

STATE PARTIES PUSH BIDS FOR 'SILENT VOTER'

Campaign Now at Crucial Stage, Say Observers of Indiana Fight.

The Indiana political campaign entered the "crucial" period today as campaigners attempt to nail down the votes to be cast Nov. 3.

With both parties claiming victory, political observers believe the Negro and "silent" vote will determine the election. Polls by Republicans and Democrats show a large section of voters who list themselves as "independents."

The parties are digging down into the precincts and wards now after the independent vote. Voters giving a definite political preference in the polls are not likely to change their minds unless a new issue arises, according to politicians.

Campaigners are scrambling after the big vote in Marion, Lake and Vanderburgh Counties.

The Negro vote in the large urban cities is estimated by politicians at 31,000. Marion County: 21,000, Vanderburgh: 17,000. Lake: 7000, St. Joseph, and 2000, Allen. This vote easily might decide the election, according to observers.

Negro Vote Important

While Marion County Democrats are predicting victory by a 20,000 majority, a swing toward the Republican party by the Negroes could upset Democratic forecasting. Democrats now claim a majority of the county Negro vote.

With the St. Joseph County political battle a three-way fight between the Democratic, Republicans and Farmer-Laborites, no one dares predict the vote there.

Although Jesse Owens, Olympic track star, campaigned in Indianapolis for Gov. Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee, the Democrats were unable to persuade Joe Louis, heavyweight boxer, to appear in behalf of President Roosevelt.

Louis is reported to have said he didn't want to get involved in the political campaign.

Another question mark in the campaign is the farm vote. Republicans believe that Gov. Landon's swing through the Hoosier farm areas last week materially strengthened Republican hopes in Indiana.

Wallace Speech

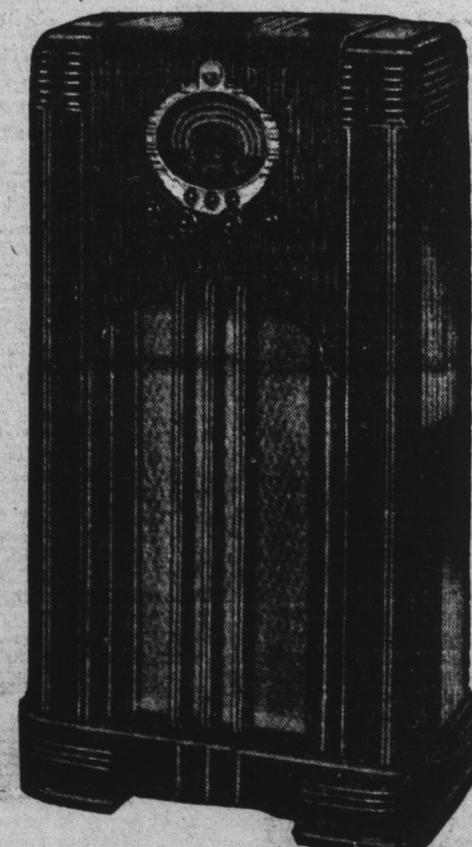
Democrats countered, however, by saying this may be offset by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace's address Oct. 26 in the Lafayette Armory. Representative farmers from every county are to attend.

Another factor involved in the farm vote is the personal popularity of Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend, Democratic nominee for Governor. As a former educational director of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Mr. Townsend has a large acquaintance in rural districts.

Some political observers report that the Democrats have gained farm votes in the southern part of the state and lost them in the northern sections. (By T. C.)

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PEOPLES OUTFITTING CO. WASHINGTON AT CAPITOL



Two officials who will take part in the state council of the Improved Order of Red Men, opening today in the Knights of Pythias Hall, are Edward C. Harding (left), Greenfield, Great Chief of Records, and Harry Elstain, Lapel, Great Sachem. More than 1500 members are expected for the sixty-seventh annual event.

Insurance Concern Agrees to Take Liquidation Steps

Benjamin Harrison Life Co. Agrees in Court to Voluntary Action.

Attorneys for the Benjamin Harrison Life Insurance Co. agreed to take steps toward voluntary liquidation of the company following a hearing on an injunction petition brought by the State Insurance Department in Circuit Court yesterday.

The petition, asking the company to show cause why the state department should not take possession of the firm's assets and liquidate them, was filed by Atty. Gen. Philip Lutz Jr. on Oct. 13.

The state department charged that the company's liabilities then amounted to \$2892 and that assets totaled \$340.

Perry B. Ward, executive vice president of the firm, testified that during the last week Fred S. Purcell, company president, donated cash to the company for payment of all liabilities.

All Claims Paid

"All claims against the company have been paid except two amounting to about \$600," which are in litigation or dispute," he testified.

After lengthy cross examination by Mr. Ward by Ralph Hanna and Alvin Johnson, assistants to the Attorney General, on operating methods of the company, Ralph Kane, company attorney, volunteered to confer on a liquidation plan.

Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox, before whom the hearing was held, asked attorneys for both sides to confer on a liquidation plan and reappear in court Friday for further disposition of the case.



STREET DEDICATION PROGRAM OUTLINED

Arrangements have been completed for formal opening of Pleasant Run-blvd from Meridian-st to the Bluff-rd. Thursday afternoon. Paul Rathert, Park Board member in charge, announced today.

Scheduled to speak are Mayor Kern, Jackiel W. Joseph, board president; Al Voigt, South Side Civic Club representative; the Rev. Peter Killion, of Holy Cross Cemetery, and the Rev. J. J. Brogger, of St. Joseph Cemetery.

Father Killion and Father Brogger have been instrumental in obtaining the city right of way through the South Side property, Mr. Rathert said.

VICTIM'S CONDITION FAIR

Richard Banks, 51, of 1113 Charles-st, was reported in a fair condition at City Hospital today with second degree burns received when kerosene he was using to kindle a stove fire exploded.

7 HOUSES AND 4 LOTS SOLD

Real estate deals totaling \$32,950, involving the sale of seven houses and four lots, were reported by members of the North Side Realtors, yesterday.

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LUNCHEON SET FOR SAFETY DAY EVENT FRIDAY

Lou Meyers, Col. Turner and Fred Key Listed as Speakers.

More than 2000 persons are to be asked to participate in Indianapolis Safety Day, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday, it was announced today.

Lou Meyers, three-time 500-mile race winner, Col. Roscoe Turner, air speed flier and Col. Fred Key, sustained flight champion, are to speak at a luncheon in the Indianapolis Athletic Club. They are to call attention to the high traffic death toll in Marion County, John A. Bruhn, in charge of arrangements, said.

Mayor Kern, who is to attend the luncheon, has proclaimed Friday "Safety Day." City and state safety committees and the Hoosier Motor Club have pledged co-operation. Business and industrial leaders have promised their help, Mr. Bruhn said.

No program has been advanced for immediate safety drives in the county, the chairman said, but the organization believes the one-day observance will focus public attention on the necessity for traffic law enforcement and safety measures.

The committee in charge of arrangements includes Merle H. Miller, chairman; Seymour Stewart, Henry Pierce, Russell Townsend Jr., Richard Oberherr, Mayburn Landgraf, Dan Young, John Geller and Robert Russell.

W. C. T. U. Meeting Scheduled
Mrs. C. W. Ackerman, Marion County W. C. T. U. president, is to speak on "Christian Citizenship" at the October meeting of Marion E. Ballew W. C. T. U. unit. The meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. C. W. Ellzroth, 1014 W. 33d-st., Friday afternoon.

EXCURSION

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TOWN HALL SPEAKER



the city on election day are eligible to vote the absentees ballot. County Clerk Glenn Ralston explained. Persons who are confined to their homes or in hospitals by illness can not vote under the new absentee ballot law, he said.

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