

Five States Hold Primary Votes Today

By United Press International
Voters in five states go to the polls today in primary elections to select nominees for Senate and House seats, governorships and various state offices.

The five states are Ohio, Florida, New Mexico, Indiana, and West Virginia. They will choose candidates for two governorships, two Senate seats and 34 House seats.

Familiar political names of the past are on the ballots in two states. In Florida former Sen. Claude Pepper is attempting a political comeback. He is running against three opponents for the Democratic nomination for one of the state's four new House seats.

Two sons of former senators opposed each other on the GOP ballot in Ohio. They are state Rep. Robert Taft Jr., son of the late Senate Republican leader, and state Sen. Thomas L. Fess, son of the late Sen. Simeon D. Fess. They seek the GOP nomination for a House seat at large.

DiSalle Runs Again
The Ohio primary also featured Democratic Gov. Michael V. DiSalle's fight for renomination against state Atty. Gen. Mark L. McElroy. DiSalle was favored to win.

If DiSalle gets his party's bid, he will face an even bigger challenge in the November elections from a former state auditor, James A. Rhodes, considered a certain winner in the GOP primary.

Ohio also is picking candidates for the Senate seat held by Sen. Frank J. Lausche, who is seeking renomination. Lausche appears to have the edge over Albert T. Ball, a former labor organizer. John Marshall Briley, a Toledo lawyer, was the favorite for the GOP nomination.

Florida's Sen. George A. Smathers, who defeated Pepper in the 1950 primary, is seeking the Democratic renomination against Robert L. Davis and Douglas R. Voorhees. Emerson Rupert of St. Petersburg is unopposed for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Seeks Fifth Term
Gov. Edwin L. Mechem is unopposed for renomination in New Mexico's Republican primary. Four Democrats are seeking the right to thwart Mechem's bid for a fifth term.

Indiana and West Virginia are selecting only congressional candidates. In Indiana all 11 incumbents—four Democrats and seven Republicans—were favored for renomination. Former Rep. Randall Harmon, who once made headlines by renting his front porch to the government for office space, is trying a comeback.

Reps. Ken Hechler and Elizabeth Kee, both Democrats, were the only congressional incumbents in West Virginia facing opposition in the primary.

Auto Is Damaged In Hit-Run Accident

A car owned by Russell Miller, 928 Schirmeyer street, suffered approximately \$200 damage when struck by a hit and run car at 8:15 p. m. Sunday.

The Miller car was parked on the west side of the street, in front of his home, facing south, and was struck in the rear by a southbound auto. The city police are investigating.

County Attendance Officer Reelected

Mrs. Mildred Foley, county attendance officer for the past 11 years, was reelected for a one-year term by the county board of education Saturday. Mrs. Foley was appointed attendance officer in February, 1951, and has served since that time. She is also city attendance officer in Decatur and Berne.

The county board of education is composed of the 12 township trustees. Mrs. Foley's office is on the second floor of the court house. A resident of Preble, she is the widow of the late Hansel O. Foley, who was county superintendent of schools.

News Conference By Kennedy Wednesday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy will hold a news conference at 4 p. m. (EDT) Wednesday. The White House said it would be available for live television and radio coverage if the networks desired.

Underground Nuclear Blast Fired Monday

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States set off a low-yield underground nuclear blast Monday at its Nevada test site. It was the 31st announced test since the underground series began last fall.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY poses on White House lawn for his part in the film, "Youth Physical Fitness—A Report to the Nation," available for showing to schools, community organizations and for local television stations.

Grandmother Of Local Lady Dies Sunday

Funeral services were held today at Spencer for Mrs. Eydia E. Carpenter, 91, who died Sunday at a nursing home in that city. Survivors include 28 grandchildren,

one of whom, Mrs. Dale Death, lives in Decatur, and 57 great-grandchildren, including Donald Dale of this city.

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Man Arrested For Assault, Battery

Ivan Harold Hurless, 24-year-old resident of route 1, Willshire, O., is being held in the Adams county jail on a charge of assault and battery filed against him by a Decatur resident.

Hurless was picked up shortly after Gary Coffee, 503 N. Fifth St., signed an affidavit against him in prosecutor Severin Schurgler's office at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Coffee had reported the incident to the city police department at 3:30 a. m. Monday, explaining that Hurless had attacked him when he left his car at home.

Coffee explained that Hurless was with Herman Lynn Dellinger and Robert Gase at the local drive-in theater Sunday night, and that they had asked Coffee and a friend with him, Tom Johnson, to split the expense on the purchase of an item.

Coffee and Johnson refused, and that was supposedly the end of the matter, until Coffee returned home at 1:30 a. m. When he parked his car, and got out, Hurless attacked him and beat him up.

Coffee's face was badly swollen on the left side, and his nose was also swollen.

Hurless is being held in jail on a \$50 bond, and is expected to be taken into Decatur city court Wednesday morning.

Quabache Park Is Open For Outings

Robert Lane, manager of Quabache state recreation area in Wells county, has reminded all residents of this area that the park is open for picnics, fishing and cook-outs. Still under the jurisdiction of the state conservation department, the area will be administered by the division of state parks beginning July 1.

Lane also announced that there is no toll gate at the park as yet. It was originally predicted that a gate might be erected sometime in May, but the latest announcement is that it may be as late as July 1 before the gate can be constructed.

The former Decatur man also stated that all of the boats at the park have been reconditioned, and are ready for use. The Quabache recreation area has facilities for large and small picnics, hiking, fishing and boating.

RAIL MERGER

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predicted that eventual operating savings would total \$75 million a year.

Prospects of consolidating six major eastern roads into three giant systems brightened last week when an ICC hearing examiner recommended approval of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a step toward merger.

The ICC is on record as favoring rail mergers when they deem them in the public interest. How-

ever, many industry observers feel that the Pennsy and the Central will not have an easy task convincing federal regulators they no longer are the awesome economic powers they once were.

Opposed By Labor

Labor has raised its voice against the merger. Rail unions have estimated that as many as 25,000 to 30,000 jobs could be lost. However, officials of both roads

counter by saying that if the merger falls through, they will have no choice but to continue to lay off workers until they reach the point of no return.

Monday, the Railway Labor Executives Association and five other parties were granted permission to intervene in the Pennsy-Central merger hearings before the ICC. No date has been set for these hearings.

Last week, hearings were completed on the proposed Norfolk and Western-Nickel Plate consolidation.

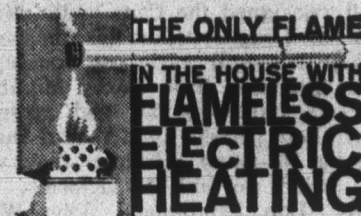
The Pennsy-Central merger would create a network with more than 20,000 miles of tracks and annual operating revenues of about \$1.6 billion. Its tracks would stretch from Washington to Boston on the East Coast and reach as far west as St. Louis and Chicago.

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