

G.O.P. Celebrates Founding Of Party

100th Anniversary Observed At Ripon

RIPON, WI. UP — The citizens of Ripon today started cleaning up the debris from a big party, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Republican party.

Top state and national Republicans journeyed to Ripon Saturday to observe the GOP's 100th birth-

day in fitting style. The little white schoolhouse where the party was organized March 20, 1854, still stands and was the focal point of the weekend celebration.

Republican national chairman Leonard Hall told a banquet audience that the country has come a long way since 1854 when the Civil War was threatening. He said that today the country is united and that its major danger is "the dark greed of a hostile, global foe."

However, Hall said "things could be better" with the GOP on its 100th birthday. He said he was optimistic and "it's a long way from March to November."

Hall declined to comment on the effect of the controversy between Sen. Joseph McCarthy R-Wis., has had with the army will have on the coming elections. He said "any disagreement within the party does not help," but he said all persons in the GOP are agreed on one thing.

He said President Eisenhower is the leader of the party without question.

Hall's speech was followed by a remote control ceremony in which Mr. Eisenhower lit a gas jet atop a steel candle 10 feet tall. The candle stood next to the historic schoolhouse.

Immediately afterward, 600 torch bearers lit torches from the "flame of freedom" and carried them throughout the city to light a candle in the window of every home.

Ripon residents have pledged themselves to keep the candle burning "eternally" to mark the founding of the party by Whigs, Democrats and Freeholders 100 years ago in their city.

Two Men Arrested In Robbery Spree

One Confesses To Fort Wayne Crimes

INDIANAPOLIS UP — Two Indianapolis men, one of them an escaped convict, were held today after authorities said the pair admitted separate crime sprees that netted \$12,000 in nearly 40 robberies.

Junior Asbury Wilson, 23, was arrested late Saturday, and police said he confessed to 11 armed robberies in Indianapolis in which he got about \$2,000 in loot.

They said he also admitted wounding patrolman Maurice Kinney, 39, Indianapolis, Friday when surprised by police during a supermarket holdup.

Authorities said Wilson told them he needed the money to pay off debts. He was traced through his auto license plate which police noted during the supermarket fracas Friday night.

Virgil Ross, 39, who police said is an escapee from Indiana state prison, was arrested in Hammond Saturday while allegedly driving a stolen auto.

Police said Ross confessed a two-month string of 25 robberies which netted him \$10,000. He admitted eight robberies in the Hammond area, police said, eight in Indianapolis, six at Gary, three at Fort Wayne and one at Osceola.

The entire cotton fiber is a single, tubelike cell.

Motorist Is Fined On Speeding Charge

Wendell Beer, Decatur, pleaded guilty in mayor's court this morning to a charge of speeding and was assessed a fine of \$5 and costs totalling \$15.75.

City police arrested Beer on Mercer avenue where he was alleged to have been driving 50 miles an hour in a 30-mile zone.

Pennsylvania Bank Is Held Up Today

Seven Persons Are Locked Up In Vault

WEST MIDDLESEX, Pa. UP — Two gunmen held up the First National Bank here today and locked four employees and three customers in a vault before they could give the alarm.

The bandits escaped with an undetermined amount of cash.

No one in this small Western Pennsylvania community knew the bank had been robbed until Mrs. James O'Neill, a housewife, entered the bank shortly after 10 a.m. to make a deposit and found the place deserted.

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Banker Promises To Restore Every Cent

Alabama Banker Is Freed Under Bond

CLIO, Ala. (UP) — The town's banker, who returned empty handed after allegedly disappearing with \$85,000, promised to restore "every penny" today.

Royal Reynolds, free under \$7,500 bond on three embezzlement charges, said he would start repaying depositors with money on hand and "other assets."

Mayor Dan Easterling, an unofficial go-between, said Reynolds' promise stirred "a great deal of talk" in this almost moneyless town and residents hoped Reynolds could make good his promise.

"We have all the hopes in the world that he is going to be able to straighten it out," Easterling said.

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Study Plan To Take Land Out Of Production

Consider Incentive Payments To Curb Surplus Output

WASHINGTON UP — Rep. Clifford R. Hope R-Kan. said today congress will consider offering "incentive payments" to encourage farmers to take some land out of production and put it into a "soil fertility bank."

Hope, chairman of the house agriculture committee, disclosed the proposed plan after a government crop report focused attention on loopholes in the present system for curbing surplus output.

The report, issued last Friday, indicated total cropland plantings this year may drop less than 1 per cent, even though rigid controls have been imposed on wheat and cotton acreage.

It showed farmers intend to grow 47 per cent more barley, as well as more grain sorghums, oats, soybeans, and flaxseed on land forced out of wheat and cotton. This threatens to extend the surplus problem to additional crops.

President Eisenhower notified congress last Wednesday the administration intends to try to close the loopholes. He said the administration plans to tighten its policy on the use of the so-called "diverted acres" next year and asked an additional 55 million dollars for soil conservation subsidies to ease the shock.

Most farm experts, in and out of congress, are convinced farmers won't stop producing surpluses until some of their land is taken completely out of crop production. The problem is how to do it without much dissatisfaction in the politically-potent farm belt. Most answers carry a price tag.

Hope said his committee will devote "considerable attention to the problem of diverted acres." He said he does not favor government "rental" payments to farmers for keeping land idle, but believes government payments to encourage farmers to "do something to build up the soil fertility of idle acres could be justified."

Mr. Eisenhower last week asked congress to authorize 250 million dollars for the agricultural conservation program in calendar 1955 compared to 195 million dollars this year.

But he proposed that congress stipulate that only 195 million dollars could be spent in 1955 unless the administration imposes rules limiting what farmers can do with acre diverted from price-supported crops by control programs. Under the proposed program farmers would lose eligibility for price supports unless they followed the new rules.

The administration request is being considered by a house appropriations subcommittee which generally is generous with funds for farmers. Two members — chairman H. Carl Anderson R-Minn. and Rep. Fred Marshall D-Minn. — already have proposed that the government pay farmers "rent" for land taken out of production.

The administration felt that would cost more than could be justified. Under the agricultural conservation program farmers get only part of their out-of-pocket expenses for carrying out approved conservation practices. Under a rental plan, the farmer actually would get a return on his idle land.

Tony J. Metzler Is Home From Hospital

Tony J. Metzler, Decatur businessman, who underwent surgery at the Adams county memorial hospital some time ago, was dismissed from the hospital Sunday night to his home on North Second street.

Nominate Heller For I. U. Alumni Office

Robert H. Heller, of Decatur, has been nominated for vice president of the Indiana University alumni association, which this year is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its organization.

Four alumni of the university have been nominated for each major office in the association, which represents the approximately 98,000 graduates and former students of the university. Members of the association will vote by mail ballots returnable at the university's June commencement when a three-day celebration is being planned for the association centennial. The I. U. alumni association is one of the oldest in the United States. It is headed this year by James A. Stuart, editor of the Indianapolis Star.

Foreigners honored on American postage stamps include the Revolutionary War Generals Pulaski, Von Steuben, Rochambeau, De Grasse and Lafayette.

Four Psychiatrists Examining Soldier

Claims Insanity In Strangling Girl

TOKYO UP — Two Japanese and two U.S. army psychiatrists began examining M-Sgt. Maurice L. Schick today to try to determine if he was insane when an "urge to kill" led him to strangle a 9-year old girl.

The four psychiatrists were given only one day for the examination and court martial law officer Marvin Ludington said the case "positively will go to trial" Wednesday.

Defense attorney Maj. Harlow Huckabee of Mt. Royal, Va., asked for a two month delay so Dr. Winfred Overholt, supervisor of the St. Elizabeth hospital in Washington, D.C., could come here and make the examination.

Ludington denied the request and ordered a one-day adjournment instead. Huckabee had told the court "in order to defend this case adequately a civilian defense psychiatrist is absolutely essential."

Schick, 29, of Canonsburg, Pa., admitted strangling Susan Rothchild Nov. 21 when overcome by an "urge to kill." A board of army doctors ruled him sane, but Schick has based his defense on the contention he was insane at the time. If found guilty he faces a possible death sentence.

Huckabee explained that Dr.

Overholzer could not come to Tokyo before May 20 and asked he be brought here at army expense to examine Schick.

After failing to get the two month adjournment Huckabee asked for a week's postponement so the soldier could be examined by the Japanese. Prosecutor Francis M. Cooper of Chicago, Ill., described this as a "dilatory tactic."

Ludington granted a one-day delay but ruled the defense doctors could have access to the records of the examination of the army board.

The two Japanese psychiatrists are Susumu Hayashi of Matsuzawa mental hospital in Tokyo and Takeo Doi of the Tokyo University medical school. The two army psychiatrists are Capt. Richard M. Magraw, former assistant psychiatry professor at Minnesota University, and Capt. Leon H. Caviness, who received a major portion of his training at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan.

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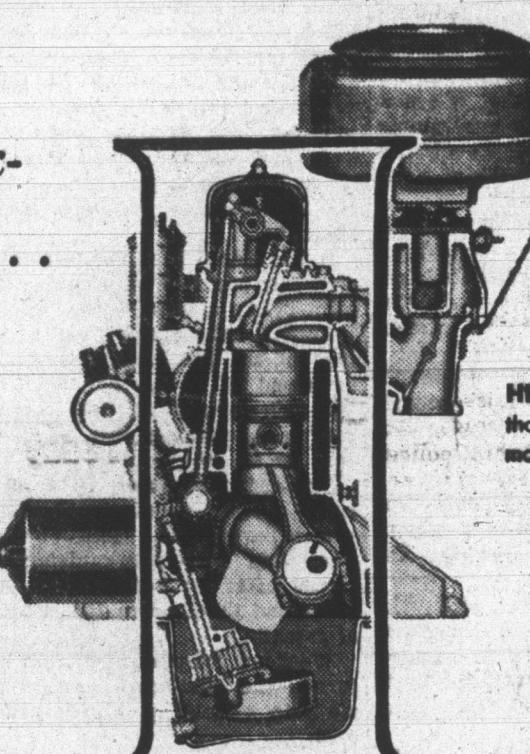
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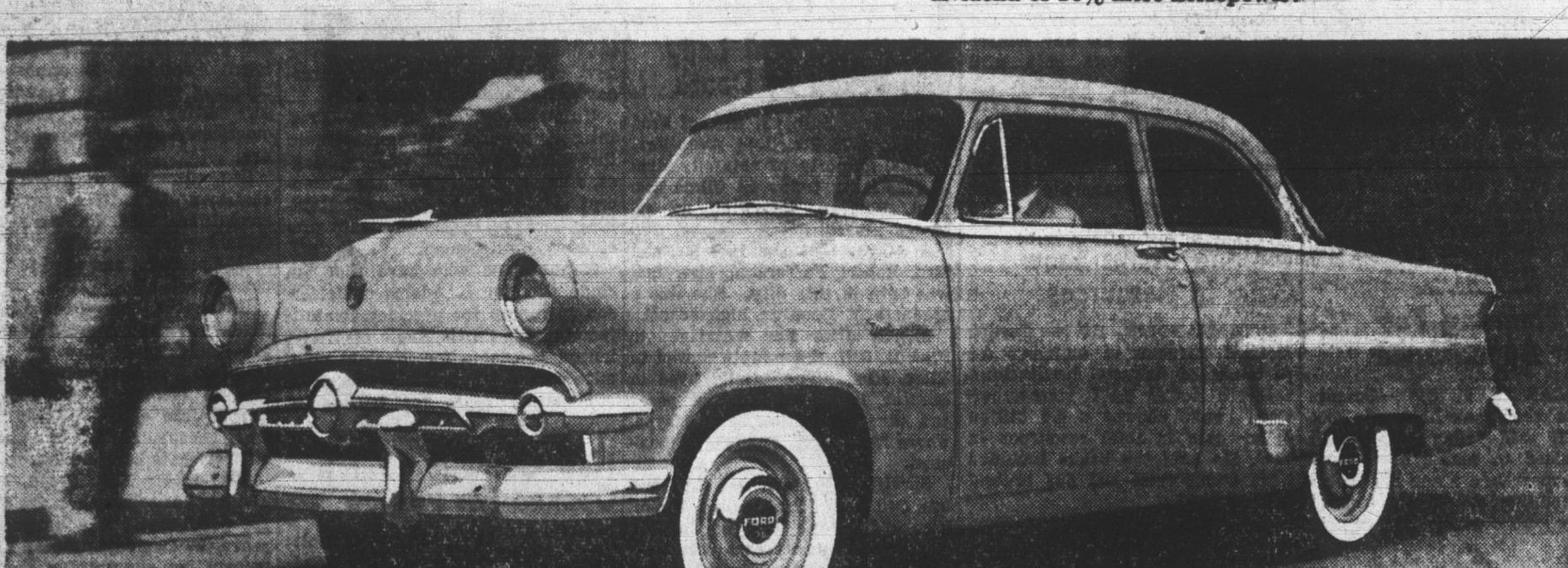
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