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First Dance Of This Year To Be Exciting Event

1960 Presidential Campaign To Be The Most Unpredictable Ever Held In U.S.A.

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The outstanding features of this presidential campaign are that the two presidential candidates Nixon and Kennedy, are running neck and neck and that there is great similarity between them in personality and policy. On the T.V. debates the two candidates found a surprisingly large area of agreement when they outlined their objectives for this nation. They agreed 1. That the U.S. cannot afford to stand still in the economic race with Russia. 2. That some kind of federal aid to education is needed. 3. That the present farm policy is not working and must be changed. 4. That the minimum wage would be increased. 5. That it would be desirable to have a balanced budget.

During the next four years the power and range of the federal government is going to become bigger. Beginning next January, there is going to be more federal activity whether the winner is Nixon or Kennedy. Both nominees are activists. Both are committed to the mobilization of resources behind winning the cold war. There can be only one result—larger and more pervasive federal spending. Therefore the issue which will divide Kennedy and Nixon will be, not whether the role of the federal government will be increased, but how much.

The democratic platform which Senator Kennedy sincerely embraces, promised to go farther and faster than the Republicans. The choice then is whether to elect a Nixon who will go about enlarging the federal role with greater reluctance or to elect a Kennedy who will do the same thing with greater relish.

The Candidates Chief Themes: Nixon states that he has seven and one-half years of experience as President Eisenhower's deputy in dealing with foreign affairs. He argues that he will be the safer man for the country because of his "maturity" in directing the Cold War. Kennedy meets this argument head on with the counter charge that the Republicans have allowed the country to become soft in its military posture and ineffectual in its foreign policy. He also holds constantly in focus before his campaign audiences the unpopular farm policies of Eisenhower's Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson.

Both Kennedy and Nixon have sincerely tried to keep the religion issue out of the picture but like Banquo's ghost, it will not lie buried.

Fear of a Catholic hierarchy is a very real thing among millions of people in this country. Not by any means are all these people ignorant or bigoted. Many of them are highly intelligent and extremely tolerant.

Their fear is grounded largely upon the blatant mixture of church and state in countries where Catholics are in the vast majority. In Spain, for instance, no one can hold a job in civil government unless he is a Catholic. In some of the Latin American states, no one can be elected to the presidency unless he is a Catholic.

These things disturb many people, and it is only natural that they do. They are not easily explained, for in a centrally directed church it is less than satisfactory to say that one principle is pursued in one country and a contrary principle in another.

Another disquieting thought for many people is this: If Kennedy is elected president, Lyndon B. Johnson, formerly majority leader of the Senate, will be vice-president. This would mean that Senator Mike Mansfield, Democrat from Montana, a Roman Catholic, would be in line to become leader of the Senate. We already have another Roman Catholic, Representative John McCormack, Democrat from Massachusetts as majority leader of the House of Representatives.

With our president a Catholic

and with the most powerful offices in the Senate and in the House of Representatives headed by Catholics, our top political leadership would be in the hands of men of one church. The Democrats try to neutralize the religious issue by pointing out Kennedy's voting record in the Senate. Kennedy has voted to supply American foreign aid to the Communist countries of Poland and Yugoslavia. The official Catholic position has been that no such aid should go to any Communist state. Kennedy has also voted against spending public funds for parochial education. The official Catholic position favors such spending.

Even though both candidates try to suppress the religious issue it cannot be kept under wraps.

The phrase "Solid South" refers to the fact that the South has voted solidly democratic. But now it is the "Fluid South". Kennedy is going to have trouble in the South. The eleven states of the Old Confederacy together have 128 votes in the electoral college. There are 537 votes in the electoral college. A candidate must have 269 to win. With the exception of the two Eisenhower landslides in 1952 and 1956, all of these 128 votes have been safely in the democratic fold. It will be interesting to see when the votes are counted if Nixon captures any of these states.

In New York, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio, there are 181 electoral votes. In each of these states there is a concentration of urbanized Negroes.

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UNICEF Drive To Be Conducted

You can help feed and care for children all over the world. Did you know that a twenty cent snack would pay for a year's supply of aureomycin to treat a child with trachoma? One dollar will either protect a hundred children from tuberculosis, pay for a day's supply of vitamins for four hundred children, or buy five hundred glasses of milk for straying youngsters. These statistics were collected by UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund.) The facts are shocking and the Christian Assoc. Cabinet realizes the desperate need of financial help and clothing. On October 29, all of you who are

interested can join students in the fifty states and foreign countries and "trick or treat" for donations of money or clothing to be sent to UNICEF. This Halloween doorbell ringing project began in 1950 in a small Sunday School Class and has grown to extraordinary proportions. Last year students raised \$1,500,000 for the fund.

Won't you help us alleviate the suffering of little war orphans and under nourished diseased children in other countries? Publicity in "The Red Springs Citizen" will make the town aware of the need and prepare them for our coming.

Have you heard about the Student Council dance to be held on October 22? The doors of the dining hall will be open at eight to our first dance of the year. It will be a gay event with girls all decked out in their evening best and boys so neat and trim. Everyone is going to enjoy dancing to the music of "Rudy Larmone and the Keynotes."

"Harvest Moon" has been chosen as the theme for the dance and is very appropriate for this time of year. Decorations and

refreshments will be used to carry out the theme.

A lovely backdrop centered around a covered bridge with fall scenery will provide a beautiful setting for the dancing couples. The tables will be decorated with owls, made of pine cones, sitting in a cluster of fall colored leaves. Around the poles in the dining room will be corn shocks and orange pumpkins. Going into the dining room one will see a boy and girl scarecrow with corn shocks around them. From the rotunda a big yellow harvest moon will be hanging, thus carrying out the theme.

The refreshments will also be centered around the harvest theme, but what will be served is to remain a surprise.

The dance committee is working diligently to make this dance enjoyable for everyone. Heading the committee is Elaine Evans. The decoration chairman is Lucy White, the chairman of the invitation committee, Chase Collins, and the refreshment committee chairman, Lib Baxley.

At the stroke of twelve, the doors will close leaving behind the harvest moon and memories of a dance never to be forgotten. No one will want to miss being at this "Harvest Dance."

New Marshals To Assume Work

During the year Flora Macdonald College has an outstanding concert-lecture series. At these concerts it is a tradition for the marshals in their white formals to usher; the marshals also usher at all school functions. The new marshals for 1960-1961 are Frances Gibson, Chief, Epsilon Chi Society; Dorcas Cox, Violet Culler, Magie Fishburne, and Barbara Somers, all of Epsilon Chi Society; Betty Lockridge, Margaret Ann Martin, Mary Neely, and Jean Pigott of Zeta Theta Psi Society.

The qualities for which the marshals are chosen include poise, grace, charm, refinement, comeliness, serenity, elegance, and liveliness. These girls are chosen from the junior class and have to rank academically as juniors. They are chosen from Zeta Theta Psi and Epsilon Chi Societies with each society electing four marshals. The choosing of chief marshal is alternated from year to year. She is chosen from Epsilon Chi one year and Zetesian the next year. Our chief marshal for this year is Frances Gibson who works closely with each performer to assure them and the audience a smooth pre-

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Unusual Home-Coming Plans For October 29

No college year at Flora Macdonald is complete without a Scottish celebration, and as the opening note of the Alumnae activities the Association has planned an all-Scottish Homecoming Day, to be held on Saturday, October 29.

The program will be presented by Donald Macdonald of Charlotte and his Scottish bride, Mairi MacLeod Macdonald, whose home before her marriage in August was on the Isle-of-Lewis in Scotland. Many alumnae will remember the colorful personality of Mr. Macdonald, who has visited the college frequently, his most vividly remembered visit having been in 1954 when he came to the campus to organize the Clan Donald Society of the Carolinas with a delightful program.

In addition to the songs by Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald and songs in gaelic by Mrs. Macdonald, with piano accompaniments by another talented Macdonald, Robert, the program will feature Scottish folk dances by a group of Charlotte fifth-graders in costume. As the crowning touch, he will have Scottish bagpipes and a drummer on hand to 'make music the Scottish way'.

The day will begin with a coffee hour in the parlors at ten-fifteen to welcome the homecoming alumnae, the business meeting in the auditorium at eleven o'clock, the program at 12 noon, and luncheon at one o'clock.

The business meeting of the alumnae will open with a devotional in song by the members of Miss Schober's Choral Ensemble.

Come one, Come All to Homecoming!

Some folks don't put their best foot forward until they get the other one in hot water.