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The Office Should Seek The Man

CAMPAIGNS for North Carolina's special judgeships can be as shamelessly boosterish and slickly rigged as any local sleight for a minor elective office. Yet these appointive posts require the kind of person who is completely free from the jerking puppet strings of political manipulators.

In the wake of several particularly earthy pressure drives involving recent openings on the bench, the words of Gov. Hodges following his latest appointment contained a rare freshness.

He had just announced that J. Braxton Craven Jr. of Morganton would succeed Atty. Gen. George B. Patton as a special Superior Court judge. Vigorous campaigns were waged in behalf of seven persons. "One day," said the governor, "I got 99 votes endorsing one man. He was organized." But he was not appointed. Nor were any of the seven. Why not? "I don't usually give a judgeship to a man who tries to get it," Mr. Hodges said with significant emphasis.

post should not become a popularity contest. Nor should the whole choice be left to the political leaders, the bosses or what used to be called the "invisible government."

Old Elihu Root, speaking in 1915 on the subject, said: "Whether it be a president appointing a judge or a governor appointing a superintendent of public works, whatever it may be, the officer wants to get the man selected, not the ground of his ability to do the work. How is it about the boss? What does the boss have to do? He has to urge the appointment of a man whose appointment will commendate his power and preserve the organization. There has been hardly a day for the past 16 years when I have not seen those two principles come in conflict. The invisible government proceeds to build up and maintain its power by a reversal of the fundamental principle of good government, which is that men should be selected to perform the duties of the office; and to substitute the idea that men should be appointed to office for the preservation and enhancement and power of the political leader. The one, the true one, looks upon appointment to office with a view to the service that can be given to the public. The other, the false one, looks upon appointment to office with a view to what can be gotten out of it."

Gov. Hodges has placed healthy emphasis on the proper principle in his own important judicial appointments. The result has been good for the judiciary and good for North Carolina.



People's Platform

Politics As It Is Spoken

Charlotte Editors: The News: "Ashley Cooper" on English as it is spoken down Charleston way, here is a sample of what I came up with after listening to the oratory of the two conventions:

Inner duce: "I am pleased to . . . to you."

Outer duce: (Same as above, except by southern delegate.)

You nine did: "In this great land of ours, the . . . States of America."

Commonest: "His great work now, the . . . spies in government."

Hunted: "A . . . years from now, he will be looked upon."

There may have been more, but Mr. Hoover of al had the happy faculty of lulling me to sleep. Maybe some of your readers can add to the list. —SAM CITRON.



The Playback Was A Lullaby

and we are getting ready to lose that elephant and let him return to his rightful home near the hills of the Blue Ridge.

I wish to say to the voters of Mecklenburg County and the balance of the 10th District, there is much that is due to the people of the 10th District and the only way to get that which is due is to elect a Democrat on Nov. 6.

Democrats Must Win Back Tenth

Charlotte Editors: The News: OUR delegation to the Democratic Convention in Chicago did a wonderful job, one that we can give much credit. The selection that we have before us will keep the Democrats busy from now until Nov. 6. Therefore we can go into the book of action, one that gives more in every way to more people every day.

We have another very important job to do. That's to recover the 10th District for the Democratic Party.

Al Smith gave the 10th District to the Hoover Republicans for a season of four years. Then the Democrats returned the district to its rightful owners. Then rocking chair Hamilton Jones did more rocking than work. Then Jonas from Lincoln County took over and has had the chair for almost four years. Now then, we have the man out for the chair and not a rocking chair. That is Mr. Ben Douglas and he has no use for a rocking chair nor for an elephant. His animal is a he-haw.

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Who has made the 10th District and the State of North Carolina what is today? The Democratic Party, not the Republican Party. So what do you base your claims on to vote as you have in the past two elections? What have you received in the past four years?

Listen to this—food prices are at the all-time high. Where did the Jonas food basket go? It got lost in the shuffle. Where did the 11-cent loaf of bread go to 19 cents? 84 wheat, 11-cent bread, 82 wheat, 19-cent bread. This is what you have to show for your selection. This is your credit for the past

The Nation Is Safe If Either Party Wins

Charlotte Editors: The News: IT'S always interesting in a presidential election year to hear the politicians and the old line party members start telling us what to expect if their respective party does not win. They start telling us what the party they belong to has done for the country and how our very best hopes for a happy and prosperous future depend on their party getting in or staying in.

I am not a party man. I believe in a two-party system, and I don't like the nominee or the platform of a party I don't swallow either one and go around singing the praises of what I don't believe in myself.

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Quote, Unquote

A sailor was hailed into court for fighting "Your honor," he told the judge. "I was in a telephone booth talking to my girl and a guy wants to use the phone. So he opens the door, grabs me by the neck and tosses me out of the booth." "Then you got angry," asked the judge. "Well, a little," replied the sailor. "I didn't really get angry until I grabbed my girl and threw her out, too." —Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press.

KEY TO TOMORROW

He is the party's youth. He is the second man to a President in the program of lies whose chief medical history is provocative. Even if Mr. Eisenhower is re-elected and public hopes of his recovery vigor are fulfilled to the utmost, he still will be a lame duck President, prohibited by the Constitution from seeking a third term.

As the President will tend to depend more and more on his staff,

the party will tend more and more to look toward Nixon. Politicians are the modern-day gamblers. They turn one face to the source of present benefits, but they keep another fixed on possible future springs of power.

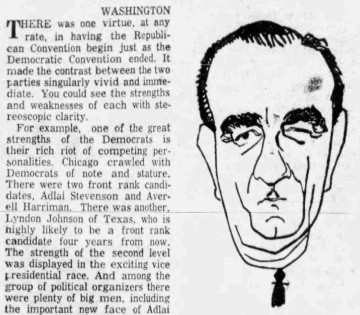
Every segment of the party has contributed to putting Nixon in his position of unusual opportunity and challenge. This was a natural thing, because he has at no time set his course by a fixed star nor reflected the modern-day materialism of government.

His detractors may be too harsh when they contend that he has been merely packaged and merchandised by his shrewd political mentor, Murray Chotiner, the press agent who has been manager of the Nixon campaign. But it would be impossible for the right, left or center of the party to prove from Jack Shelly's beginning shaking his fist at Nixon campaign. But it would be impossible for the right, left or center of the party to prove from Jack Shelly's beginning shaking his fist at Nixon campaign. But it would be impossible for the right, left or center of the party to prove from Jack Shelly's beginning shaking his fist at Nixon campaign.

TESTS OF STRENGTH

They will contend for his mind and heart as well as his immediate favor. The Olympic games will not furnish any more stimulating tests of strength.

The decision of Republicans to cling to Nixon was the long-run story of last week's convention.



LYNDON JOHNSON Front Rank in 1960

There was one virtue, at any rate, in having the Republican Convention begin just as the Democratic Convention ended. It made the contrast between the two parties singularly vivid and immediate. You could see the strengths and weaknesses of each with stereoscopic clarity.

For example, one of the great strengths of the Democrats is their rich riot of competing personalities. Chicago crawled with hundreds of note and stature. There were two front rank candidates, Adlai Stevenson and Averell Harriman. There was another Lyndon Johnson of Texas, who is highly likely to be a front rank candidate four years from now. The strength of the second level was displayed in the exciting vice presidential race. And among the group of political organizers that were plenty of big men, including the important new face of Adlai Stevenson's able manager, James A. Finnegan.

ONE-MAN PARTY

In contrast, the most obvious weakness of the Republicans is the fact that they have now become a one-man party. Dwight D. Eisenhower by no means typifies the Republican viewpoint as embodied in Albert A. Taft used to do. A great many of the delegates who screamed themselves hoarse in support of him in the Cow Palace very sharply disapprove of his policies. If he ever makes a real effort to attempt to implement the foreign affairs sections of his acceptance speech, for instance, the President will surely be opposed by most of the Republican senators and congressmen who are now so desperately anxious to ride back to office on his coattails.

POORER, NOT RICHER

After four years in control of the White House, in fact, the Republican Party has become poorer, not richer, in notable persons of the abilities of national stature. If Eisenhower wins again, the greatest problem will be to develop men who can carry on where he leaves off. And it will not be an easy problem.

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WITHOUT STRAW

Except for the health issue above all, plus the regionally important farm and public power issues, the Democrats now have no straw left to make electoral bricks with. And while one must always recognize the responsibility for this Democratic misfortune, it is also necessary to note that the Democrats have themselves to blame as well.

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An Uneasy Truce In South Carolina

GOV. TIMMERMAN'S loyalty to the national Democratic Party reflects more than blind obedience to political orthodoxy. In its traditional attitude toward party politics, South Carolina is far from orthodox.

Much more than a half century ago, Benjamin R. Tillman delighted his wool hat followers when he swore he would stick a pitchfork into Democratic President Grover Cleveland's "fat old ribs." It won him the nickname of "Pitchfork Ben."

South Carolina's Strom Thurmond led the Dixiecrat revolt in 1948. In 1952, more than 50,000 South Carolina Democrats filed a petition for an independent state supporting Eisenhower.

But in 1956, South Carolina and the South have virtually no place to go. There is wide disaffection with both parties. But there is no real hue and cry for a third party, as there was in 1948.

What is occurring is very much like the political thermostat described by

Samuel Lubell in Revolt of the Moderates

"With a Republican in the White House the temperature of revolt would tend to go down since the need for an elected president—to defuse the Democrats nationally—would have been served. Once the Democrats won the presidency, though, the thermostat would start up again."

Gov. Timmerman and his South Carolina Democrats have signed no peace pact. It is only a truce—and a shaky one at that. Dissidents are already circulating a petition to get a ticket of electors on the ballot other than those of the established parties.

There will be no settling down of South Carolina generally—or southern politics generally—until racial and economic issues themselves settle down. That will be a very long time indeed.

Meanwhile, we can expect to see the South remain a source of continuing and complicating the uneasy party balance in the nation.

Replace Womankind With Machines?

ALL of our fears and reservations about automation have suddenly crystallized. It was not until we learned about Dr. Harry F. Olson and the RCA Research Center that the deceptively soft outlines of the whole Frankensteinian plot became apparent. Now, we know what we're fighting for—and it isn't Mama's apple pie.

According to Dr. Olson, the boss of the future will be able to dictate his letters directly to a phonetic typewriter which will convert the energy of speech into conventional letters. In fact, the RCA Laboratories have already developed a model of such a voice-operated typewriter which is 80 per cent accurate. That, Dr. Olson observes, is "probably as good as the average secretary."

We will let that last crack pass but we cannot overlook the larger conspiracy to rob the business world of its last direct link with the bourgeois. The pretty secretary is an American institution. Her very femininity is all that keeps U. S. industry thoroughly and pleasantly civilized. She may be a clock, but she is a woman, a mauler, eternal dunder and nonstop coffee breaker but she is female. Whatever the state of her face and figure she adds at least a modicum of glamor to the daily eight-hour rat race. To replace her with a mere machine is unthinkable.

Machines are all right in their place. But they can never replace women—anywhere.

From The Goldsboro News-Argus

WANT TO BE A BIRD WATCHER?

WOULD you like to have a colorful flock of birds, chirping, singing and flitting about your yard? Well, you can.

Two of my neighbors have bird feeder stations that are known far and wide among the songsters and are immensely popular.

Both are very simple arrangements. One neighbor simply saves crumbs and occasionally dries out a bit of meat. These delicious morsels he throws at his garage roof.

Birds must have been eyes indeed. In no time at all after he has thrown the crumbs on the garage top, the songsters begin to arrive. Maybe they have a sort of watch system. They are assigned to check feeding stations and to give the mess call when crumbs are served.

At mealtime atop the garage, the birds act pretty much like people. Some pugnacious ones will try to chase the others away. Timid ones will stand back on the edge and get only what crumbs fall by the wayside so to speak.

Another neighbor mounted lids of cheese boxes in tall albatross bushes at the edge of the yard. She too saves crumbs for the flock and occasionally she adds a special lure to her feathered friends by providing a commercial bird feed. On some mornings several score birds will be feeding and talking about the homely meal station at one time.

This neighbor tells me it is necessary to keep the cats away from a yard to attract the birds. The cats kill the birds. Apparently the word gets around among the flock that there is a deadly cat at such and such an address and it should be avoided to prevent the plague.

A bird feeder station can afford hours of delightful entertainment. With a pair of binoculars, you would be able to bring the creatures almost to your hand or so it would seem, and would learn to identify them by color, detailed color, and form and habits. This is a lot of fun for winter time.

Lady to conductor: "Is smoking permitted in this car?" "Yes, madam." Lady: "Then where did all those cigarette butts come from?" Conductor: "From people who didn't ask questions, ma'am." —HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE.

Somebody should invent a party plate with a suction cup on the bottom which would fit snugly over the knee and allow a man to eat in comfort without disturbing a balancing act. —KINGSPORT (Tenn.) Times.

Something missing, if you say Sunday's just another day. Or, three-hour movie, nothing wrong: half-hour sermon much too long. —LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go Round

Editors' note: Drew Pearson today continues the dramatic inside story of the last day of the Chicago Convention.

WASHINGTON THE Texas delegation was holding its secret caucus between the first and second ballots during that swirl-packed, seaway race to nominate the Democratic vice president. Pat Wiggins, alert wire service reporter, had smuggled her way inside.

I'm For Kennedy

Gerald C. Mann of Dallas spoke up for Sen. Kennedy of Massachusetts. There were boss Rep. Wright Patman of Texas, Kennedy spoke up for Kefauver. "We can't sell Kennedy in Texas," he said. There was some favorable reaction. Sam Rayburn was called on.

"We've got a choice of two men—Kennedy and Kefauver," he said, "and I'm for Kennedy."

This clinched it. Johnson backed Kennedy. In two minutes the boos were changed to unanimous approval. Rayburn and Johnson had spoken.

Bitter Memory

Kennedy had almost unseated Lyndon Johnson as Democratic leader of the Senate by knifing his fellow Democrat, Congressman Foster Furcolo, when Furcolo ran against GOP Sen. Saltonstall in Massachusetts. As a result, Saltonstall and Johnson clung to his leadership by a narrow one-vote margin.

Old guard hated of Kefauver is intense, however, and Johnson was out to block him.

Texas Was Determined To Stop Estes

On the second ballot, votes began to pile up for Kennedy. Some took their cue from Stevenson's own Illinois delegation which threw 46 votes to Kennedy. This was interpreted as meaning private Stevenson support for Kennedy.

Chicago boss Jake Arvey had told Kefauver leaders that he was for "The Keel," but Arvey switched to Mayor Wagner of New York in deference to Tammany boss Dr. Sapiro. Charming Irish boss Richard J. Daley swung most of Illinois to Kennedy. Bill Connors, boss of Chicago's 42nd Ward and Stevenson's alternate in the Illinois delegation, also voted for Kennedy.

Kennedy's Bandwagon

The bandwagon rush for the young senator from Massachusetts was on. In the Stock Yards Inn, Kennedy, still in undershorts, lay on his bed and watched his vote pile up. He had planned to take a bath. The water was still running.

"New Jersey is switching from Wagner to Kennedy," continued Rep. Torbert MacDonell of Massachusetts. It did. The bandwagon continued.

Kefauver Huddles

In a nearby room in the Stock Yards Inn, Jiggs Donohue urged Kefauver to talk to Minnesota's Sen. Humphrey, persuade him to pull out of the race. Humphrey was operating from room off the Convention Hall, and Estes was reluctant to enter the Hall. He recalled the commotion he created when he entered the Hall in 1952.

Finally Donohue had his way. Kefauver sneaked into the convention

building, half hiding his face, and went up to Humphrey's office.

Terrific Confusion

During most of the second ballot the two rivals sat together watching the scoreboard. Repeatedly, Kefauver and Donohue urged Humphrey to throw in the towel. He threw his delegates on every vote. But Humphrey hung on.

Jim Farley Pleads

Bill Malone, boss of San Francisco, kept demanding that the delegation switch to Kennedy. Congressman Jack Shelly, member of the Transients Union, asked to make a speech to California delegates right on the floor. He did so—above the roar of the convention.

"Here's a chance to make a vice president," he pleaded.

Jim Farley came over from the New York delegation. "Come on boys, you've got a chance to elect a vice president," he urged.

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Ben Swig, owner of San Francisco's swank Fairmont Hotel, demanded Kennedy, kept demanding and demanding. Jack Shelly began shaking his fist at Nixon campaign. But it would be impossible for the right, left or center of the party to prove from Jack Shelly's beginning shaking his fist at Nixon campaign.

"Now's our chance," he yelled. "Let's make it unanimous for Kennedy."

Kefauver supporters, almost knocked out of the room, Jimmy Roosevelt, George Killion, Congressman Clair Engle moved in close, surrounded him, made a unanimous vote for a unanimous vote for Kennedy before the ballots were counted.

Dan Kimball, former secretary of the Navy, switched to Kennedy. "What are we waiting for?"

"Wait until Tennessee is going to do," cautioned Jimmy Roosevelt, as he guarded the microphone. "Tennessee may change the whole convention."

All Set

Killion and Roosevelt prepared to announce a big majority for Kefauver.

"If you do that, I'll challenge the vote," warned Doc Schary, of Metro Goldwyn Mayer.

Finally, Brown got on a chair, led off by Speaker Rayburn, waved the California standard, couldn't get recognition.

State after state had now thrown in for Kennedy. He was ahead of Kefauver, within touching distance of the magic number, that it takes to win.

Sen. Kennedy's triumph: the unanimous vote for Kennedy before the ballots were counted. (The inside story of the thrill-packed last day of the Chicago Convention will be concluded tomorrow.)