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Report Light State Voting

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Ideal sunny weather failed to bring out a substantial early vote in Indiana's primary elections today.

From all parts of the state came word that the voters failed to throng the polls, despite nearly cloudless skies and fast-rising temperatures.

The light vote of the morning led Democratic leaders to predict that the margin of Sen. John F. Kennedy over Vice-President Richard M. Nixon in the presidential balloting will exceed the 75,000 total foreseen by Secretary of State John R. Walsh, a Democrat.

There were indications, however, that the vote total will rise in the afternoon after workers leave the factories and farmers quit the fields.

Factory managers in South Bend will dismiss their employees at 3 p.m. to vote. Balloting was scant there in the morning hours.

Similar reports came from such widely scattered regions as Evansville, Terre Haute, New Albany, Indianapolis and a number of rural counties.

In contrast to Walsh's prediction, Sen. Marshall Kizer, Plymouth, Kennedy's co-manager in Indiana, has predicted that Nixon will win by from 25,000 to 50,000 votes over the Massachusetts senator.

Parker Cautious

Gov. Crawford F. Parker, leading candidate for the Republican gubernatorial title, has estimated the Kennedy margin at the same total as Kizer predicted a Nixon win.

However, Governor Handley, a pioneer Nixon man, made the following non-committal forecast:

"We expect Dick Nixon to make a good showing. But, regardless of his total vote, he will have the entire Hoosier delegation to the Republican national convention just as he will be the overwhelming choice of all voters next November."

The situation is far different for Senator Kennedy. If the heavy Democratic vote expected because of factional fighting in all counties does not materialize in favor of Kennedy, his fate will be

Officers Nominated For Decatur Lions

Officers were nominated for the coming year Monday night by the Decatur Lions club, which then toured the new Decatur Industries building and the older Adams plant.

Officers nominated for the coming year are: president, Dr. Joe Morris; first vice president, J. Clark Mayclin; second vice president, Norman Steury; third vice president, Dick Mies; treasurer, Harry Knapp; secretary, Ed Highland; tail-twisters, Jim Beery and Dick Sullivan; Lion tamer, Gordon Hooper and Jay Markley; board members (four to be elected), Hugh Andrews, Bill McColl, Harry Schwartz, Frank Lybarger, Russell Owens, and Noah Steury.

The report was made by Ron Parrish, chairman of the nominating committee, which included Herman Krueckberg, Thurman Drew, Dick Mies, Bill McColl, and Roger Gentis.

Ghosts of Club

Kenneth Erhart, of the Krick-Tyndall factory, and Allen Michael, of Central Soya company, were introduced as new members. Beet Wilson, of Chicago, Ill., was a guest of Dick Mies; Roy Kaehr, manager of the Decatur Industries, was a guest of Noah Steury.

Steury explained that there are now 135 employees working for Decatur Industries on two shifts. More than 200 different types of trophy bases alone are manufactured by the company.

Shown Plant

The Lions were shown the unloading dock at the railroad, where boards of walnut, mahogany, white ash, oak, cedar and other wood are unloaded. It takes approximately eight hours to unload a carload of lumber, which lasts about a week. Boards are cut to 12 foot lengths, and loaded on pallets, which allow large piles to be handled by mechanical equipment.

Knots are sawed from the boards, which are cut to standard length and thicknesses, and then glued together into board again. All types of mechanical automatic saws are used to cut the wood to shape, following molds designed by the Steurys. The business grew out of a garage project during the second World War when Noah Steury worked with Wayne Novelt.

After the tour of the new plant, the group went to the old plant, where the trophies are assembled.

District Librarians Meet Here Thursday

Approximately 100 members from district two of the librarians and library trustees association of Indiana will meet in Decatur Thursday, Miss Bertha C. Heller, Decatur librarian and hostess for the affair, said today.

Members will attend from 12 counties of northeastern Indiana—Adams, Allen, Wells, Huntington, Wabash, DeKalb, Steuben, LaGrange, Noble, Whitley, Kosciusko and Elkhart.

The group will meet first in the Decatur public library at 9 a.m. for registration, coffee hour and inspection of the remodeled building.

Kennedy Has Two Foes

Because both candidates have insignificant opposition in their respective primaries and are sure of winning them, the big interest was in whether Kennedy, a Catholic, could surpass Nixon, a Quaker, in this former stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Massachusetts senator has two rivals, both of scant political stature—Lar Daly, Chicago, America Firster who campaigns in an Uncle Sam suit, and John H. Latham, unknown retired construction worker of Rockville, Ind.

Nixon, who has the backing of Gov. Harold W. Handley and the Republican state organization, with recent fervor activity, has only one opponent, Frank Beckwith, Indianapolis Negro attorney, who has few acquaintances outside of Indianapolis.

Democratic leaders said that the weather favored Kennedy because sunny skies may keep GOP farmers too busy in the fields to go to the polls.

Walsh Says Kennedy

Indiana's highest ranking Democratic state official, Secretary of State John R. Walsh, a gubernatorial aspirant, predicted that Kennedy would beat Nixon by at least 75,000 votes.

Republican bigwigs were silent on vote predictions, although a formidable drive for Nixon was launched by them in the closing days of the campaign. Walsh charged that this activity included the tacking of Nixon posters on poles along Hoosier roads by State Highway Department workers.

Walsh maintained that similar would fall far short of the 1956 primary indorsement of President Eisenhower when the standing was 351,913 tales for the President and only 222,842 for Democratic Sen. Estes Kefauver.

There are indications that Kennedy has spired support among Indiana women, similar to that enjoyed by Ike in 1952, although this factor may be nullified by the religious question which led to the heckling of Kennedy in two Hoosier cities during his three invasions of this state.

Nixon Absent

Nixon has not appeared in Indiana for many months, in contrast to Kennedy's tours in nearly all parts of the state.

The voters today also nominated 22 candidates for Congress from among 57 aspirants, including all incumbents—eight Democrats and 23 Republicans. Five of the present members of the national House have no opponents.

The chief interest in congressional contests centers about whether 10th District Democratic Congressman, Randal (Front Porch) Harmon will be renominated. He has eight opponents who may split the opposition vote enough to give the nod to Harmon.

Hoosiers also chose candidates for both houses of the State Legislature from among 545 aspirants for the 100 House nominations and the 26 Senate nominations.

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Light Vote Reported In Decatur; Heavier Voting In South Part Of County



SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKERS.—The Rev. Layland Smith, left, and the Rev. George Failing, right, will be the principal speakers at the fifth Indiana Sunday school convention, to be held Thursday and Friday at Berne. Rev. Smith, of South Bend, is state president, and Rev. Failing is editor of the "Wesleyan Methodist" at Marion. More than 1,000 persons are expected to attend the convention, the first to be held at a small Indiana city. Others have been at South Bend, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis. Techniques of teaching Sunday school will be discussed. The meetings will start at 1:30 Thursday, and will run until about 10 p.m. each day. Sunday school workers of all denominations are invited to inspect the latest aides in teaching.

Speakers will include Miss Lois Folk, of Adams county, representing rural views; Wirt Fairman, librarian of Indiana Technical College, Fort Wayne; O. M. Ramsey, Fort Wayne electrical contractor and Patrick Murray, representing the senior citizens.

At 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Reid B. Erekson of Decatur will present "The Music Man."

At 3:30 p.m. the group will evaluate the meeting, and then adjourn following refreshments.

Smith Co-Chairman

Lowell Smith, of Decatur, is co-chairman with Murray of the district this year. Mrs. Evelyn Culp, Nappanee librarian, is secretary-treasurer. Miss Eva F. Springer of Berne and Rachel Flier of Geneva are on the registration committee.

The welcome and hospitality committee includes Miss Heller, Mrs. Martha Heller, Miss Etta Mallone, Murray, and Carl E. Luginbill, of Berne.

An attractive 8-page booklet on the meeting has been mailed out to member libraries.

Monthly Reports On County Home, Roads

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Mobs shout "Murderers!"

The mobs in Montevideo picked not only the embassy offices but the ambassador's residence, shouting "murderers!" and "assassins!"

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