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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

All kinds of guessing games are going on around Washington these days. Political guessing games, they are. Naturally, what else could you expect up here? Even the World Series didn't make much of an inroad on the boys who keep the games going on politics. A big question is: "Who will run with Nixon?" but the real knocker is "Will Lyndon choose Bobby?" How about that one. Ridiculous on the face of it? I agree. However, some of the guessing boys make out a right good case. Their thinking seems to run along the lines that a straight Nixon-Johnson contest might leave an awful lot of voters sitting at home without a care as to winning with either of them. Ergo, it becomes important to pick a mate who will put a little spizz in the ticket. Definitely, a Lyndon-Bobby ticket would make a lot of people hit the voting machines. For whom they would vote would be a bit of a question though.

Old Ike gave Nixon a bit of a "kiss of death" the other day when he named a half a dozen or so Republicans who could get the nomination and forgot to include Nixon until after Miss Mamie whispered into his ear, whereupon the elderly ex-President added, in effect, that there was, of course, always Dick Nixon.

Made me feel sorry for Nixon. He deserves more at Ike's hands than that. He can't even come out and call Ike a such-and-such, or say or imply that the General is possibly getting senile or short memoried, or anything like that. Nixon just has to put on a grin and make believe it didn't happen and besides Ike didn't mean anything personal.

In regard to the Lyndon-Bobby ticket, there are those who claim that when Bobby returned from Europe some months ago and made with the mouth about peace talks with the Viet Congs and China that Lyndon did not care for them and sent for the New York Senator and chawed him up into little pieces and spit them out. Then concluded with some remarks that within six months Bobby would be nothing and forgotten, and politically dead-duckish. Now some of the guessing-boys, at that time, interpreted the remarks to mean that Lyndon had a Peace Treaty coming along in some six months or so. However, that time limit has now passed and Bobby is still on the lively side and still a thorn in the Boss's side. Nobody loves a lively thorn but, in politics, it has to be dealt with somehow. Even the guessing-boys admit that if Lyndon had his "druthers" he would drouther not take Bobby for anything. But, they "but" you. Lyndon likes to win more than he likes to lose, and a win with Bobby

would be better than a lose without him.

They could be right, yet, until they prove they are, I won't go too much for their theory. However, if it did come to pass, and that team got elected, wouldn't it be something to watch? Bobby would refuse to do anything except what the Constitution requires, to wit, preside over the Senate. He wouldn't be about to accept any foreign assignments to attend birthday parties in Sumatra and things like that. I bet Bobby would schedule a News Conference every Monday morning and sort of give a run-down of the errors that the "Chief" made the week previous. These news affairs could be the funniest ever held — for all except the "Boss."

What would happen to Hubert? How could they dump him?

Hubert could be disposed of very simply. Appoint him to a Cabinet spot or one of the numerous Bureaus in Washington. Hubert is a loyal man therefore he would have to accept the fortunes of politics. He is also a competent man therefore he would do a good job in the appointment, whatever it might be: Secretary of Commerce? Why not? That job has been emasculated since the advent of the new Cabinet position of Secretary of Transportation has come into being. How about Secretary of State? That used to be a terrific job. No more, though. The Defense and the White House have run that one for so these many years now. Then again, why not set up a new position, say, Secretary of Miscellaneous Affairs? That would be a terrific catch-all and would have a whipping boy handy at all times.

Actually, the "Boss" would only have one running argument with Bobby, in the unlikely event that they should team together and get elected. It would have to do with the itinerary for travel. It would appear highly dubious that the new Veep would go into Texas for any fund-raising dinners or any other kind. Conversely, I feel too confident of the "Boss's" good judgment to even consider that he might accept an invitation to address any group in the entire area of New England. As a result, the Country would have the benefit of two hired hands staying on the job in Washington and this novel situation might well prove beneficial to the voting public, despite the fact it would cut down lots of useless news being printed in the papers.

Personally, I don't place too much credence in the potential of a Lyndon-Bobby ticket although I do admit of the possibility. Politics makes strange bed-fellows and vice-versa. Now, since the polls taken seem to be a guiding light to those concerned, we might just get us a situation.

# GIVE THE UNITED WAY.

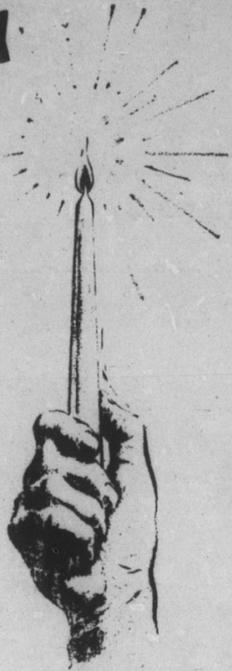
## 'Tis Better to Light a Candle Than to Curse the Darkness ...

And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

I. Corinthians:  
Chapter 13, Verse 13



One Gift Works Many Wonders



Written in memory of my Grandfather, A. Erskine Miller.

## AUTUMN

By: Vinita Miller Deyton

It is autumn.  
The rustling of dying leaves of corn,  
The unwavering chant of the cha-chas Verify it.

And he is gone.  
No large-type print announced  
His passing; no business stopped  
Because he is no more.  
No history book records deeds of his,  
No multitudes heard his words.  
Few knew the man we mourn.  
He was a plain man:  
No pretense in his speech; no flair

In his manner or his dress.  
He sought no fame; desired  
No wealth. . . . Perhaps  
You wonder why he is so missed.

The great did not know him,  
But the poor did. . .  
He was to them a friend.  
The sick knew him. . .  
They expected his humble efforts  
Their bodies and spirits to mend.  
The troubled knew him,  
And drew strength from his presence

Because he had known trouble — and overcome.  
The wayward ones knew him —  
And respected him for the man he was:  
A just one.  
The Christians knew him  
His life was an open book,  
Each page a worthwhile page.  
The businessmen knew him  
As a law-abiding citizen.  
His debts were always paid.

How is it  
That a body of clay  
Can hold all he was?  
And how does the soul within  
Make a body so dear  
As his was to us?  
He was strong enough  
To be tender.  
Oh! How tender were his ways!  
He had experienced enough  
To understand.  
He understood . . . that's a lot to say.

Inside that body was a soul  
That caused him  
Never to mistreat a fellowman.  
He was honest enough to see  
His family just as they are,  
As few parents can.  
He had known want,  
But had learned contentment.  
No one ever heard him complain.

In life he knew much happiness;  
But, too, he knew pain and  
heartbreak and care;  
No matter . . . he remained the same.

Let it be said of him that  
He was what God intended him to be:  
He was wholly a man.

Ah! Pap-paw.  
The emptiness you left  
Ever seems to grow.  
It's because there'll never be  
Another like you.  
I wonder, did you know—  
Did our blundering words  
And the things we did  
Show you what you meant?  
If not, I pray God to tell you,  
For only He knows  
How much you are missed.  
Your feet took careful steps —  
Their echoes effect our every day.

They will as long as we live.  
Your hands—so calloused by toil,  
Seemed never to take,  
But always, somehow, to give.  
There was something about  
your smile  
That burned itself  
Into our hearts and minds.  
You could laugh. You had  
A sense of humor  
That trouble and pain could not bind.

Thank God for memory!  
In ours we have you yet.  
We still smile at some joke you played;  
Or at something you said.  
Our lives are still enriched  
Because of the prayers you prayed.  
Pap-paw, the gardens have surrendered to the weeds;  
The air is cooler now.  
Many birds have flown.  
These hills you knew so well  
Are again painted orange and red and brown.  
And you are gone.

It is autumn.  
Your toiling is done.  
Your harvesting is begun.

## THIS THE LAW

By: Robert E. Lee  
(For the N. C. Bar Association)  
STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

What are the proposed amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina to be voted upon at the general election on Tuesday, November 7, 1967?

Six of the seven proposed amendments deal with the elec-

tion of members of the General Assembly. One deals with the compensation to be received by the members and presiding officers of the General Assembly.

The proposed amendments imposed upon the General Assembly the duty to revise the geographical districts from which members of the General Assembly are elected "at the first regular session convening after the return of every decennial enumeration taken by order of Congress."

Under these proposed amendments each member of the Senate and House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly must represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants.

These amendments become necessary as a consequence of a United States Supreme Court decision.

Under the language of the proposed amendments each Senate and Representative district must at all times consist of contiguous territory; and no county can be divided in the formation of either a Senate or Representative district.

Heretofore, the compensation of the members and presiding officers of the General Assembly has been fixed by express provisions of the Constitution. The present Constitution says members of the General Assembly "shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of \$15 per day (\$20 per day for the presiding officers of the two houses) for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty days." In addition, while engaged in legislative duties, they may receive "such subsistence and travel allowance as shall be established by law."

The proposed substitute provision reads: "The members and officers of the General Assembly shall receive for their services a compensation to be established by the General Assembly. An increase in the compensation of members shall become effective at the beginning of the next regular session of the General Assembly."

Do the proposed constitutional amendments change the number of members of the General Assembly?

No. As provided in the Constitution, there will continue to be fifty members of the Senate and one hundred and twenty members of the House of Representatives.