

1,500,000 VOTE HERE BY 1 P. M.; ALL EXTRA MACHINES USED

Leaders of Both Parties Confident; Long Lines Form Early.

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landslides after learning that Ward 21, Precinct 3 had exceeded its 1938 total vote long before noon.

The first call for paper ballots came from that precinct when 812 of the total 1300 registration had voted before noon. The voting capacity of the machine is 999. In 1938, the total vote in that precinct was only 717.

Election officials were prepared to send paper ballots to 72 other precincts where the number of registered voters exceeded the capacity of the machines.

The drizzle which was prevalent during much of last night stopped shortly before the polls opened at 6 a. m. Weatherman H. J. Armstrong said he did not expect any more rain today despite cloudy skies and descending temperatures.

3 Fights Reported

Only three minor fist fights marred the early voting hours. Election sheriffs reported the disturbances were of little consequence.

The usual jamming of machines slowed voting in some precincts. At 1304 N. Delaware St. a machine broke down five minutes after the polls opened and it was out of operation for one and a half hours. Many voters who had been standing in line for a half hour or more were forced to leave in order to get to work on time.

Lines Block Long

At other precincts where the lines were a block long dozens of voters were seen leaving before they got into the polls.

Several machines were jammed by the failure of voters to close the booth curtain level properly before pulling party levers. Mechanics had to be called in to untangle some of them.

Both Republican and Democratic headquarters started sending out fleets of hired automobiles before 8 a. m. to taxi voters to the polls. Any voter who called either headquarters for transportation got it with dispatch.

More Clerks Hired

The chief concern of all election workers appeared to be in handling the increasing lines of voters.

The Election Board, as early as 7 a. m., swore in additional clerks for some of the biggest precincts where the regular staff was unable to check the registrations fast enough to keep the line moving.

During the first three hours, about 110 voters who had been challenged at the polls, appeared at the Court House headquarters to get affidavits of their registration. Nearly all of them were found to be properly registered in the master files but through errors had been omitted from the precinct books.

Election officials said that most of the errors were traced to the work of a former registration clerk who was discharged for inaccuracies several weeks ago.

200 Stand in Line

Shortly after the polls opened, more than 200 were standing in line at 732 N. New Jersey St., creating a hopeless jam. The situation was cleared an emergency and deputy election commissioners ordered another voting machine set up to run a double line of voters.

Straight ticket voting was evident during the first hour in Precinct 10, Ward 13, where about 100 passed through the polling place in less than an hour.

Watchers at several other precincts in Ward 13 also reported that there appeared to be little scratching because of the rapidity of the voting.

At many polling places, even on the far north side, voters were standing in lines for several minutes before the 6 a. m. opening time. Twenty persons were in line before the polls opened at 4211 Graceland Ave. and 50 were waiting at 2317 N. Capitol Ave.

80 in Half Hour

Eighty worked the machine in Precinct 12, Ward 10, at 811 N. Rural St. during the first half hour.

Straight voting prevailed in Precinct 2, Ward 9, where 18 passed through the machine booth in 10 minutes. Few of them could have scratched in that rate of voting.

All polling places in the city were guarded by policemen. They were acting under orders of Chief Michael F. Morrissey to "keep peace but play no politics." The officers were instructed to stay at least 50 feet away from the polling place.

Calls for deputy election commissioners started coming into the



Members of the precinct board at 28th and Meridian Sts. take the name and address of a voter. In the group at the table (left to right) are Ruth Hunter, Clarence Coffin and John Saxen.

Record Vote Due in State As 1,750,000 Troop to Polls

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Boonville, Crawfordsville, Liberty, Sullivan, Monticello, Petersburg, Warsaw, Brookville, Mt. Vernon, Logansport, Lafayette, Greencastle, Clinton, Columbus, Bedford, Winamac, New Castle and Bloomington. Only two towns, Corydon and Covington, reported the balloting was light.

In Ft. Wayne, approximately 15 per cent of the registered vote was cast in the first hour and a half and County Clerk Dorothy Gardner estimated the total Allen County vote would be 85,000.

Republicans were jubilant over the prospect of returning to power for the first time in eight years, and scoring a clean sweep of the state from President on down through every office on the ticket, with the native Hoosier Presidential candidate—Wendell L. Willkie—carrying the ball for the whole team.

Democrats pointed to a 243,000 margin returned for President Roosevelt in 1936 and were firmly convinced that a reversal of this total is impossible.

Forecasts today covered every range of opinion, and betting was reported to be extremely heavy here on both the state and national races, with much money in sight. Some partisans were taking wagers that Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schricker, the Democratic nominee for Governor, will win even though Willkie carries the state.

Bays, Bobbitt Confident. However, most observers believe that if the Republican Party can win the southern Indiana vote, a line running through the state east and west from Indianapolis with upwards of a 35,000 vote lead, it will win the election.

Lake County appears to be definitely Republican and it is a question of the size of the vote. This must be offset by large G. O. P. margins in the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Tenth Districts to balance the normally Democratic territory to the south. Marion County, with an eligible registration of 306,000 votes, will see an extremely close race in the opinion of most observers.

Fred Bays, State Democratic Chairman, asserted that his organization will return a "very substantial majority" for President Roosevelt and the entire ticket. Arch N. Bobbitt, State Republican Chairman, predicted a G. O. P. victory of such proportions that it will "make the nation sit up and take notice."

Schricker and his opponent, Glen R. Hillis, of Kokomo, both issued election eve statements expressing confidence in the outcome.

The polls in the state's 3898 precincts will be open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the latest vote in the state's history probably will be registered regardless of the weather. Both parties have taken cognizance

Court House headquarters early.

Deputies were sent out to 1953 Tallman St., where an election sheriff was reported to have had a black-jack and had tried to use it on some one.

More than 100 per cent of the registered voters in Precinct 10, Ward 9 had voted before 7 a. m. The total vote at that time was 115 and Republican clerks reported that 74 of them designated themselves as Republicans before entering the booth.

Two machines were being used in that precinct and the delayed voting indicated that many were scratching.

IT'S PEOPLE'S DAY TO DECIDE ON THIRD TERM

Largest Poll in History Is Seen; Weather Helps Bring Out Votes.

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toral votes—and still win with his backing of sure Solid South support. Mr. Willkie probably must take all the industrial states to win.

This angriest campaign in recent times ended shortly after midnight with Mr. Willkie's final appeal for support, broadcast from coast to coast.

President Roosevelt had just left the air. He had spoken from the quiet of his Hyde Park, N. Y., home.

No Fourth Term Is Pledge

From both came solemn promises to safeguard the nation's peace and pleas for national unity in a world aflame.

Mr. Roosevelt had pledged again that he would not seek a fourth term and in the last hour of the last day before the election he sat at home with his family and reminded the people that they are at peace, free to live their ordinary lives, to do and say and worship as they please.

"Tomorrow," he said, "of all days they will be free to choose their own leaders. In our polling places there are no storm troopers or secret police to look over our shoulders as we mark our ballots."

Hear First Returns

Mr. Willkie spoke during a midnight rally at the Ritz Theater here. "I cannot say anything to you," he said, "about how well I have done. But I can say this to you, that no man in history has ever felt a deeper sense of obligation to the cause he has led than I do at this time."

The nation seemed determined to cast more votes than ever before. Forty years ago the Presidential poll aggregated approximately 14,000,000 votes. Four years ago approximately 45,000,000 were tabulated.

Through the final hours of election eve the Presidential candidates campaigned, expressing confidence of victory and firing last minute salvos of protest against the misrepresentation of the opposition.

Hitting hard at what they believe to be the weak spot in Roosevelt defenses, Republican campaigners from coast to coast drummed the third term issue and the Democrats drummed right back. There never was such a hook-up of radio facilities for political purposes as in the final three hours.

Stage and Screen Join

The stage and screen, the arts and sciences contributed spokesmen to both sides. Bing Crosby spoke for the anti-Roosevelt forces in Hollywood. Walter Huston was at the ceremonies of those for a third term.

There were pickups here and in Washington with the hot hands of Count Basie and Benny Goodman beating out a Roosevelt tattoo from Carnegie Hall, New York.

This was the third term—third term. That was a Republican refrain. From Washington Senator James F. Byrnes (D., S. C.), made the Democratic answer.

"Far more fundamental than the custom of no third term," he told the radio audience, "is the custom that no man shall be elected President without previous experience in state or national public life. This custom is so deeply imbedded in our political institutions that prior to this time it has never been challenged."

Both Nominees Protest

Before the solemn moment of his final radio appeal as a Presidential candidate, Mr. Willkie sharply complained that his political opposition had "attacked me with a smear campaign designed to make you question my record and my motives."

Mr. Roosevelt was abreast of that with equally sharp objection to "misrepresentation" which he said Republicans had undertaken to persuade civil servants that legislation would be put forward to jeopardize their pension position.

FOR LINCOLN AND WILLIE

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—C. H. Payne, 94-year-old Civil War veteran, cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln, voted to-day for Wendell L. Willkie and predicted that the Republican nominee would be elected.

"I've been predicting elections as long as I have been voting," he said. "I'm wrong this time, but I will be my first time and my last prediction."

ROOSEVELT, 5 TO 3

HART'S LOCATION, N. H., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Second New Hampshire community to report election returns today, Hart's Location gave Roosevelt 5, Willkie 3.

In 1936 Hart's Location gave Roosevelt 11 and Alfred Landon 4.

WILLIE GETS 26 OF 40

PITTSBURGH, Kas., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—The first 40 votes counted from the Pittsburgh's two precincts today gave Wendell L. Willkie 26 votes and President Roosevelt 14.

ROOSEVELT 3, WILLIE 0

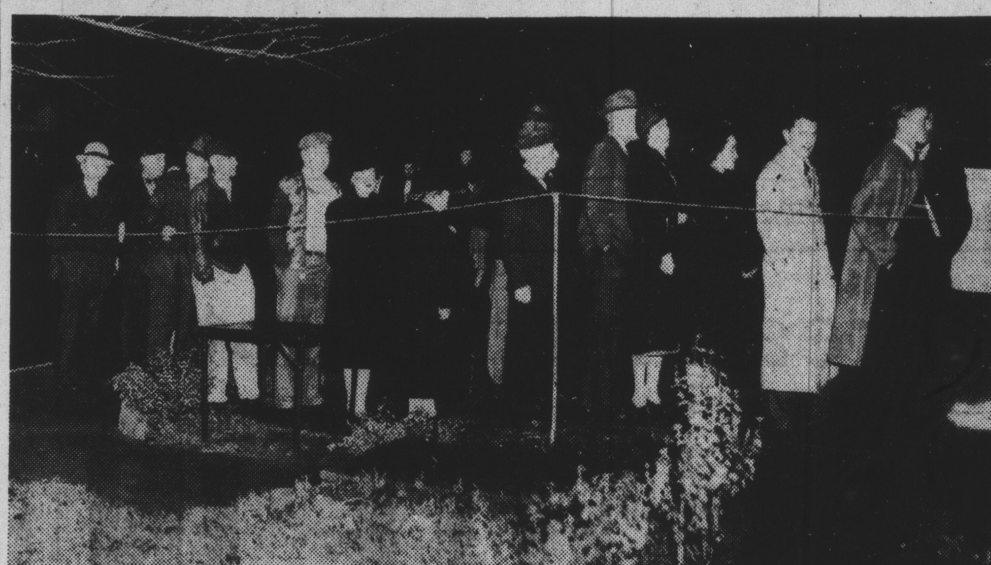
MARTIN STATION, Ala., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Martin Station, first Alabama community to report on the Willkie 3, Roosevelt 0, gave Roosevelt 3, Willkie 0.

Two of the remaining three votes in the community said they would not vote, and the third was not expected to cast a ballot.

ALL 24 FOR ROOSEVELT

HENDERSON, N. C., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Nubush precinct in Vance County cast its entire 24 votes for President Roosevelt today. The rural County town today gave Willkie 2, Roosevelt 10. In 1936, the vote was Landon 26, Roosevelt 15.

'Early Birds' Wait for Polls to Open



These "early birds" were lined up and rubbing sleep from their eyes at 6 a. m., ready to vote when the polls opened at 1818 Ruckle St.

ELECTION BOARD TEMPER'S RISE

G. O. P. Member Charges Attempt to Disfranchise N. Side Precinct.

By SAM TYNDALL

The voting was only four hours old today when words began to fly in the election's first partisan fight between members of the County Elections Board.

Election officials had been commenting, a moment before, on the harmony between party workers when Robert Smith, lone Republican board member, charged in an angry voice that the two Democratic members were "making a deliberate attempt to disfranchise Republican voters in a far North Side heavy Republican precinct."

The feud started yesterday but had remained quiescent until it flared anew today. Republican workers in Ward 21, Precinct 4, at 5555 N. Illinois St., with 1400 registered voters, had asked Mr. Smith to get the Board to provide an additional voting machine.

Not Enough Machines

County Clerk Charles R. Ettinger, board member, said there wouldn't be enough machines to furnish an additional one. Mr. Smith then asked that Australian paper ballots be sent out.

Mr. Ettinger answered, "Wait until tomorrow."

At 8 a. m. today, Republican workers from that precinct bearded Mr. Smith with phone calls, asking for paper ballots. They reported a line of voters outside the polling place one block long.

They said more than 300 persons were in the line and that they feared all in the precinct would not be able to vote before 6 p. m. on one machine.

450 Vote by 9:30 A. M.

By 9:30 a. m. about 450 had voted. Mr. Smith then repeated his plea for paper ballots to be sent there immediately.

"Let's call the inspector there," Mr. Ettinger said. "If he needs more, we'll send them."

They called Floyd J. Mattice, attorney and a Democrat, appointed by County Commissioners. Mr. Mattice reported, "We don't need any ballots yet."

Mr. Smith glowered, and said: "For the record, boys, I move that we send ballots to that precinct immediately. Mr. Chairman."

No Second to Motion

Finally Mr. Schlosser said: "The motion failed for want of a second." "So, that's your attitude," Mr. Smith said. "All I can say is, that it is the deliberate attempt to disfranchise those voters out there."

Mr. Ettinger replied: "I'll trust the inspector. He is an upstanding citizen. And furthermore, there haven't been any complaints."

"I've received calls all morning, Mr. Ettinger, and, also, while I am at it, I would like to say now that there was a deliberate attempt at juggling voting machine locations so that this precinct, the heaviest Republican in the county, could not get two machines."

He paused a moment and continued: "Well, if they need ballots out there, I'm going to get them to them."

County Clerk Ettinger said: "The ballots are in custody of the County Clerk."

Something's Dipsy-Doodle About That Voting Today

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tempted to instruct her as to how to operate the machine and pointed to a lever in the process.

"Young man," she said, "I know enough about it to know that you are not supposed to point."

The election worker gave up, and in two minutes, the elderly lady had somehow figured it out for herself, voted and left.

As Usual, a Fight

Good old Precinct 7 Ward 15 at 303 W. McCarty St. came through in record time to maintain its city-wide championship of never going through an election without a fist fight.

The fight—nothing serious—was over at 7:11 a. m., a draw and no negotiations for a return engagement.

At 4211 Graceland Ave., a private home, the family dog rounded the house at about a quarter to six and stopped short with a paw splayed when he saw about 20 voters waiting to enter the home and vote.

He gave two short blasts, looked quizzically again, and then retreated around the house.

And So It's Jammed

A Democratic election official at 709 E. Morris St., Ward 13, Precinct 5, called headquarters and got Robert Smith, Republican Election Commissioner.

"Key 11 B (for Paul E. Layman, Democratic candidate for Judge of the Appellate Court, second division) is jammed. What will I do?"

Mr. Smith talked very seriously, but ended up by saying he didn't know what to do. As he hung up he smiled and said:

"Key 11 B jammed, and what will he do? Why ask me? I'd say leave it jammed."

A Washington High School teacher, who had a premonition that voting places would be crowded, arose at 5:15 a. m. and went to the polls at 1130 Broadway.

She was right. By the time she and her husband had voted, she found that she would be tardy for school. She said she had often arrived late at the polls and earlier at school.

The Line Forms

At Denny and E. Washington Sts. there was a line of voters three-quarters of a block long at 6:30 a. m. and voting officials said they had been voting swiftly since the opening.

There were only two party workers on duty and they were spending their time standing on the curb, talking to each other—Republican and Democrat.

A Bride Votes

A bride and bridegroom returned yesterday from their honeymoon and remained in apartment on the East Side. The bride left her luggage at her mother's home, where she had lived before her marriage. When she showed up at her old precinct to vote, her vote was challenged on the grounds that she has a war residence. The matter went to the Elections Board. It was finally decided that if she would make an affidavit to the effect that she had intended to keep her old residence at her mother's home, she could vote.

She made an affidavit to that effect, although she remained over night in the new apartment, she actually

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST: Cloudy and colder tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy and colder.

Sunrise 6:19 Sunset 4:38

TEMPERATURE

Nov. 5, 1939

6 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 46

6:30 a. m. 29.91

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 1.5

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 23.72

Deficiency since Jan. 1 10.49

BAROMETER

6:30 a. m. 29.91

INDIANA—Cloudy and colder, occasional light showers in north portion tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy, colder in east portion.

ILLINOIS—Considerable cloudiness tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight, freezing temperature in northwest portion.

LOWER MICHIGAN—Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; occasional light showers in night; light rain or snow in north portion tonight; colder.

OHIO—Cloudy and much cooler, occasional rain in east and extreme north portions tonight; tomorrow mostly cloudy; colder; occasional light rain or snow in north portion tonight; colder in east and central portions.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Stations Clear Weather Bar. Temp.

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Bismarck, N. D. 30 30 30

Boston 30 30 30

Chicago 30 30 30

Cincinnati 30 30 30

Cleveland 30 30 30

Denver 30 30 30

Dodge City, Kan. 30 30 30

Kansas City, Mo. 30 30 30

Little Rock, Ark. 30 30 30

Los Angeles 30 30 30

Miami Fla. 30 30 30

Mobile, Ala. 30 30 30

Mo. St. Paul 30 30 30

Muskogee, Okla. 30 30 30

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Portland, Ore. 30 30 30

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Tampa, Fla. 30 30 30

Washington, D. C. 30 30 30

LOTS OF ACTION IN GOP OFFICE

Some Workers Stay on Job All Night; Bradford Is Confident.

By EARL HOFF

Suppressed excitement was the keynote today at the Republican County headquarters at Pennsylvania and New York Sts.

Party workers were busy as early as 5 a. m. The headquarters had remained open all night and some of the workers had no sleep.

A steady stream of voters wanting last-minute information, asking for transportation and seeking small favors, kept the workers busy.

There was no tapering off of the demand for campaign buttons.

A Very Busy Lady

A telephone operator started work at 7 a. m. and talked herself hoarse by 10 a. m.

The tempo picked up at the headquarters as the "10 o'clock reports" of voting from the precincts began rolling in.

Every phone in the headquarters rang continuously.

After the reports were all in, County Chairman James Bradford estimated there had been 110,000 votes cast by 11 a. m. in the county and "we're going to win by at least 18,000 votes." Mr. Bradford was a busy man at the headquarters, passing among tables, encouraging workers and talking to voters who came to seek information.

Bradford Confident

After Mr. Bradford's statement, party workers picked up his confidence. One of the busiest men at the headquarters was Rae Powell of the legal staff. He constantly answered telephone calls instructing precinct workers on legal matters.

Inactive at the headquarters were three sleepy eyed photographers who, armed with their "boxes," awaited calls to speed out to precincts and photograph alleged election frauds. They sat at headquarters all morning with only two calls to answer.

Activity and excitement at the headquarters tapered off at noon.

WISCONSIN IS CONFUSED

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Wisconsin went to the polls today in an election confused by Henry A. Wallace's cross-party endorsement of Senator Robert M. La Follette (Frog.) over the Democratic candidate.

INSURANCE

(except life)

Dependable coverage in all forms of general insurance—issued by some of America's best rated companies