OPINION

Toward great persons we respectfully bare our heads. —GEORGE HERBERT.

The People Pick Truman

The election of Harry S. Truman as President of the United States over Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, coming after the most intensive campaign of the vote-counting kind has confounded the political dopesters.

President Truman, undertaking in practically every precinct in the country, pitting his whistle-stop campaign against what has been conceded to be Republican strongholds, notably Ohio, Illinois and California.

It was the second time in four years that Governor Dewey was the victim of a Democratic upset. Four years ago, it was Gov. Dewey versus President Roosevelt.

Not only were the Democrats successful in getting their candidate back into the White House for a four-year term, but they also made inroads into the Congress with a good chance of having a majority in both the House and Senate.

The Truman victory was due largely to a powerful tide of liberal Democrats who were elected to Congress, notably Dr. Paul Douglas in Illinois, Estes Kefauver in Tennessee, Herbert H. Lehman in New York, Sen. Clyde Hoey in North Carolina.

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President Truman's sympathetic legislative body with which he joined the President in his program to bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the American people.

Americans have always had great affection for a hard fighter, and everyone can admire the courage and political faith, to unite as one. That is the great strength of the American political system.

When a Byrd Becomes Too Smart

Dr. Curtis Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, proposed to the Legislative Council recently that it recommend that the University of Maryland take over Morgan College.

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It doesn't say that, however.

Dr. Byrd's proposal sets up no safeguards. What he does say is "even if we do this, we can't guarantee that we won't be handling the colored people's demand for graduate and professional training in Morgan College over to me and let me write him out a blank check.

Why should we turn Morgan College over to him and not lease a good job?

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The AFRO thinks he does. We think that he is greedy enough to desire to control all education above the high school level in the State. If he thought he could get away with it, he would.

The reason for the agitation now is that if the recommendations of the Marbury Commission were carried out, he has done nothing with it. He does not want this, though he can't say so because it would be a sound educational theory he can advance as to why he should not be given the job. He can, therefore, be put on a false offensive by advocating that the University of Maryland take over Morgan College.

This is a sharp kind of smartness. But there is such a thing as being too smart. Dr. Byrd is president of the University of Maryland, not of Hopkins and the president of Goucher College. He is president of the State-supported University of Maryland, not the State-supported Morgan College. He needs a first-class educator in the job, not a smart operator.

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By Peyton Gray

Election Echoes

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The Press Is Peeved The Surprised Party

By Ruth Jenkins

Just to be different, let's talk about the election.

The press is very peeved about the whole thing. They got gypped.

After an election the press is always amply entertained by the winning party. But what happened to the poor newspapers?

The Republicans called off their victory celebration without notice and the Democrats had to prepare the party alone.

Twasn't their fault that the party was a flop. The Democrats had plenty of time to get ready for the party. But what happened?

Dewey, like Sarah Pain, got cold feet at the last minute and didn't show up. He ended up with a hesitation waltz.

Wallace, Thurmond and Dewey, together controlling various sections of the country, were expected to upset President Truman. Instead, they were outmanoeuvered by the President.

Although it didn't make the so-called "pollsters" happy, it was a function on political circles on Tuesday.

Democrats threw a little surprise party for the Republicans. They were it.

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reporter's row

By Samuel Hoskins

Wanted "In" on GOP Victory

Dr. Emmett J. Scott, resident of Washington, D.C., has been a member of the Republican National Committee for a number of years. Since 1936 he has been active in GOP Presidential campaigns.

In the 1948 campaign, which turned out so disastrously for the Republicans, Dr. Scott, who is 70 years of age, in his own words was "asleep at the switch."

"Maybe I won't be around next time," he declared more than once, "but I'm going to be in the next one if I can help it."

A native of Texas he got his training in politics under the guidance of the late Booker T. Washington. The Tuskegee Counselor was his old "boss" and he was his secretary for several years.

Dr. Scott has other fond memories, such as the years he was secretary of Negro Republican Clubs of America, which was active for top Republicans of yesteryear and for some still shining today.

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He also remembers his intimate association with many of the outstanding Negroes who were prominent in the Republican Party during the sixteen "lean years" when the party was in the wilderness.

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Willkie and the first Dewey campaign.

Dr. Scott remembers that Willkie was a Democrat and was a Democrat when he was nominated for President by the Republicans.

The one other person whom Dr. Scott remembers almost as fondly as he refers to as the "Colonel" is the late Theodore Roosevelt, whom he refers to as the "Colonel."

Dr. Scott has a large collection of photographs of the late Theodore Roosevelt, which he prizes highly. He was in Roosevelt's "Bull Moose" campaign.

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To the Victor No New Stadium Lesson in Voting

By Mae Morris

POST ELECTION NOTES...

Can't help believing that the margin of 4,000 votes which Mayor Lansdale received was polled by Negroes.

One of these men is Dr. Robert Provident Hospital and president of the board of trustees of Provident Hospital and president of the board of trustees of Provident Hospital and president of the board of trustees of