

Say Negro Vote May Decide U. S. President Next Month

Two Veteran Political Observers Cite Facts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another, and perhaps the most significant test of the power of the Negro vote may come during next month's Presidential election, according to two Howard University political scientists, both veteran observers of American politics.

In an article, "The Negro Vote," which appears in the current (October) issue of the Howard University Magazine, Professors Harold E. Gosnell and Robert E. Martin say that with the heavy migration of Negroes from the South to urban areas of the North and West, the Negro vote now represents the balance of power in eight major industrial states, each vital to the Presidential candidates. The way the Negro vote goes in California, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania may

well determine the outcome of a close election, they say.

According to the article, the number of Negroes registered in the South was around 1,000,000 in 1952 and around 1,414,000 in 1960, the professors say in pointing out an increase in voter registration in the South as well. "This represented an increase in the percentage of Negroes of voting age registered from 20 to 28. Of the Southern states, Tennessee has the best record for Negro voter registration with some 40 per cent on the rolls; Mississippi had the worst record, hardly eight per cent."

According to the Gosnell-Martin article, the percentage of Negro voters in the South would have been far greater had the rate of gain during the 1950s been maintained during the past four years. The



SATURDAY SCHOLARS — These 85 eleventh and twelfth graders from high schools in Greensboro and the surrounding area reported to Bennett College last Saturday to be tested for approximately 75 places in the fourth annual Saturday School.

DEAR SALLY

BY SALLY SHAW
DEAR SALLY: I'm a salesman, and quite successful at it because of the fact that I've established many good, solid friendships among the businessmen upon whom I call regularly. Maybe, though, I've been TOO friendly with some of these clients—because I am receiving an ever-increasing number of invitations to the weddings and reception of some of their daughters. I'm wondering if I'm obligated to respond to these invitations with wedding gifts. This could add up to a sizeable cost.

and my expense account is somewhat limited. SALESMAN TOM.
DEAR SALESMAN TOM: Maybe you should look at this from a practical standpoint. How valuable are these clients, how much value do you place on their friendships, and would it be "good business" to respond with gifts?

rate has not continued, they say, because of "a determined effort . . . by white race extremists to halt Negro registration efforts."

"In 1961 the Civil Rights Commission reported that in 100 counties in eight Southern states there was 'reason to believe that substantial discriminatory disfranchisement of Negroes still exists. The Commission found political participation was equally widespread in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina,'" the article states.

The authors say that the recent voter registration drives in many areas of the South may have offset the effects of discriminatory disfranchisement. "The registration drives are not over yet and it may take years before their effectiveness can be assessed," they add.

DEAR SALLY: I'm a girl of 16, a sophomore in high school, and have been dating a certain boy rather regularly for several months. He's a junior in my school. Right now, though, he is registering big and loud complaints over the rule my parents have always set regarding my social activities. They permit me to date only on Friday and Saturday nights during the school year, and my boy friend wants to go out with me on other nights during the week, too. He's hinted that my parents are much too strict and narrow-minded about this. What do you say? RESTRICTED.

DEAR RESTRICTED: If anyone is being "narrow-minded," it's your young man. Teenagers who make a habit of going out of school nights usually find such activities very unfavorably reflected in their grades. Go along willingly with your parents on this.

DEAR SALLY: Are a host and hostess supposed to slam the door and turn off the outside lights as

soon as their guests walk out? This happens to me in the case of certain friends who visit now and then, and it gives us the feeling that they can hardly wait to get rid of us. Whenever people visit us in our home and are talking their leave, we always walk with them to their car or, if the weather is bad, we stand in our doorway and wave to them as they drive off. It seems too rude and abrupt to do otherwise. B.D.H.

DEAR B.D.H.: I agree, it's poor manners to slam the door and douse the lights on departing guests. It's flattering to them and gracious on your part to spend as many extra minutes with them as you can.

DEAR SALLY: I'm a girl of 22, and would like to know whether you think it would be all right for my finance and me to spend a weekend with another couple in a vacation resort motel. The two young men would be occupying a room together, and we two girls another room, and we know everything would be on the up-and-up. CONNIE.

DEAR CONNIE: If your friends are married, this might be all right. But if not, you would be risking damaging things to your reputation. Unmarried people just do NOT go on vacation trips together.

DEAR SALLY: Our son recently became engaged to a fine girl who lives in a boarding house in our city. Her home is in a distant city, and she doesn't have many friends in this vicinity. I realize, of course, that it would not be proper for me or any of our relatives to give a bridal shower for her—but still I do want very much to do something nice for this lovely girl, something that will make

Bennett's Sat. School Draws Many

GREENSBORO—Eighty-five 11th and 12th grade students from 20 high schools in North Carolina and Virginia reported to Bennett College Saturday to be tested for places in the fourth annual Saturday School.

The 60 girls and 25 boys are from Greensboro and from communities within easy driving distance of the city, although there was one student from as far away as Charlotte, according to Dr. Richard Fields, this year's director.

From this group, approximately 75 will be selected to begin classes next Saturday in English composition, developmental reading-study skills, basic social science, mathematics and the humanities. Purpose of the school is to enrich the pre-college preparation of students of high ability. This is made possible by support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York City.

President, Willis B. Frazier welcomed the young people to the campus and Dr. Fields, after giving a description of the program, introduced members of the instructional staff.

Following the test, the students make a campus tour which included the new health and physical education building where most of their classes will be held. They were also guests of the college at a luncheon in the Student Union dining center before leaving for their homes.

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