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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

"You don't have to bother sitting up on Election Night," Hobo greeted me. "Just sit down at your typewriter and write the votes down as I give them to you, then forget about it until President Humphrey gets sworn into Office."

"Are you serious, Hobo? I enquired.

"Did you ever know me to joke about politics?" His growl indicated he would bite me if I did anything other than shake my head and indicate that I never had known him to joke about his politics. "I am a Democrat," he said. I allowed that I was not too surprised and that several folks in the County felt that he was inclined toward the Democratic Party, but, doubtless, they would be happy that he had finally "declared" his politics.

"This Election is serious business," he recommenced. "One set of figures gives me 41% for Humphrey, 41% for Nixon, and 17% for Wallace. Another set takes 5% away from Nixon and gives it to Wallace, which makes it a 'cake-walk' for Humphrey, in either event. Of course, the popular total vote has nothing to do, or, very little to do, with Electoral Vote."

"Don't tell me you are going out on a limb with giving those figures to our friends?" I said. "Why not?" he asked. "I did it with Harry Truman and I can do it with the Hump. Get ready and I'll give you some figures."

"Let them roll," I said, and sat at my typewriter.

"Humphrey will win," Hobo declared. "He might just take the same total that Kennedy took — 303! Wouldn't that be a coincidence? Beating Nixon just the same as Kennedy did." When I didn't answer he continued, "Counting the District of Columbia and the fifty States there will be a total of 538 Votes in the Electoral College, Wallace gets at least 108, Humphrey gets, at least, 303, and that leaves 127 for the big loser, Nixon."

"If your figures are correct," I interjected.

"Don't worry about my figures. Have faith! I figure Humphrey to carry 24 States, Nixon 15 of them, and Wallace drags up the other 12. Humphrey takes the District of Columbia, that is the reason the total reaches 51. Now, in these figures, I get a question mark sign for Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, that totals ten States. In the event the populace would vote

a little bit different, Humphrey could well carry six of them for an additional 39 Electoral Votes. California is not safe for Nixon, nor can you count Florida as beyond Humphrey's reach, despite the fact that it leans heavily toward George Wallace. —

"The 'pol's' disagree with you," I reminded him.

Hobo made a deep-throated growl and bared his teeth. "That's what I think of those other 'polls'. There are seven States that carry 202 Electoral Votes and almost 50% of the 'popular' vote. Think of that: California, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania — seven States, and they practically control the Country. They will doubtless vote over 35.5 million people and they carry 202 Electoral Votes. If you listen to the pollsters, you will hear that Nixon is going to carry all seven of them. As a matter of fact, according to them, you don't need to vote because Nixon will carry all of the States that Wallace doesn't take." Hobo shook his head in defiant disbelief. "That will never happen," he said.

"Do you have any other figures?" I asked.

"Figures, I got!" exclaimed Hobo. "Write them down so I can forget them and have room for something else in my head. Here they are: About 75 million people will vote. Humphrey will carry about 43.0%, Nixon will take 35.0% and that leaves old George a fat 22%."

"If you're wrong," I commented, "you are going to be in tugh shape, Hobo. A lot of people in the County will be disappointed."

"Worse than that," commented Hobo. "But I will eat my predictions."

LATE POLITICAL NOTES

Blanche and I returned home on Monday evening after two weeks and "Hobo" was in a stit. He was all riled up because none of the politicians had come to visit him. However, right after supper, a truck pulled into the yard and I put on the light's, as I opened the door. A voice greeted me with, "Hobo won't bite me, will he, Mister Kelly."

As soon as I heard that question, I knew I had me a political visitor and, from Hobo's growl, I figured the kind. Since it was a cold evening, I invited the visitor in and turned out the two of the lamps to get warm. They were Wayne Wilson and

visited with Blanche and me for about half an hour. I felt right sorry those fellows weren't good Democrats and Blanche made me admit that if I were a Republican, I would brag on them.

Wednesday morning I received a letter from a Democratic cousin of Trena and Zoe, A. L. Silver, who left Yancey County some forty years ago and, at the age of 81 is still a fighting Democrat down in Adairsville, Georgia. Brother Silver sent me some fine political clippings and asked me to extend his best regards to his old friends and even his Republican relatives.

Letter To The Editor

Rt. 2
Marshall, N. C.
October 24, 1968

THE YANCEY RECORD
Burnsville, N. C.

Dear Editor:
The affluence of our people and the largest of our State's economy indicate beyond doubt that we can afford the necessary expenditures for education. The old argument about the State not being able to spend much money at this time is no longer true. The key to the educational system of N. C. is well qualified and dedicated teachers. The teachers of this state have been put upon for so long in a sort of bondage and treated like step children so often that any legitimate means to improve their lot is deemed justified if devoid of violence.

Teachers must be better organized to advance themselves professionally and financially. Teaching personnel must demand a greater role in decision making in their school system. Collective bargaining is fast becoming an accepted means of pressing demands in a number of states, and the day is not far distant when this will occur in North Carolina.

The best way to avoid teacher militancy is to remove or alleviate those conditions which contribute to frustration on the part of educators, such as poor working conditions, inadequate pay for services rendered, petty politics in the school system, requests for contributions for the campaign kitty, and unrealistic certification requirements.

Tenure for our teachers is needed in this state. Our teachers have virtually no job security

The repugnant solicitation of funds from teachers for political purposes in a number of the small counties is shameful and should be made illegal.

I advocate a uniform system of electing our school boards. The systematic exclusion of politics from the school system of this state will do much to restore the confidence of the people in them. Ideally, School Board elections should be non-partisan.

Many of our finest citizens will offer themselves for school board posts if they are made non-partisan. Then such Boards will not merely attract the politically oriented — as is too often the case at the present time.

Sincerely,
Joe L. Morgan,
Republican Nominee for Supt. of Public Instruction of N. C. in the General Election, Nov. 5.

This Is The Law

By Robert E. Lee
RESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

This is the first of a fall series of articles which will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Is the President of the United States elected by a direct vote of the people?

No. The registered voters cast their ballots for presidential electors who have been previously selected by political parties within the several states.

How does one become a presidential elector?

The Constitution of the United States permits each state to appoint "in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct" the requisite number of electors. But all state legislatures at the present time have passed the privilege of choosing them to the registered voters of the state.

What happens generally is this: A political party within a state nominates a number of individuals for electors equal to the number of electors to which the state is entitled. These nominees are usually chosen by a party convention held within the state or by a party committee. The registered voter goes to the polls in November and casts his ballot for all of the electoral candidates selected by a political party within

November 5th.

Vote

IT'S YOUR PRIVILEGE



his state, and not directly for the President and Vice President.

The electoral candidates who receive the greatest number of popular votes in a state are elected. For example, if the Democratic electors receive 300,000 votes, the Republican 299,000, and the American Independent 298,000, the Democratic electoral candidates win, in spite of the fact that they have only a plurality, not a majority, of the popular votes. Now, if Democratic electors are chosen in a particular state, we know that those electors, being good party men, will cast their votes for the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President when the time comes for them to do so.

Legally speaking, the electors do not have to vote for the nominee of the party. They may assert their independence. In recent presidential elections dissent Democrats in several southern states have done so.

The names of electors in most states do not appear on the ballot, and the voters vote only for the political party that has selected them.

All of the electoral voters selected in November throughout the United States do not subsequently meet at one central place. They meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in their respective states, where their ballots are signed, certified, and transmitted sealed to Washington, D. C., directed to the President of the Senate. In North Carolina this meeting of the electors is held at noon in the Hall of the House of Representatives in Raleigh. The President of the Senate on January 6, at a joint session of the two Houses of Congress, opens the certificates and the votes are then formally counted.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Horace G. Hensley, deceased, late of Yancey County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned Administrator at his home at Rt. 1, Relief, N. C., on or before the 17th day of April, 1969, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This October 17, 1968.
Albert Edwards, Administrator of the Estate of Horace G. Hensley, Deceased.
Oct 17, 1968