



Holshouser Stops At Yancey Courthouse

Republican candidate for governor Jim Holshouser is pictured above with Sheriff Kermit Banks and Ray Miller outside the Yancey County courthouse where he made a 45-minute stop last Wednesday during a three-day tour of the county seats of the 17 Western North Carolina counties. Ray Miller, a local businessman, used his motor coach to

drive Holshouser over 1,000 miles during the tour which took them to courthouses and rallies throughout the area. Holshouser was met at the county line by a 15-car caravan of supporters. During his visit to Burnsville he spoke to approximately 70 people at the courthouse.

A comparison of Congressman Nick Galifianakis and his opponent for the United States Senate.

	Nick Galifianakis	Jesse Helms
PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:	Attorney at Law; Assistant Professor of Business Law, Duke University.	Journalist
ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD:	N.C. State Legislature, six years; U.S. Congress, Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts, six years. Elected to House Committee on Appropriations after two terms in Congress.	Raleigh City Council, four years.
POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES		
REA:	Has supported REA's rural electrification programs to provide much-needed electric power and improve the standard of living for thousands of rural families in North Carolina.	Has called REA "socialized electricity." Supports measures which would greatly increase the cost of power or make it unavailable to many rural families in North Carolina.
TOBACCO:	Has consistently supported North Carolina's tobacco industry including price supports. Has sponsored legislation on tobacco research which is supported by Senators Jordan and Ervin.	Strongly opposes price supports for all North Carolina farm products including those for tobacco.
TEXTILES:	Supported one-price cotton legislation which has saved a major part of North Carolina's textile industry. Has consistently supported Congressional action to restrict foreign textile imports.	Strongly opposes price supports for all North Carolina farm products including those for cotton.
SOCIAL SECURITY AND HEALTH CARE:	Has worked to increase social security benefits for older citizens. Sponsored a bill to raise to \$3,000 the amount retired persons can earn at outside income without losing social security benefits. Was successful in obtaining passage of his bill to provide doctors and medical personnel to rural areas. Supports Medicare.	Has called social security benefits "nothing more than doles and handouts." Opposes Medicare because he believes it is "socialized medicine."
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS:	Has supported the president's efforts to promote peace through diplomatic relations with Mainland China.	Called President Nixon's China visit "appeasement" of the communists.



The record clearly shows that through his background and in his positions on the vital issues affecting North Carolina, NICK GALIFIANAKIS is best qualified to provide realistic, moderate leadership for all people.

Nick Galifianakis has been involved in positive action to solve the problems of our state and nation, while his opponent has offered only negative words and criticism.

In choosing leadership for the United States Senate, the people of North Carolina know that ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS.

LET'S SEND NICK TO THE SENATE

Galifianakis for Senate Russell Walker, Chairman

Education Is Top Priority

"If I am elected to the House on November 7, I plan to represent all the counties in my district to the very best of my ability," said Jack Walker.

Walker, a Marion businessman, is a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 41st District which includes Yancey and McDowell counties.

Walker said that educational needs will receive top priority if he is elected.

According to the candidate, "One educational concern seems to be foremost in the minds of the members of both parties in Yancey County and the issue was constantly expressed to me on my visits there."

Walker was referring to the concern which has arisen over a bill passed by the North Carolina legislature last year, dividing Yancey County into 2 voting districts. The bill disenfranchised many voters of both parties, denying those residing in South Toe, Pensacola and Prices Creek Townships the right to participate in the selection of all but one

of the five members of the Board of Education.

Walker added, "I think unifying Yancey County, especially where education is concerned, deserves immediate attention."

Walker said that he feels that politics should be removed from education.

GOP Rally Is Success

Yancey County Republicans and Democrats met Saturday night at 7:00 at the Cane River High School for a rally and dinner. It was the most successful yet with an estimated crowd of 400 in attendance. The size of the crowd almost made the lunchroom of the school too small to accommodate all present.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Mayland, Luanne Banks and Mike Loftis and his musical group from Mt. Mitchell Music Park on South Toe River.

Featured speaker was Todd Reece, Executive Director of the N.C. Republican Party. Mr. Frank Rouse, N.C. Republican Party Chairman also spoke.

Other speakers included Jesse Ledbetter, Congressional Candidate, and Jack Walker, House Candidate. Local candidates speaking included Mrs. Myrtle Slagle, Wade Styles, Claude Vess, Charles Hopson and speakers for Bill Banks, Earl Young, Doc Webb and Jim Gardner.

As guest, Mr. Frank Rouse auctioned off homemade cakes especially prepared for the occasion. It was a lively, enthusiastic, confident crowd and a good time was had by all.

Mock Vote Boosts GOP

Led by President Nixon the Republican slate was led to victory in a campus mock election held recently at the University of North Carolina campus by Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity. Following the Nixon lead was GOP candidate for U.S. Senate Jesse Helms and Republican gubernatorial nominee Jim Holshouser.

Helms received 59% of the vote to handily defeat his opponent Nick Galifianakis. With over 1,200 students voting results in other races are:

For President: Richard Nixon 815--64%; George McGovern 408--32%; John Schmitz 45--4%.

For Senator: Jesse Helms 743--59%; Nick Galifianakis 497--41%.

For Governor: Jim Holshouser 780--64%; Skipper Bowles 385--32%; Artis Pettijohn 50--4%.

"The unexpectedly strong showing of the Republican candidates seems to be strongly tied to President Nixon's lead in the national polls," stated Alpha Phi Omega president Bill Autry.

Only students were allowed to vote and all voters were required to show their UNC ID cards which were then stamped by APO representatives to maintain ballot security.

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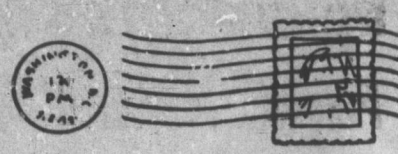
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Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor:

I have resigned as Director of the Yancey County Department of Social Services. The primary reason is because it has been impossible to continue to implement a forward-looking program due to the resistance of those who could be the department's strongest supporters. The Social Services Board members are Chairman, Yates Bailey (Bald Creek), John Powers (South Toe), and Robert Helmle (Burnsville). The Board is encouraged by the state to be the planning group for solving social problems in the county; thus, all members should be active in community social projects. Mr. Helmle has demonstrated time and time again his interest in the community and a progressive and effective Social Services Department. Sadly, the other members have not shown the same concern.

Since the office of Chairman of the Social Services Board is one of public trust, it is felt that this person should especially be involved in solving community social problems, but from my observations Mr. Bailey has not shown this interest. He is responsible to the County Commissioners for the Social Services budget; however, one of the agency's largest projects, the Child Development Center, has had only one visit by Mr. Bailey in three years, which I arranged. He has failed to show any interest in the agency's Festival of Friendship for two years, and did not carry out his agreement to work out transportation for the blind the first year. In relation to the Social Services staff, Mr. Bailey was very much opposed to my releasing a staff member who happened to be a Democrat; but later stated his desire to have two employees released who are Republicans, which I refused to do. In trying to solve this year's budget, Mr. Bailey was very shrewd in demonstrating to the County Commissioners that he wanted to solve the budget problem; however, at the same time his actions made it impossible to find solutions. I realized that Mr. Bailey no longer seemed interested in working with myself and the agency; thus, I decided to resign for the good of the agency. Mr. Bailey may feel that "foreigners" do not understand Yancey County's problems, but I wonder if Yancey County is very interested in Yates Bailey's solutions?

I feel the public also has the right to know that the Yancey County Department of Social Services is supporting a family employed by Yates Bailey and Proffitt's Store. If Social Security had been paid on their wages over the years, without much doubt, they would be eligible for Social Security benefits rather than being dependent on welfare. When I began to check on this case, it reinforced Mr. Bailey's determination to have me leave the agency.

I have always supported local control as opposed to federal; however, my experience in Yancey County has partly dimmed my faith in this concept. However, one politician should not foreshadow a much larger issue. Local control can work if the progressive thinking people will start voting and educating the public about the real issues.

Jane, girls, and I have enjoyed Yancey County immensely. So many friendships have been formed with individuals who are helping to build a community we would love to share. When we return to Burnsville to visit in the future, we will be delighted to see the Festival of Friendship very much alive, several buildings at Girls Haven, many small children having the opportunity to develop socially and educationally at the Child Development Center, and an enthused and capable Social Services staff carrying out a positive program.

Many thanks to numerous individuals, clubs, churches, and agency staff for their help and interest in the programs I have tried to implement. I regret leaving these wonderful people.

Sincerely,
Randall Peacock

Dear Editor:

Word has been filtering through the ranks of the old line politicians of this County, that if the present members of the Board of Education are elected in November, machinery will be set in motion to have a bond election for funds to build a Consolidated High School in Yancey County. I, myself, am in favor of consolidation in Yancey County but I am not in favor of this issue being used as a political football.

I don't believe the people of Yancey County, particularly those in South Toe, Pensacola, and Prices Creek Townships have forgotten the legislation that was drawn up by some of the bosses in Yancey County and introduced by a man who cared nothing for the schools of Yancey County, in the General Assembly in the later part of June 1971, was passed and became law in July 1971. This act relieved these townships of the right to vote for all members of the Board of Education of this County, this board which controls the schools in which the children of these townships attend. This same bill relieved the other townships of the County of the same rights.

I cannot conceive of four or five so-called political leaders of this County thinking that they can get such legislation passed and split Yancey County into different districts and then come back to the people of this County with an election scheme concerning a bond election for consolidation. Do they think they can force this on the people that have been legislated, to be frank, out of Yancey County? I don't believe so.

Sincerely,
Arnold Higgins

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