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## American Baptist

## Convention Opens

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (UPI)—The American Baptist Convention opens its 53rd annual meeting tonight faced with a decision on a controversial move to withdraw its 1,500,000-member denomination from the National Council of Churches.

The first Baptist Church of Wichita, Kans., has asked northern Baptists to withdraw from the National Council, the largest cooperative church body in America. The Kansas church delegation, which has the largest congre-

gation in the denomination with 4,300 members, requested the break because it feels the National Council is "too liberal."

The requests heads the list of items presented at pre-convention meetings Wednesday of the General Council, policy-making staff of the denomination.

The Wichita proposal was instituted in March, when the congregation voted to withhold financial support to the American Baptist Convention pending a decision at this meeting. A convention spokesman said several member churches were "interested" in the outcome of the issue.

None has openly taken a positive stand on the proposal, but denominational leaders have indicated that the convention will back a resolution to remain allied with the National Council of Churches.

The convention proper starts tonight in the Rochester Community War Memorial and will run through next Tuesday. More than 10,000 delegates and visitors were expected to hear the presidential address by the Rev. Dr. Herbert Gezork, who heads the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Ctr., Mass.

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U.S.A.-JAPAN CENTENNIAL—Four-cent stamp, commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the first treaty between Japan and the United States, was designed by Gyo Fugikawa, left, a New York artist of Japanese parentage. The stamp—120 million of them—will be printed in black and pink. Japanese ambassadors in 1860 ratified in Washington the first comprehensive treaty the country signed with a foreign power.

Rare Harmony  
In Ranks Of  
Indiana GOP

By EUGENE J. CADOU  
United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Republican state chairman Edwin W. Beaman is a doctor striving vigorously to cure an acute attack of boredom in party ranks these days.

It's a case of too much harmony, a rare affliction for Hoosier Republicans who in past years at this stage of the game have been embroiled in cut-throat combats of candidates and factions.

This is the first presidential election year in decades when there has not been a struggle either for the White House or the gubernatorial nomination of the Republicans.

To date, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is the only serious prospect among the Republicans for president and Lieut. Gov. Crawford F. Parker is walking alone on the path toward the GOP nomination for governor.

## Second Spot Battle

The only relief to the lethargy is a contest for lieutenant governor in which the participants are Alvin Cast, Kentland, Indiana Toll Road Commission member and former state chairman; State Sen. Richard Ristine, Crawfordsville; Robert Webb, Arcadia, chairman of the Public Service Commission, and former State Rep. Philip H. Willkie, Rushville, son of the late Wendell Willkie.

And there are strong indications that Willkie, who speaks many times a week on reform of the curriculum of public schools, may switch to the struggle for state superintendent of public instruction.

Beaman also is concerned because of the scarcity of bidders for other spots on the state ticket. In contrast, half a dozen prominent Democrats are battling for the presidential nomination and there are four announced Democratic aspirants for the job of bossing the Statehouse.

## Platform Conservative

With a group of conservatives running the Republican Platform Advisory Committee, headed by State Rep. Cable Ball, Lafayette, and State Sen. Wendell Martin, Indianapolis, there is little likelihood of fireworks over the convention platform. Public hearings on resolutions will begin June 7.

All party factions will be represented among the 10 delegates at-large to the GOP national convention, it was learned today.

There will be 32 delegates, 22 to be chosen at district meetings on the eve of the state convention June 24, and 10 at large to be named by the convention itself.

The slating of these delegates at large, however, is done by the state chairman.

The probable lineup is Governor Handley, delegation chairman; Sen. Homer E. Capehart; Rep. Charles A. Haleck, Rensselaer; Ralph F. Gates, former governor and present national committee; Lt. Gov. Crawford F. Parker; former Sen. William E. Jenner; Mrs. Ione Harrington, national committeewoman; Mrs. Martha Whitehead, state vice-chairman; George Stark, Indianapolis, state committee treasurer, and Beaman.

Local Firemen To  
Attend Convention

Eight Decatur firemen will travel to Clinton Friday for a volunteer firemen's convention. Representing Decatur will be Dick Girod, Gabby Colchin, Bob Gage and Russ Baumgartner, who will compose the water ball team.

Girod, Gage, Colchin, and Frances Jameson will be entered in the hose laying contest. Also making the trip will be Gene Moser and fire chief Cedric Fisher, who will "supervise."

Fort Wayne—When wet weather ends, sunshine and warm weather will create a need for blocking labor.

Indianapolis—Rain and cool weather caused seeded tomatoes to germinate unevenly. In some fields, weeds are better than the tomatoes.

Kokomo—Tomato setting is progressing rapidly. High school youths being used on transplanters.

Marion—Tomato crop is in the ground about the same time as last year, but cool weather is holding back seeded plants.

Muncie—Wet weather holding down farm work. High school youths used on tomato setters.

New Castle—Too wet to work in many areas.

Columbus—Wet weather bad for everything except cabbage.

Connersville—Light rains have not slowed planting to any great extent.

New Albany—Initial strawberry picking started May 25. Berry quality good. Rainfall increased prospects of good crop. No labor shortage.

Vincennes—Strawberry crop good. Labor adequate at present.

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## Runaway Brothers

## Die In Air Crash

POMONA, Calif. (UPI)—Two runaway brothers aged 13 and 14, were killed early today when a light plane they apparently stole crashed and burned in a school playground.

The single-engine plane, its engine going full-blaze, smashed into the ground at Emerson Junior High School in the heart of a thickly populated residential area in this Los Angeles suburb.

The victims were identified by their parents as Thomas McDonald, 12, and his brother, James, 14. Both boys had run away from their home Monday.

Both of the brothers were in love with flying, friends said. They had attempted to steal a plane several weeks ago but were caught, police said.

Found in the charred wreckage of the Tri-Pacer four-seat craft

was the body of the brothers' pet dog.

"Some people said the plane was on fire before it hit the ground," said policeman Joz De Moss. "It landed just between the school and about 100 yards from homes."

De Moss said the plane hit with such impact that its wings flattened out, the engine crumpled like an accordion and only the back part of the craft's fuselage and tail were left standing straight up.

Fire spread rapidly through the light plane. Spectators managed to pull the body of one of the brothers out of the flaming wreckage but were unable to get to the other body before the fire was put out.

"Both boys must have been dead even before the flames hit them," said De Moss. "One boy's wristwatch was stopped at 12:10, the time of the crash."

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Jailed For Driving  
Auto Into River

At approximately 2 p.m. Wednesday, a car driven by Merrill P. Yancy, 33, Coldwater, O., was driven into the Wabash river, about 1/4 of a mile east of Geneva. Yancy, who was under the influence, missed the bridge and drove down into the river, knocking down one telephone pole. Yancy, who is now in the Adams county jail, was arrested for public intoxication, drunken driving, and driving with an expired license.

Washing Machine Fire  
Brings Out Firemen

The fire department was called to a fire at the Vic Porter home on 324 Line street at 12:20 this afternoon. A motor in the washing machine caught on fire but it produced mostly smoke. The first volunteer fireman there was Vic Porter.

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