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## HERE TO STAY

Prior to Tuesday's election, national political pollsters were criticized because they couldn't seem to make up their minds about the chances of the two major political candidates.

It was generally agreed that George C. Wallace couldn't muster the votes to land him in the White House, but beyond this point there was considerable hedging, switching and double talk.

Mr. Gallup and Mr. Harris, at least in the last frantic days of the campaign, ended up on opposite sides. The former stuck by his rather half hearted prediction that Nixon would win. The latter professed to see Humphrey moving up fast and passing his Republican opponent at the wire.

Truth of the matter of course was that with Wallace in the race, and President Johnson's introduction of a bombing halt in Vietnam, no self professed crystal gazer was in a position to forecast just what would happen.

Not until Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning, did New Bernians and fellow voters in the 50 states full realize the predicament that the pollsters had been in. They couldn't pick a winner in advance because no one, it developed, had a margin wide enough to be meaningful.

As politicians will, each of the three Presidential candidates made much of those polls that placed them in a good light, and belittled or attacked the ones that weren't flattering to their cause.

Wallace, for example, lashed out bitterly at the final Harris poll when it indicated his loss of strength. As things turned out, the poll proved to be somewhat right in this respect.

Most of the pollsters seemed to be in agreement that Wallace would draw more votes away from Humphrey, especially in the industrial cities, than he would from Nixon in the cities or elsewhere. This too proved to be the case.

In short, the pollsters despite their understandable inconclusiveness came out of the election with few scars and blemishes. All the condemnation that critics may heap upon their heads won't remove them from the American scene. The public wants to be informed in this manner, and nothing, not even accusations of slanting and manipulating of facts and figures, is going to change this.

Polls of one sort or another have long been popular in our nation. Not just in politics but in other fields, particularly sports. Fans would be keenly disappointed and incensed if the rating of college teams disappeared from their favorite newspaper.

So, politicians will come and go, but the polls will remain.

## Historical Gleanings

—By—  
ELIZABETH MOORE

### RAINBOW CREEK

Two prominent planters living on RAINBOW CREEK in 1794 were JOHN FREEMAN and FREDERICK DICKSON, who had a boundary line dispute.

In an affidavit dated September 29, 1794, John Freeman, said, among other things:

That about fourteen years ago he purchased of WILLIAM HOOKER, ESQ. of Glasgow County, a tract of land lying in that part of the then county of Dobbs which is now the County of Glasgow, containing 250 acres on both sides of Rainbow Creek, which tract was patented by JOHN MAXWELL as appears by the original grant, dated the 3rd day of October, 1755, the title of the said JOHN MAXWELL is now vested in this deponent.

He further says that one of the purchasers of said land through whom he derives his title, soon after the date of the original grant entered upon the premises, cultivated a considerable part of the land, built upon it, and transferred his right and possession to the next purchasers from whom by legal conveyances, through several persons it came to the said WILLIAM HOOKER, who transferred the same by deed to the deponent, who himself has had the land in peaceable possession near 14 years.

The deponent further says that a certain Frederick Dixon without the knowledge of this deponent on the 10 day of September 1793, made an entry of land in the County of Glasgow on the said Rainbow Creek, containing 30 acres, and soon afterward another entry on the same creek and in the same county containing 100 acres, which entries interfered with the deponent's land;

The deponent also says that the said entries were concealed from him during so long a time that he was under the necessity of making application to the Governor for a suspension of the Dickson grants of the said land as his the deponent's only remedy, that the suspension being granted was certified by the Secretary to the County Court of Glasgow at June Term last, when the Sheriff was ordered to summon a jury to go upon the premises, and try the claims of the said parties, according to law;

But the said Dickson, this deponent affirms being a man of great art labored to influence the jury, and collected the jury at his own house, immediately before they went on the premises and there treated them very liberally with brandy, inasmuch that many of them were so far affected by the said brandy, that this deponent then thought and still thinks they were not fit for business;

The deponent pray the court

## Village Verses

### DAWN ON THE NEUSE

God put forth His mighty hand—  
He made the skies for us to love;  
He fashioned streams, and gave us land,  
Then placed a glorious sun above.  
How wondrous is His special way—  
No two dawns are quite the same;  
There's freshness in each budding day.  
Like the sunset's varied flame.  
The rays at daybreak bless the blue,  
And as the Neuse flows to the sea,  
With colors that are ever new  
It mirrors the heavenly gift for me.  
Is faith in God an empty dream  
Dawn has the answer, on a stream.  
—JGMcd.

for a new trail. Sworn to before Spruce MacCay.

Frederick Dickson, among other things, said: That he made entries of land located on Rainbow Creek, joining the Maxwell and Hamm old patent lines and the Rainbow Swamp, including part of his plantation and all the vacant land in the said bound, which he is ready to prove by certificate;

He further says that he did entertain the jury with a little brandy after they had finished business, and their verdict had been given in, but expressly denies that he gave them any before;.....

Members of the Jury were: Burwell Westbrook, Crawford Fuller, Augustine Willson, Ruffin Pridgeon, Drewry

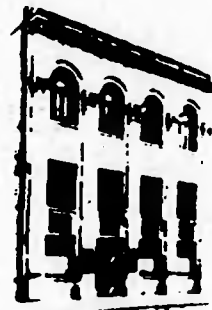
Aldridge, Spencer Caldwell, Drewry Aldridge, William Kilpatrick, William Harper, Samuel Caswell, Roger Harper, Huey Harper, Officers mentioned: Sheriff Graves Bright, Clerk of the Court; Willoughby Williams, James Glasgow, Secretary to the Worshipful; the Justices of Glasgow County.

Verdict of the Jurors in favor of the said Frederick Dickson.

Benjamin Caswell, brother of Governor Richard Caswell, settled on a plantation on the North side of Kinston on the North side of Rainbow Creek, now in Greene County. He served as an officer of the Dobbs Militia for the years 1761-1762, Dobbs County is now Lenoir. (Clerk's Loose Papers, Craven County, N. C.)

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