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### POLITICAL SCOREBOARD

### Truman's Popularity Declines Some, Recent Tabulation Shows

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PRINCETON, N. J., July 10 - Preside nt Truman's general popularity with the voters has declined in the last two weeks.

But the drop from May has not been sharp.

In late May 57 per cent of the nation's voters polled by the institute approved of the way Mr. Truman was handling his job as president. Today, 54 per cent say they approved, while 33 per cent disapprove and the rest express no opinion.

Thus, one year before the 1948 neminating conventions, Mr. Truman in spite of his troubles with Congress continues to enjoy subtantial support from the people.

Two powerful voting blocs account for a large part of his popplarity and for the general strength of the Democratic party labor union members and farmers. Among those two groups Mr. Truman's popularity is greater than among any other major groups in the population.

The President went to bat for rganized labor by vetoing the Taft-Hartley act, expressing his opposition in vigorous language. Today's survey, which gives full reflection to the post-veto mood of union labor, finds that as compared to May the President has held his own with this group, and I anything has gained a little.

In the case of farmers, the long period of farm prosperity undoubtedly has a great deal to do with the present popularity of the head the Administration in power.

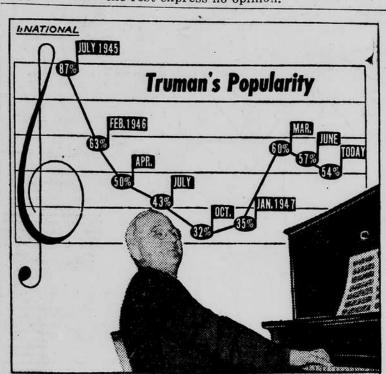
During his two years in office. Mr. Truman has had rises and falls of popularity that resemble ride on a roller coaster.

Starting in July, 1945 from the dizzying height of 87 per centhigher even than Franklin D. Roosevelt ever polled-he plummeted to 32 per cent in the short space of 15 months. That low point coincided with the meat hortage of the summer and auumn of 1946, confusion over O.P. A and over foreign policy.

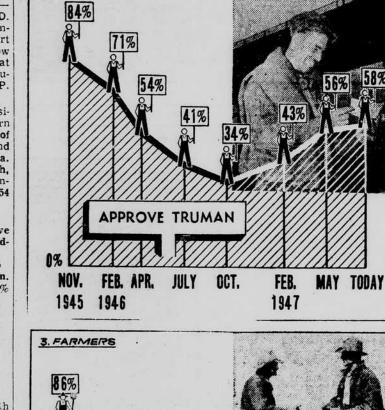
Then early in 1947 the President's popularity began to turn pward, partly as the result of his handling of John L. Lewis and f the new firmness with Russia. he rise continued through March, when the line again turned downward, sliding to the present 54 per cent.

The trend follows: "Do you approve or disapprove

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	prove	prove	Opin.
July, 1945	87%	3%	10%
Nov. 1945	82	9	9
Feb., 1946	63	22	15
July	43	45	12
Oct.	32	53	15
Jan . 1947	35	47	18
Feb.	48	39	13
Mar.	60	23	17
May	57	25	18
TODAY	54	33	13
The presi	dent's po	pularity	with
organized la	bor has	likewise	been



2. UNION MEMBERS



66%

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CUPID'S BUSINESS no change in the number of is-

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the new state law went into ef-

fect July 1 reducing the fee of a

marriage license from five to four dollars, there has been virtually

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PRICE HAS NOTHING

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FEB, MAR. MAY TODAY

WILMINGTON MORNING STAR, WILMINGTON, N. C.

Matter Of Fact

By Joseph And Stewart Alsop

cosy,

The trouble is that the man-

Most people assume that this

enemies are preparing war?

shima, Nagasaki and Bikini.

As every one knows, the explo-

cloud was by chance partly pre-

cipitated in Mid-Western corn-

fields, and ended by ruining pho-

Before precipitation can occur,

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of an atomic bomb anywhere on NEW HANOVER GIRL earth. As usual, since the net be extensive, its mainmust tenance is likely to be expensive. But this is by no means the end of the story. Nothing, in the

Eulaila Hewlett, winner in the New Hanover county 4-H health Dragons Are Old-Fashioned The presence of the radio-active tial enemy from accumulating WASHINGTON, July 10 — The cloud in the upper air is revealed, great stores of fissionable mate-trict review which is to be held in Dial 2-3311 For Newspaper Service washingtion, suly to a curi-great flying disk scare is a curi-cus commentary on our times. Geiger counter, which measures before putting his bomb design to Goldsboro on July 24.

cus commentary on our times. Geiger counter, which measures perore putting his bonio design to Even until ten years ago, the ancient nightmares—dragons, sea the security officers has silenced the government scientists who no makes the cloud Thus the detection of the Oak Hill com-munity, Eulaila will compete with ed very well. But now instead of doubt traced the course of the tion of an unexplained radioold-fashioned Loch Ness Alamogordo, Hiroshima, Naga- active cloud in the upper air, if Southeastern district title. The monsters, the minds of men are saki and Bikini bomb clouds. But and when it comes, haunted by the man-made horrors there are also amateur physicists likely to be a sign that the worst haunted by the man-made horrors who have their own Geiger count-of the age of the absolute wea-who have their own Geiger count-is immediately at hand. Inded, in this age of lightning attack. of the cosmic radiation from in- the worst might already have be-

imminent possibilities. And so the ers used to maintain measured speed of the clouds on their eartha perfectly serious question. If the enlightment of the weather trifling sixty miles per hour.

there is to be no peace, what tureau. Their work has also provwarning shall we have that our ed the effectiveness of this odd in short, must be balanced new technique. Against the slight reassurance. reasons for disquiet. Diplomatic

For example on July 16, 1945, reports from Europe describe the question takes the rather simple shortly after the Alamogordo ex- extraordinary frankness of Soviet form: "How shall we know when plosion, Lieutenant Commander diplomats seeking to dissuade nathe Soviets have an atomic A. R. Coven, U.S.N.R., noticed an tions on the fence from joining bomb?" Oddly enough, there is a increase in the normal rate of his the Paris conference on Secretary way of learning of the explosion Geiger counter at Annapolis, Md. Marshall's plan for European reof an atomic bomb, even in the The increase continued until July construction. They have warned, distant fastness of Siberia. It has 18, about sixty hours after E-Mi- in effect, that in ten years the already been tested, with our own nute at Alamogordo, when it had Soviet Union will have all the bombs at Alamogordo and Hiro- almost doubled. The next day it weapons of total destruction now returned to normal. Again, in possessed by this country, and July, 1946, a couple of days after that, when this happy time arsion of an atomic bomb releases the first Bikini explosion, G. Her- rives, non-cooperators must exa gigantic cloud of radio-active zog noticed a sharp rise in the pect to suffer.

particles, which mushrooms up. rate of the large Geiger counter Nor is this testimony unsupport ward into the stratesphere. Here, on the second floor of his house in the calmer upper air, the radioactive cloud remains for some day, the count had almost doutime, until it is gradually dissibled, to return to normal by eveother European p'uysicists and enpated or precipitated. It will be ning of the next day. Both these gineers has been without parallel, and Soviet orders now overload recalled how the Alamogordo occurances have been reported in cloud was by chance partly pre-letters to "The Physical Review," the Swiss, Swedish and other European factories which can protogether with one or two others of the same sort, and negative ed for such plants as Hanford and tographic negatives whose base results from amateurs in other Oak Ridge. Here, in the evidence was made from the cornstalks, areas over which the clouds did of an armament race to produce not pass. weapons of total destruction, is Expert, although unofficial,

however, the cloud actually cirthe raw material of a world night. cles the earth, like the dustclouds opinion gives these remarkable mare, which is merely reflected from the volcanic explosion of facts a simple meaning. A really in the scare of the flying disks. Krakatoa. And it can thus provide adequate net of watching stations, What is being done to exorcise or the clue to the explosion of an designed to detect the presence of minimize this nightmare is still atomic bomb anywhere on the a radio-active cloud in any lati-earth's surface.

19 other county winners for the is entirely district winner will vie with the four other district winners for the state title in the contest which will 4-H club week in August made horrors are quite real, quite ter-galactic space, just as farm- gun to occur, for the maximum Tintoretto, one of the greatest scare of the flying disks raises rain gauges in their backyards for encircling journey seems to be a painters of the Venetian school, was named Jacopo Robusti, Tintoretto was a nickname. dyer." because of his father's occupation.

SHOOTS HIMSELF LENOIR, July 9-(U.R)-Folice to **TO COMPETE IN 4-H** day reported that a 50-year-old CONTEST ON JULY 24 restaurateur borrowed an officer's revolver "to scare the cook." and shot himself fatally in the yard of

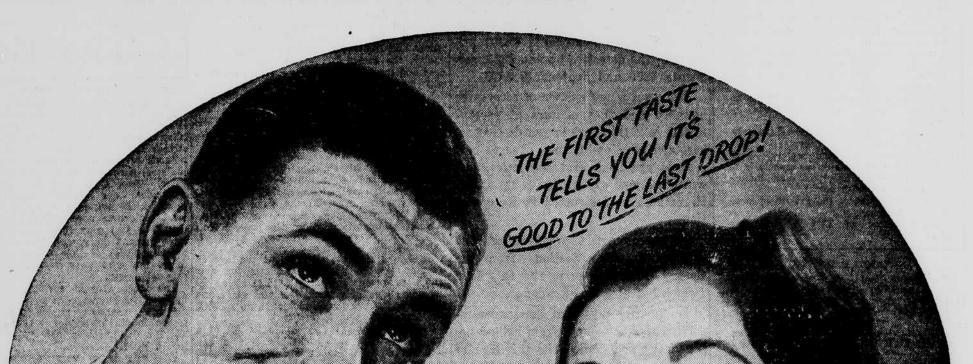
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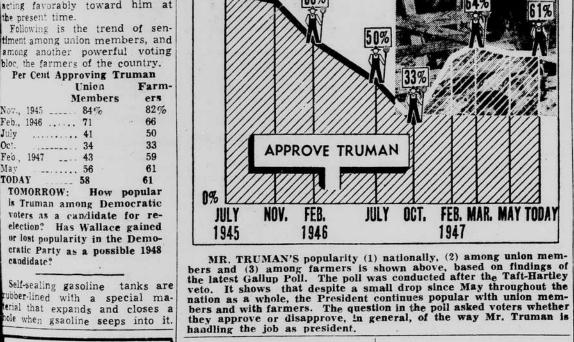
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suances. Whether it costs five dollars or Ten licenses had been procured in New Hanover county for the four dollars to get married in Wilmington doesn't seem to make first 10 days of this month ending much difference. The course of last night. There were approxi-true loves runs along without the mately a like number issued last month for the first 10 days. dollars and cents sign. The first 10 days of July a year At least that is the way it looks in the office of Adrian Rhodes, ago also revealed about the same county register of deeds. Since number-nine to be exact.

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