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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Everybody is wondering what the effect of Israeli's quickie War will have on American Politics, come November '68. Somehow or other, Israel did not seem to know that the modern way of fighting a War is to keep it going instead of ending it. Makes you wonder if maybe we could hire her army and put it to work for us?

The "grass-roots in some of the States seem to be blooming with, "R's" instead of "D's". If so, the Republican Convention, next year, might be of much moment. They might have an awful lot going for them. Some people are objecting to taxes, war, the economic situation, and a multitude of other things. Therefore, if the Republicans come up with a proper ticket they certainly will do better than they did the last time. In fact, dependent upon what occurs in the next twelve months, they just might go all the way.

Anyone who watched the Round Table t-v discussion of a few weeks ago, featuring Bobby Kennedy and Governor Reagan, must, in all fairness, admit that Reagan is not just an actor turned politician. Reagan proved himself a master in that joint operation. He reversed the famous Kennedy-Nixon Debates. Nixon debated for the judges and Kennedy talked to the voters. In the recent action, Bobby Kennedy debated with the youngsters on the panel and, doubtless, he beat them. While Bobby gathered points, Reagan sort of ignored the kids on the panel and talked direct to the American voting public. I feel, as do most of these with whom I have spoken, that Reagan received acclaim from the voters, and is due for sincere consideration.

The whole thing probably drove Nixon nearly nuts.

At this time, the Republicans act like Democrats of the Smith-MacAdoo era. Everybody wants the nomination and will kill the Party to succeed in getting it. Nixon has been running for it ever since he lost to Kennedy. I think he would have liked to have had it the last time even. The Presidential bug has bitten him deep and he will do a lot of fighting and bleeding before he allows anyone else to get it. Lots of people fear that he will fight so hard that, if he fails to receive the nomination, it will be worth little to whomever receives it.

Percy, of Illinois, despite his little "boomlets" is an unknown quantity and would have little, if any, National appeal or support. On the other hand, Romney of Michigan might have an appeal to a segment of the voters but, on the other hand, his anti-Goldwater stand would have to affect him adversely with a huge segment of Republican voters. Let's face it, for a Republican to win in '68, he has to carry all of the hard-rock Re-

publicans, a vast percentage of the independents, and some percentage of the Democrats. This is no small order. However, if conditions are right, the proper ticket could do all of these things.

Since everyone may suppose things, if not propose, let us suppose that the Republicans could have a political love-feast and settle on Rockefeller and Reagan. That would be a tough ticket! What would be against it? Well, Rockefeller and Goldwaterites appear to be water and oil — but — with Reagan on the Ticket, completely acceptable to the Goldwater folks, mightn't he off-set Rockefeller with them? I think he would. Then we have Rockefeller's divorce. How serious is that? I don't feel that it matters like it did in past years. His new marriage appears to be a happy one, and he has a family of small kids who make fine pictures for publicity purposes. His ability is proven. He certainly must get listed as a great Governor of New York. Then again, what with California and New York being our largest States, from a voting point, a team going on the field with these points on the score-board would be tough to catch.

Of course, the George Wallace issue might hurt, if Wallace continues his threat to run. Wallace could insure a Democratic victory. He would draw sufficient votes in Southern States to let the Democratic Standard bearer win those States. In the North, I feel that his voting adherents would be strong enough to cut the Republican vote and thus, again, the Democrats would be in fine shape. Wallace, as an independent candidate, would be the off-setting disadvantage to any Republican ticket. Perhaps he should be invited to any potential Republican dove-feast and get lined up.

In any event, we can all look forward to enjoying a couple of splendid Conventions or, on the other hand, two cut and dried nothings. If they are the former, we, for sure, will have a most interesting election that will rival the Kennedy-Nixon one.

Now who could ask for more than that?

Film Program, Story Hour At Library

The Yancey County Public Library will be sponsoring a film program every Thursday night from seven to eight o'clock at the library starting June 22, 1967. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Beginning June 28, 1967, a Story Hour will be held at the library each Wednesday, from three to four o'clock. All children are invited to attend.

IT NEVER FAILS



ook Up

While Growing Old

By: Clara Cassida

When age slows down your living pace
It will sort of leave you stranded,
And most all the news that you receive
Is already second-handed.

The years will put limits on your strength
Never asking your permission,
Yet you must still shuffle on your way
Tranquil in your mission.

You must not falter in your faith
But keep your spirit strong
And with this golden attitude
You're sure to get along.

Let the murmuring past be a treasure chest
That you can consult each day.
Look over all the happy times
Like melodies that came your way.

You have no need to be afraid
Of things that are unknown
But live each day as it dawns
With others, or alone.

Chin up and smile; don't worry,
Look up through the mist of pain
And God will walk beside you
In sunshine or in rain.

(I would like to dedicate this poem to Lona Honeycutt and Catherine Brinkley because they inspired me to write it. Clara Cassida).

The Magic Of Prayer

Donated By John M. Martin

When the trials of this life
Make you werry,
And your troubles seem too
Much to bear,
There is a wonderful solace
And comfort
In the silent communion
Of prayer.
From the magic of prayer
There comes power
That will minimize all
Of your care.
And you'll gather new hope
When you're able to cope
With the troubles
That once brought despair.

Dirty Dishes

Thank God for dirty dishes,
They have a tale to tell
While others may go hungry
We're eating very well.
With home, health, happiness,
I shouldn't want to fuss
By the stack of evidence,
God's been very good to us.

RALEIGH REPORT

By: Ernest Messer

This will be a noisy week in the General Assembly.

The Appropriation sub-committee should recommend a budget to the full Committee and to the House and Senate.

As usual, there will be attempts made to change some of the recommendations, particularly those items dealing with pay increases for teachers and state employees.

For the political advantage they will bring no matter how much pay increase the Committee may recommend, there will be attempts made to increase these amounts. The sponsors of such moves can then go back home and tell teachers and state employees that "I tried to get you more, but the other members of the Assembly just wouldn't go along."

I just think that teachers and state employees should understand what is back of all the noise that will be made this week to further increase their increase in pay.

Having worked on the Appropriation Sub-Committee for the past few months, I know there are areas, groups, and projects that need more money. But when we finish this week, we will have spent all the money that is available, and we will have distributed it as equitably as we know how.

Congressional redistricting will come to the forefront again this week. No serious move is being made to change the Eleventh Congressional District, but there is much dissatisfaction with other districts. The House will not approve all of the Senate redistricting bill, and whether the two bodies can get together remains to be seen.

The bill to elect county school boards by popular vote is coming before the House Education Committee this week. It has already passed the Senate and has strong support in the House.

Our bill to require meetings of boards and other bodies that are supported by or spend tax money passed the House and is now in a Senate Committee.

While this bill is much amended, and is not exactly as we wanted it to be, it will open some doors to the public that have not heretofore been open.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

WALTERBORO, S. C., PRESS AND STANDARD: "It was interesting to note the return of a North Carolina family from Australia. Last year much publicity and ado was made over the migration of the Ray A. Price family to Australia because of the 'head of the house's' disapproval of certain things in this country. But time, experience and hindsight finally got through to him and he realized that things were not as bad as he had thought. So often this is true. As a school teacher, found that government control of the schools was stronger, and felt more there than in this country. And the salaries paid were not as attractive on the site as from afar; and the independent, small merchant, merchandizing specialist, is not the idyllic dream some opponents of bigness prepound."

ROCHESTER, N. H., COURIER: "Young people, exposed to all the liberal philosophies which seek to downgrade freedom and country, need a time to think of the great blessings they have while living in a country like these United States. Men have died to preserve the rights which we enjoy today. The example of parents and friends, paying tribute to the Nation which was founded on the dignity and worth of man rather than a political philosophy, will stir them to dedicate themselves to perpetuating our way of life."

WACO, TEXAS, JOURNAL: "It is hard to pay taxes, even when you are convinced that the tax law is fair and equitable. If ever the citizens are convinced that a tax law is unfair, the consequences can be extremely serious. The United States of America was founded by men in revolt against unfair taxation, among other things. Therefore, it is important when a citizen feels that a tax law is unfair, that he let his representatives in Washington or the state capital or the county court house know how he feels and why."

There is much interest in a tax bill that requires counties to place a value on property according to the use that is being made of the property.