

### Indications Are That Election Will Be Close

Many a moon has waxed and waned since there was a truly close Presidential election in this country. The last was that of 1916, when almost complete returns gave Charles Evans Hughes every reason to believe he had won. But the next day it was learned that Woodrow Wilson had carried California, an almost totally unexpected event, and that was enough to put him in the White House.

Subsequent elections have been won by wide and often overwhelming margins. But, many people think, something like the 1916 pattern may appear in 1960. The standard polls, as of now, certainly indicate that. They have the two tickets running absolutely neck and neck with only a percentage point or two separating them. These polls also indicate that a comparatively small number of voters—five or six per cent or so—are undecided in their choice.

Yet, there are dissenters; who doubt the accuracy of polls this early in the game, and who also doubt if the undecided portion of the electorate is so small. For instance columnist Marquis Childs writes, "one of the most astute strategists in the Kennedy camp, scanning the current polls, estimated that as of today the strength of the two tickets is roughly Nixon 34 per cent, Kennedy 30 per cent, with a whopping 35 per cent undecided. That is a wholly subjective judgment, but it may come closer to the fact than the pollsters."

Mr. Childs also says, "With a total of 77 electoral votes, New York and California, the two giant states on opposite coasts, can mean the difference between defeat and victory." Both teams and their organizations are, therefore, putting out maximum effort in those states. Special emphasis is laid on the political grass-roots — that is, the precincts. Everything short of kidnapping has been done in some places to get people registered and to strengthen organization.

It's no secret that there is worry in the Kennedy-Johnson ranks. After the Senator's enormously successful experience in the primaries, many believed his campaign would go along on a jet-propelled basis. But it hasn't. The post-conventional Congressional session was a bitter disappointment. Senator Johnson, for all his parliamentary skill and his position as majority leader, just couldn't wield the expected influence. The two measures which Senator Kennedy pushed most urgently, an expanded minimum wage bill, and a bill providing medical payments to elderly people through the Social Security system, both failed of enactment. Conservative Democratic leaders, such as Senator Byrd, have shown a definite lack of enthusiasm for the ticket, even though they haven't bolted.

In this area, Mr. Nixon has had better luck. His party, with few exceptions, is about as united as anyone could ask. The conservative wing, of which Senator Goldwater is now the leader, certainly doesn't follow Mr. Nixon all the way, but its members are working hard to elect the ticket. That is also true on the liberal side, where Governor Rockefeller is a prime force. The Nixon team has high hopes that the Governor, who is sparing no effort on the party's behalf, will provide a decisive influence in the all-important state of New York. In any event, Mr. Nixon has said that this election may be the closest of the century. Mr. Kennedy is reported to hold a similar view. Both, it's safe to say, will continue to campaign on the principle that every last obtainable vote is vital.

### TV And The Printed Word

Competition for shares of the advertising dollar gets tougher all the time. Television has seen to that.

Television people have, on occasion, attempted to sell the idea that their media is a far more effective way of interesting the potential consumer than any other—including newspapers. So a survey made in Richmond, Virginia, is of unusual interest.

Editor & Publisher reports: "An independent research organization found that of more than 41,000 telephone calls only about one-fifth of them had the TV set turned on. Of that number 81 per cent were able to identify the program turned on but 71 per cent could not name any sponsor or product or type of product being advertised on that program.

No—the printed word isn't obsolete yet!

### The Community Chest Campaign

Residents of Clinton are being called on this week for contributions to the Community Chest. The Chronicle bespeaks a cordial reception for all solicitors as they make their rounds. They are performing a service for the community.

This campaign rolls into one concentrated effort the work formerly put forth in many separate drives for money to support the agencies represented in the budget of the Community Chest. It greatly simplifies the work and saves residents from having to go through with inconveniences of making many smaller contributions.

Eleven agencies participate in the budget of the Community Chest, all of them eminent,ly worthwhile and necessary. All of them perform service for the community and deserve support from residents of the area. The total amount to be raised is \$20,560.75. This is not by any means beyond the capability of the community—the sum could be subscribed in one day. All shoulders should be put to the wheel to indicate to Community Chest leaders that they have the wholehearted support and thanks of residents.

### Babson Discusses United Nations

Barcelona, Spain, October 6.—By the news from America, I judge that the United States has been the chief topic of discussion. Anyone who has traveled about this world must favor the idea of this world organization even though it is far from perfect. It is a seed which we all should nurture and help to grow and bloom even though this may take as long as it would an oak tree.

**A TOWN MEETING CENTER**  
If it has accomplished little as yet, it has served as a center at which the representatives of many nations can meet and talk. This of itself is a great step forward, but in addition it has active committees with appropriations which are doing difficult work to improve the health, social, and economic conditions of the world. Hence, without any necessary votes,

these Committees are doing much to eliminate economic causes of war. Considering that the U. S. refused to join the old League of Nations, we have made a great step forward.

It is good to have the headquarters in New York City and have the meeting now attended by the actual heads of the world's great governments. To have these men meet and talk with one another must result in some good, and at least delay World War III. We know that Russia is against us; but a majority of the total membership is with us. The great difficulty is China, with her 600,000,000 people. China's position now is unpredictable. She claims to be against us; but she may be preventing Russia from taking any fatal step. When China gets enough atom bombs, she will attack Russia via her "back door" if Russia should attack Germany and our allies from her "front door." Of course, if it were not for China, Kiang Kai Shek, and Formosa, it would probably be better to have Red China a member of the United Nations; but we must hold Formosa at all costs.

### DIFFICULTY OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND CURRENCIES

From my experience traveling about the world, it seems as if the United Nations should work for one of the international languages, such as "Esperanto." This, however, is in the far-distant future and may require World War III to bring about. An international currency could be instituted at any time. Such a currency would greatly help foreign trade and benefit every country. This United Nations money would have to be based upon a gold standard, but each nation could continue to have its own rate of exchange based upon its financial stability. Rate of exchange would be determined by the demand for and the supply of each nation's own currency. This means that it would take more French Francs to buy this United Nations money than it would take German marks or English pounds.

Such a situation could work toward world equalization of social and economic conditions. Without any international legislation by treaties, or otherwise, this could gradually result in more universal welfare legislation, wage standards, and various other changes which must come about before world peace is attained. For instance, Russia, Germany, China, and the United States could continue to compete; but "fight" with economic weapons rather than with military weapons. Either this will happen or else World War III will result in a one-world dictator who will force such equalization. I wish the United Nations would start a study of such an international currency.

### NEW MILITARY WAR

In conclusion, I must remind readers that even the missile will not be the last development in military weapons. The next step is an accurate anti-missile which can defend a nation against accurate missile attack. The fact that this has not yet been invented may deter any nation from starting a conflict. Then missiles may be used containing concentrated poison gas or destructive biological bacteria instead of nuclear bombs. The gossip which I hear over here is that the scientists are working on a ray with an invisible source which could be used to "read or black out" the minds of world leaders. This machine would be undetectable by police or other defenders and the source of it could not be found before or after using. In fact, I am told that these killing mental rays would pass through walls of buildings as do radio or TV waves today.

### New High School Athletic Field Named For Wilder

At their assembly program last Friday morning, the students of Clinton High School received with enthusiasm the announcement by Supt. W. R. Anderson that the new stadium at Clinton High School had been named the Wilder Stadium in honor of Principal Robert P. Wilder.

At the September meeting, the Board of Trustees of Laurens County School District No. 56 chose this name as a tribute to Mr. Wilder for his faithful and efficient service to the Clinton schools for over 23 years. Mr. Wilder has been teacher, coach and high school principal, and in July of this year he began his duties as assistant superintendent, his official title being high school principal and assistant superintendent of Laurens County School District No. 56.

Because of Mr. Wilder's keen interest in a well-balanced program and in maintaining high standards, Clinton High School is recognized in educational circles as one of the top-ranking high schools in the state, as evidenced by students' grades on standardized achievement tests and in college, by scores on the college board examination and in the mental contests formerly sponsored by the High School League, and by students' placing in the national merit scholarship examinations. It was largely through Mr. Wilder's vision and his interest in a well-rounded program for the Clinton schools that a need for this stadium was realized.

Mr. Wilder graduated from Furman University in 1931 with a B. S. degree. He earned his master's degree at the University of S. C. in 1942. Following his graduation in 1931, he remained at Furman for one year as assistant coach, after which he served as coach and teacher in the Rossville, Ga., High School for two years and in the

Simpsonville High School for one year. He came to Clinton High School in September 1935, as coach and teacher of mathematics. He accepted the position of principal and coach at Wigginsboro during the 1940-41 school year, after which he returned to Clinton as principal. The following year he went to Brevard Junior College as coach and teacher of economics, but returned to Clinton in 1943, where he has remained since.

As one of the state's outstanding football coaches, Mr. Wilder led his 1938-39 team to the upper state championship. His team won the state championship in 1939-40. After the 1941-52 school year, he gave up coaching to devote full time to his duties as principal.

Mrs. Wilder teaches English in the Clinton Junior High School. The Wilders have two children: Donnie, associate editor of the Rock Hill Evening Herald, and Delle, a freshman at Furman University.

### Mrs. Ross D. Young Dies In Laurens

Laurens—Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Ray Young, 79, were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Charles F. McCutchen and Rev. Edward B. Harris in charge.

Burial was in the Laurens City Cemetery. Mrs. Young died early Wednesday night in a local hospital after several years of declining health.

A native of the Clinton area of Laurens County, she was the daughter of the late G. Rowland and Janie Finney Ray. Her husband was Ross D. Young, who died in 1949. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church here.

Surviving are a son, George H. Young of Laurens; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Hart of York; and Mrs. L. B. Massey of Clemson; two brothers, I. O. Ray of Cheraw; and W. B. Ray of Fort Ord, Calif.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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