

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith

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The political pollsters don't seem to be too sure of themselves this year.

They remind me of a magician who keeps pawing around in his hat but can't come up with the rabbit.

So far, about all they've found out from their mysterious samplings is that the people who haven't made up their minds, or who won't tell, which is the same thing, will decide the election.

Anybody knows that. It's always what you don't know that hurts you.

It isn't of much use to be told that the score is 45 per cent for Nixon, 45 for Kennedy, with 7 undecided and the other 3 under the narcotic impression that Mr. Coolidge is still in the White House, keeping everything shipshape.

I'm taking my own poll. It's realistic and foolproof. I'm polling children. Of course I can't cover much beyond my own neighborhood. But if it's sound here it's sound anywhere.

All I do is ask children how they're going to vote—for Nixon or Kennedy. I don't fool around discussing the issues or religion or whether Mrs. Nixon or Mrs. Kennedy spends more of her husband's money in I. Magnin's.

I ask them. They tell me. You can figure 100 per cent of the time that this is how their mothers and fathers are going to vote, too.

This morning, for example, I interviewed a boy on his way to school. He lives down the block. I think he's in the second grade. It doesn't matter how little they are as long as they can talk.

"Hi, there!" I called out. You have to win their confidence. "Who you going to vote for, sonny? Kennedy?"

"No, no," he said. "I'm for MEXON!"

"Why MEXON?" I asked. "Is your mama for MEXON?"

"No, no," he said. "My mama's for KENNEDY. My DADDY's for MEXON. He says, my daddy says, Kennedy's CRAZY. My daddy says, he says, my MAMA's crazy, too. 'Listen,' he said, 'I have a bee in my lunch.'"

He held his lunch sack up to my ear. There was a bee in it, all right. He went on up the hill to school to continue his progressive education.

How do you like that? I not only discovered the vote of

that family; I found the husband and wife split, and was able to determine precisely how they were split. Can George Gallup do that?

I also have my own boy working for me in junior high. He's the only operator I can afford. He says he and his friends play a game on the way to school. They count the Nixon and Kennedy stickers on cars.

"There'll be a whole flock of Nixons," he reports, "and you think he's way ahead. Then along comes a whole flock of Kennedys. And then there'll be a lot of strays, that aren't for anybody. It's about even except for the strays."

Can the professionals do better than that with their systems and machines?

Try it yourself. But don't bother to interrogate high school students. They are sophisticated and some of them think their fathers don't know everything.

Policy on Minutes Upheld by Thornton

Salem—UPI—The policy of a union high school board in Clackamas county permitting inspection of the district's minutes and records only at regularly-called meetings is "not arbitrary and unreasonable," Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Tuesday.

It was pointed out that the clerk of the district is a part-time employee and has no "usual business hours." Thornton said that due to these circumstances, it was within the power of the board to set such a policy.

The Clackamas county district attorney's office asked for the opinion.

David Douglas Votes Approve Bond Issue

Portland—UPI—Approval of a \$1,939,500 bond issue for construction projects was given Tuesday by voters in the David Douglas school district. The vote was 3,231 yes and 1,582 no.

STORM THREATENS

Tokyo—UPI—A tropical storm with 52-mile per hour center winds was headed for Luzon, the Philippines, today, U. S. Air Force weathermen said.



ACCEPTS CHECK—Medford Mayor John W. Snider (left) receives a \$500 check from Rotary Club President Fred R. Brennan for support of the parks and playgrounds projects of the City of Medford. In making the presentation Brennan said that the donation was in line with the club's policy to support worthwhile civic functions. He added that the club feels that the development of the city's parks and playgrounds deserves monetary support. Other activities of the club include the sponsoring of a foreign student in Medford under the American Field Service program. Photos in the background are of Medford's sister city, Alba, Italy. (Knackstedt photo)

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
New York—Richard Hogan, 22, after he was captured trying to sneak into the United Nations grounds with a Molotov cocktail:

"I was only after Khrushchev, nobody else but him. He is insulting the United States."

Boston, Mass.—Albert Nordin, 21, of Whitman, Mass., a Marine recruit who survived the crash of an Electra turbo-prop airplane into Boston harbor, recalling that he blacked out after swimming clear of the wreckage:

"I don't know who rescued me but I sure thank God."

Pittsburgh—New York Yankees manager Casey Stengel, picking Art Ditmar to pitch the first game of the World Series with the Pittsburgh Pirates:

"I have faith in the guy. After all, he has won the first game of important series for us all season."

New York—Rubber company foreman Abraham Hahn, suing the TV show "This Is Your Life" for half a million dollars because it pictured his home life as happy when he actually was suing his wife for divorce:

"I'm not going to make believe everything is all right when it's not. It was one of these fake programs and I'm sick of it."

ENTERS INNOCENT PLEA

Boonville, Ind.—Emmett O. Harshfield, 53, pleaded innocent Tuesday to first degree murder charges in the slaying of 11-year-old Avril Terry. Warrick County Circuit Judge Addison M. Beavers set Jan. 9 for Harshfield's trial. The girl's hacked body was found in the Ohio river last August.

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African Problem Subject of Valley Knife, Fork Club

William Neighbors, former economic officer of British East Africa, challenged members and guests to "pray, work and think about Africa" at a meeting Tuesday evening of the Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club.

Speaking on "Africa, Mysterious Awakening Giant," Neighbors told of life in Rhodesia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika and Zanzibar and explained that "we need the black man and he needs us."

The speaker told how Jomo Kenyatta, as head of Kenya, started the "hate the white man" theme which grew into Mau Mau warfare. He explained that Kenyatta, who

was sentenced to seven years in prison, is now in isolation in northern Kenya.

Neighbors explained that Christian faith shown by many of the natives was the most important thing in ending the Mau Mau incidents.

890,000 Voters in Oregon Expected

Salem—UPI—State Elections Director Jack F. Thompson predicted today that about 890,000 Oregon residents will be registered to vote for next month's general election—a new record for the state.

The deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 8 election is this Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Thompson said fragmentary reports from counties indicate the old record already has been broken. The previous high was 877,952 registered voters in 1956.

In last May's Oregon primary, Democrats had an edge of 55,581.

Thompson said the Democratic voting registration for the general election surged at the beginning while now the Republicans, which began later, are picking up.

He said that from the figures available to him now, the margin of plurality at the close of registration is "anyone's guess."

He said that as of last Friday, Multnomah and Lane counties set new records for voter registration.

Country club, Neighbors feels that freedom is coming too quickly for the African countries. He added that the United States was not ready to supply these countries with diplomats who speak the language while Russia is.

He stressed that Russia is battling against "freedom" in all the African countries. He said that the United States needs the African countries for their vast minerals and other raw materials.

The United States, he added, also needs more friends. "We must humble ourselves in other countries," the speaker continued, "we must be nice people in the eyes of foreigners."

In concluding Neighbors

reviewed FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's list of what individuals can do to fight communism. Some of these included learn about communism, exercise the right to vote, know history and heritage of your country, fight apathy towards communism, attack bigotry wherever it appears and continue our belief in God.

The speaker stressed the importance of continued foreign aid and backing of the United Nations.

Neighbors is currently a public relations specialist for

the city of Los Angeles. On exhibit following his talk were some of the warlike implements of the Mau Mau organization and some of the handicraft produced in other African countries.

The speaker was introduced by John Pletsch, club president. Others at the speaker's table were Mrs. Pletsch, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Smith; Jack Edson, vice president, and Mrs. Edson.

Introduced prior to the talk were 28 new members, five associate members and five guests.

Rose Festival Officers Reelected

Portland—UPI—The entire slate of Rose Festival association officers was reelected Tuesday night.

It was the first time in the history of the Association that all officers were re-elected.

Re-elected were Edward L. Casey, president; William R. Moore, first vice president; Don Chapman, second vice president; Henry Baldrige, secretary, and Allen O. Carden, treasurer.

The Festival also released tentative plans Tuesday night to hold pageant night shows and the Queen's coronation at the new Memorial Coliseum.

Thornton Calls for Buyer Protection

Independence, Ore.—UPI—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton Tuesday called for creation of a state consumer protection division to protect the public from "misleading advertising, fly-by-night solicitors, advance fee schemes and other miscellaneous deceptive practices and consumer frauds."

He said present laws as well as existing state agencies "are not equipped to do the job."

Thornton said such agencies have been created in New York, Texas and Georgia, and put under the attorney general offices in those states.

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