

Politics Is More Than Knocking A Good Thing

North Carolina's Democratic candidates for governor are having their troubles stirring up basic arguments with each other. We've had the expected States petition business and the equally anticipated campaign by one to be another to the present administration. It may be assumed that the one sees the Judas kiss technique in tagging the other as Governor Sanford's heir apparent.

But just how dangerous is it to be identified with the political philosophy of Terry Sanford? Never as we are in matters political, we cannot help but feel the Sanford label would be something less harsh than instant political death. Aside from personal distaste, the Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls show a marked tendency to shy away from cries for drastic changes in our state's governmental structure. There has been much rehashing of sundry state programs, but all we have read suggests the candidates generally are in favor of more of the same. This approach hardly could be interpreted as an affront to Mr. Sanford's record.

In Statesville last week, Richardson Preyer said he is preparing a far-reaching program aimed at conserving the state's natural resources. He wants a bond issue to further improve the roads of Tarheelia. He feels very strongly about "replacing this cycle of poverty with a cycle of hope." While his proposals are on solid ground, they are not original in themselves.

Also last week, Dan Moore outlined before a Graham audience a 12-point program "designed to accelerate North Carolina's industrial growth." He said the governor should pay more attention to industrial development in order to "bring all North Carolinians nearer the abundant life that is theirs as a birthright." There is a question in that quote. It is a lesson in semantics, to be sure. The implication is that all North Carolinians who aren't well-to-do are being deprived of their rights. This, of

course, is preposterous. If you're born the 12th son of a Negro tenant farmer in Northampton County, the "abundant life" is hardly yours "as a birthright."

But it is pointless to quibble over Mr. Moore's choice of words. He meant basically the same thing Mr. Preyer meant when he said, with a bit more rhetoric perhaps, that we must work to replace "this cycle of poverty with a cycle of hope." Our basic disagreement with Mr. Moore's statement is his implication that Governor Sanford has ignored the need for industrial expansion. This is not true.

During 1963, as we discussed here last week, North Carolina broke all records for industrial growth, capital investment in industry and jobs created through industrial expansion. That is a clear fact, and if we can post that kind of record by turning our back on industry, the whole country best face the opposite direction.

Terry Sanford has been the national pace-setter in the race against poverty that now rages on the national level. If Mr. Moore and Mr. Preyer have borrowed a page from the Sanford book, it is to their credit.

We agree at one point with both of these able men who would like to succeed Terry Sanford. Poverty is a crushing burden. It is the responsibility of everyone in a position to help to do so.

The per capita income figures released last week by the North Carolina Department of Tax Research leave no question about the need for continuing our efforts to aid the very poor.

The worst move we can make is to claim what already has been done. We do not have to deny that progress has been made to make a case for more advances. It may be expedient politics to some, but it is fundamentally unfair to claim those who are in are bad, and those who would like to get in are good.

Government By The People—A New Look

In the long history of this republic, only a comparative handful of people have voted for the President and Vice President of the United States. The rest of the electorate has voted for groups of men and women who, for the most part, are totally unknown to them.

This, of course, is the electoral college system which, after much debate and compromise, was firmly embodied in Article II of the Constitution. Ever since, scores of proposals have been made to fundamentally change it, none successful. This year, no doubt, another effort will be made for the change.

Under the existing system, each state has as many electors as it has senators and Representatives combined. This is of obvious advantage to the smaller states, in that they have these two additional votes, represented by their senators, regardless of population. Thus, to some extent, a state's mere size is minimized.

It can also be said of the electoral college system that it has worked. At the same time, it has produced distortion in the appearance of results for the reason that the candidates who carry a state, no matter how tiny their majority, receive 100 per cent of that state's electoral votes. This was exemplified in 1960. The late President Kennedy ran up a substantial electoral college majority. Yet his popular vote margin over Mr. Nixon was next to invisible.

Various methods of reform of the system are always under consideration. Probably the simplest is that the President and Vice President shall be elected by direct popular vote. The arguments in favor of this are many, the principal one being that, if the President is to be the man of the people, he ought to be elected directly by the people. Another is that every citizen's vote would count equally. Still another is that political activity would be distributed through all parts of the nation and the two-party system invigorated.

Opponents of the direct popular vote method argue that it would be unfair to

smaller states; lead to national election laws at the expense of state sovereignty in this area; and encourage the major parties to concentrate their campaigns in the heavily-populated cities, at the expense of the interests of rural areas and small communities. As a practical matter, it is also said that such a constitutional change could never be ratified because of the opposition of small states—some two thirds of them would lose relative political influence.

Another proposed change is the direct method, whereby the unit represented by each elector would be switched from the state to a district within a state and there is support for the proportional method, which would provide that each candidate would receive the proportion of the electoral vote as his share of the state's popular vote. All have their advocates, all their opponents.

Reform of the electoral college is a highly complex subject that needs confrontation by the best minds in the Senate and outside. The electoral college is not just a technical electoral procedure. It is steeped in politics—it affects the balance of parties, the power of interest groups, the strength of ideologies, the fate of politicians. Reform has proved impossible because politicians have feared that it might upset or threaten political arrangements that they have found congenial, or at least predictable and dependable.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The Santa Claus legend persists in America. We're not talking about the children's Santa who distributes gifts to good boys and girls at Christmas time; we're talking about Uncle Sam... who distributes gifts and grants and loans to 'good' communities throughout the year... We have said it before and we say it again: There is nothing magic about giving our money a trip to Washington, then having part of it returned to us on the basis of political as well as economic considerations. Uncle Sam is no Santa Claus. —Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald.

Let us resolve to remain steadfast in our faith, and to remain true to the ideal of American patriotism, which is the conviction that our country is a Christian nation, a constitutional republic with a free enterprise, capitalist economy, the only hope for preserving individual liberty and maintaining peace and justice in the world. —Del Mar (Calif.) Sun.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

I reckon you saw in the paper where the government took a poke at smoking. I hope the news didn't make it to the Sunday school lessons since that time has been smoking, chewing, and dipping. We even skipped our annual kicking-lesson last Sunday to carry on our tobacco crusade.

I been getting in on the act too. I done preached two sermons on the subject. The first sermon I preached on the subject, "The Young Adult. Following the lead of the Sunday school lessons, I give 'em both barrels on the topic. 'Don't give your neck for a smoke-stroke'."

They was right moving sermons my wife said. I couldn't find a particular text in the Good Book to cover these subjects so I just preached on the Bible in general. Instead of quoting the Lord so much I kept telling 'em what the government said. Folks ain't at liberty to talk back to the government neither are the Lord. Anyhow, Mr. Publisher, they was both wonderful sermons. I wrote 'em up so I could save 'em for posterity.

The fine thing about this tobacco crusade is that it's producing results. We done organized a Tobacco Anonymous Club, and had 23 folks at the first meeting. First off, they got together and decided it was a sickness that comes from sucking the bottle too long as a baby. We give 'em all a twenty penny nail to carry in their pocket, and a chicken bone to chew on when they get too nervous. Course, you have to realize that breaking the habit can't be done overnight. If one of the club members smoked out during the meeting to have a smoke, I smelt it on their breath when they come back in. None of 'em wouldn't own up to it though.

Mr. Publisher, we're having a few other problems too. A bunch of the younguns has gone to smoking since all this has come up. I caught Marshall's 14 year old boy out behind the church puffing on a cigarette last Sunday. When I caught him how come he didn't tell he said he liked to do anything illegal. He said he bought 'em from Ben Twist who had opened up a cigarette bootlegging business.

Well, I hope it all works out. Washington shore oughta know what it's talking about when it says that tobacco is harming our folks, cause they got the worse liver problem in the United States. It takes a problem to know a problem.

Seems like I read somewhere in the Good Book that the blind don't see a very good job a leading the blind. I shore hope we don't all fall in the ditch. If the government can just find out what's harming the minds and souls of our people it might throw a little light on the whole subject.

Well, Mr. Publisher, I gotta go for now. I've got to stop by and get me some breath sweetener before I go to a church meeting.

Yours truly,

Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

1954

10 YEARS AGO

IN OTHER YEARS

Iredell Republicans in a county-wide convention at Statesville last Friday failed to nominate a full slate of candidates for the November election, but will attempt to do so at another meeting on April 9. It has been revealed by A. Z. Goforth of Statesville, chairman.

Mr. Goforth is quoted as saying: "We thought we had everything lined up for a big meeting. However, it looks as if those who are real interested in running didn't come."

During the nominations, only two agreed to seek seats on the county board of commissioners. The group also agreed on a state senatorial candidate and a man to run for sheriff.

Mr. Goforth said that the names of the nominated candidates would not be released for publication until the full slate is available. Mooreville's four-day Industrial Show opened yesterday (Wednesday) under the sponsorship of the Merchants Association and with the full cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

The show is housed in the North Main Street building formerly occupied by Alf's Grill, and although the exhibit hall's doors had been opened only a few hours, scores of people had already visited the exhibit hall by noon Wednesday.

There will be a run-off primary in Iredell county on Saturday, June 20 between Harry B. Moore and Vance Wagner for the fifth place on the 5-man county commission board. Moore, who finished sixth, 46 votes behind Wagner, filed his official request for the run-off with the Iredell Board of Elections last Saturday.

Herman Compton has purchased W. J. German's interest in German-Compton Motors, Inc., and effective immediately the firm will be known as Compton Motors, Inc.

Located on East Iredell avenue on the corner of Iredell and North Church street, the firm is the authorized dealer in the Mooreville area for Chrysler and Plymouth cars. The concern also operates a used-car lot and modern service department.

Miss Alice McNeely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McNeely of North Main Street, Mooreville, graduated, with honors, from Salem College, Winston-Salem, at the 10th annual commencement.

Mrs. Carrie Murdoch Troutman, aged 68 years, wife of Charles A. Troutman, Sr., died at her home on North Main Street at 6:10 o'clock last Thursday morning. Although she had been a long-time invalid, she suffered a stroke of paralysis in 1941, her death was quite unexpected.

Chief of Police Clayton Dyson and local photographer, Cliff Ingram, attended a short course in press photography conducted at Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Kathy Fairbanks and Mrs. Betty Dunning, of Charlotte, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fairbanks, at their home on South Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunsacker and family, of the Mount Ulla Highway, visited relatives in Troy during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meadows attended the Rev. Oral Roberts' revival in Rocky Mount last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore and children, of Asheville, were weekend visitors in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hewitt and daughter, of Raleigh, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Moore last Sunday.

Centenary Community News

By Mrs. W. S. BECKER
The Young Adult. Following the lead of the Sunday school lessons, I give 'em both barrels on the topic. 'Don't give your neck for a smoke-stroke'."

A beautiful supper was enjoyed by everyone. After the supper, Mrs. Henry Wilson directed the group in some games. The door prizes were won by Mrs. Harold McLaughlin and little Judy Wilson.

The following members, present at the Centenary Community News, were: Mrs. W. S. Becker, Mrs. Harold McLaughlin and Mrs. Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kerr and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McNeely, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Over, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilhelm, Mrs. Agnes's brother, at the Brighton Hospital in Morganton Thursday.

—Mrs. Agnes McLaughlin is improving at her home.

—Prayer service and choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7 and 7:30 o'clock.

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—West Rowan Senior Citizen Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the Cleveland Methodist Church.

—Rev. Glimmer Beck returned home Friday after attending a two-day Vacation Bible-Clinic at Wilkes College.

—EYC held its regular monthly meeting Sunday evening at Christ Episcopal Church at 6:30.

—Flowers on the altar at Christ Episcopal Church Sunday were in memory of Clarence Barber, given by his family.

—Glimmer Barber, Milford, Hills, who has been a patient of VA Hospital, Durham, has returned home.

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