

# 150,000 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 J. H. Arnington 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, lines 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 lever 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 bigger 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 County House headquarters to get affidavits on 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 declared an emergency and deputy election commissioners ordered another voting machine set up to run a double line of voters.

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 machines 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 the rate of voting.

All polling places in the city were guarded by policemen. They were acting under orders of Chief Michael P. 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



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

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Boonville, Crawfordsville, Liberty, of the "silent" vote with some apprehension.

At stake in addition to the 14 Indiana electoral college votes are: U. S. Senate seat; 12 congressional seats; every elective state office; one Supreme Court judgeship; two Appellate Court judgeships; and county offices in local elections.

## 1,000,000 Voted in '38

In the last election in 1938, the state cast 1,600,000 votes for U. S. Senator and intense interest in the campaign this year makes it certain that this figure will be topped easily. In the last election the G. O. P. pulled almost even with the Democrats in total vote, elected a Secretary of State and seven Congressmen, which leads them to believe that the trend in their direction started two years ago will continue.

Republicans were jubilant over the prospect of returning to power for the first time in eight years, and a clean sweep of the state from President on down through every office on the ticket, with the new 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 trend 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 even money in sight. Some partisans were taking wagers that Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schricker, the Democratic nominee for Governor, will even though Willkie carries the state.

## Bays, Bobbitt Confident

However, most observers believe that if the Republican Party can come from northern Indiana to 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 Democratic, 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.

Frederick Bays, State Democratic Chairman, said 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."

## G. O. P. Claims Farmers

The farm vote, friendly to the New Deal since 1932, is counted on by Republicans this year to swing into their column and offset the industrial vote in such centers as Lake, Marion, Vigo and Vanderburgh counties.

Another factor in this election is the state pride in a native son as a candidate for the White House since Mr. Willkie is the first Hoosier Presidential candidate. Mr. and Mrs. Willkie will vote in New York City, but her mother, Mrs. Phil Willkie, will vote in Rushville although she is handicapped by a broken arm. No particular festivities are planned in Elwood, Mr. Willkie's birthplace.

State issues have been confined to an attack by the Republicans on "waste and inefficiency" while the Democrats have defended their "progressive program."

Eighteen counties in the state will use voting machines, which should facilitate a rapid count.

## REPUBLICANS SEEK POWER IN CONGRESS

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William D. Byron (D.) in the Sixth District.

Republican leaders rate their chances for Senatorial gains best in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Washington, where they hope to unseat Senators Joseph F. Guffey (D. Pa.), Senator Sherman Minton (D. Ind.), Senator James M. Slattery (D. Ill.) and Robert M. LaFollette (Prog. Wis.). In Ohio and Washington, the incumbents; Democratic Senators Vic Donahay and Lewis B. Schwellenbach, are not candidates.

Senator Schwellenbach has been appointed to a Federal Court. Others besides Senator Donahay who are retiring are Frederick Hale (D. Me.) and Ernest W. Gilson (R. Vt.). Primaries eliminated Senators Henry F. Ashurst (D. Ariz.), William H. King (D. Utah), Rush Holt (D. W. Va.), Lynn J. Frazier (R. N. D.) and Edward R. Burke (D. Neb.).

James E. Anderson, 27, of 222 E. 82d, Dallas, Dorothie Flint, 20, Bridgeport, Ind., F. C. Crites, 22, of 734 Union, Helen R. Crites, 18, of 51 Williams, Ralph D. Mize, 26, R. R. 1, Action, Ind., Edward J. Merleth, 24, of 2435 E. 16th, Dorothie Hartling, 26, of 4915 Guiford, Gladys E. Anderson, 27, of 222 E. 82d, Madeline Gann, 19, of 2325 McPherson, Scott, 24, of 6081 Park; Ann E. Holman, 20, of 16 E. 16th, Lawrence McMichael, 24, R. R. 1, Box 165, Dorothie Hartling, 22, Beach Grove, 16th and 17th Streets, 2520 Draft, Mary Stuck, Jr. of 250 Cameron.

## BIRTHS

John S. Durbin, at Methodist. Clarence, Delma Franklin, at City, Catherine, Gertrude, at St. Vincent's. Girls. Herman, Less Schaefer, at Methodist. Robert, Mildred Schultz, at Methodist. James Hazel Miller, at Coleman, Kenneth, Ruth, Hansel, at St. Vincent's. Boys. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Board of Trade, noon. Indianapolis Real Estate Board, Property Managers' Division, Canary Cottage, noon. Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Delta Theta Tau, luncheon, Seville, noon. Robert, Anna Lewark, at City.

## 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 backlog 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 peace for national unity in world afame.

Mr. Roosevelt had pledged again that he would seek a fourth term and that the last four of the last term before the election he would be 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 had this crusade. But I can say this to you, that no man in history has ever felt a deeper sense of obligation to the people he has led than I do at this time."

The nation seemed determined to cast more votes this year 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 representation of the opposition.

Hitting hard at what they believe to be the weak spot in Roosevelt's defenses, Republican campaigners from coast to coast drummed the third term issue and the Democrats drummed right back. There was such a hook-up of radio facilities for political purposes as in the final three hours.

## 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 began to seek 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 any men, we'll send them."

They called Floyd J. Matice, attorney and a Democrat, appointed by County Commissioners. Mr. Matice 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."

Chalmers Schlosser, board chairman, and Mr. Ettinger remained calm.

## 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 dislodge those voters out there."

Mr. Ettinger replied:

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

"We 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 you."

County Clerk Ettinger said:

"The ballots are in custody of the County Clerk."

## Here Are the First Returns: Willkie, 2061; Roosevelt, 495

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closed at noon. Two of the town's nine registrants did not vote.

In 1936 the vote was Landon 4.

## 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 for President: Roosevelt 5, Willkie 3.

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

## WILLKIE GETS 2 OF 40

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

## ROOSEVELT 8, WILLKIE 9

MARTIN STATION, Ala., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Martin Station, first Alabama community to report on the Presidential vote, gave Roosevelt 8, Willkie 9. Two of the remaining three voters 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.)—Nutbush precinct in Vance County cast its entire 24 votes for President Roosevelt today. The rural County town today gave Willkie 32, Roosevelt 10. In 1936 the vote was Landon 26, Roosevelt 4.

## EINSTEIN VOTES

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 5 (U. P.)—Albert Einstein, world-famous physicist and mathematician, cast his first vote as an American citizen today. He recently became a citizen.

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## '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 Ruckel St.

## ELECTION BOARD