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History Of Voting

Arouses Interest

Next week the people of the United States will hold a presidential election. The results will be followed closely in Canada, as well as the United States. The election, indeed, will be of keen interest to the world in general.

Millions of Americans will cast ballots. Men and women ranging from 21 years of age up to more than 90 years will vote. Some votes, perhaps, will be cast by people above the 100-year mark.

NO ELECTION on such a scale was held in ancient times but the idea of voting goes back more than 25 centuries. There were kings, long ago, who cared little about what the public wanted, but certain places built up a system of popular vote.

The city of Athens was such a place. Far back in its history, it became a kind of republic. The free citizens held elections to choose public officers.

Old records tell us that some of the voting in ancient Greece was done with small stones, or pebbles. If a man wanted to vote on one side of a question, he dropped a white pebble in a box. To cast a vote for the other side, he dropped a black pebble.

In later times men in Italy dropped "ballottas," or little balls, into boxes when they voted. From the Italian word "ballotta" came our modern word "ballot."

Besides using pebbles in their elections, the ancient Greeks used other methods of voting. In Athens all free citizens were called to a public place to listen to orators speak about certain questions. Sometimes the citizens decided a question by a voice vote, as is done, at times, in modern law-making groups.

CERTAIN PUBLIC officers in ancient Athens were chosen by chance. Any free citizen might enter a kind of lottery to obtain an office, if fortune favored him. The term of office was for only one year.

Athens had a Council of Five Hundred. The men in this group were chosen by lot, and had the power to decide many public questions.

—St. Louis Post Dispatch

Ike Landslides Adlai

Students Cast Votes For Their Choice Candidate

Ike receives 160 votes; Adlai 46

The thermometer of excitement and suspense was registering almost to the breaking point as another election for our national leaders rolled around. Trevecca Nazarene College decided to be among the other colleges and universities in the United States to see which man would win—Eisenhower or Stevenson.

Trevecca students come from all parts of the Southeastern Educational Zone and we have a few ramblers from the states not included in this Zone. Due to the fact that the students are from different sections of the country we feel that the results of this election will give us an idea of how the feelings of the nation will run.

Thursday, October 30, 1952 from 8:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. approximately two hundred and fifty people thronged in to register. A fee of three cents was charged as poll tax. This campaign was sponsored by the school paper, **TREV-ECHOES**. The registrars were: Betty Barnett, Marilyn Williams, Laurie Muray, Yvonne Bennett, Mary Driskell, Anna Stucki, Billie Toney, and Eugene Williams. The registration was conducted in the vestibule of the McClurkan Memorial Building.

Wednesday afternoon the registrars went into Nashville to the republican and democratic headquarters to obtain pictures, badges, posters, platforms and various other items for advertising purposes. They were graciously received by the Republicans and Democrats who showered them with advertising materials. The pictures were placed in the Administration Building and the McClurkan Memorial Building. The reading material was placed in the cafeteria and the polls so that the students would have access to it and would be able to read the platforms and decide for themselves how to vote. It was surprising and interesting to

learn just who was Republican and who was Democrat. The spirit of enthusiasm continued to rise as each registered and various groups were scattered here and there earnestly discussing the view points and platforms of each party.

Some very interesting discussions have been taking place in the different classrooms. It seems that the faculty is well united when it comes to the activities of the school but it is pretty well divided when it comes to politics, even the husbands and wives.

Thursday evening the polls were set up by the above committee assisted by Bob Wetmore and Willard Brinkman for the big day ahead. In the cafeteria, the snack shop, the dry cleaners, the dormitories and other places of interests the theme of the conversations were, "Are you going to vote for 'Ike' or Stevenson? If so, why?" The exchanged reasons and the discussions became quite heated at times.

Today from 8:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. the excited voters began to form long lines and to patiently wait to cast their votes for the 'best' man.

Students stood by eagerly asking questions all day.

Finally the great moment arrived. Of the 240 that registered 221 voted. The votes were as follows:

Eisenhower	-----	160
Stevenson	-----	46
Hamblen	-----	12
Void	-----	3

Trevecca followed the pattern set by other colleges and universities in the United States by handing Ike a big lead. The motto of Trevecca students is really "I Like Ike".

Nation Feels Pulse

Of Student Opinion

If the nation goes as most college students go on November 4, Dwight D. Eisenhower is a cinch for President.

The Associated Collegiate Press National Poll of Student Opinion asked students from all parts of the country: Which candidate do you want to win the presidential election? The results show a large majority for Eisenhower.

Eisenhower	-----	57 %
Stevenson	-----	33 %
Undecided	-----	9 %
Other	-----	1 %

Despite Eisenhower's popularity, there are almost as many Democrats as there are Republicans. Thirty-two per cent of those polled claim to be Democrats, 36 per cent Republicans and 30 per cent independents.

Only on some of the southern campuses does Stevenson have a majority. In Texas, though, students call themselves Democrats but favor Ike. This same tendency is apparent in Oklahoma.

A freshman coed at Oklahoma State Teachers' college puts it this way, "I'm a Democrat, but this election I'm for Ike. I don't think we could be any worse off under the Republicans."

A Missouri sophomore in Home Economics feels "It takes a military man to clean up the mess we're in." But other students say they "don't want a military man in the White House."

Most students—56 per cent—say they agree with their parents in choice of candidates. Nineteen per cent say they disagree, and 23 per cent are not sure.

See You
At The
Halloween
Party
6:00 p. m.