

**Other Editors**  
WRAL VIEWPOINT

**About Poll-Taking**

Connor Vick, a clever young friend of ours in Wilson, fell to thinking the other day about the swarm of poll takers currently thundering across the country. And it is a strange phenomenon that they have produced. In probing the minds of Americans, the pollsters have come forth in recent months with such vital information as the forecast that Henry Cabot Lodge would overwhelmingly win the Republican presidential nomination, that Nelson Rockefeller would lay Barry Goldwater low in the California primary, that the majority of Americans are now dancing with joy over the Civil Rights Law, and that Lyndon Johnson will defeat Barry Goldwater by a 65-35 margin in November.

It may be that these remarkable findings tell more about what is in the poll takers' hearts than what is on the minds of the American people. The Lou Harris Poll, for example, appears with regularity on the front pages of so-called "liberal" newspapers around the country. And, by the strangest of coincidences, Mr. Lou Harris happens to be the same Mr. Harris who was hired in 1960 to help engineer the nomination and the election of the late President Kennedy. And it was a social note that got very little circulation that Mr. Harris was the same gentleman who visited in Raleigh on June 9-10, 1960 on the occasion of a little conference in a motel room involving Mr. Terry Sanford and Mr. Bobby Kennedy. Mr. Sanford at the time was in the midst of a second-primary campaign for Governor against Dr. I. Beverly Lake. Mr. Bobby Kennedy at the time was making such arrangements as might be necessary to line up delegate votes for his brother at the Democratic-National Convention. Mr. Sanford went on to win the second primary in 1960; then he went to San Francisco and, true to Mr. Bobby Kennedy's wishes announced his support of Candidate Kennedy.

The point we would make, of course, is that Bobby Kennedy traveled to Raleigh and stopped at a local motel under the registration

of "Lou Harris and Party, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York."

But let us return to Mr. Connor Vick of Wilson. He writes jokingly that after considerable research he has uncovered what he believes to be the first public opinion poll, taken in March 1776. It was called "Ye Olde Lew Harris Poll" and, even as today, revealed some amazing sentiments among the American people of that day. Let us examine some of its findings:

Question: "What do you think of the job being done by the British in the Colonies?"

Answers:  
British doing good job \_\_\_\_\_ 63%  
Not doing good job \_\_\_\_\_ 22%  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_ 15%

Question: "Do you think dumping of tea in Boston Harbor by extremists helped or hurt the cause of the colonies?"

Answers:  
Hurt \_\_\_\_\_ 79%  
Helped \_\_\_\_\_ 17%  
Made no difference \_\_\_\_\_ 9%

Question: "Did the attack of the Minutemen on the British at Lexington help or hurt our image with the emerging nations of the world?"

Answers:  
Hurt our image \_\_\_\_\_ 83%  
Helped our image \_\_\_\_\_ 10%  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_ 7%

Question: "Which of the Georges can do the most for the colonies—George 3rd or George Washington?"

Answers:  
George 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 76%  
George Washington \_\_\_\_\_ 14%  
Others \_\_\_\_\_ 10%

Question: "Do you think that the rightwing extremist, Patrick Henry, did the right thing in demanding that he be given liberty or death?"

Answers:  
Did foolhardy thing and was troublemaker \_\_\_\_\_ 63%  
He was brave and made his point \_\_\_\_\_ 23%

**Loans Available to Farmers With Low Income through FHA**

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 has been passed by the Congress. Title III of the bill sets up a new program of loans and technical assistance tailored specifically to serve farmers who farm on a very small scale and few resources available to earn a decent living, yet are too old, poorly educated or handicapped in other ways to move into some other occupation in another area. The program will open up many new and practical opportunities for this group of farmers. Included are these major features and benefits:

1. Loans of up to \$2,500 are available for the first time to finance small non-agricultural enterprises on farms to supplement the family's income from farming. An example could be a farm equipment repair shop or a community beauty shop where the husband, wife, or family have the ability and time to make these added enterprises pay. These enterprises however, will not be added if it will be in competition with one already existing in the community.

2. Loans of up to \$2,500 are authorized to pay for equipment, simple machines, livestock, seed, feed, fertilizer and other inputs needed by poor farmers to raise their income a little and produce more of their family's food. These loans will be made at a low interest rate. They will have a maximum maturity of 15 years, consistent with the useful life of security property and the borrower's ability to repay.

Should have gone through the courts \_\_\_\_\_ 6%  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_ 8%

On the basis of that poll, Connor Vick writes with tongue firmly implanted in cheek, our founding fathers realized that they did not have enough popular support and therefore gave up their idea of creating a United States of America.

As Chub Seawell would say: Call your next case.

Loans for nonagricultural enterprises authorized by the Act also carry these more liberal terms.

3. Loans also are available for the first time to finance cooperatives that provide low-income rural families with essential marketing, purchasing and other services to help them earn a better living, and also live better.

4. Farmers Home Administration, it is expected, will be assigned responsibility for administering the special credit programs described.

In spite of the fact that Title III was modified considerably by the Congress, it still provides important new tools we can use in working with poor, disadvantaged and "boxed-in" families.

**KILLS MAN, ON PROBATION**  
Earthine Garner of the Pink Hill section last week pled guilty to manslaughter when a charge of murder was called against him. He was given a 3-to-5 year jail term but it was suspended on condition he remain on probation for three years.

**MARINE BOUND OVER**  
Camp Lejeune Marines James Rayburn and James Butler who were caught last week in Pender County in a car stolen in Kinston from Adell Bell were bound over to superior court after a hearing last week.

**JURY VOIDS RAPE CHARGE**  
Last week a jury found James Jones of LaGrange route 1 not guilty of raping his 12 year-old stepdaughter despite testimony of the girl herself and of two eye-witnesses.

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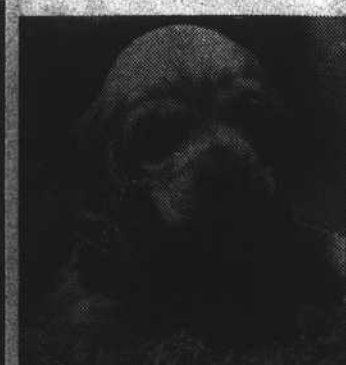
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