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Scene From Top O' The Hill

BY: Jack Kelly

I was trying to take a nap the other day down in my room where Blanche thought I was working, when I heard a thumping noise against my b'g window that the Hensley brothers installed for me. I looked around and there was old Hobo, motioning me with his paw to come out and talk. I opened the s de vent on the window and told him I was too busy and would he please go away. Hobo just looked at me and shook his head kind of sorrowful-like. "You know something?" he asked and didn't wait for me to answer. "You're up here on the Hil resting and all of the Republicans are just busting up things with being busy trying to elect Nixon and what's-his-name."

"I wasn't really resting," I cut in, "I was thinking with my eyes closed — trying to see the picture more clearly —".

Hobo growled his disbel'ef.

Don't give me that stuff," he said. He was so mad he ignored a squirrel that came close to him. Hs lips curled away from his teeth. "How long are you going to let your "Editor-lady" insult me" (He worried at his last remaining tick but didn't quite remove it). "You let somebody insult me and you don't do anything about it, do you?"

"Hobo," I told him. "Trena Fox would never insult you. As a matter of fact, she always inquires about your heal h."

Hobo made his chuckly barknoise. "Hah! That's just a
Radical trick. She does that to
fool you!" He pointed his bg
paw at me. "If she was to say
something threa ening to, or
about you, I'd bite her-but you
let her insult me and you never
be hered even to reply to heer."

This remark sort of puzzled me. "How and when d'd Trena insult you, Hobo? You're just imagining things."

Hobo growled deep down and I was glad Trena waşn't nearby. "She mentioned her cat in the same brea h with me, didn't she?" Before I could ask anything, he went right on. "Cats," he said, "are about the only things I dislike more than I do 'Radicals.' Now th's Lady-Editor threatened that her cat would see to it that I ate some 'crow' - come election time." That statement seemed to take something out of him because he sort of released his leg muscles and flopped on the ground. I just might eat me that cat ins'ead of the 'crow' she mentioned." He raised his hooflike paw and waved me to keep quiet. He worried at his tick a little bit before he talked again. "You want to know something?" 1 signified that I dd. "Okay."

said Hobo, "I'll tell you something that just might surprise you. I haven't got the straight 'scoop' on it yet but I'll get it

before the election. I'm talking about some Southern States that Humphrey might take away from George Wallace and surprise the you-know-what out of folks."

"You might be going way out of line," I suggested.

"That's what the Republicans would like to think," Hobo answered. "But, you know what? With Nixon and Wallace cutting each other up the way they are, I am not completely certain that Wallace can carry Louisiana." Hobo licked his lips at the thought. "You take the entire South and the Border States that Wallace claims to have sewn up 'n his private 'croakersack' - well, old George is just whistling 'Dixie'." Hobo leaned closer to the window without getting to his feet and lowered his growl. "The Cities will kill him off in lots of places. I wish some Radicals would make a bet with me on some of the Southern cities. You take Baltimore, Houston, Saint Lou's, Dallas, and New Orleans. That's five so-called Southern cities. I will bet five bucks that neither your Republican Ed tor nor any other Radical in the County can name three of them that Wallace or Nixon can carry."

"You mean take them away from Nixon," I corrected.

"I don't mean any such thing," he said. "If I had meant Nixon I would have sa d Nixon. I meant what I said. I meant Wallace."

I told him I thought he just might have some takers on that bet and he grinned at me. "If I do," he said, "I'll contribute my winnings to a good charitable cause that all of the Re-

publicans can see, which will be good for their souls, and it will teach them that it is sinful to gamble. However, if some of the Radicals feel that they must bet on this election bus ness, I will name California, Maryland, Michigan, Missour', New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio - that's nine States - all of which Nixon has clamed and I will bet five bucks no Radical can name six that Nixon will carry. One final bet: 'I will bet one against ten that Nixon won't carry Agnaw's State of Maryland." A flock of crows cawed and Hobo walqed off.

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Letter To The Editor

October 8, 1968

Dear Editor:

Until Friday, October 4, 1968
I believed myself to be a voter
in Yancey County. On that day
a restraining order was served
on the Yancey County Board of
Elections, the purpose being to
halt the re-registration of all
voters in the county.

This re-registration was to be in accordance with the new state law of 1867.

The people of Yancey County were prepared for the new registration as was the local Board of Elections. The majority were pleased as there was reported to be many discrepancies in the old books. The Board of Elections had complied with state law down the line. Our old books had been cancelled, the new registration had not begun with the exception of the Burnsville Township, By state law, there is not sufficient time remaining before the election to complete a new registration. Therefore, at this writing according to my interpretation, the only residents of Yancey County eligible to vote in the coming election are those residing in the Burnsville

I do not understand all of the facts. The State Board of Elections has not clarified the situation for me. Until this is done I am astonished that this could happen in North Carolina and that Yancey County should be involved so quickly again in election irregularities.

Bobby Gus Randolph.

Color Season To Reach Peak During Oct. 13-19

Western North Carolina's famous autumn color season, already in evidence at higher elevations along the Blue Ridge Parkway, is expected to reach a peak during the week of October 13-19.

Drought conditions in the mountain region have not been as severe as elsewhere across the State and are expected to have little effect on the leaf coloration.

"This probably won't be one of our better years, but we are expecting a very satisfactory fall color season," reported John H. Davis, assistant super-

intendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Davis pointed out that while frost is required to bring about proper coloration, severe cold and wind during the peak of the season could cause deciduous trees and shrubs to shed their leaves "almost overnight". He explained, however, that with ideal weather conditions the fall color season should last a couple of weeks.

Highland forests along some sections of the Parkway are already beginning to show brilllant hues of crimson and gold. Early coloration along the Parkway can be seen between Blowing Rock and the Virginia line; between Mount Mitchell and the Craggy Mountains, just north of Asheville; and in areas above 5,000 feet west of Asheville. Popular high-altitude vantage points for viewing the fall color parade include Mount Pisgah, Richland Balsam, Grandfather Mountain, Newfound Gap and Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Roan Mountain, Wayah Bald Mountain and Mount Jefferson.

Davis pointed out that daily autumn color reports may be obtained from the Blue Ridge Parkway office in Roanoke, Virginia.

Visitor centers along the Parkway will remain open until November 1.

Blocking Of Re-registration

Asheville — Republican Congressional candidate W. Scott Harvey, called upon Representative Roy A. Taylor today to join him in a bipartisan statement critizing the belated action taken Tuesday, to block the re-registration of voters in Haywood County. "Such action". Harvey said, "undermines democracy in an area which effects the democratic voting process at the local, state, and national levels."

"I know", Harvey continued, "that representative Taylor is just as concerned as I am about this abuse of fair election practices". "That 's why I am confident", he added, "that the incumbent will want to join me in criticizing an action which smacks of political irresponsibility at a time when local governments must be strengthened.

The action, Harvey continued, smacks not just of policical

parinership but, far worse, of elimental unfairness in the exercise of democratic practices. "The injunction procedure". Harvey noted, "was taken nearly three months after the county board of elections called for reregistration and at a delayed date when a court order would make it impossible to carry out the registration regardless of the decision of the court.

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS

Whereas: A court order signed by Judge T. W. Bryson, Jr., has restricted the Yancey County Board of Elections from holding a new registration in the Cane River, Egypt, Ramseytown, Green Mountain, Jacks Creek Brush Creek, Crabtree, South Toe, Pensacola and Prices Creek Precincts previously ordered in compliance with state law;

And whereas the registration of these precincts has been cancelled by public notice as required in preparation for a new registration;

And whereas the citizens in said precincts are now without title to legal vote in the November elections, or to register for same;

And whereas, the Yancey County Board of Elections does not in any manner deprive a qualified individual of the right to vote;

Now therefore, be it ordered: That the order cancelling the registration in the said precincts be now rescinded;

And that the registrar will be at the polling places in all county precincts Saturdays, October 12, 19, and 26 for the purpose of registering newly qualified voters.

This October 8, 1968.
The Yancey County Board of Elections

Charles B. Gillespie, Chairman Arnie Pate, Member W. A. Banks, Member Oct. 10, 17, 24,

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