

## Dull Presidential Primary Foreseen

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—One of the dullest presidential preferential primaries in Indiana history is expected May 3.

There will be no real contest for either the Republican or Democratic voters, according to the present situation.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is expected to enter the GOP balloting with no seriously considered rival and Massachusetts Sen. John Kennedy is nearly sure to be the only real contestant for the Democrats.

However, the Hoosier primary is of considerable importance to Kennedy because Indiana's 34 votes would swell his national convention first ballot total, which many politicians believe will be the largest.

There is a bare possibility that Rep. Randall (Front Porch) Harmon of Muncie will try a test flight in the Hoosier Democratic primary. Indiana friends several months ago launched a presidential bid for him, but it has made scant progress.

Symington A Threat  
Indiana eventually will cast many of its presidential votes for Missouri Sen. W. Stuart Symington, but his Hoosier managers, Frank M. McHale, former national committeeman, and former national chairman Frank E. McKinney are reported to have advised him not to battle in the primary.

There are no signs that any of the other presidential hopefuls will be on the ballot. They include Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Adlai Stevenson and Gov. Robert Meyer of New Jersey and G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

This does not mean that the aspirants will shun Hoosierdom during the months remaining before the big convention at Los Angeles. Johnson and Kennedy already have scheduled Hoosier appearances and Symington and Humphrey are expected to follow suit. Meyer was in this state several months ago.

Hoosier Democratic chiefs have received communications from the Williams camp, and Stevenson has much latent Indiana strength if the convention fails to nominate in the early balloting.

### Primary Has Weakness

The weakness of the Indiana primary is that the delegates are bound to its winners for the first ballot only. They are free afterwards. There could be a split delegation, because to obtain a solid delegation the leader must be ahead in all of the 11 congressional districts.

Indiana is entitled to 32 votes in the GOP national gathering and each delegate probably will have only one vote. The Hoosier Democrats, however, plan to send a delegation of 85 to their national convention, each delegate with only half a vote.

Governor Handley probably will be chairman of the Republican delegation, instead of Sen. Homer E. Capehart, because Handley controls the party machinery. Sen. Vance Hartke, a follower of Johnson, appears to be the ranking possibility for the Democratic delegation chairmanship.

## NOTES FROM AFTER THIRTY

By JACK HELLER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

One year ago, on the third Saturday of January, we published the first of these columns. Since that time we have missed one Saturday, during our vacation. We want to thank all the people who have complimented the column during the year. We also want to thank those who didn't feel like complimenting it, but were nice enough not to say so. Our sources of information, naturally, receive a big thank you, too, for without them, we'd be out of business. Several folks make it a point every week or two, to drop in and pass along some local anecdote. And those folks who have appeared in print deserve our thanks, too. No one has gotten mad or felt bad over the fact that they were "written about." Everybody has been very good natured about it.

As a physical, mental and moral refresher, this writer, as you read this, is enjoying the sunny climate of Mr. Castro's recently liberated country. At least, if Mr. Castro hasn't found out that this writer is a member of the American press, this writer is enjoying Cuba. We left Thursday for a ten-day traveling seminar in Cuba to look over the Presbyterian missions on the island. It promises to be a wonderful experience from many points of view.

A column is already written for next Saturday, too. I hope to have one sent in from Cuba to run next week, but, not savoring a longer vacation in a Cuban jail, we also have a spare handy in case the situation there doesn't seem right to mail out things of that sort. I don't like to pre-judge anyone or anything though, and chances are that the Cuban column will run. If it doesn't, I will, and fast, too. So, thanks again to all the wonderful people who have given us help and moral support. In the year ahead, this column will continue to print the humorous little nothings that make up our country's brighter side. It's our opinion, more so than ever, that life is as much a total of little bits of fun and enjoyment as it is a few big moments. Hope you think so too. Muchas gracias amigos, and all that beardsville jazz.

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## Guilty On Charge Of Cashing Checks

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Federal Judge Cale Holder Friday ordered a pre-sentence investigation for a former Indianapolis school teacher who pleaded guilty to cashing checks stolen from the mails.

Mrs. Jeanne M. Hocker, 40, who is accused of fraudulently obtaining her teaching license, pleaded guilty to five counts of stealing about \$10,000 in checks.

She was arrested Sept. 30 by postal inspectors after she cashed two checks worth more than \$500 at an Indianapolis bank. If convicted, Mrs. Hocker could be fined \$2,000 and sentenced to five years in prison on each of the five counts.



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES at McMillen Feed Research's new farm north of Decatur, is well underway. Here, Dr. W. W. Cravens, left, feed research director, discusses the progress of construction with A. S. Tyson, senior engineer; Dr. Leo Curtin, assistant feed research director; and Herman Von Gunten, field engineer. Both Tyson and Von Gunten are with the company's engineering department which prepared working plans for the building. Immediately behind the men are two broiler houses, each of which will be 250 feet long and have a capacity of 9,000 birds when completed. In the background is the Central Soya-McMillen Feed Mills plant.

The Bultmeier Construction company is building the new facilities.

## Indiana Politicos May Pick Winners

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Don't believe all you hear about the sagacity of Indiana politicians. They do right well cutting themselves up within the bounds of the Hoosier state, but they cut an exceedingly narrow national swath.

For the past 40 years and at nearly all national conventions both Hoosier Republican and Democratic delegates for the most part have been left at the post while others than their favorites thunder on toward the White House nominations.

But this year may be the exception. The Indiana Republican organization chiefs were pioneers on the bandwagon of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who now is a cinch for the GOP presidential bid.

Hoosier Democrats are expected to record a majority for Sen. John F. Kennedy in the presidential preference primary. Kennedy may lead on the first convention ballot. Many of the pros, however, are backing another leading aspirant, Sen. W. Stuart Symington.

So things look pretty fair for the Indiana nationally this year. But it has been gloomy for them in the past. They have wandered down the blind alleys of avorite sons, made unproductive alliances with other states and fumbled and bumbled in other ways.

Way back in 1920, Hoosier Republicans lined up behind Gen. Leonard Wood when Warren G. Harding was nominated, but the Indiana Democrats boarded the bandwagon of Gov. James Cox in time.

Republicans Get Lucky  
Four years later, there was no other place for the Hoosier Republicans to go except for Vice-President Calvin Coolidge. But the Democrats stumbled through with Sen. Samuel Ralston as a favorite

son before the convention nominated James G. Davis.

While the chariot of Herbert Hoover was riding to victory in 1928, Indiana GOP delegates were doggedly supporting Sen. James E. Watson. Everyone knew that Al Smith would be nominated except the Hoosier Democratic delegates, who lined up behind Evans Woodlen, an Indianapolis banker.

Indiana Republicans backed Hoover in 1932, the wrong time, while the Democrats flirted with the Al Smith faction which failed to stop Franklin D. Roosevelt. FDR later punished the Hoosiers by withholding federal patronage, again and again.

There was no excitement in 1936 when the Hoosier GOP delegates went for Gov. Alf Landon and the Democrats stood by FDR, then at the peak of his popularity.

### Willkie Deserted

Wendell Willkie, native Hoosier, was nominated in 1940 without the support of the Hoosier Republicans, who battled for Robert A. Taft. That year the Democrats went for Gov. Paul V. McNutt for president and later for vice-president. McNutt probably could have garnered the latter nomination but yielded to the White House and withdrew. Many observers believe he would have been President if he had not given up his vice-presidential bid.

Hoosier Republicans in 1944 stood by Taft again when Thomas E. Dewey won. It was again and again for the Democrats for FDR that year.

Four years later, Taft again lost to Dewey while Indiana Democrats stood behind Harry Truman. Hoosier Republicans were for Taft again until word was sent that Dewey would go for Rep. Charles A. Halleck for vice-president. But Dewey failed to deliver for Halleck.

Only two Hoosier Republican delegates voted for Dwight D.

Eisenhower in 1952. All of the others stuck with Taft again. Indiana Democrats, however, were with the party's victor, Adlai Stevenson.

The Hoosiers liked Ike in 1956, again because there was no other place to go. Sen. Estes Kefauver won in the Hoosier Democratic presidential primary, chiefly because he was unopposed. Stevenson again captured the title, but Kates was the bestest for vice-president.

This year? Who knows?

## Urges Reduction In Wheat Stockpile

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee said today that Congress must find a way to curb the growing government stockpile of surplus wheat.

But Ellender predicted that Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson's plan to abolish wheat production controls and reduce federal price supports for the crop would be turned down again because it is "too drastic."

Ellender added in an interview that a companion proposal from Benson and President Eisenhower to continue and expand the soil bank program "doesn't have a ghost of a chance."

The wheat surplus is generally regarded as the nation's most pressing farm problem. By mid-summer, stocks of wheat piled up in government control under the present price support - production control program will be up to nearly \$3,500,000,000.

Ellender said that if Congress fails to pass some legislation to curb the surplus "it may be that the whole farm program will suffer."

The Senate farm leader said the Congress cannot drop all controls over wheat production as Benson has proposed for fear of building even greater surpluses.

He said Benson's proposals for reducing wheat price supports from \$1.77 per bushel to about \$1.37 were "far too drastic to pass, particularly in an election year."

## Social Security Quiz Answers Many Queries

(Editor's Note) Do you have any questions about Social Security? We all do, don't we? Send any question you might have to Social Security Quiz, c/o Daily Democrat. You'll find your answer in this column, which is published regularly.)

1. Q—Would our social security checks be stopped if we go to Germany to visit for a year?

A—Social security checks can be mailed beneficiaries in most countries of the world except certain "Iron Curtain" countries. Some aliens are not eligible to receive social security while outside the U. S., and should check with their social security office if leaving the country. Social security checks can only be delivered on time if beneficiaries notify the social security administration of address changes promptly.

2. Q—I plan to move soon and find that some magazines to which I subscribe require three months notice to change my address. How early should I send notice to have address changed on my social security checks?

A—If your change of address card is received by the social security administration at the beginning of the month, the check issued on the 3rd of the following month will be delivered to the new address. Use the postal card given you at the time you filed your claim, or visit your social security office. Be sure to show your name, claim number, new address and sign the card.

3. Q—I just filed a claim with my local social security office for retirement benefits. After I start

drawing the monthly benefit checks, will they be paid in advance?

A—No. These checks are mailed out by the treasury department. A benefit for any month is generally mailed during the first week of the following month.

4. Q—My mother died last month. She was receiving social security benefits as a widow. Does social security provide a death payment in this type of case?

A—No lump-sum death payment can be made unless your mother had worked under social security and earned the required credits through her own employment.

5. Q—I am a teacher and over age 65. I am covered under social security and receive over \$4200 salary a year on a 12-month basis. I plan to continue teaching, but do not work at all during June, July, or August. If I file an application for social security benefits now, would I be entitled to any checks for the three summer months?

A—Yes; regardless of the amount you may earn in a calendar year, benefits will be payable to you for any month in which you do not earn more than \$100, nor render substantial services in self-employment.

6. Q—I am the stepfather of a ten-year old boy. Can he receive social security benefits on account of his own father's death last month?

A—Your stepchild can receive benefits based on his own father's wage record only if:

1. He was living with his

father, or  
2. His father was contributing to his support, or

3. He was not living with and receiving more than one-half his support from you.

7. Q—My employer, for whom I baby-sit two or three times a week, states she has not collected any employment taxes from me because she does not know the procedure for collecting, reporting, and remitting these taxes. How should she go about getting this information?

A—Your employer may write to her district director of internal revenue, asking for a federal employer identification number, report forms, and instructions. Or she may, if she wishes, ask the nearest social security office for a pamphlet entitled "Do You Have a Maid?" This pamphlet contains a printed request to the district director for the necessary material.

## Dunkirk Republican Misses Council Meet

Grant Fager, brother of Ray Fager of Decatur, and only Republican on the Dunkirk city council, was not present Thursday evening when the Democratic majority on the council elected Democrat C. Wayne Hobson mayor of Dunkirk.

The meeting was postponed 10 minutes, hoping that Fager would show up; however, the Republicans maintain that Richard A. Overmyer, who tied Hobson with 531 votes each in the regular election, is still mayor. The whole question is before the court in a recount squabble which will be heard by Wells county judge Homer J. Byrd.

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