

Yancey County Health Dept

October 1 - - - Mental Health Clinic with Dr. Byron. By Appointment only.
 October 5 9 a. m. -12 Immunization Clinic
 12 to 4:30 Child Health Clinic with Dr. Pope. By Appointment only.
 October 7 8:30 a. m. Eye Clinic with Dr. Powell. By Appointment only.

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER, BY PARSON JONES

Dear Mr. Publisher:

There's a lotta division and fighting in our country right now. Government officials are pleading with us to come together and unite. I reckon that's the same thing as harmony. The Good Book says, "A house divided against itself cannot stand" - so, I reckon we better get straightened out before we fall.

The only trouble is how does the government expect us to come together and get rid of divisions, when the government is divided. The Congress fights the President, the President fights and Congress and the Supreme Court disagrees with both. Not only that, even these groups are fighting among themselves. We are told to follow government policies, but it's hard to know what its policy is.

Mr. Publisher, I been thinking about this a hole lot and I think I've come up with a simple solution. Every time a politician talks in Washington, make him take a lie-detector test. We do this with criminals to see whether they're lying or not, and I think it's a hole lot more important whether our leaders are lying or not. The answer is so simple I can't see how come nobody ever thought of it before.

This test would be given to all 3 branches of government and the results would be given to the people. This would not only expose lies, but it would tend to discourage liars from running for office.

The only problem is we'd have a hard time getting Congress to pass it into law, and if they did the president would veto it, and if he didn't the supreme court would declare it unconstitutional. So - we're right back where we started.

My wife allowed as how it might be a good idea to start with the preachers. I told her she had got outa politics and gone to meddling.

Anyhow, Mr. Publisher, I throw the idea out for what it's worth. If you've got any political influence I'd appreciate it if you'd follow-up on the idea. In the meantime if you'd like to reach me, I'll be hiding in my basement.

Yours truly,
 Parson Jones

Ghost Tale By Governor

Gov. Bob Scott is being haunted.

But the spooking isn't coming from the Republicans, this time.

In an article written for the November issue of "North Carolina Folklore," edited at N.C. State University, Gov. Scott reports eerie sounds at the mansion.

The Governor, who stresses that neither he nor Mrs. Scott believes in ghosts, has determined that the nightly sounds do NOT come from water pipes nor the five Scott children nor taxpayers at the front door.

His Excellency implies that the racket doesn't even come from his adversaries in the Republican Party.

Scott associates the sounds with Gov. Daniel G. Fowle, the first Tar Heel governor to live in the Victorian mansion on Blount Street and the only governor to die there.

Fowle, a Democrat who was elected in 1888, died at the mansion on April 7, 1891.

In the article written for Guy Owen and Richard Walsen, N.C. State University English professors and editors of "North Carolina Folklore," Scott notes

"There's a knock at the mansion and it isn't at the front door. It's not the water pipes, ether. While I don't believe in ghosts, someone speculated that it just might be Governor Fowle on the prowl..."

After sleeping uncomfortably for a year in a bed specially built for Gov. Fowle, Gov. Scott reported he and Mrs. Scott ordered a new and longer bed.

The Fowle bed was stored in the attic at the mansion.

Then the noises began.

"One evening, Mrs. Scott and I were in the bedroom reading," Gov. Scott writes, "and we heard this strange knocking. It seemed to be coming from the wall near where the headboard of Gov. Fowle's bed had stood... The knocking had a rather unusual cadence, like bouncing tennis balls from a high distance.

"After the first knock, there was a pause of several seconds. Then there was a second knock and a pause, then the third knock. Finally the pauses at the end were almost negligible.

Scott reiterates, "We, of course, do not believe in ghosts. However, the knocking does occur, and it is usually about the same time every night."

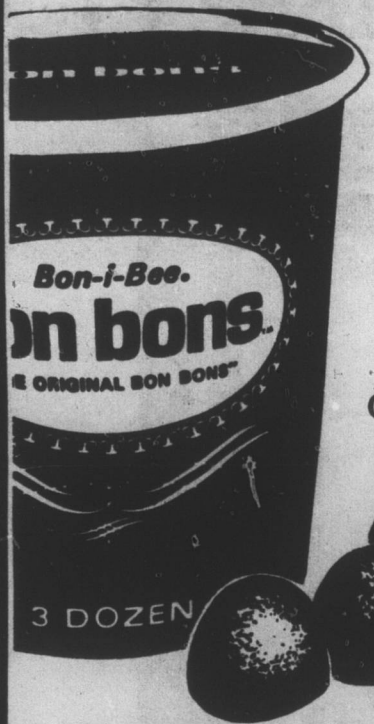
Until some scientific explanation is offered, the Scotts have dubbed the noises the "Governor Fowle Ghost."

"We assume it is the ghost of Governor Fowle requesting that the bed in which he died be replaced in the room."

Owen, author of "The Ballad of the Flim Flam Man" and "Journey for Joedel," said he heard the Governor tell the story recently and persuaded him to write it for the magazine published by the N. C. Folklore Society.

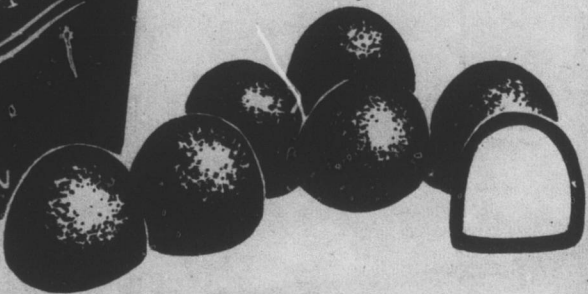
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