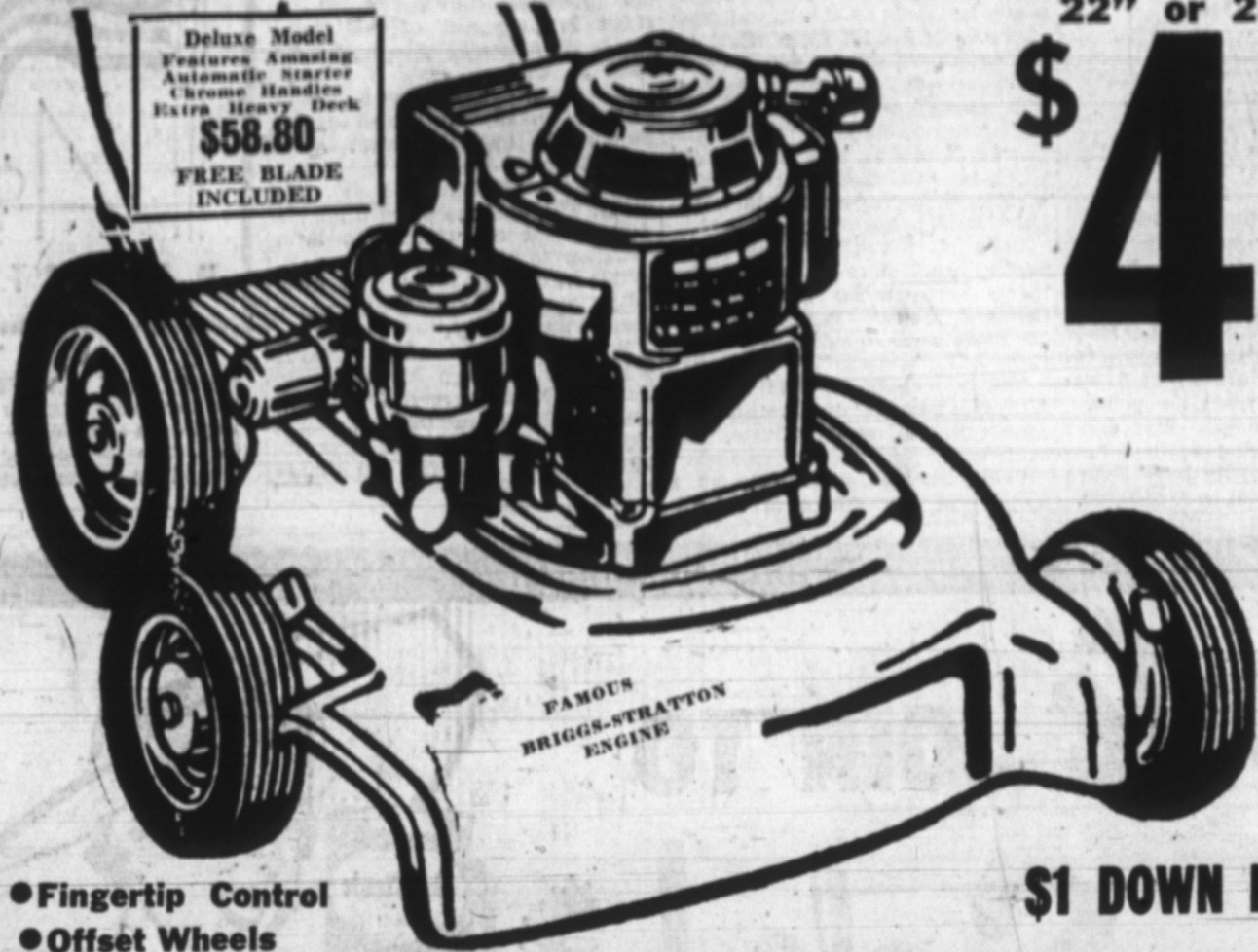


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**Bitter Fight Over Influence Peddling**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. P. Edward Hebert (D-La.) claimed White House acceptance today of his proposal to enact criminal penalties against influence peddling by retired military officers.

Hebert told reporters as the House prepared to launch debate on the issue that his proposed amendment had been pronounced "acceptable" to the Eisenhower administration.

The Hebert amendment, opposed by a powerful bloc in the House, would provide a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and a year in jail if an officer takes a job selling to the armed forces within two years after his retirement. It would apply to the contractor which hires him as well as to the officer.

A bitter floor fight was building up over the issue.

The battle pitted a band of rebellious rank-and-file members against the forces marshaled by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), the powerful chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

At issue was a bill approved by Vinson's committee to strike at influence peddling by ex-officers. It would make it unlawful for an officer to take a job selling to the armed forces within two years after the date he sheds his uniform.

A violator would forfeit his retired pay for two years after he committed the offense. And even though retired, he would face a court martial.

**Slipup In Speech Referred To Hoover**

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Backstairs at the White House: For a brief spell this week, it looked on paper like President Eisenhower had come out for former President Herbert Hoover as the 1960 GOP presidential nominee.

The way it happened was this: Last Monday night, Eisenhower was the featured speaker at the "Jumbo Jamboree" sponsored here by the Republican Women's National Conference. Advance copies of his speech were distributed at the White House during the late afternoon.

Reporters were amazed to read in one section of the speech that the President, after calling his party colleagues to greater battle this year, would have this to say: "In any event, we are setting our sights on obtaining a Republican House to work with my Republican predecessor."

Apparent Hoover Reference

Since Hoover was the last Republican to occupy the White House before the current administration, it seemed that Eisenhower could be referring only to his party's elder statesman.

Reporters, however, realized it had to be a mistake and dictated their speech stories with no particular attention to the one amazing sentence. Before much of the speech was public circulation, however, workers in the White House discovered the classic blunder and came streaming into the press room crying, "Make that word successor."

Thereupon arose a most interesting question: Who made the Freudian slip? No one seemed to know, but as far as it could be determined from outside the tight inner circle of the administration family, the mimeographed text was copied from a speech draft that had been approved personally by the chief executive.

And that wasn't all that happened in connection with the President's evening with the Republican ladies. When he and Mamie arrived at the affair which was held in a local ice palace called the Uline Arena, they had to wait a few minutes before time for their introduction and grand march into the hall.

Wait in Locker Room

So, they waited in a bare dressing room normally used by visiting hockey teams, prize fighters or other professional athletes. No overstuffed chairs or heavy carpets usually provided for the President. Just bare concrete floors and some metal lockers.

The President and Mamie accepted their good Republican box supper with great gusto from gaily-uniformed girl pages, but in truth, the Eisenhowers must have eaten before leaving the White House. The first lady nibbled on a roll and passed up everything else. The President took one or two exploratory bites out of a cold chicken leg and then gave up to concentrate on the speakers and entertainers.

Mahalia Jackson, the famed Negro gospel singer, had her troubles, too. She tripped and fell down as she went on stage, but was helped quickly to her feet. Mahalia then proceeded to thrill the Eisenhowers with her wonderful voice that apparently suffered not at all from her stage tumble.

If at First, etc.

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—Joe Wheeler, from time to time, gets in minor altercations with the Sanford twins next door. The only trouble is he always comes out second best.

**The School Reporter**

PLEASANT MILLS HIGH  
By Jody Shest

The student body and faculty members wish to express their appreciation of Mrs. Helen Ehrsam, who died recently, for the work she accomplished over the past five years. Because of her loyalty and love for the school and students, we wish to dedicate this section in her honor. The following section has been active under her direction: chorus, choir, junior and senior band, boys' quartet, girls' quartet, girls' trio, vocal and instrumental ensembles. All of these plus the twirlers have been entered in various contests and have won high ratings. Mrs. Ehrsam was co-sponsor of the senior class and helped in Bible club work. Pleasant Mills will always be indebted to Mrs. Ehrsam for her musical accomplishments.

—P.M.H.S.—

Last Saturday, the Pleasant Mills choir received an excellent rating at the district contest at Fairmont. Congratulations, choir.

—P.M.H.S.—

Pre-school roundup was held Tuesday morning for pre-school children. Each child received an Easter basket made by Mrs. Michael's first and second grade pupils.

—P.M.H.S.—

The beary-eyed juniors returned to classes Thursday morning after spending their class trip in Washington, D.C., for the past few days. Welcome back, juniors!

—P.M.H.S.—

Pleasant Mills school wants to thank the P.T.A. president and its members for the nice mixer they bought and donated to the kitchen at Pleasant Mills. Look, kids! no more lumps in the potatoes!

—P.M.H.S.—

Six-week exams will be given at the end of this week to the students in grades 7-12.

—P.M.H.S.—

The first track meet is scheduled for Friday at Pleasant Mills. The following schools will be competing: Harlan, Hartford, Bryant, Adams Central and Pleasant Mills.

—P.M.H.S.—

The Dramatics class play will be given Tuesday, April 12, at 7:45 p.m. in the high school gym. Tickets may be purchased from the members of the sophomore and junior classes or at the door for 50 cents. No reserved seats.

—P.M.H.S.—

ADAMS CENTRAL HIGH  
By Sandy Strickler  
and Rosemary Schlickman

The Adams Central choir presented a concert at the Monroe Methodist church Sunday night. The songs presented by the choir were: "Life is a Symphony," "Churbin Song," "God So Loved the World," "I'll Walk With God," "I Believe," "Song of the Soul Set Free," "Let us Break Bread Together," "Rock My Soul," "Bless This House," "Born to be Free," and "Ride the Chariot." The musical groups of Central that also sang were: the freshman girls' trio who sang "His Love Sent Him to

the Cross", the girls' ensemble who sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked", the girls' quartet who sang "O! Ark's A-Mover-In", and the senior girls' trio who sang "The Lord is My Shepherd".

—A.C.H.S.—

Saturday, April 2, the old and new Sunshine officers journeyed to Crown Point, for the state Sunshine convention. An enjoyable time was had by the eight girls and their chaperones, Mrs. Glen Stucky, the sponsor, and Mrs. Mishler.

—A.C.H.S.—

A chapel service was held Wednesday morning, in the school's gym. The guest speaker was the Rev. Reginald Alford, pastor of the Liberty Center Methodist church. The junior high choir presented the music for the service.

—A.C.H.S.—

Something new? Yes, this year at old A.C. they're having boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Each team consists of three boys and three girls with all the players being from one grade. There are 16 teams entered in the contest. The games will be played with boys' rules and will start April 11.

—A.C.H.S.—

After school Wednesday, Central held its first track meet of the season. Three teams competed—Adams Central, Geneva and Monmouth.

—A.C.H.S.—

The Art class left by train Wednesday morning, for a trip to Chicago. The Chicago field trip was sponsored by Hubert Feasel, the art instructor at Adams Central.

—A.C.H.S.—

A sophomore class party, sponsored by Lee Hoopingarner and Amzie Miller, will be held in the school gymnasium tonight. Recreation and refreshments are in store for the members of the sophomore class.

—A.C.H.S.—

The results of the math contest were announced as follows: comprehensive math, division B—Loren Habegger, second and Larry Foreman, third; comprehensive math, A—Don Germann, first and Regle Welch, second; algebra, Sylvia Miller, first and Steve Schlickman, fourth. The outcome of the geometry test taken by Ariene Johnson and Janice Ringger has not yet been announced.

—A.C.H.S.—

DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH  
By Pat Kints

Wednesday, March 29, the Junior and senior girls were privileged and pleased to hear four representatives from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. After the college curriculum and other facts had been explained to the girls, there was a "question and answer" period filled with intellectual as well as social questions about college in general. Included as one of St. Francis' representatives was Miss Suzanne Sutton, 1958 graduate of DCHS.

—D.C.H.S.—

Sunday afternoon found many students stretching their vocal

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