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A Victory Of Personality In Politics

CHARLES Raper Jonas triumph was again one of personality over party. But just barely. It was the highest squeak of the Republican congressman's political career and it left many local Democrats hopeful rather than dejected.



Rep. Charles R. Jonas

For once Tenth District voters had not remained serene and aloof and entirely remote from the native Democracy of their fellow Tar Heels. They had filed a protest and one that was loud and clear.

This was clearly a Democratic year. It is a tribute to the popularity and good political standing of Mr. Jonas that he was able to withstand the trend at all. A lesser man would have been swept away.

But the Jonas reservoir of good will, carefully cultivated during three terms in the U. S. House of Representatives, helped carry him through when he needed it most.

David Clark was a much stronger candidate than many political railbirds gave him credit for being last spring. If he had had a little more seasoning and if he had been a little wiser in the ways of television he might have pulled it off. He is a thoughtful, sensitive and courageous battler and he brought to his campaign with a great depth of conviction. But he often lacked eloquence, firmness and the necessary self-assurance in the image he presented on camera.

Yet this extremely young man has many years before him and much to give his state and the nation. It is no disgrace to be defeated by a seasoned, popular campaigner like Mr. Jonas.

Meanwhile, Mr. Clark has undoubtedly inflicted new life and fresh hope into the Democratic Party heretofore. The party in Mecklenburg, particularly, was in need of inspiration. A new spirit, a more courageous management, a keener social conscience were needed. Too, it

seemed to receive all three when Mr. Clark led the ticket. The campaign even took on qualities of passion and dedication at times. New faces appeared and a few old ones came out of the shadows. Democrats seemed to slough off old preoccupations and enter into the fun with genuine zest.

However, the outcome of elections is not always shaped by deliberate acts of politicians, but rather by the hidden currents flowing beneath a community's surface. That was undoubtedly the case in the Jonas-Clark election. A conservative tradition that transcends party lines and party blame saved the day yesterday for the quiet Republican from Lincoln.

But hidden currents have a way of shifting without notice. That is what the Democrats will be depending upon in 1960.

Here's Why They Voted Democratic

THE national Democratic avalanche reflected a strange complex of economic fears and political disenchantment. In 1952, Gen. Eisenhower had promised to balance the budget, halt inflation and give the country a "sound dollar" if the Republicans were brought to power. Six years later, the U. S. was facing a budget deficit of \$12 billion, the cost of living had gone up, the dollar had shrunk considerably and a deep recession had left many a voter badly shaken.

The administration's foreign policy bobbles, the Sherman Adams scandal, the defense lag and dissatisfaction with Agriculture Secretary Benson's policies were only secondary issues, but they helped rub some of the luster from the Eisenhower aura in particular and the Republican record in general. Not even the hell-for-leather campaigning of Vice President Nixon could stem the tide.

Cautiously enough, it was Mr. Nixon himself who took the ruder bumps of all. The outstanding exception to the Democratic trend—New York—provided a powerful rival for the 1960 GOP presidential nomination in the person of Nelson Rockefeller. It was Mr. Rockefeller's own glittering personality and not his Republican affiliation that scored heavily with voters in the Empire State. The eastern bloc of "Modern Republicans" is sure to take him to its bosom.

This could very well mean a Rockefeller boom in 1960 similar to the Wendell Wilkie boom 20 years before. Taft and Dewey went to the 1940 convention with most of the pledged delegates but the popular Wilkie, an amateur, was nominated simply because he was considered attractive enough to lure more voters away from Franklin D. Roosevelt than any old pol on the lot.

But if one Nixon rival emerged another was eliminated when the Democratic tide completely engulfed Sen. Wil-

liam Knowland in his race for the California governorship. It put an end for the time being, to the Oakland conservative's presidential ambitions.

While the national trend was overwhelmingly Democratic, the voters were nevertheless selective. New York was but one example of this independent spirit. Others were discernible in Rhode Island, Arizona and Maryland.

But in Indiana and West Virginia, both hard hit by the recession, it was definitely a Democratic year. As it swirled across the nation the tide picked up power in even unlikely places. Chester Bowles and five other Democrats were elected to Congress from Connecticut. A favored Republican in Kentucky lost his Senate seat. To almost, everyone's surprise, traditionally Republican Vermont elected its first Democratic congressman since 1852.

Yet this was not so much a vote of confidence in the Democrats as it was a vote of no confidence in the Republicans.

Throughout the nation tensions still divide us and fear still constricts us. But because tension reflects conviction and because voters are well-grounded they are undoubtedly preferable to a calm born of apathy. It is this very condition, however, that places a heavier than usual burden of responsibility upon the Democrats as they face the crucial years immediately ahead.

Count Down

AN Associated Press dispatch from Tampa the other day reported the Nationalists on Quoy said 36,431 shells fell on the offshore islands between noon and 6 p. m. Wednesday. Wonder what size aircraft it takes to count that high?

From Fortune Magazine

WILDCATS IN YOUR INVICTA

DETROIT has done it again! In 1955 its cars outgrew our highways in 1957 they outgrew our parking. Now they've outgrown the language.

Consider the thing under the hood. Working living memory it was simply called a V-8 engine. But what moshawk would venture that quiet term today? Detroit's advertising copy writers have roamed the jungles and penetrated the very heavens to give the nation thrilling new names. Today car buyers can choose a Wildcat to propel them, a Rocket, a Turboflash, a Ram Fire, a Turbo Thrust. They can even launch into the Sunday traffic jam behind a Golden Commando.

Unquestionably, this year Buick has the turguescent jump on the rest of the industry. Its old Special model is now a LeSabre. Its Super (which seemed to be about as far as you could go) turned up as an Invicta and its Roadmaster as an Electra. But the 39 megawatt, of any brand, is going to have a wonderful time when he sees his friendly dealer for a thousand-mile checkup. Detroit still overlooks that outmoded term. It

could be updated to "Finto-Fin Scrambling." The conversation may sound something like this: "The Wildcat in my Invicta is missing. I suggest that you check the Quads-let. Also there is a leak in my E-Z-Eye Vista-Panoramic and a scratch on the Magic Mirror finish."

Until buyers have mastered the new vocabulary they may find it awkward to talk with the salesman. What could anyone possibly ask about an Enoupose or a Torson-Air? It is fortunate that federal law now requires the recasting of the price on the E-Z-Eye Vista-Panoramic. Prospects can still start the conversation off with words everybody understands: "How much off list?"

Teachers in some lower grades feel that they at least are entitled to as much pay as other wild animal trainers. —MIAMI HEPBURN.

If property could be bought for what it is turned in for taxes, you would see some bargains in real estate. —SPARIA (GA.) ISHBAEMITE.

People's Platform Consolidated Junior High School 'Undesirable'

North Mecklenburg Editors, The News: There is an open letter to County School Supt. J. W. Wilson: There is a strong feeling in our communities that the proposed consolidated junior high school for North Mecklenburg is educationally unnecessary and undesirable. Our building and our teachers are entirely adequate at present in most of the schools concerned, and we prefer addition to removal when population has increased to capacity.

Most important, we want to keep our children at home during these years. We dislike the long bus rides for children their ages. We like our teachers to live in the same communities with us. We can see no educational advantages which would outweigh the disadvantages.

It seems to us that there is little point in spending the taxpayers' money for a building we do not need and do not want. —R. M. WITHERS, chairman, Davidson School; P. N. TRAKAS, president, Davidson PTA; BEN A. WASHAM, chairman, Cornelius School; MRS. S. K. McCALL, president, Cornelius PTA; C. B. BRADFORD, chairman, Huntersville School; B. F. BEARD, president, Huntersville PTA.

'Splendid Coverage' Pleases Graham Editors, The News: JUST a hasty note to thank you for the wonderful and splendid coverage you gave during the Charlotte Crusade. I believe that this was the most comprehensive coverage ever given by an afternoon newspaper in any of our crusades.

From the comments I have heard I am sure there are thousands of people in this area that are deeply appreciative. The coverage was completely thorough and yet with an amazing objectivity which all of us appreciated. —BILLY GRAHAM

After the Crusade, A Note Of Thanks

Editors, The News: AS a citizen of Charlotte I want to thank you for the excellent coverage you extended to Billy Graham during the crusade. It is my hearty desire that the Lord will richly bless you. —RAYMOND RAHESKAMP R. N.

For News Coverage, Sincere Appreciation

Editors, The News: I ACCEPT your gratitude and sincere appreciation for the excellent coverage of the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign coming through The Charlotte News. —J. E. B. HOUSER

Coverage Of Graham 'A Wonderful Job'

Editors, The News: WE WANT to thank you for the wonderful job of covering and carrying the Billy Graham message into so many homes. We know that you will be blessed in covering the Lord's work so widely. —THE D. W. HEINERS

There's Nothing Like Wholesome Reading

Editors, The News: AS a subscriber of The Charlotte News I wish to commend you on your write-ups of the Billy Graham Crusade. These have certainly been most inspiring. There's nothing like good, wholesome reading and I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to follow the Crusade so thoroughly. —MRS. L. A. MULLEN

Crusade Received 'Splendid Coverage'

Editors, The News: JUST a note to express my deep appreciation of the splendid coverage which you gave to the

members of the Eastern Lions Club had meetings with the Psychiatric and Memorial Hospital authorities, and were eventually told that the expansion plans included a psychiatric facility some what in line with the survey report. With this assurance, the club endorsed the bond issue and but many many man-hours in an effort to publicize the need for the voters to allow the issue. This was done through programs before civic clubs in Charlotte, all in cooperation with the Social Planning Council.

'We At Home Feel A Part Of Services'

Rt. 5, Kannapolis Editors, The News: I HAVE been very good by reporting the Billy Graham services. Thank you. —ROSE BLANTON

News Of Sermons Did 'Much Good'

Winston-Salem Editors, The News: YOU did much good by reporting the Billy Graham sermons. Thank you. —MRS. J. V. MASSEY

'TV Green Sheet' Praised By Reader

Charlotte Editors, The News: I WANT to commend you very highly for making available the "TV GREEN SHEET" listing complete log of programs for the week. It is the ultimate in convenience for TV viewers, and I, for one, thank you and appreciate the thoughtfulness on your part. I am hoping that this will become a regular feature each week. I like The Charlotte News. It is comprehensive, well-edited, and a thoroughly enjoyable newspaper. —W. C. P. McALPIN

Hospital's Expansion Will Solve Problem

Charlotte Editors, The News: RECENT publicity in connection with "jailing" of mental patients in Mecklenburg County has been met with much interest by members of the Charlotte Eastern Lions Club.

As early as March 21, 1956, our club appointed a mental health committee to study mental health needs in Mecklenburg County. After an extensive study of our own in connection with this subject, in May of 1956, we sponsored a survey by Dr. Lloyd J. Thompson, professor of psychiatry at Bowman Gray Hospital in Winston-Salem. Dr. Thompson visited Charlotte and hospital administrators, Welfare Department and County Health Department to determine the needs of Charlotte in this field.

In August of 1956, a comprehensive report of this survey was published by Dr. Thompson and presented by the Eastern Lions Club to the Social Planning Council. It is now in file. Both your paper and the Charlotte Observer gave wide publicity to the survey report, which pointed up clearly the need for a psychiatric facility, as an integral part of a general hospital. The report indicated that it should be at least a 40-bed ward, with facilities to care for and treat mental illnesses of all kinds.

The report itself pointed out that "not infrequently in acute disturbances, temporary detention in jail has become a necessity in Mecklenburg County."

Following the report, the Eastern Lions Club made it a project to sponsor the construction in Charlotte of a psychiatric hospital. In conjunction with the Social Planning Council, we have been active in fund-raising campaign for such a project.

In March of 1957, when it was learned that Memorial Hospital planned a tremendous expansion program to be financed by a bond issue of the City of Charlotte,

we to a large extent solved as soon as the expansion program at Memorial Hospital is completed. We are glad to see the public reminded again of the need for such a facility and hope that it will insure its early completion and use.

'Now, How About Licking This Wound, Big Boy?'

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Only The Brave Survive Spacemanship Made Easy

By ROBERT C. RUARK SAN FRANCISCO SOME professor or other has recently advanced the idea that the first human to venture into vast outer space will not necessarily have to be a superman, or even a psychological hero. The prof reckons that all he needs to be is an experienced test pilot who is an old hand at the problems of stress. The engineers will have to solve physical problems of pressurization, anti-radiation and weightlessness, and the rest is up to mere man.

I will buy this wholly. Buck Rogers' main problem will be stress, both emotionally and physically, and as in the case of athletes or infantrymen, resistance to stress can be built through constant training. To this end I'd like to suggest a basic training course for the space cadets.

HELL DO ANYTHING

The main requirement is that the candidate be married. Not only will he have become accustomed to stress and strain, but the average married man will do anything to get out of the house. He must be a man of family, however, as a rain Sunday and a house full of kids can develop amazing reservoirs of resiliency and adaptability.

The first step in the elimination trial is to make our candidate spend a week after Christmas trying to return items to a ladies' specialty shop. He will ask for a cash refund — not credit; his account. To separate the men from the boys he will have lost the sales slip. If he fails this sim-

ple one, he is passed over, but if he emerges triumphant, we proceed to Phase Two.

He will now drive from New York to San Francisco with wife, three kids and mother-in-law, adjusting camera — station stop, dog, plants for water and hot dogs, elaborate map readings, and

GRADUATION

Now we are ready or the graduation test, which is almost impossible to pass except for semi-permen. This is first composed of getting away from bores who crowd you into corners at cocktail parties, later refraining to eat yourself shaming when you are already 10 minutes late for THE business appointment, and finally to argue rationally with any woman whatsoever without running into the phrase "... but how about you?"

I consider that any gentleman who can fly through the above really needs no pressure chamber. This kid will be immune to all the pressures that be, on the earth or above it.



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

IN only about one-half the area of the world today can free elections be held. We are lucky. And despite some hard here and there, despite the influence of big campaign contributions, and despite last-minute accusations, our elections still represent a pretty accurate, healthy cross-section of American opinion.

Outpouring Of Sympathy

While Americans were voting or making up their minds, a vote another place in the world. In the United States you don't find in some of the poorer parts of the world an outpouring of money and sympathy from rich people for the children who were bombed out of their school at Clinton, Tenn., and the synagogue which was dynamited in Atlanta, Ga.

Generosity

Dillon in Atlanta a public school had suffered a fire some years ago, and the synagogue opened its doors to the children to help them. So when the synagogue was dynamited, the children of

Americans Aid Bombed-Out Children

this school dipped into their savings banks and gave \$500 to the synagogue.

Coke Campaign

Fortunately the synagogue was insured. But that \$600 from the children of the Atlanta public school actually amounted to a real help. The Yreka High School student body pledged a "Coke for freedom of education" from 625 students and citizens of Yreka, Calif., to build the Clinton school house in Tennessee. But the kids of Yreka high wanted to contribute the cost of a brick, which is about the same price as a Coke. To help rebuild the Clinton school

Brotherhood In Action

All sorts of heart-warming messages have come to the Clinton school from all sorts of people and from all over the

Real Sacrifice

One of the earliest offers to help came from Aubrey Galyon, secretary of the Trades Council of Knoxville, just 20 miles from Clinton, and from David Parks, southeastern representative of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers, who promptly offered to rebuild the school. This will be not only a sizable gift, but means a real sacrifice because labor has been partly unemployed in East Tennessee and this is how the American people "get on" when people suffer from fires and hate-mongers.

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This is not such but perhaps it will help rebuild your school. I am so sorry this fanatical thing happened to a community that is trying to live right and do right, and I hope it won't encourage your boys and girls. Most of the rest of the world's Clinton, Tenn., as a place where people are reasonable and sensible and good, and it is too bad that a few fanatical outsiders (surely) were able to commit such an enormous crime."

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