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-- Overlook On Life --

By WARREN S. REEVE

The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Two weeks ago I wrote on the kind of spirit that I thought ought to pervade our American life and especially the political campaigning that goes on before Election Day. Election Day is now over. The uncertainties of the outcome have vanished. We know, now, the strength that the Democratic Party will have in Congress during the next two years, and the strength of the Republican Party. We know for sure just how things are lined up in our state government, and finally, in county and town, we know who were elected and who were defeated.

I have no idea whether this election was carried out on a high level of honor, as I hoped it would be; or, whether many shady dealings and illegitimate understandings marred the purity of the balloting. But the election is over and the results are settled, and there is nothing anybody can do about it to change the votes, even if we would wish to.

There is a very great deal that we can do about it, however, in the sphere of the attitudes we take towards officials in office, towards federal, state and local administrations, and towards political parties. The success of our American form of government can only be vindicated if we keep the climate of political thought and action wholesome. Much of what one hears indicates that, in fact, this climate has been greatly befouled. What kind of an atmosphere was created by the political activity of the last weeks?

However good or bad it may be, now is as good a time as any to start "ventilating the rooms" where politicians have been carrying on their campaigns. America and Yancey County need purer air and a healthier climate in which government may function, and in which the voting public may define their will clearly without external restraints.

To every one who has been elected to office I would like to extend congratulations and good wishes. I say this, regardless of whether the candidate was one I had favored or didn't favor. I say it also, regardless of whether he may have been helped to win the election by crooked means or not. Now that he has been elected I feel it right to wish him well, and

to congratulate him, not in the sense of approving anything that was wrong that he may perhaps have done, but in the sense of reminding him of the privilege before him of serving his constituency well and fulfilling the duties of his office with fidelity, humility and distinction.

All of us ordinary citizens may be reminded, moreover, that we owe honor to every officer of government for the office's sake. Even if we disapprove of the incumbent, I believe that we would render him a special respect.

All officials will do a better job, I maintain, if they can believe we have an intelligent confidence in them. "Intelligent" means "well-informed", and is the opposite of "gullible". A merely blind, gullible confidence may encourage officials to defraud the people and to pervert justice, but a confidence that is thoroughly cognizant of the temptations to which politicians are subjected, and which understands that it is easy for a man in office, if he chooses to be unscrupulous, to engage in the most scandalous kind of wrong activity, may be a stronger deterrent to him than any congressional investigating committee might be. And, on the other hand, when an official is made to feel that the people have a generous confidence in him, all his better impulses for the right will be stimulated, and there is good likelihood that he will occupy his position with honor.

Let us put it this way: We, the people of Yancey County, believe in you who are now to fill our county offices for the next year or so. We are going to trust you to be absolutely fair and to allow only the noblest motives to determine your position on the issues that come before you. If, by any chance, in the pre-election campaigning, scandalous things, whether on adequate grounds or whether without warrant whatsoever, were said about you, we're going to try to forget them now for the present. We invite you to feel that we are behind you in everything good and that we will sympathize with you in things that may be difficult. Please, therefore, be worthy of our confidence. If, in the past, there were dissensions and bitter rivalries, let us all forget them now in a

wholesome and constructive endeavor to have the political and social institutions of our local area conducted on a high level of integrity.

Let us, the ordinary citizens of this county who make up the general public, honor Law, and insist to ourselves that our affairs are to be administered by Law. Let us rid ourselves of any lingering ideas that we can ignore Law if we don't like it, or take it into our own hands. Every shooting, every slashing of somebody in a feud, indicates a most un-American spirit, and is akin to the brutal code that the Nazis had, and that the Soviet government follows.

In the New Testament St. Paul states that men holding public office were to be made to feel that it was God who had appointed them to their office. When we recall that St. Paul lived in a Roman Empire where almost all officials were pagan, and often brutal or scandalously corrupt, when even many of the emperors themselves were fiendishly tyrannical, this was an astonishing teaching to him to give. Christians, even when they were being unjustly discriminated against and persecuted by these officials were bidden to show them respect, because, said St. Paul, they received their office from God. To resist them or to defame them was the equivalent of dishonoring God. Read and consider the thirteenth chapter of Romans if you would wish to hear what the Bible says is the attitude we should have towards occupants

NOTICE OF RE-SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY

The Board of Education of Yancey County, being of the opinion that the Lost Cove School house and site upon which it is located in Ramseytown Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, has become unnecessary for public school purposes, signed an Order at a meeting held by said Board of Education on 13 August 1958, directing the sale of said Lost Cove School house and site upon which it is located and in said Order appointed Hubert D. Justice, Secretary of said Board of Education to advertise and sell said property in the name of the Board of Education of Yancey County at public sale as provided by law:

That pursuant to said Order the undersigned advertised said property and offered same for sale at the courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, on 27 September 1958 at which time E. L. Briggs was the highest bidder at the price of \$75.00 which bid was duly reported on said day in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court of Yancey County; that an increased bid was filed in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court within the time provided by law and the Clerk of Court has signed an Order directing the re-sale of said property at public sale as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Order of the Board of Education and the power invested in said Board of Education by the laws of the State of North Carolina, and by virtue of Order of re-sale entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of Yancey County, the Board of Education of Yancey County, through its Secretary, Hubert D. Justice, will again offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 11:15 A. M. on the 22nd day of November, 1958 at the courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, the following described property:

BEGINNING on an Apple tree 20 feet West of Spring near the said Sam Cooper's house in a field and runs East 20 feet to said spring; thence Eastward with the spring branch about 36 poles to a stake in the N. and S. line of W. E. Uptegrove; thence N. about 8 poles to a stake in said Uptegrove's corner; thence W. with said W. E. Uptegrove's line about 37 poles to a small Poplar in said line; thence S. about 9 poles to the BEGINNING, containing one and one-half acre, more or less.

The Board of Education of Yancey County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The highest bidder shall be required to deposit with the undersigned the sum of ten percent of his or her bid made on said property on the day of sale.

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of public office. St. Paul would also say to any seriously minded official that he had better be careful how he behaves in office because he is going to have to give account to God for his behavior.

If, then, the Christians of St. Paul's day were told that they must honor and reverence government officials, much more should we, in a land where Christian attitudes widely prevail, manifest a deference towards our officials and make them feel that we look to them with intelligent confidence that they will be honorable and faithful in the performance of their functions.

We — people of this mountain country who love our pure air and our rare climate (especially in the summer time) — ought assiduously strive that the "air" in which public affairs are carried on may be equally pure: Let the climate of Yancey County's political thought and action worthily match the superior physical climate that lures here the hundreds of summer visitors from the heat of less blessed parts of the country.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY

The Board of Education of Yancey County, being of the opinion that the Double Island School house and site upon which it is located in Brush Creek Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, has become unnecessary for public school purposes, signed an Order at a meeting held by said Board of Education on 13 August 1958, directing the sale of said Double Island School house and site upon which it is located and in said Order appointed Hubert D. Justice, Secretary of said Board of Education to advertise and sell said property in the name of the Board of Education of Yancey County at public sale as provided by law:

That pursuant to said Order the undersigned advertised said property and offered same for sale at the courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, on 27 September 1958 at which time Dewey Thomas was the highest bidder at the price of \$225.00 which bid was duly reported on said day in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court of Yancey County; that an increased bid was filed in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court within the time provided by law and the Clerk of Court signed an Order directing the re-sale of said property at public sale as provided by law:

That pursuant to said Order of re-sale the undersigned offered said property for sale at the courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, on 25 October 1958 at which time Frank Thomas was the highest bidder at the price of \$247.50 which bid was duly reported on said day in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court of Yancey County; that an increased bid has been filed in the Office of the Clerk Superior Court within the time provided by law and the Clerk of Court has again signed an Order directing the re-sale of said property at public sale as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Order of the Board of Education and the power invested in said Board of Education by the laws of the State of North Carolina, and by virtue of Order of re-sale entered by the Clerk Superior Court of Yancey County, the Board of Education of Yancey County, through its Secretary, Hubert D. Justice, will again offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 A. M. on the 22nd day of November 1958 at the courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, the following described property:

BEGINNING at a planted stone on the N. side of the public road and on the S. side of Doe Bag Creek and runs E. 45 E. 16 poles to a Spotted Oak thence N. 4 W. 7 poles to a bush of Sycamores in a hollow; thence N. 84 W. 17 poles and 9 links to an Ironwood on the N. side of the public road; thence with the road S. 14 W. 2 poles, S. 25 E. 17 poles and 9 links to the BEGINNING.

The Board of Education of Yancey County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Obituaries

MRS. SALLY P. DAVIS

Mrs. Sally Proffitt Davis, 80, of Burnsville, died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday night after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Friday in Elk Shoal Baptist Church. The Rev. Vivian Brown and the Rev. Granville Kilby officiated and burial was in Proffitt Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Belle Crain of Asheville and Mrs. Dora Byrd of Burnsville RFD 4; a son, Floyd, of Swannanoa; a brother, Jim, of Burnsville RFD 4; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE BUTNER

Funeral services for Lawrence Butner, 82, of Burnsville who died Wednesday were held in the First Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Friday. The Rev. C. B. Trammel officiated and burial was in McCracken Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clarence and Jess Styles, Edward Buckner, Harold and Frank Butner, Edgar Hensley, Harrison Bennett and Charles Hunter.

MACK LEDFORD

Mack Ledford, 63, a farmer and World War 1 veteran of Bee Log, died in a Veterans Administration hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., Sunday night following a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at Little Creek Church Thursday at 2:00 p. m. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Naomi Ledford; seven daughters, Ann and Unevia Ledford of the

Home, Mrs. William Huffman, Mrs. Madge Poteat and Mrs. Theima Owenby, all of Marion, Mrs. Oneda DeSaloo of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Katherine Laws of Ft. Campbell, Ky.; five sons, Glenn of Bristol, Va.; R. C. of the U. S. Army in Germany, and Floyd, Charles and Hoyle of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Belle Hensley of Bee Log and Mrs. Myrtle Ryan of Knoxville, Tenn.; and two brothers, Grady of Erwin, Tenn. and Lark of Ozark, Ark.

MABEL G. ROLAND

Mabel G. Roland, 39, died at her home in Burnsville Tuesday morning after a long illness.

Survivors are the husband, Lee Roy Roland; three daughters, Cinda, Laverne, and Patricia; one son, Claude Tracy, all of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Griffith of Burnsville; two brothers, James of Ontario, Canada; and Sol of Burnsville.

Funeral arrangements by Holcombe Funeral Home are incomplete.

A. L. TOMBERLIN

Funeral services for A. L. Tomberlin of Asheville, a native of the Cane River section of Yancey County, who died Sunday in an Asheville nursing home were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. in the chapel of Berryman Funeral Home.

The Rev. Tom Mason and the Rev. William C. Cannon officiated and burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elsie Banks Tomberlin of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Nell McHaffey; two sons, James P. of Charlotte and E. Worth Tomberlin of Salisbury; one brother, Grover G. Tomberlin of Asheville.

MRS. J. H. FRANKLIN

Mrs. J. H. Franklin, 86, died at 7:30 a. m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ettie Tipton, in Marion, following an illness of six months.

She was a native of Yancey County. The former Miss Lillie Ella Hall, she was the daughter of Willoughby and Martha Cousins Hall.

Services were conducted at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday in the Cross Mills Baptist Church in Marion.

The Rev. E. M. Strickland, the Rev. A. J. Buckner, and the Rev. E. R. Bartlett officiated. Burial was in Bethesda Methodist Church Cemetery in Haw Creek.

Surviving are two sons, Sidney Franklin of Asheville and Dewey Franklin of Johnson City, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Harrell of Asheville and Mrs. Tipton one step-daughter, Mrs. Leonard Cousins of Marion, Ind.; one brother, Howard Hall of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Nannie Black of Asheville; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

Your kindness and sympathy at this time are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express. Also our thanks for the beautiful floral offering in the death of our dearly beloved brother.

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