

## 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 throw 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 over 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 assembly plant.

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

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

**Guests 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 Plans**

The Lions were shown the unloading dock at the railroad, where boards of walnut, mahogany, white ash, oak, cedar and other woods 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 girds.

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 Novely.

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.

**Exhibits At Center**

At 10:15 p.m. they will go to the Community Center for the program and luncheon. Doubleday, Polk, E. M. Hale and Co., Collier Encyclopedia and Golden Books, and the Sturgis Library Products Co. will have exhibits at the center.

Patrick Murray, president of the association, will preside at the 10:15 meeting. Lowell J. Smith, chairman of the library board, will welcome the group.

Following the introductions, the business session will include the nomination and election of officers, reports from committees, announcements, and acceptance of invitations for the next meeting.

**Young Adults**

Mrs. Ralph McCaffery, of the young adults room, Fort Wayne-Alan county library, will speak on "young adult library needs." At 11:30 the group will discuss the topic, and adjourn at noon for a recess and the viewing of exhibits.

At 12:30 p.m. the luncheon will be held, with an invocation by Lowell J. Smith. Following dinner the groups will be introduced by county. A symposium on the strengthening and extension of present library services by various group representatives will take place at 1:30 p.m.

**Miss Folk On Panel**

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. Sprunger 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 Mallonee, Murray, and Carl E. Luginbill, of Berne.

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

## Monthly Reports On County Home, Roads

The monthly report from the county home, the county highway supervisor, and a letter from the gasoline distributor supplying the county with kerosene were made a matter of record by the county commissioners Monday.

County home superintendent Frank Kitson reported that 18 men and eight women are residents of the county home, the same as for the previous month. During the month seven of the residents of the home paid all or part of the cost of their residency. During the month the farm sold 16 hogs for \$570.14 and five sows for \$274.80.

William W. Wile, Jr., of the National Oil and Gas company of Bluffton, Phillips 66 dealers, wrote to the commissioners that price of kerosene purchased by the county by tank lots has been reduced 1 1/2 cents a gallon, effective April 26.

Lawrence Noll, county highway superintendent, reported that during the month of April the county highway trucks traveled 24,612 miles. A total of 3,111 miles of road was graded, and 5,458.12 tons of stone was hauled on the roads.

The men spent 908 hours patching blacktop, 180 hours cutting trees and brush, 561 hours hauling stone on roads, 523 hours on ditches, culverts, and catch basins, 31 hours repairing and maintaining bridges, 57 hours constructing new bridges, 25 hours constructing new road base, 776 hours grading, 183 hours of miscellaneous work, 31 hours of special roadway work, 118 hours servicing equipment, and 275 hours repairing equipment.

Equipment was in use for 2,305 hours. The report covered the period March 22 to April 22.

# 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.

## Annual Meeting Of Red Cross May 10

A special fund campaign award, plus other awards, will be made at the annual meeting of the Adams county Red Cross next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Youth and Community Center, Wilbur Petrie, president, announced this morning.

A special invitation to the meeting is directed to the county fund chairmen, township chairmen, and township and city workers. A fund campaign report will be made, and Miss Selma Bernstein, district director, will be on hand for the presentation of a special award to Adams county. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

## To Award First Aid Certificates To Class

Standard first aid certificates will be awarded Wednesday to 10 members of the first aid class conducted at Geneva recently by Roy Gilliom, of Berne, for the Adams county Red Cross.

The class will complete its lessons Wednesday night. Any person interested in first aid class should contact Darrel S. Brown or Harold Schlaghauf. Classes will be arranged at a later date.

Those completing the course are: Nolan D. Koons, Ivan L. Nevil, Gerald E. Buckley, Mrs. Lavan Muth, Mrs. Darrol Smitley, Mrs. Steve Armstrong, Mrs. Logan Baumgartner, Russell Hirsch, Mrs. Luella Everhart, and Mrs. Helen Buckingham.

## Foreign Protests Over Chessman

**United Press International**

United States embassies were mobbed, picketed or badgered with false threats and United States law was assailed as "cruel" and "inhuman" in a wave of foreign criticism of the execution of Caryl Chessman.

The death of the sex-kidnaper was headline news around the world, largely as a result of the wide circulation of books he wrote in the death house.

In Rome, a French-born American named John Laurent said he and his wife were giving up their U.S. citizenship in protest against the execution.

In Copenhagen, a telephone tipster told a newspaper a bomb had been planted in the U.S. embassy. The building was searched, but no bomb was found.

The Swedish tabloid Expressen, Scandinavia's biggest newspaper, called the execution "legalized murder by the state of California."

England's Manchester Guardian called the execution an "outrage," and former Appeals Judge Lord Birkett said it seemed "rather cruel" to take Chessman's life after so long a time.

Protests were inspired in some measure by opposition to capital punishment, but for the most part what horrified foreigners was the judicial delay that kept Chessman in the shadow of death for 12 years.

A stone-throwing mob broke several windows in the U.S. Embassy Library in Lisbon, Portugal Monday. Mobs besieged other embassies at points as far separated as Stockholm, Sweden, and Montevideo, Uruguay.

**Mob Shout 'Murderers'**

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

(Chessman's final stay of execution was the result of a State Department report to California's Gov. Edmund Brown that Uruguayan opposition to the execution might erupt into anti-American riots if the kidnaper were killed before the President visited that country.)

In Milan, an enraged Italian telephoned the UPI bureau to belittle:

"Shame on the United States! I will spit in the face of the next American tourist I meet in the streets! Barbarians!"

No official comment was forthcoming from free-world governments, but the execution was widely criticized by private citizens. Only a handful of persons recalled the shocking nature of his crimes.

**'Crimes Were Hideous'**

Among these was London newspaper columnist John Jelley, who said Chessman died "for the horrible obsessions of his infancy."

"Let us brush the sentimental dust aside," Jelley said in his Daily Mail column. "His crimes were hideous."

London's Laborite Daily Herald said Monday was a "day of shame," and the Conservative Daily Telegraph commented that Chessman had been treated like a "human yo-yo...there must be in the hearts of most honest-to-goodness Americans a great shame over the execution."

A Finnish prosecutor called the execution "completely inhuman," and a Swiss attorney said it was "unworthy of a constitutional state."

French novelist-biographer Andre Maurois said the execution was "very unfortunate" because there was some question about Chessman's guilt, and in any case he "was not the man he was 12 years ago."

Most of Decatur's precincts registered a lighter vote at 1 p.m. today than in the special city election a week ago, which saw a less than 55% turnout, a check of the polls showed today.

Voting was reported heavier in the southern Adams county precincts, especially in Geneva, where 25% of the voters in one precinct had voted by 9 a.m.

In Decatur the vote, with last week's figure in parentheses, was, between 12:30 and 1 p.m.: 1-A, quonset, 119 (112) of 443; 1-B, cannery, 70 (68) of 357; 1-C, jail, 94 (89) of 344; 1-D, Kaehr building, 109 (108) of 427; 2-A, court house, 165 (200) of 537; 2-B, fire station, 108 (100) of 314; 2-C, Worthman field, 55 (64) of 294; 2-A, Runyon home, 140 (134) of 496; 3-B, Case home, 110 (94) of 430; 3-C, Sheets garage, 60 (70) of 297; Decatur - Root, Decatur Equipment, 86 (70) of 397.

A delegates and two precinct races in Geneva may be responsible for the heavy vote there. The early vote in Berne indicated a strong Democratic vote, despite the fact that Berne in recent elections has carried strongly Republican.

Election results should be available precinct by precinct, as they are reported, starting about 8 p.m. Two ballots, with a number of candidates on each, must be counted.

Those wishing results should call 2-3171; if the line is busy, call back. Do not attempt to call other numbers, as that will block the lines reporting in with the returns, members of the newspaper staff cautioned. More than 3,500 calls were recorded during the power election last week on the Citizens Telephone company-Decatur Daily Democrat news recorder.

## Indiana-Michigan Petitions Purchase

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The Indiana Public Service Commission was petitioned by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Monday for permission to buy the electric system operated by the City of Decatur.

Indiana & Michigan said it would pay Decatur \$2,099,100 for the system, which serves 4,000 customers in and near the city. The Decatur City Council approved the sale price late last year.

The utility said it would put into effect "the same respective schedule of rates the petitioner now has in effect for similar classified service throughout its Indiana territory and...placing in effect of such service will result in over-all net savings to the customers an amount estimated at \$85,000 a year."

## Eisenhower Visits Huge Army Center

COLUMBUS, Ga. (UPI)—President Eisenhower arrived at the Army's huge infantry training center at Ft. Benning today for a first-hand briefing on the role of the riflemen in atomic war.

The President's jet plane also carried Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates, Jr.

The President planned to spend about six hours watching what the Army called "the most impressive military display and demonstration ever conducted in the Southeast."

Army Secretary Wilber Brucker, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer and 630 top civilian and military leaders from all over the free world are attending the Army's "Project Man" demonstration which began Monday.

Eisenhower will see only a part of the three-day display of "modern army needs" which is designed to show manufacturers, scientists, engineers and military leaders how complex the infantry has become in the atomic age.

## Asks Congress Approve Plans

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today called upon Congress to avoid "electioneering" and give swift approval to his foreign aid program, new farm legislation, gas tax and postal rate increases and other priority matters.

The chief executive said in a special message that amounted to a mid-session State of the Union report that the administration's new proposal on health care for the aged will be sent to Congress this week.

He urged Congress to exercise restraint and prudence in examining programs designed to provide benefits for large groups of Americans or sections of the country.

Noting that there are only about two months left in this session of Congress, the President said:

"We should jointly resolve that the shortness of time and political rivalries will not be allowed to prevent us from serving the American people effectively."

**Discusses Health Care**

"Matters are still pending that are vital to the health of our economy and to the nation's security and world peace. None of us can afford to electioneer at the expense of these."

In his two-paragraph remarks on health care, the President said the administration program will take advantage of and support progress made by private plans and "enable older people truly in need of help to meet the calamity of catastrophic illness."

He said it would recognize traditional federal-state relations in such benefit programs and be far superior to what he termed "compulsory schemes which over a period of years would blight America's unexcelled medical standards."

The President has vigorously opposed Democratic proposals for compulsory medical insurance as part of the social security program.

Eisenhower stressed these items in his message:

**Foreign aid:** He asked Congress to approve the full four billion dollars he is seeking for this program and not by-pass mutual security in favor of domestic projects backed by special interests.

**Farm Legislation:** The President recommended that Congress act now to face up to difficult problems faced by farmers and ease federal controls in this area but

he gave no specific solutions. He also urged a four-year extension of the sugar act with authority for the President to adjust quotas.

**Minimum Wage:** He backed extension of the federal floor under wages to about three million more workers and supported a moderate increase in the dollar-an-hour minimum. But he urged rejection of an "excessive" increase.

**Judgeships:** He asked Congress to create 40 new federal judgeships to handle a greatly increased caseload and reduce delay in federal courts.

**Interest Ceiling:** He reiterated a former plea that Congress lift the statutory interest rate ceiling of 4 1/4 per cent on long-term government bonds.

**Gas Tax:** The chief executive again recommended a 1/4-cent-a-gallon boost in the gasoline tax to keep the highway program on schedule and supported an additional aviation fuel tax, extension of some excise taxes and an increase in postal rates. He wants to raise first class mail rates from 4 to 5 cent and increase air mail from 7 to 8 cents.

**Area Redevelopment:** This type of legislation needs "priority attention," the President said, but must not be a simply federal subsidy for distressed areas in lieu of aid to create new sources of jobs.

**School Construction:** He opposed Democratic-backed bills which he said would basically conflict with his standards for providing federal assistance only to meet genuine need and not infringe on state and local responsibilities. He again recommended Congress approve the administration plan to help state and local governments finance school construction.

## INDIANA WEATHER

Fair this afternoon and tonight, a little warmer south. Wednesday fair south, partly cloudy north with chance of scattered thundershowers northwest in afternoon or evening. Low tonight 43-50, high Wednesday in 70s. Sunday 7:40 p.m., sunrise Wednesday 5:43 a.m., sunset Thursday 7:40 p.m., showers and a little cooler north, partly cloudy with no important temperature changes south. Low Wednesday night 48 to 53, high Thursday 65 to 75.

## Radio, TV Silent In Conelrad Test

WASHINGTON (UPI)—All radio and TV programs will go off the air and key government officials will leave the capital for secret hideaways today in a nationwide test of civil defense preparations.

Warning signals opening "Operation Alert 1960" will sound at 2 p.m. e.d.t. Federal officials left it up to each city to determine how they would participate in the test. The exercise continues until 4 p.m. e.d.t. Thursday.

At least one protest was planned on grounds that civil defense is "futile and misleading" and the only real defense in the nuclear age is peace.

**Conelrad Takes Over**

All regular radio and television programs will go off the air from 2 to 2:30 p.m. e.d.t. as part of the seventh annual test. The airwaves will be taken over by Conelrad, the radio system over which instructions would be broadcast in a national emergency.

President Eisenhower, Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates, Jr. and Civil and Defense Mobilization Director Leo A. Hoegh arranged to make recorded speeches over the special Conelrad frequencies, 640 and 1240 kilocycles.

One of the most elaborate local tests was planned in New York City.

When the three-minute take-over siren sounds at 2:15 p.m. e.d.t., plans called for persons to clear the streets in the nation's largest city, thousands of office workers to seek shelter in their buildings and passengers to leave their busses for cover.

**Plan Sidewalk Strikes**

A group called the "civil defense protest committee" planned a sitdown strike in New York's City Hall Park. The group said mothers, children and others would not move to shelter unless ordered by police.

Some protesters promised not to move even under police order. They said they would subject themselves to arrest and a penalty of up to a year in prison and a \$500 fine under the state Emergency Defense Act.

In Washington, many federal agencies arranged to send teams of key officials to emergency hideaways outside the capital. The men would operate from these centers, up to 300 miles from Washington, in case of an enemy attack.

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