



—Another Political Report—

'Little Things Mean A Lot'

By SAMUEL LUBELL
One striking fact that has impressed me during the eight weeks I have been out in the country talking to voters of every kind is how vast is the difference between the way people vote for Congress and the way they vote for President.

So wide is this gap, in fact, that any President who undertakes to make a Congressional election a vote of confidence on his Administration, as President Eisenhower has done this year, is like taking a high-speed, eight-cylinder car off the main highway onto rutted, muddy roads, along which one is bound to get derailed or even lost.

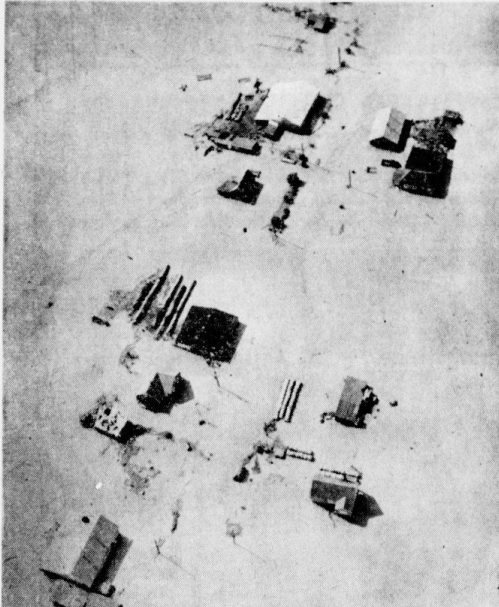
When it comes to discussing the President's record, the public has some opinion. Sometimes, in fact, it is amusing to note the extent to which people tend to personify almost everything that happens in terms of being for or against "that man in the White House." Some people interviewed actually have gone so far as to blame the President for such things as a bad stomach or a wave of local bank robberies.

When they talk of voting for Congress, however, relatively few persons express considered judgments on the candidates. One Minneapolis housewife showed me a stack of clippings explaining, "A few days before election my husband and I study up on the candidates." But then she added, "Everything you read is so biased it's hard to know what to do."

An Ohio worker had developed his own unique formula for deciding between candidates — "I watch for the ones who keep insisting how honest they are, and then I vote against them."

In the main, though, most voters admit, "I'm ashamed to say so but I don't even know who they are."

So often did I hear this comment voiced that I began pressing people as to just how they did make up their minds on Congressional races. Some of the answers surprised their replies fitted into a fairly clear pattern — a pattern which goes a long way toward explaining what is happening in this year's election.



Hazel's Last Fling: Floods Near Toronto. (AP Wirephoto).

To Help Stricken Areas

Army Engineers Reach Coast

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Army Engineers from Ft. Bragg began moving into the Wilmington and Myrtle Beach areas today to assist the hurricane-stricken beach resorts.

The troops will help clear away the debris and assist the beaches in putting water and sewage distribution systems into operation. Immediate transfer of a battalion of about 500 men to the Wilmington area was recommended yesterday by a special committee of federal, state and local representatives following an inspection of the North Carolina devastated areas. About 300 Army engineers were sent to the Myrtle Beach area.

The Wilmington News reported that rehabilitation in the coastal area was proceeding smoothly. Emergency work was being performed by Army and National Guard units, the Red Cross and the Small Business Administration. The entire community was grouping itself into a "mass rehabilitation committee," the paper said, and much of the cleaning up was being done "on a good neighbor basis."

Another National Guard unit, from Warsaw, was ordered to the area today. Marines used a landing craft for emergency ferry service to Topsail Island which was isolated when a bridge connecting it with the mainland was destroyed. The paper said there has been no signs of epidemic but health authorities had cautioned residents to guard against contamination.

CHICAGO THIEVES LIKE MINK, STAMPS, ART

CHICAGO — Selective thieves with expensive and artistic tastes operated in Chicago over the weekend. Furs and coats worth an estimated \$250,000 were taken from the home of a farmer he was visiting. Most of the loot was mink.

A collection of stamps valued at \$100,000 was taken from the home of Maj. Clifford W. Yost. The victim told police the looters left behind many stamps of lesser value and ignored his wife's jewelry.

Mrs. Babette Korboth reported someone broke into her station wagon and took 10 of her own paintings. She declined to place a monetary value on them.

Hey Mac, Call A Cop, Police Clubhouse Rifled

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
There are some red faces around the Charlotte Police Dept. today, partly from embarrassment but mostly because the boys in blue are fighting mad.

Darned if some no-good rat didn't break into the Charlotte Police Clubhouse at Morris Field last night, stealing approximately \$25,000 in vending machines.

The merry thief opened a window in a room formerly used as a restroom, tore a con-chamber off the wall and rifled it, ripped the front off the cigarette machine, stole the change and several packs of cigarettes, broke open the jukebox and also the drink machine. Repairs to the machines will total even more than the amount of cash stolen. The damaged change box was found near the

Officer Slain Attempting To Make Arrest

Manhunt Launched For Armed Fugitive

SPARTA, N.C. — Porter C. Collins, 63, sheriff of Alleghany County, was shot and killed today at the home of a farmer he was trying to arrest.

The sheriff was instantly killed about 5:15 a.m. by one blast of a shotgun from six feet away. He lay at the home of Virgil Richardson, son, 23, at Ennis, eight miles southeast of here.

Richardson was charged with first degree murder. He was arrested immediately in a pickup truck, and was believed to have switched to a high-wheeled car parked nearby, police said.

BIG POSSE
The hunt for him began about 30 minutes later and by mid-morning he had been surrounded by a hundred men in the posse.

Richardson is fair-complected, light-haired, about six feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds. He has a stiff leg and limps.

He was believed heading for Virginia, but the posse was curbing the mountains around here for him.

Officers described Richardson as armed and dangerous and said he has a V-shaped scar on his forehead.

The sheriff was trying to arrest him for jumping bail on a traffic violation charge.

LONG RECORD
Glenn Nichols, Sparta mayor and justice of the peace, said Richardson was a training officer. O. A. Brenshaw affected a "mook" break-in to give rookie officers a chance to "solve" a break-in.

Lt. Brenshaw broke into the clubhouse through a restroom window and looted the vending machines. The similarity between the rock crime and the real one has the coppers laughing.

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In Sheppard Murder Case

Sensational Testimony Hinted

By WILLIAM NEWKIRK
CLEVELAND — Hints that testimony would be bare emotional technicals were defendant enlivened today the second day of the first degree murder trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

Dr. Sheppard, handsome 30-year-old ophthalmist, is on trial charged with beating to death last July 4 his 31-year-old wife, Marilyn, mother of one child and expecting another.

One juror was sequestered yesterday. Dr. Sheppard's chief counsel, William J. Corrigan, had failed in two moves to delay trial.

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VENUE CHANGE DENIED
Corrigan lost another round in the change of venue motion at the opening of today's court session. He contended the airing last night by Cleveland radio of a debate between two Cleveland newspapermen on the handling of the case in newspapers had contributed to building up further an unfavorable public attitude toward Dr. Sheppard.

Defense Attorney Fred G. Borke, a brunette Cleveland housewife, was accepted as second juror.

She is the wife of a Republic Steel Corp. engineer and the mother of two teen-age children. The state took less than half an hour to accept her, but the defense, continuing its extensive background examination of prospective jurors, required about an hour and a half to satisfy itself that she is not biased.

The defense has announced that Dr. Sheppard will take the stand in his own defense. How-

ever argued that whether or not the potential jurors had a "bias" on certain matters should be taken up before the jury was sworn.

Today, while examining Mrs. Elizabeth A. Borke for possible bias, the first juror selected, alleged the young ophthalmist's affair with a pretty hospital attendant who has some women other than his wife.

He asked Mrs. Borke whether that would influence her in carrying out duties as a juror. The prosecution objected, and Judge Edward Blythin sustained the objection.

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MOUNTAIN MOONSHINE IN JAPAN, TOO

TOKYO — This was the day of the mammoth hangover in the mountain town of Yamane, which has just concluded its 1,047th observance of "Mountain Moonshine" sake festival.

The festival, north of Tokyo, opens each year with "sacrificing" a bottle of new-made moonshine. Afterward, it is traditional that participants get thoroughly soaked.

Tax collectors turn their backs to a point near the Pitt-Chatam during the festival, but promptly show up to tax the unconsumed punch, which was shot five times, sake-ree beer with a wine taste twice in the hip, twice in the stomach and accounts for the splitting, aches and jangled nerves. There isn't much sake left.

17 Insurance Firms Accused Of Deception

Health, Accident Policy Ads Criticized

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission today accused 17 companies in the health, hospital and accident insurance business of "false and misleading advertising."

Together, the 17 firms—including the four largest in the field—represent annual premium payments of more than 300 million dollars, or about 13 of the total health and accident policies written on individuals in the country.

Among those named in the FTC complaints—which grew out of a 18-month nationwide investigation—were the Bankers Life and Casualty Co. of Chicago (The White Cross), Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Assn. of Omaha (Mutual of Omaha), Reserve Life Insurance Co. of Dallas, and United Insurance Co. of Chicago.

Each firm was charged with from one to five allegedly deceptive practices. Each was allowed 20 days to file replies. Individual hearings are to be held in December.

If, after these hearings, the FTC finds there is basis for the charges it may issue orders forbidding these practices in the future.

FTC Chairman Edward F. Hower said the action is aimed at false or deceptive advertising claims concerning the extent of insurance protection and benefits payable.

Hower said in a statement this first broad inquiry of its kind grew out of "a flood of letters" sent by policy holders who said complaints they received was not the same as advertised.

DETAILS OF CHARGES
The FTC complaints attacked the following alleged misrepresentations:

1. Policy termination. A typical advertising claim, it was charged, talks about "no automatic termination age . . . You and your family

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State Student Robbed, Kidnaped, Shot 5 Times

Raleigh — A college student on duty as a night clerk in a where officers were summoned. The youth was taken to a clinic and then shot critically by a bandit near Ashboro and moved to Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill last night, Sheriff Robert Pleasants reported today.

The youth is Donald D. Johnson, a freshman at North Carolina State College. Johnson was working in the Fairfield Motor Court on U.S. 1 just north of Raleigh when the holdup took place at about 8 p.m. last night, the sheriff related. The bandit got about \$50.

The bandit then forced Johnson to drive him to Johnson's car to a point near the Pitt-Chatam county line. Pleasants said. At that show up to tax the unconsumed punch, which was shot five times, sake-ree beer with a wine taste twice in the hip, twice in the stomach and accounts for the splitting, aches and jangled nerves. There isn't much sake left.

While the robber was reloading his gun, Johnson managed to drive

OUR WEATHER

Generally fair weather through tomorrow. Windy today with diminishing winds tonight.

High temperature expected today, 60 degrees. High temperature expected tomorrow, 64 degrees. High temperature yesterday, 76 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 40 degrees. Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.; sunset, 5:44 p.m.

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'Whammy' Warning Signs Readied To Check Charlotteans' Speed

Immediate installation of signs warning motorists of electrical timing of speed of vehicles in Charlotte was announced today.

Traffic Engineer Herman J. Hoose said that the signs will be in place before the end of the week at 24 locations.

At a recent council session, Councilman James S. Smith proposed the use of the Traffic Engineering Dept.'s electronic device, better known as the "whammy" by the Police Dept. in checking the speed of cars on certain streets.

Mr. Hoose said the signs, which will read "Speed Electrically Timed," will be installed on N. Tryon St., Hutchison Ave., Statesville Ave., Beat-

ly's Ford Rd., Rozelle's Ferry Rd., Tuckasee Rd., Freedom Dr. (New Thrift Rd.), West Blvd., S. Tryon St., South Blvd., Park Rd., East Blvd., Selwyn Ave., Providence Rd., Sardis Rd., E. 7th St., Monroe Rd., Commonwealth Ave., Central Ave., and The Plaza.

Signs will be placed at 24 different locations and on some of these streets the timing device will be used for both inbound and outbound traffic.

The timing device has been used by the Traffic Engineering Dept. for some time in the collection of traffic engineering information and Mr. Hoose said that whenever violation of speed regulations are observed these instances are reported to the Po-

lice Dept. An instance of the department's procedure is shown in the recent survey made on Commonwealth Ave. in the vicinity of Briar Creek Rd.

Mr. Hoose said that this survey showed that 50 per cent of the traffic was moving in excess of the 35-mile speed limit. The predominant speed shown by this survey was 37.4 miles per hour.

These speed violations are being reported to the Police Dept. for its attention in checking the violations.

Mr. Smith's idea in putting up the signs was to warn the driving public in the hope that an over-all reduction in the speed of traffic would result.