

WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE ARE YOU?

An Editorial

Everyone is saying that this year's presidential campaign will be the hardest fought of modern times. That seems a certainty, in the light of the characters and positions of President Johnson and Senator Goldwater. Both are politicians of the driving type, and neither gives quarter when matters of power, influence and principle are at stake.

Along with this, a great many informed people think that the election may be the most historically important of the century. For, in their view, out of it could come political realignments that would vastly change the political complexion of the country and determine for a long time to come the course we are to take, both in domestic matters and our attitude toward world affairs.

The big question has to do with what is called the mainstream of present-day American thinking. It is the question that, in the opinion of the conservative groups which make up the dedicated hard-core of Goldwater supporters, the American people have not had a chance to answer. They argue that the voters have not been given a clear-cut choice between two sharply different philosophies of government. For the most part, their argument continues, there has been an excess of "me-tooism" on the part of Republican candidates, and this has alienated great numbers of voters and played into the hands of the Democrats. The upshot, as they see it, has been the gradual development of a welfare state government which is not wanted by a majority of our citizens.

This November should certainly tell how much truth there is or isn't in this position. The President and the Senator provide, in their policies, about as broad a difference as anyone could ask. That difference extends to every issue of real consequence. The Administration holds that our intermingled defense and foreign policies are sound and productive; the other side charges timidity, indecision and retreat, and finds grave defects in our military programs. The President is unequivocally committed to the new civil rights bill; Senator Goldwater voted against it—not because he opposes racial equality, but on constitutional grounds. Mr. Johnson solidly backs major extensions of federal aid and relief projects of assorted kinds; Mr. Goldwater holds that these, generally, are wrong in principle and ineffective and excessively wasteful in practice. The rights, obligations and responsibilities of the states are very precious to the Senator, and he sees the increase of federal power as a menace to our very system of government. The President disagrees. Both men and parties, of course, are in agreement in their opposition to the communist tide, but there is a world of difference in the policies they urge to contain and defeat it.

There is no doubt that the Goldwater drive is making deep inroads in the once solidly Democratic South, or that the Democrats are picking up strength in some areas that were once dependably Republican.

Indeed, it's been a long time since there were so many political question marks on the horizon, or when it was so difficult to analyze the hopes, beliefs and loyalties of the electorate. And the stakes—not just for the parties and candidates, but for us all—are great beyond measure.

MOREOVER, AT THIS ELECTION, VOTERS HAVE A CHOICE, between two different trends, Creeping Socialism or the Sovereignty of Individual States.

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A Public Service Health Message

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ANIMAL BITES CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS—FIRST, BECAUSE OF RABIES AND SECOND, BECAUSE THEY READILY GET INFLAMED.

BEST FIRST AID IS TO WASH THE BITTEN PART RIGHT AWAY WITH SOAP AND WATER. THEN HEAD FOR PROFESSIONAL ATTENTION.

IF POSSIBLE, THE ANIMAL SHOULD BE CAPTURED SO THAT IT CAN BE OBSERVED FOR SIGNS OF RABIES.

THE RABIES VIRUS CAN AFFLICT BOTH DOMESTIC AND WILD BITERS — DOGS, CATS, SQUIRRELS, FOXES, SKUNKS, BATS — ANY WARM-BLOODED ANIMAL. SUSPECT IT IF YOUR ANIMAL STARTS TO ACT ABNORMAL — REST-LESS, EXCITED OR SHAKY.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor: As an independent Democrat, I am going to vote for Johnson and Humphrey with great enthusiasm. I am also going to vote for Ken Keating rather than for Robert Kennedy. The latter was a good attorney general and might be a satisfactory senator, but there are convincing arguments against him and for Keating.

It stands to reason that Kennedy cannot have as good an understanding of New York State and its problems as a man who has been serving the state in the House and Senate for 18 years, and has grown in that service. Why replace a tried sailor with a man who has yet to learn the ropes?

A second factor is bossism. Keating has proven his independence of party regularity. Kennedy owes a real debt to such men as Crotty, Buckley, Steingut and Powell, who were among the first to launch his boom for the nomination.

Now it may be true, as some of Kennedy's supporters assert, that once he is elected, he will sell these gentlemen down the river. But the renovation of New York State Democratic politics is a monumental job and, if Kennedy were to undertake it, he would have very little time left for his duties in the U.S. Senate.

Keating's record in the Senate makes me confident that his reelection will best serve the interests of the state and of the nation.

Glyndon G. Van Deusen Brighton, New York

Ed Note: — From the Perry Herald! — "It is a bit difficult to understand a political set-up that will allow a rank outsider to come into a state and run for public office when he isn't even qualified to vote in that state."

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again—all you racing fans and drivers! Well — this is it! The Swan Song for the 1964 local auto racing season.

This past Sunday saw a beautiful card of racing at the Olean Speedway—but the crowd was, too thin to extend the season any longer.

In addition to the races in the Sportsmen Division and Modern Class, there was a match race, an Australian Pursuit Race, a Powder

Puff Derby, and a Demolition Derby.

In the Sportsmen Class, the Spectators saw one of the most thrilling races of the season as "Ron" Kane, No. 555, who started near the rear of the pack, gradually worked his way up to the 2nd slot and was ready to challenge the 1st place car Don Weaver, No. 27, when he spun out on the No. 3 turn and lost many precious yards.

However, by pushing his car to the utmost, "Ron" finally closed the gap around the 20th lap and these two lead cars battled it out side by side for the next 3 laps with "Ron" managing to pull ahead on the 23rd lap, only to lose the lead again on the 24th lap. Both of the boys were almost side by side coming out of the No. 4 turn on the last lap, but "Don", who was on the outside, managed to pull out in front by a couple of feet as "Ron" was in a broad-side slide and lost a little traction. Thus when they came across the finish line No. 27 pulled a regular horse race finish and won by a nose.

Since the ERCA circuit was officially closed, some of the top drivers came down to Olean and found that they could really burn up the track with Eddy Anchor, No. 55, Art Clark, No. 7, and Dick Flaigg, No. 33, battling it out both in one of the heats as well as the feature. Ed Stayer, driving the Casey Cole Special, No. 32, although outgunned still put on a beautiful driving exhibition to come in 2nd in the Feature as well as win 1st in his heat.

In the special match race between "Ron" Kane, No. 555, and "Don" Weaver, No. 27, the fans saw these two top drivers in their class pull out all the stops with "Ron" managing to win a clear cut victory.

In the "Powder Puff" Derby, Florence Givan drove her husband's car, No. 71X, to an easy win after "Bob" had placed 3rd in the Sportsmen Feature.

The Demolition Derby was really a slam bang affair with John Dawley from Bradford, Pa. winning with his Olds that has already been thru two other contests at other tracks and which incidentally he won also.

For a re-cap of the results: In the Sportsmen Division — Frank Becker, No. 22X, won the 1st heat; Kay Daitley, No. 5, took the 2nd heat; Al Witcher, No. A1, the 3rd heat; and Don Weaver, No. 27, captured the "Checker" in the Feature; with Ron Kane, No. 555, placing 2nd; and Bob Givan, No. 71X, taking 3rd.

In the Modern Class — Eddy Anchor, No. 55, won the first heat; Ed Stayer, No. 32, the 2nd heat; and then Eddy Anchor came

FROM OUR FILES

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 16, 1914

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Michael Walsh was killed when the auto he was driving went out of control and overturned in the ditch. The accident occurred near the Sanford Mead Farm on Greenwood Hill. His wife survives.

The ruling price of cheese in the Cupa Market is 14 1/2 cents.

Henry W. Snyder and Leo Hunt have purchased the Pollard Farm near Belmont.

Miss Sadie Cleveland of Wellsville spent the week-end with Miss Anna Gallagher.

Mrs. Fannie Backus is passing the week guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. J. Waldron of Rochester and attending the State Women Suffrage Convention in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deming are guests of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cook of Worcester, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Thorne were called to Canisteo the first of the week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Henry Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bloss were week-end guests of their son, Lou M. Bloss, at Mexico, N. Y.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 3, 1924

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H. P. Bundy, 80, for many years, Justice of the Peace in Andover, died at his home September 26th. His wife and a daughter survive.

Mrs. Laura Witter was installed Noble Grand of Andover Rebekah Lodge Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burdick and family were business visitors in Birdsall Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Wilcox, 57, died suddenly at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, October 2nd. Her husband, a son and a daughter survive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and daughter returned Wednesday from a week-end stay at their cottage at Calendar, Canada.

H. C. Padden of Buffalo is greeting his many Andover friends this week.

Mrs. Chas Howland and Mrs. Ed Caple were Monday guests of Mrs. D. W. Driscoll in Wellsville.

Charles Downer and Ronald Gibbs left Sunday for Rochester where they will take up their studies October 1st.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 28, 1934

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P. K. Tuttle this week purchased the Men's Store of the James P. Cannon Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atwell are the parents of a son, born September 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cook are the parents of a son, born September 17th.

Claire Backus and Francis Vickers were in Alfred Thursday afternoon to blow taps and echo taps at the funeral of Dr. George E. Burdick.

Mrs. C. S. Rennells, Mrs. Jennie Flint and Miss Drexia Scott motored to Ithaca Sunday. Miss Eva Rennells, who was operated upon for the removal of a goitre, was able to return home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harder, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord and Miss Ella A. Baker motored to Rochester Sunday where Miss Baker entered her senior year at the University of Rochester.

Francis McAndrew went to Alfred Monday to start his junior year in the University.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Connell are business visitors in Buffalo this week.

back to win the Feature with Ed Stayer placing 2nd, and Art Clark, No. 7, taking 3rd.

Well folks, that's it for this year. Y'all at the tracks come next Spring—and remember, that gas fumes and alcohol fumes don't mix if you are behind the wheel! After all, we don't want to lose any racing fans that-a-way!