets, hypocrisy in high places, and indifference in between.

In, of all places, Atlantic City on Saturday night, a little lady from Arizona proudly proclaimed her faith in God just prior to her being crowned Miss America. Surely a nation's heart must have been touched, and even a bit repentant, as a who'some, sincere little girl, whose beauty and poise and talent had caused the eyes of the land to be focused upon her, articulated the meaningfulness of faith and trust in God.

The young lady wept, and surely a nation also brushed aside a tear as well. But there was a kind of victory in the emotion that too many have forgotten in an era of theatrics, sham and pretense.

Thus, in a strange sort of way, Vonda Kay Van Dyke may have served to bring her countrymen to their senses, even if only momentarily. To say the least, her success at Atlantic City underscored the importance of simple and fundamental virtues. She won more than a Miss America contest.

In the sophisticated setting of modern America, it has somehow become unfashionable to talk about the Bible, or faith in God. We swirl in an orbit of computers, gimmicks, gadgets, and trips to the moon. We talk about the dignity of man when man himself is pushing dignity aside. We worship government in-

stead of Providence; we rely upon government force instead of individual responsibility.

But the little lady from Arizona brought us all up short, and we must hope--to our senses. In the simplest possible way, and under the most unlikely circumstances, she extended a reminder of the things which have a right to survive.

The master of ceremonies, standing in the spotlight on the stage of a massive auditorium, asked Miss Van Dyke: "I understand you always carry a Bible with you. What does your religion mean to you?"

To which she replied: "My relationship with God is not as a religion but as faith. I believe in Him, trust in Him, and hope that even tonight His will will be done."

And then she said: "I leave my future for God's will, and this must be part of it."

And, with that, she was through. Who could have said more? It was precisely the kind of purging that the soul of America needed. And the strangeness of it all was how it happened, where, and through whom.

We fell to thinking, in the moments afterwards, of a sermon we had read earlier in the evening, delivered a few Sundays ago by the pastor of a rural church in Wake County. The Rev. Ollis Revels, pastor of Bay Leaf Baptist Church, was reflecting upon the political season. The week before, he had watched the proceedings of the second of the two conventions held by the nation's major political parties.

It makes a lot of difference, he told his congregation the following Sunday, whom we

choose to follow as a nation. But, he added, "I am bound to remind you that there is another contest going on in this world. This contest will decide who will be the leader--not only of our government--but of our individual lives. This contest will decide, not so much the destiny of our economy, as it will the destiny of our souls. The contest is not for four years, but for eternity."

The Rev. Mr. Revels continued with the observation that we have no choice but to enter this contest. As he put it: "If we do not choose the right leader for our lives, one will be chosen for us."

Somehow, the messages of the rural minister in Wake County, North Carolina, and the little lady from Arizona, fitted perfectly together. They were saying the same thing, voicing the same challenge. If America was listening, then the prospects of a better America are brighter. America will fail to listen at her own peril.

### Elections

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Adams and Thomas Jefferson. James Madison authored the first ten amendments to the Constitution. John Quincy Adams was the son of John Adams, who was a Federalist. During John Adams' tenure as President, he had as vice president a member of another political party. His vice president was Thomas Jefferson, a Democratic-Republican.

Time and history paint a picture of these early Presidents as dedicated, religious men, who were without faults. But, except that there were fewer voters, there were fewer means of communication, and the public rarely saw a real live candidate, these men fought, in their own way, as hard for the Presidency as do present day aspirants. Political maneuvering was an art in the early days of this country, just as it is today, and usually, the man and the party with the most political savvy are the winners.

Since Washington took the first oath of office in 1789, the United States has been blessed with men capable of doing the job,

### Court

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ment. Not guilty. Joseph Bobbitt Johnson, c/m/16, motor vehicle violation. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Thomas Denton Williams, c/m/24, motor vehicle violation. 30 days in jail.

James Warren Boykin, c/m/45, unlawful possession of whiskey; public drunkenness. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Fred Solomon, c/m/28, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs and medical bills of Sidney Manley and to remain of good behavior for 1 year.

Robert Aurby Bailey, w/m/57, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

The success of this country and its political system makes false the present claims being made by both political candidates for the highest office, that should the other win, the country would fold.

Tuesday: Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler and the first North Carolina President, plus more on the current campaign.

## WMS Meets

The first meeting of the new year of the W.M.S. of Lousburg Baptist Church met in the fellowship hall Monday night with 35 members present. The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Our Best," after which Mrs. George West, the president, led in prayer.

Bible meditation was given by Mrs. Florence Wells. The president then recognized the Sunbeams and their leaders. They sang several songs, said verses of scripture and repeated their watchword. Mrs. Eagles led in prayer for mission and Sunbeam work.

Mrs. W. W. Nash thanked the officers of the past year and read a poem to Mrs. Tomlinson, expressing appreciation of her and what she has meant to the group.

Following the singing of the hymn, "O Worship the King," the following committee chairmen took part on the program: Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Florence Wells; Publications, Mrs. Howard Drewett; Mission Study, Mrs. Ralph Knott; Community Missions, Mrs. Wyatt Freeman; Publicity, Mrs. Willis Nash; Stewardship, Mrs. Joseph Shearon.

The W.M.S. watchword for the year was read in unison and Mrs. R. L. Eagles gave us the definition of worship. This was repeated and each member was asked to take it home and put it some place where it would be seen often.

The meeting was concluded with prayer by the president.

## WSG Meets

The Wesleyan Service Guild met October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leslie Tharrington with Mrs. Wayne Benton as co-hostess. Miss Gertrude Winston presided over the meeting which opened with prayer and the Guild hymn. Following the report by the secretary and treasurer, plans were made to place flowers in the church sanctuary during the month. Miss Winston announced the District Conference of The Wesleyan Service Guild to be held at the Lousburg Methodist Church on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. The day for Call To Prayer and Self Denial was announced for October 29 and all members were urged to attend.

The program "Rekindling The Inner Life Through Prayer" was given by Miss Virginia Pleasants and the devotional was given by Mrs. Earle Murphy. Those taking part in "Prayer and Life Within" were Mesdames E. F. Thomas, I. D. Moon, Hugh W. Perry, Genevieve Perry, Leslie Tharrington and George Davis.

During the social hour which followed, the hostesses served strawberry shortcake and salted nuts to fifteen members and a new member, Mrs. Elton Dillard.

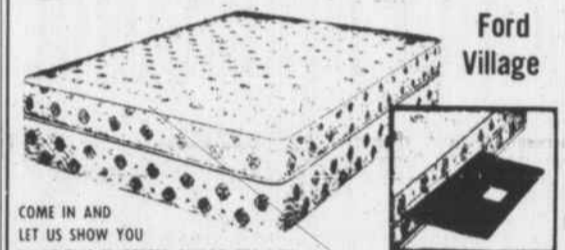
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- 1962 SUPREME COURT BANS PRAYER IN SCHOOLS
- 1962 3000 FEDERAL TROOPS SENT TO MISSISSIPPI
- 1962 BILLY SOL ESTES SCANDAL
- 1963 CONGO INFILTRATED WITH COMMUNISTS
- 1963 BOBBY BAKER SCANDAL
- 1964 CIVIL "WRONGS" ACT
- 1964 NEW YORK: RIOTS IN STREET
- 1964 DETROIT: RIOTS IN STREETS
- 1964 NEW JERSEY: RIOTS IN STREETS
- 1964 VIET NAM, AMERICAN SOLDIERS DYING



LET US CONTINUE

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CONTINUE

VOTE FOR BARRY GOLDWATER

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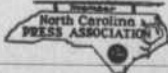
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