

Republicans Hold District Meetings

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Little change seems to be in prospect today as district Republican Party officials are elected in the biennial reorganization process and Lt. Gov. Richard Ristine still seems to be "the man to beat" in the gubernatorial contest.

Ristine backers were happy over the recent re-election of Ted Sendak in Lake County's 1st District and the anticipated re-election of Buena Chaney as 6th District chairman today.

Backers of one of Ristine's six opponents, Rep. William Bray, Martinsville, claimed gains with the re-election of H. Dale Brown as Marion County chairman who now has power to dictate the 11th District chairmanship.

Another of the seven aspirants, Robert Gates, said he saw no opposition to his re-election as 4th District chairman and wanted to "stay out of the organizational fighting."

The election of district chairmen and vice chairmen is the middle step in the reorganization which will end Thursday in the expected re-election of GOP state chairman Robert Stewart.

The Democrats will hold similar district elections Wednesday and finish up Saturday with the anticipated re-election of state chairman J. Manfred Core.

The district representatives selected by the GOP today will compose the central state committee and there is bound to be some change in the makeup.

In the 10th District, incumbent chairman Kenneth Marlin of Farmland faces opposition from New Castle attorney Jerry Hodson. Marlin won by only a single vote two years ago.

Hugh Gray, incumbent 7th District chairman, said he would be a candidate for re-election "if the district wants me," but he felt his victory or defeat would not affect the standing of his boss, Secretary of State Charles Hendricks.

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Edward Sprunger Is Alumni President

Edward Sprunger, of Berne, was elected president of the Monroe-Kirkland alumni association at the annual banquet Saturday evening in the Adams Central cafeteria.

Sprunger succeeds Fred Fosbaugh, retiring president. Floyd Roth, Monroe, was elected vice-president; Mrs. Irvin Liechty, Berne, is the secretary-treasurer.

A total of 198 meals were served by the Adams Central cafeteria staff. The classes of 1930 and 1934 were honored at the dinner. Harmonica music was furnished by two brothers from Chicago.

Marco Robles Adds To Lead In Panama

PANAMA CITY (UPI)—Government candidate Marco Robles, campaigning on a platform of political independence from the United States, today widened his lead over President Arnulfo Arias in Panama's tight presidential race.

With nearly 50 per cent of the ballots already tallied, Robles led Arias by a 15,000-to-15,000 margin—87,290 to 72,391. A third presidential candidate, Juan A. Galindo, who conceded defeat, polled 30,997 votes.

Robles' edge was notable in that Arias' principal voting strength, in the city, was included in the early returns. Robles was conceded to be strong in the interior.

It seemed certain, however, that Arias would challenge the election outcome and perhaps delay official proclamation of a winner. His followers stoutly maintained Arias was being "robbed" of certain triumph, but they quoted no election returns to support their allegations.

Nebraska and West Virginia hold presidential primaries today but the results in each state are a foregone conclusion.

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who was in Oregon campaigning hard for that state's Friday primary, was the only GOP presidential contender on the West Virginia ballot.

In Nebraska, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., was unopposed but made an 11th hour sortie into the state Monday to fend off write-in support for former Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

The only other primary-related activity was in Maryland where an appearance by segregationist Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama in racially tense Cambridge triggered a wild street demonstration.

National Guard troops used tear gas to quell about 200 brick-throwing Negroes.

Wallace vs. Brewster

Wallace was campaigning for Maryland's May 19 primary against favorite son candidate Sen. Daniel B. Brewster, D-Md., a stand-in for President Johnson.

Nebraska Republicans were

to choose six of their 16 GOP

National Convention delegates

today with the other 10 to be

selected later at the state party

convention. West Virginians were to vote for 14 delegates.

In neither state were the delegates bound by the outcome of the presidential preference balloting.

Goldwater backers in Nebraska predicted that their man would get five of the six delegates to be elected and all ten of those to be chosen later at the state party convention.

The last-minute write-in campaign for Nixon was sparked by Hastings, Neb., publisher Fred Seaton, who served as secretary of the interior during the Eisenhower administration.

Brings Good Response

Seaton said a letter campaign launched by Nixon backers after the 1960 Republican presidential nominee's "non-political" appearance at Omaha Thursday night, had brought an "absolutely fantastic" response.

The Rhode Island Republican state convention also was to be held today. Goldwater backers predicted that the Arizona senator would get four national convention delegates; four would go to Rockefeller, four to Lodge and two to Nixon.

Going into the primaries in West Virginia and Nebraska and the state convention in Rhode Island, the latest standings in the UPI count of delegates already selected showed Goldwater far ahead with 285;

Lodge with 44; Nixon with 8;

Rockefeller with 5 and Gov.

William W. Scranton with 61, all from his state of Pennsylvania.

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NIPSCO Requests Approval Of Sale

A joint petition requesting approval of the sale of the property of Central States Gas Company, Inc., at Delphi to Northern Indiana Public Service company was heard this morning by the public service commission of Indiana.

Dean H. Mitchell, NIPSCO chairman and president, said the two investor-owned utilities filed an agreement last month with the commission stating NIPSCO's offer to buy Central States' natural gas transmission and distribution facilities and operating rights for \$298,000 plus plant additions after January 1, 1963.

Central States Gas company, with headquarters in Delphi, serves customers in that town and surrounding rural areas from its 8-inch transmission line which connects with NIPSCO's transmission system at Logansport, about 18 miles to the northeast.

Almost 850 customers will be affected if the commission approves the sale. Carl D. Rees, NIPSCO's first vice president who represented the utility at the hearing, said that none of the customers involved would have their rates increased as a result of the sale. He said that NIPSCO plans to file its standard rate schedules and that present Central States customers would be offered a choice between NIPSCO's rates and the ones presently in effect, whichever is more beneficial to them.

Mitchell said that NIPSCO would provide jobs for all Central States employees who wish to continue their employment with Northern Indiana Public Service company.

Employees joining NIPSCO will receive all seniority rights and fringe benefits of the company, based on their service with Central States Gas company.

Customers of Central States would join the utility's Monticello district, headed by Morris Groverman Jr., NIPSCO's Southern division manager.

Included in the sale is an 8-inch transmission line, all service lines, regulating and metering facilities on both the transmission and distribution systems, transmission equipment, operating rights and certain materials and supplies.

Central States' transmission and distribution system would become part of NIPSCO's northwest gas system. No definite decision has been made on the continued operation of the Delphi commercial office.

Mitchell pointed out that Northern Indiana Public Service company had sold manufactured gas to utilities serving the residents of Delphi as far back as 1937 of natural gas since 1940.

"NIPSCO has more than a half billion dollars invested in plant and equipment to serve its customers," Mitchell said. "And adds to this amount annually as demands for gas and electric service continue to grow."

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Raise Approach To New Bridge On 101

The north approach of state highway 101 to the new bridge at Pleasant Mills will be raised and smoothed out for about 200 feet with gravel, and then blacktopped, in the near future, state representative Burl Johnson announced this noon, after a conference with state highway commission secretary Roy Whilton and district highway engineer Cal Webber, of Fort Wayne.

At present there is a low place in the road that is covered by water whenever it floods. This destroyed the value of the \$167,000 bridge, Johnson pointed out to the highway department. The department plans to take care of it this spring, so that it can be blacktopped this summer. When completed, the approach will gradually lower to the road level back by the Backhaus farm.

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LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT—Pictured above are two views taken at the Decatur high school gymnasium-auditorium Friday night at the local art exhibit. Shown at the exhibit were many interesting forms of art completed by high school art students, under the direction of Hubert Feasel, and exhibits of other local artists. An added feature this year was a display of the industrial arts department, directed by Amos Ketchum. — (Photos by Cole)

Hartford Alumni Banquet Saturday

Vandalism And Theft Reported To Sheriff

The sheriff's department is investigating a case of vandalism and a theft that were reported by Adams county residents.

Arlington and Elmer Ferguson, route 1, Monroe, reported that around 9:30 or 10 o'clock Friday evening, someone fired a shot that pierced both the screen door and glass of the inner door to the kitchen, located on the west side of the home.

Mrs. Elda Anspaugh, route 2, Geneva, reported that Sunday or Monday, an anvil was taken from an outside building at her residence. The anvil, valued at \$25 to \$30, was taken by forcing open a padlocked door to the outside building.

Previous to this date, the Air Force has been operating on a very limited basis, with few openings and some job categories closed since late last year. This has resulted in a waiting list, with a wait of three to four months in some cases. With the elimination of the waiting list, a man can now apply and leave immediately.

To qualify for these openings, the airman's qualification exam will be offered to interested men to be conducted in Decatur and Fort Wayne. Tests will be by appointment.

Men interested should contact Sgt. Crosby, at the selective service office, 130½ N. 2nd St. Decatur on Mondays or call 3-3604 for appointment between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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