



FALL IS APPROACHING — Workmen have begun to repaint the white lines in campus parking lots in preparation for the coming academic year.

Dateline Washington

# Voters Alter Ideas Of Political Image

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Political images have been taking a beating lately.

Judging from cartoons of not so recent years, the voter's idea of a Democratic candidate used to be a man of modest means; the typical Republican office seeker appeared to John Q. Public as a moneyed, big business booster.

How times have changed: For example, the Democratic pair from Massachusetts and Texas can hardly claim to be in an average financial situation. John F. Kennedy's father was able to give each of his many children \$1 million on their twenty-first birthdays but also prodded them to prove that they were worth his investment.

Lyndon B. Johnson also suffers little financial hardship while adding his senatorial salary to the income of his LBJ ranch in Texas.

On the Republican side of the ledger, Richard M. Nixon is a "poor boy made good."

Nixon's father was able to continue operating his grocery store only because his family worked there.

Nixon himself, although he earns \$45,000 yearly for serving as Vice-president, pays a sizable portion of that toward a mortgage on his \$75,000 Washington, D.C., home.

His Vice-president, running mate, Henry Cabot Lodge, however, is wealthy in comparison. His mother, who died recently, left him a one-third share of her estimated \$900,000 estate.

Although Nelson A. Rockefeller can hardly be considered insolvent, he did not win a Republi-

can nomination in Chicago.

The days of the log cabin type beginning are definitely fleeting —inflation hits everything eventually!

Swan Island and its controversial radio station once again made news when the two-mile strip was reportedly invaded on July 17 by 13 unarmed Hondurans in a banana boat.

The group rowed ashore and planted their flag to claim the island for Honduras.

Ownership of Swan Island has long been disputed. The United States claims it by virtue of a discovery made by American guano traders in 1857. Honduras says the Spanish conquest of the 16th century makes the island rightfully hers.

Radio Swan, operated by the Gibraltar Steamship Line, is unlicensed by the Federal Communications Commission because the latter does not know the answer to the ownership question either.

The station, managed by American Horton H. Heath, has been accused of broadcasting anti-Castro propaganda into Cuba by the revolutionary premier himself.

# Librarians Give Post To McComb

Ralph W. McComb, University librarian, was elected chairman of the University Library Section of the Association of College Research Libraries at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Montreal, Canada.

The conference, which was attended by ten members of the Library staff, was held in conjunction with meetings of the Canadian Library Association.

McComb has served on the board of directors of the ACRL and on the ALA council. He has also been a member of the executive board, and of the section of financial administration of the ALA.

The University Library Section, of which McComb was named chairman, is the largest single section of the ALA and includes representatives of major colleges and universities in the country.

Three members of the library staff attended a special Institute on Catalogue Code Revision, an international group which includes librarians from Europe and South America. Miss Evelyn M. Hensel, assistant library, headed the Penn State delegation.

Other members of the staff attending the meetings included Mrs. Margaret K. Spangler, Catherine A. Carter, Eleanor Chong, Frederick A. Fry, Mary Louise Lacy, Mrs. Miriam Pierce, William S. Pierce, Yvonne Seabold, and Elizabeth C. Westcott.

# Panofsky Given Grant To Study at Cambridge

Dr. Hans A. Panofsky, professor of meteorology, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to study atmospheric turbulence at the University of Cambridge, England, for six months.

He will return to the U.S. in January and serve as visiting professor of meteorology at the University of Minnesota in the spring semester.

# Survey Shows Teachers Opposed to Merit System

A sample survey taken recently at the University indicated that teachers do not favor the merit rating system, which has been installed in some school districts as a way to reward quality teachers and an incentive to improve the quality of teaching in the public school system.

Under the merit system each teacher is observed and evaluated and his rating determines the size of any salary increase other than the annual state increment.

The merit system, which was started in some states after World War I but later dropped by most of them, has recently elicited controversy in Pennsylvania and other states.

A few school districts in the state are currently using the system.

One hundred thirty-four teachers and administrators taking graduate study at the University this summer answered the survey questionnaires.

The survey was conducted by Janet Miller, of Rose Tree Union School in Delaware County, and Mary Ellen Reiss and Mary Ann Stohler of Derry Township Elementary School, Hershey, as part of a graduate course in elementary education.

Results of the survey of a cross-section of elementary, secondary and college teachers and administrators showed that only 26 per cent of those familiar with the operation of the merit system favored it. Of those unfamiliar with it, 42 per cent indicated they thought they would favor it. Out of 11 administrators, none of whom currently uses the system, nine said they would favor it.

Pollees were also asked to rate criteria for evaluating the teacher under the merit system. The most often named criterion was teacher-student rapport.

The two other criteria most often listed were daily teacher preparation and creative ability. Other criteria were rated in the following order: post-graduate education, personality, professional organization membership, degrees held and class achievement.

The top criteria listed by ad-

ministrators corresponded with those listed by teachers.

Seventy-one per cent of the pollees said it was impossible to evaluate teachers without allowing subjective influences to enter into judgments.

# McLeod Society Admits Nelson and Rowland

Dr. G. Kenneth Nelson, head of the department of accounting and business statistics, and Charles J. Rowland, professor emeritus of accounting, were inducted into the Stuart Cameron McLeod Society at the 41st International Accounting Conference of the National Association of Accountants in New Orleans, La.

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