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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Good news for the Republicans!

If Candidate Nixon hasn't stuck his foot in his mouth by the time this article is printed, he is "off and running" in front of the Democratic Candidate, that deserving man of the people, Hubert Horatio Humphrey. All this happened because LBJ and HHH didn't take my last article to heart. I suggested that one or the other of them should resign. The last word I had on the situation was that LBJ just might do that very thing. If he does, Nixon is a dead duck even before Wallace kills him.

Right now, according to the savants, there will be some 74 million voters who will place a ballot in the slot this November. Now close to 40 million of them will be females who, according to these wise men, are stirred up about the War and Danger in the streets. Therefore, these wise gentlemen compute that some 60% of them will vote Republican, as they did for Eisenhower. I think these figures are fallacious. I agree that some 60% of the females may be misguided and vote against the Democrats — But — I think an awful lot of them will vote for Wallace.

This election might well be a replica of the 1948 comedy in which everyone elected Dewey before Election Day, the day on which Harry Truman was elected by the PEOPLE. That was the year in which Strom Thurmond ran as a Third Party called States Rights. Old Strom carried 39 of the Electoral Votes. He lost Tennessee but carried just enough votes to keep Dewey from taking the State from Truman.

Virginia reacted similarly to Tennessee. Old Harry received 200 thousand votes and Dewey and Strom between them took a bit over 215 thousand but that division gave the State to Truman. That was the year that the Republicans carried Delaware by some two thousand votes but, this year, with Wallace cutting in, watch the Republicans lose it. In Florida, Dewey and Thurmond carried two thousand more votes than did Truman but due to the split, Harry took the State.

With all the things going for the Republicans that they can show, the Democrats should feel relieved that the GOP nominated a habitual loser and what's-his-name for its ticket. Rocky probably would have put the election in a cracker sack and carted it off and left the Democrats huffing and puffing a country mile behind. (Hobo interrupts me at this point and

suggests that I had better watch out how I phrase my sentences or some of my Republican friends will think I am bigoted and one-sided in my views. I can't imagine how anyone could possibly get such a notion but I will take his advice and "watch" it.)

Right now, as I started off saying, "Ticky Dick" is way ahead. (Hobo just barked in and said "There you go again." I am not quite sure what he means.) But — I will bet anyone 5 bucks that before this election goes to the Polls, old Brother Nixon will start a clamor about folks wasting their votes if they vote for Wallace. (Hobo just nodded approval and muttered "Nixon fears Wallace like the Devil fears Holy Water.") What I mean is that the Democrats can tell when Nixon gets to hurting! He'll claim foul and try to cut up Wallace.

Hobo suggests that if anyone thinks he can name 4 out of the 11 Southern States that Nixon will carry, he will bet them 5 bucks they are wrong and will not keep the winnings but will donate it to the building fund of a local church or two so that the loser will learn a lesson and stop gambling. Hobo lists

the Southern States as: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. He said he is sick and tired of hearing how the Republicans are going to carry the South and he looks forward to a few souls who might be courageous enough to bet they can pick out four of the States they will carry. Hobo also is convinced that the Democrats will carry more of the Southern States than will George Wallace.

That's what I like about Hobo. He does not care what the "wheels" in Washington say about coming events. He claims that dogs have used the moon for a satellite for passing on information for thousands of years and that is the reason dogs bay at the moon. They pass information along to other dogs, and he claims to be one of the original "tuners-in" on the moon-satellite. He claims the Virginia dogs haven't quite got the "scoop" on Virginia as yet but that from what he ga'hers, it will end up in the Democratic column, come Election Day. He claims both the Democrats and Republicans can forget about campaigning in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina — and possibly old Tennessee because Cousin George Wallace has a pretty good lock on those States.

## IT NEVER FAILS



## GRASSROOTS OPINION

**GRAFTON, N. D., RECORD:** "The march on poverty and those graphic presentations of the conditions some of our less fortunate citizens live under are appearing thick and fast these days. . . There is just one ingredient missing in these human interest sagas. You never see anyone with a mop or a broom. You never see signs of a desire for a change — active desire. Certainly no one in his right mind would lack for desire to make haste from these slum dwellings, but there are different kinds of desire. A man may have a passive desire for most anything, but that isn't going to help him achieve it. It is active desire that goads him to act towards achieving his ambitions. A broom, a mop and a bucket of soapy water would be a manifestation of that active desire."

**BROWNFIELD, TEXAS, NEWS:** "I am worried about the recent uprisings in colleges and universities. What sort of an education can students get under such conditions. Judging from what I read, many of the kids are learning the three R's—Rebellion, Rioting, and Ransacking."

**MANCHESTER, GA., MERCURY:** "It should become evident sometime that the working few cannot continue to support the peoples of the entire world."

**WATERVILLE, MINN., ADVANCE:** "Income tax, state tax, federal tax, sales tax, luxury tax, inheritance tax, improvement tax, etc., etc. You name it, we've got a tax on it. Now comes the surtax. Even the citizens' patience is being 'taxed' but that seems to make no difference to our legislators or administration. As long as they can think of anything to tax, they slap it on and then let us worry about finding some way to pay it."

**GREENWOOD, MISS., COMMONWEALTH:** "Westmoreland says there can be no 'classic victory' in Viet Nam. This may be frustrating to the military, but for most Americans an honorable end of the fighting would be victory enough."

## Color Them Peaceful

My eyes have seen with horror,  
The disrespect for good  
Our flags are torn and trampled  
By a dirty bunch of hoods.

They yell for peace and freedom  
As they seek to demonstrate  
Their slogan is "Love Brother",  
But their hearts are filled with hate.

Their hate for law and order  
and decency, it seems.  
The only words they want to speak  
Are vile, cheap and obscene.

I've watched their demonstrations;  
Heard tramping of their feet  
As they break the line of marching,  
And spread into the streets.

They run, throw rocks and bottles,  
And form a screaming mob  
And yell "You pigs", at policemen  
Who try to do their job.

And when the trouble's over  
When they've finally been out-done,  
They'll sing "Police Brutality"  
In chorus, everyone.

Altho they tear "Old Glory"  
down  
But still she'll always wave  
Over land of peace and freedom  
A symbol of the brave.

By: M'nnie Ross Ramsey Wineberger, San Gabriel, Calif.  
(A native of Yancey County)

## Folk Groups At Olympics

Two North Carolina folk groups will perform at the upcoming Olympics in Mexico City as part of this country's official cultural program.

The groups — an eight-member team of the Blue Ridge Mountain Dancers and blind folk singer Arthel L. (Doc) Watson and his son, Merrill, of Deep Gap — will appear along with some 30 other distinguished folk entertainers from throughout the United States.

They will perform under the auspices of the U. S. State Department.

Ralph Rinzler, director of the Festival of American Folklife of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., said the American Folk Company will present its first performance

October 7 at a reception officially opening the Olympic Games. Other performances will be given through October 16 at various theatre locations designated for the Olympic's cultural program.

Prior to returning to North Carolina, Rinzler said, the dance team will take part in the Festival of American Culture in St. Louis, Missouri, Oct. 17-18.

The Blue Ridge Mountain Dancers, comprised of youths from the Hendersonville area, was formed in 1960 to preserve the mountain folk art of "buck" dancing, frequently described as a variation of the Irish "jig". Since that time, the dancers have gained national acclaim as one of the country's most authentic folk dance groups.

In addition to performances at the New York World's Fair in 1964, the group has entertained at the National Folk Festival in Covington, Kentucky, in 1963, the Newport Folk Festival in 1965 and 1966, and the first National Folklife Festival in Washington, D. C., in 1967. Film excerpts from the 1965 Newport Folk Festival were used to make the documentary film "Festival", which was nominated for an Academy Award in 1968.

The dancers will be accompanied by their leader-director, James Kesterson, of Hendersonville.

Watson, a native of Watauga County, is recognized as one of the nation's leading folk singers and guitarists. He has performed at folk festivals throughout the country and abroad, singing the ballads and folk songs of the mountain region. He is accompanied by his son, Merrill, who is also an accomplished folk musician.



Caller: "Madam, I'm the piano-tuner."  
Pianist: "I didn't send for a tuner."

Caller: "I know it, lady; your neighbors did."

Smith: "Shall we have a friendly game of cards?"

Brown: "No, let's play bridge."