



# EDITORIALS

Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinion Of One Man  
—And He May Be Wrong

## The Time Has Come

On Tuesday a great quiet will spread across the land after months of hoarse-throated oratory and feverish planning by thousands of big people in little jobs.

The slow shuffle to the ballot box will replace the jet propelled speech-maker as the most important movement in the country.

On this one day the most lowly citizen in the land is king if for only a day.

On this day, we, the voters, will chart the national course for the next four years. We will deliver our ship of state to a captain who will have to sail the uncharted seas of tomorrow.

Once the ship has sailed there is little we little people left on the shore can do but wring our hands and hope for the best; that is why it is so utterly important that we select the best cap-

tain for this long, dangerous voyage. Few of us really can claim the complete capacity to say without the slightest quiver which captain is best: Johnson or Goldwater.

All we can do is to thread our way through the campaign claims from both sides and hope with some kind of providential divining rod to pick the few grains of truth that have filtered through the mountains of oratory and literature of recent weeks.

Johnson's record of recanting his once-stated political principles, the feverish conservatism of Goldwater, the socialist continuity of Humphrey's public career and the relative nonentity of Miller are a few of the more simple factors confronting the voter.

On Tuesday the choice will be made. Make your's an honest vote for a better America and not a selfish vote for your own interest.

## Why We Split

This paper supports a split vote next Tuesday, which is an ugly phrase in the language of party politics, but in good conscience we can do no other and we support this political heresy for the following reasons:

Barry Goldwater represents a far different political and personal philosophy than Lyndon Johnson. And Dan Moore, at the state level, will bring a far greater weight of experience and dedication to the office of governor than Robert Gavin possibly could.

The professional politicians, who have their hand in the public pocket in one way or another scream high treason when one suggests that it is in the public best interest to vote for a Republican on the national ticket and for a Democrat on the state and county ticket.

The professional should take this position, but fortunately at this time a majority of us are not on the public payroll, although the number grows by leaps and bounds. The professional should support "the bridge that carried him over," but we who foot the bills of government have no such selfish reason to support any individual or any party unless we sincerely believe that such support is in the best interest of

our nation. President Kennedy said it better than it has ever been said before in his inaugural address, "Think not of what your country can do for you, but of what you can do for your country."

Our best and most sincere judgment is that the best thing we can do for our country is to vote for Barry Goldwater.

## Render Unto Caesar

At their recent convention in Saint Louis Episcopal preachers by 3-to-1 voted for a resolution supporting the right of individuals to obey only those laws that did not conflict with their consciences.

Fortunately the non-preachers present exhibited more brains than the preachers and killed the anarchistic resolution by a 2-to-1 margin.

But Federal Judge Thurgood Marshall, a New York negro delegate, walked out in protest because he supported the principle of each man deciding which law he is going to abide by each morning.

This is the height or depth of something and we cannot find just the right word for it.

The school which permits them to get their first two years of college while living at home represents a huge savings in dollars and cents to their parents, and it keeps these students under whatever parental discipline there may be during a very crucial time in the life of the average student.

The investment is a modest one, especially when matching funds from state tax sources are added to the county funds that are voted. This small bond issue is easily within the reach of a wealthy county such as Lenoir, and although it surely will not give us a major college facility immediately it is a beginning step down the road toward a full four-year facility as population growth and demands of education call for such expansion.

By all means on Tuesday, vote "YES" for the \$150,000 county bond issue.

## Mixed Emotions

On the subject of the state school bond issue of \$100 million dollars we must confess a bad case of mixed emotions.

We know there is some need for school construction, but on the basis of some claims and the recent expenditures of money by county and city school boards we wonder if the claimed need for more than 11,000 classrooms is not highly exaggerated.

Lenoir County taxpayers learned in this school year that heavily documented surveys and school board plans are not always filled with practical reasoning.

Three different surveys by outside "experts" had told Lenoir Countians that a successful high school consolidation in the county system could be accomplished by either building one huge high school, by building two not-so-huge high schools and in the 3rd by building three new schools.

In each instance the surveys were talking in terms of spending in the millions of dollars. Neither survey indicated the wisdom and speed with which this badly needed consolidation could be done by simply using the existing facilities, which already had 19 rooms standing idle.

There is a great deal of pressure from professional educators inside the apparatus and the building trades that hover around the most lucrative field of public building to build more and more and more schools.

Until now no one has seriously explored the possibility of using schools the year-round and thus with one stroke of the administrative pen adding 25 per cent to the classroom capacity of the system.

The most biting commentary on Khrushchev's political demise is a cartoon in which his wife is asking, "Couldn't you run for New York Senator, Nikita?"

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The blood pressure and pulse rate of the nation should return to something nearer to normal after the vote is counted next Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Surely an election in the past 35 years has so excited so many people as this race between Johnson and Goldwater.

Four years ago the choice between Kennedy and Nixon was not packed with nearly so much emotion and the two men did not excite personal loyalties to nearly the extent of Johnson and Goldwater.

Aside from the issue of Kennedy's religion, which never did really get wild there was not much of a personal flavor to park up the electioneering. But this time the story is far different and the degree to which personalities have been dragged in the gutter is a new low even for American politics.

Perhaps it is fair to assume that where there is so much smoke there is bound to be some fire. But I rather doubt that many people believe Goldwater is the kind of fanatical nut he has been pictured or that Johnson is quite as crooked as some of his associates.

Unhappily, I suspect that the vast majority of those who go to the polls next Tuesday will be voting much more on personality than on the basic principles which divide Johnson and Goldwater far more widely than their personal morals. And it is on the key issue of governmental philosophy that the election should be decided but most likely will not be decided.

At his best Johnson represent the Big Daddy brand of federal paternalism with a panacea in each hand and a platitude permanently falling from his lips. He has tax cuts for the wealthy, a poverty program for the poor, urban renewal for the poorly housed, conservation programs for the nature lovers, foreign aid for the foreigners, medical care for the sick, highways for the travellers, beaches for the bathers, mountain preserves for the climbers; but all of this manna emanates from Washington.

At his worst Johnson is a power hungry man from that part of the country that is most noted for its ability and willingness to use raw power to attain any end.

Goldwater, at his best, is surely no less humanitarian in his basic philosophy than Johnson. He is not "against" the poor, the sick, the aged, the uneducated, the poorly housed. He simply sincerely believes that each and all of these groups would be best served by a governmental system that cultivates rather than stifles individual initiative and the free play of American ingenuity. He believes that there is no single pattern that will fit the entire American body politic. That we are a diverse people with different needs; different aspirations and different prejudices and that the less hampered these facets of the individual are the better the chance is for our freedoms to survive.

At his worst Goldwater may simply be out of step with the "main stream" of society; and if he is, so far as I'm concerned this is the best possible recommendation I can find to support him. I'm out of step too.

Careful studies of atomic bomb test sites in the Pacific six years after hydrogen bomb blasts has revealed that many fears of "permanent radiation" have been unfounded. This is heartening in the face of the perilous world we live in today.

How long must this waste of young Americans go on in Viet Nam?