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### The Ghost That Haunts the Forecasters

(Arthur Krock in the New York Times)

As Election Day draws near, and samplers of the voters' preference between the President and Adlai E. Stevenson continue to report by an ever-increasing majority that the victory of the Republican national ticket is certain, the ghost of the worst forecast of political action that so many of the tribe of observers ever made is haunting them. This was their prognostication of the Presidential election of 1948—the year when President Truman, marked for inevitable defeat by every prophet but himself, emerged with 303 electoral votes, thirty-seven more than are required to send a candidate to the White House.

The ghost of this prediction will visit the pillows of the forecasters throughout the night of Nov. 5-6, and not until or unless the returns support their preview will it be exorcised.

### Late Swing Toward Stevenson Is Seen

(The Raleigh News and Observer)

The theory of the pollsters now is: voters change their minds right up to election day. If that theory is correct, it follows that polls must be continued to the very end of the campaign and each poll may be expected to differ from the preceding one. . . . Things are not as dark for Stevenson as they were. It is generally agreed that the trend favored him through September and that Eisenhower was the beneficiary of whatever changes occurred during most of October. It now appears, however, the pendulum has swung toward Stevenson again. If that be true, and most of the polls say it is, the present swing can be expected to continue for one more week.

### "Expected Nearly Always Happens"

(Frank Kent in the Baltimore Sun)

Of course long shots sometimes win and the 1948 election of Mr. Truman is one not soon to be forgotten. Nevertheless it is the expected that nearly always happens in politics and certainly the current odds of 4 to 1, daily published in New York City papers, are not encouraging to Stevenson or to Mr. Paul Butler, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and other of his more ardent aides and advisers.

### Eisenhower Called "Darling of Fate"

The Berkshire Eagle of Pittsfield, Mass., which is supporting Stevenson, says:

"From the time 17 years ago when he was an obscure lieutenant-colonel Mr. Eisenhower has been favored remarkably by circumstances. It is hardly too much to say that he seems at times to be the darling of fate.

"That his luck continues at unabated speed is evidenced by the events of the last few days. Both parties have been apprehensive about some last minute 'break' which would favor the other side. Mr. Eisenhower has now received not one but two.

"The first concerns nuclear weapons. "Mr. Stevenson, in urging his point, has now received support from the direction from which he did not want support and from the one corner where it is calculated to do him actual harm—Soviet Russia. The gratuitous endorsement of his position by Marshal Bulganin, if it is not the kiss of death, is likely to do him much more harm than good.

"The second event for which the President could not and would not claim credit is the astonishing revolt in Poland against the authority of Moscow. Mr. Stevenson has contended that the administration has done nothing to im-

plement the promise in its 1952 platform to help 'liberate' the satellite countries.

"In view of the situation up to a week ago, this looked like a good argument for the last two weeks of the campaign, in which Mr. Stevenson has been planning to unhelm his big guns against the Eisenhower foreign policy and the various boners and dialectic infelicities of Secretary John Foster Dulles. Now Mr. Stevenson has been deprived of his cherished and careful treasured issues and pure circumstance has turned them into assets for Mr. Eisenhower.

"We are not asserting that Mr. Eisenhower's success has been due exclusively to luck. We are merely calling attention to the fact that his estimable qualities have been assisted by a singularly favorable fate. If, as may happen, Mr. Eisenhower is re-elected, we only hope that his good luck will expand into his choice of cabinet members—but most of all to four years of restored health.

(Editors note: Since the above editorial appeared there has been still another lucky "break" for Eisenhower, the revolt in Hungary.)

### Forecasters See Democratic Congress

(U. S. News and World Report)

The common prediction: "It's to be Eisenhower, probably by a landslide. If it is, all experience suggests it will be a Republican House, maybe a Republican Senate. Forecasters this time are saying that 1956 voting will fly in the face of history. They are predicting a Congress with Democrats holding majorities in both houses.

### Nixon as the Target

(C. P. Ives in the Baltimore Sun)

The liberals are just as mad at Mr. Nixon as ever. They used to hate him because he waged what they called a "low-road" campaign. They are just as irritated with him this time because his campaign has been impeccably high-road.

They began by saying Nixon had called the Democrats a party of treason. Of course, he had not, and the fact was easily proved. Then they said he had accused Mr. Truman of treason, unqualified. What he had said was that Mr. Truman was a traitor to Democratic party principles. This distinction, obvious and undodgeable, evoked a new torrent of unfriendly liberal comment, cartooning, etc.

In the present campaigning, it was early apparent that the Democrats proposed to make Mr. Nixon a major issue. He was the political heir to Eisenhower and to the Eisenhower Republicanism, they argued, and he was unfit for the role. The reason, explained men who had cheered the Roosevelt court-pack and the Truman steel-seizure, was that Mr. Nixon lacked principle!

Ordinary people can see at a glance that Mr. Nixon's whole career has been built about one deep conviction, one elementary and inflexible set of principles.

The liberal failure to detect this fact about Mr. Nixon is all the odder since his conviction and his principles bear on the central and paramount issue of the time, namely, the impact of communism on free institutions and free peoples.

Not once has Mr. Nixon stated that communism is just another form of democracy. He never boasted that good old Uncle Joe was merely a jumbo-size Tammany boss, easily manipulable by smart lawyers from New York or cagey politicians from Missouri.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Nixon never claimed that the Red Chinese were mere agrarian reformers. No Nixon address contains the assurance that Communist colonialism improves on the other kinds.

To call Mr. Nixon a man of expediency without principle or conviction on the transcendent contemporary issue is to misunderstand a modern success story in politics.

### In Campaign Time the Small-Business

Man Is the Politician's Darling

(Charles E. Egan in the New York Times)

Any small-business man might be excused for his bewilderment at becoming such an object of concern to campaign orators in these closing days of the Presidential campaign.

Interrupted in seasonal tiffs with unreasonable customers and tax collectors, the small merchant or producer has suddenly found himself the center of political attention, idolized by both the outs and the ins. On one side he is pictured as ecstatic over his prosperity and the prospects of lenient tax treatment next year. On the other he is limned as a pathetic figure clinging desperately to

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stream. There have been times in these last few years when the Skipper was half choked to death by asthma. More than once he was just about floored completely. But he never quit. It was so till the day of his death. No matter how he felt, he turned in his full assignment.

A group of children were playing in the front yard of a house in Westwood when they saw a pig come running into the driveway. The story of the three little pigs in trouble with the big bad wolf constituted their acquaintance with pigs. But this one wore no clothes and was running on all fours.

Feeling secure in numbers, the children made after the strange creature. With shouts and sticks, they chased it through flower beds and off into the woods toward other yards and flower beds where it probably encountered high-bred dogs that did not know what it was either.

A customer handed a Chapel Hill druggist a small paper bag, asking him to fill the vitamin prescriptions on the bottles inside. Hilarity broke out when the contents of the bag turned out to be acorns, the treasures of a child of the customer, who hastily returned to her car for the right bag. At that, the druggist said, who knows but that the fruits of the mighty oak contain vitamins valuable to humans as well as to squirrels?

A busy Chapel Hill woman turned on the radio, hoping to hear the news while taking a bath. The telephone rang while she was in the tub. As she put on her robe to answer it she was shocked to hear a gruff command, "Don't answer that phone!" A moment later she realized the voice came from the radio.

Several times lately Grover Bush has been kept awake at night by barking dogs. "I'll fix them if they come around here in the daytime," he told his wife.

After an incident of a few days ago Mr. Bush is not so sure about his desire to punish the dogs. When a small spotted one came in his yard he threw a stick at it, and the dog picked the stick up and brought it to him.

solvency until a new and understanding Administration can come to his rescue and ease his tax burdens after Election Day.

### We Have What We Asked For

We have a Community Chest because we wanted one.

We wanted a group of our own people to make an impartial appraisal of the needs of the multiple agencies of our community.

We wanted to pass a month or so without being asked to contribute to something.

We wanted to be relieved of the responsibility of determining whether some agency was or was not worthwhile.

We wanted to give generously to charitable organizations, and we wanted to be certain that what we gave was being economically administered and wisely appropriated.

So, we established a Community Chest and it set up an evaluating committee.

The Community Chest has approved ten agencies for membership—the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Y-Teens, the Recreation Center, the Community Center, the Holmes Day Nursery, the Humane Society, the Chapel Hill High School Library, the Peter Garvin Library at the Glenwood School, and the Mary Bayley Pratt Library at the Chapel Hill Elementary School.

The evaluating committee heard the requests for money needed to operate each one year. It undertook the thankless job of determining how much work each agency could do economically and sensibly and what the cost would be. And, too, it considered what the community as a whole could afford to contribute to all ten. For 1957, it has arrived at a good budget—a budget of \$27,937.

We now have what we asked—now let's give what the Community Chest asks. Give generously. The continued success of this sensible and meritorious organization depends upon all of us, collectively and individually.

### The Two Parties and Social Security

(The Des Moines Register)

The Democratic party has an impressive record with respect to the initiation and enactment of the Social Security and Old Age Retirement program, the encouragement given to construction of private and public housing, the advancement made in public health projects and the enactment of minimum wage legislation.

The Republican campaign speakers would appear ridiculous if they were to deny that these forward steps were taken during Democratic administrations. The Republicans have continued these programs during their own administration and expanded some of them, particularly the social security coverage and size of the payments.

These federal welfare programs are accepted and established functions of

## Book Reviews

By Robert Bartholomew

THE LAND CALLED CHICORA. By Paul Quattlebaum. University of Florida Press, Gainesville, Fla. 152 pp. \$3.75.

One of the little known Spanish explorations of the east coast of what is now the United States was that of Lucas Vazquez de Ayllon in 1526. These explorations were made along the North and South Carolina coast.

As everywhere in the New World, the Spaniards were looking for gold and other riches, but Ayllon was also looking for the River Jordan, with the result that on the inaccurate and incomplete maps of the time the name of this illusive stream was given to every river of any size from the Cape Fear to the Savannah.

Even the site of the first Spanish settlement in the area between the Cape Fear and the Savannah Rivers, San Miguel de Guadalupe, founded by Ayllon, is not certain. However, the author makes out a good case that the location was probably near the present site of Georgetown, S. C.

The work is well illustrated with reproductions of the old drawings showing the Carolina Indians and a number of interesting maps.

The author is a retired business man who became interested in the state archives while serving in the South Carolina Senate. He devoted several years to the study of the early settlements along the coast of the Carolinas. The present volume is the result of this study.

the federal government.

The only area in which they remain political issues is the manner in which they are administered and in the changes that may be proposed for the future.

### Election Result May Be a Split Victory

"This year may produce a result unique in American political history—the election of a President of one party and of a Congress in the control of the other party," says the Atlantic for November. "Since the advent of the direct election of Senators in 1913, three Presidents have lost party control of both Senate and House at mid-term: Wilson in 1918, Truman in 1946, Eisenhower in 1954. Yet, despite the loose American party ties, the pulling power of the man who won the White House has always been enough in presidential election years to give his party a majority in Congress.

Historically, Presidents running for re-election do less well than they did when they first sought office. The single exception in our history was the Roosevelt landslide over Landon in 1936, a victory which produced the most lopsided Congress in American history. The 1956 campaign gives every evidence of being in the traditional mold; the Eisenhower Crusade enthusiasm of 1952 has not been duplicated in 1956, and Eisenhower's party lost in the usual fashion in the mid-term election in 1954.

By every evidence of the cyclical trends of our political life, Eisenhower can be expected to lose GOP seats in Congress this year even though he wins a second term in the White House.

### Watch Out for School Buses

(Richmond County Journal)

Now that fall weather is getting down to business, it would be well for drivers to remember that darker days and poor visibility often add up to tragedy involving school buses.

Under the law in practically every part of this country, drivers are required to stop when school buses are discharging or taking on passengers.

In hilly areas, in poor visibility, or on curves, cars traveling at today's high speeds are often hard-pressed to stop if they do not see a standing school bus a good distance ahead. Although school buses are supposed to show blinking lights, or stop signals, in the form of a raised sign or in some other fashion, these signals are sometimes flashed dangerously late by the driver, and oncoming cars are given very little time to stop.

Therefore, we take this occasion to call the attention of all drivers to the fact that, as days get shorter and winter weather increases its intensity, eyes should be kept peeled for school buses, especially in the early morning and early afternoon, in an effort to avoid what could be the worst possible tragedy on the highways.

## I Like Chapel Hill

By Billy Arthur

A bus driver in town recently was telling why bus doors are opened by the drivers when they cross a railroad track:

"That's so, if a train's coming, the driver can jump out and run."

"But what about the passengers?" I asked.

"We got plenty of passengers," said he, "but we're short on drivers."

The Weekly's philosopher, Uncle John Johnson and I were walking up the street the other afternoon and were startled by a blasting automobile horn.

"That's it," Uncle John observed, "some people believe in driving with their horns."

Miss Billie Williams chided me the other day for not speaking to her when we passed. "You just passed me by without speaking, you and Orville Campbell. That's when you were going in the bank. How come?"

"Whenever we go in the bank," I told her, "we're so worried we don't see anyone."

A good story I heard last week was about a fellow who took a contract to irrigate the entire section of western Texas. He laid a two-inch water line from the Rockies, just west of Denver, down to the heart of that desert land in Texas. Somebody asked him, "Do you think you can get enough water through that line?"

He said, "If those Texans can suck as hard as they can blow, they'll get plenty of water."

Little Linda Beeson celebrated her fourth birthday last week about three months ahead of time.

Her actual birthday is Christmas Day, but her considerate parents want Linda to have a birthday party, too. So they have always observed it on Halloween just as they did this year.

A man may not have a single reason for not joining a club. Then again, he may have a married one.

Success depends less upon how much you know than upon the usefulness of what you know.

Without actually departing from the truth, it's astonishing what astoundingly different stories two respectable people can tell a jury.

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