

Politics in Key States

PENNSYLVANIA OUTLOOK CLOSE

t's Possible That Soldier Votes May Decide the Issue There.

By KERMIT McFARLAND
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PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—The stakes for the election in Pennsylvania are so close that it easily could be settled on the battlefronts around the world.

The Gallup Poll estimates, as of day, that Pennsylvania voters and 52 per cent for President Roosevelt and 48 per cent for Governor Dewey.

Mr. Roosevelt carried the state four years ago by a plurality of 1,000 over Wendell Willkie. That was him a fraction more than 53 per cent.

Politicians on both sides believe the Gallup figures about sizeup of the election.

G. O. P. Sees Uphill Fight

Republicans are hoping against hope, but believe they have an uphill fight. However, Democrats are not so optimistic as they were this time in 1940.

If the Pennsylvania election is at close, it may be decided by voters in the armed forces.

Pennsylvania believes it has the most liberal soldier-voting law in the country. No soldier, sailor, or member of the Red Cross, merchant marine, WASP's, or Friends of the U. S. O. can ask for a ballot.

Election boards now are busy mailing a ballot to every member of these services qualified by age. The lists now numbers more than 3,000 and names still are pouring in.

In addition, the state has received more than 145,000 requests from the servicemen themselves; although there probably are many duplications involved.

Expect Most Back

Authorities expect to get back the overwhelming majority of these ballots come back, it is easy to see how the state's 35 electoral votes may hinge on them.

And if that happens, it will be on Nov. 1 or later before the final Pennsylvania result will be known.

The law says election officials may not begin counting soldier ballots until noon, Nov. 22, two weeks and a day after the election. They must count all military ballots received up to that time.

If, by chance, Pennsylvania's 35 electoral votes happen to decide the election—a real possibility—the whole country may be compelled to wait several weeks to learn the identity of the next President.

DELAY PRICE DECISION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—The office of price administration is postponed until Dec. 1 the effective date of manufacturers' maximum prices for fall and winter wear. OPA said the postponement would give more time for revision of the proposed price listings.

BRAZIL TO OUST P. A. A.
RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—The Brazilian aviation ministry announced that Pan American Airways' special license to carry passengers and air cargo between points inside Brazil will be terminated effective Jan. 1, 1945. Pan American has been operating in Brazil since 1934.

PIANO TEACHERS MEET
The Indiana Piano Teachers association will hold its first meeting at 10 a. m. Friday at the D. A. R. hall, with Mrs. Gladys Fowler, the new president, presiding. Mrs. Claire Turnan will bring greetings from the Indiana Federation of Music clubs.

Ration Calendar

MEAT—Red stamps A8 through A10 and B5, C5, D5, E5, F5 and 5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

SUGAR—Stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33 in Book 4 are good indefinitely for 5 pounds. Stamp 40 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds of canning sugar.

Applicants applying for canning sugar should send in one spare stamp 37, attached to the application for each applicant.

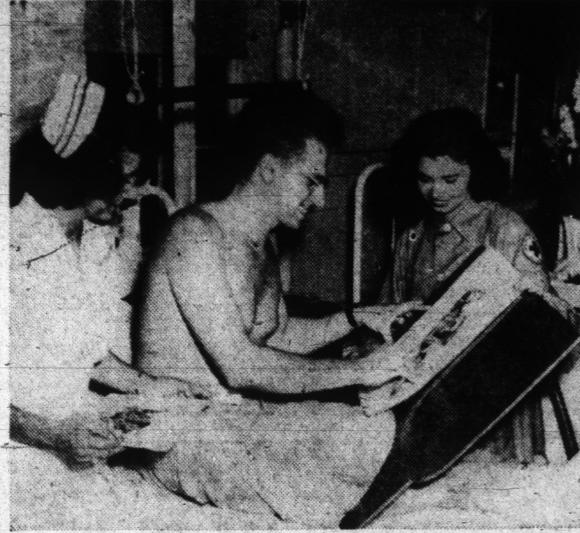
SHOES—No. 1 and No. 2 "air-line" stamps in Book 3 good indefinitely.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-12 is good for 3 gallons and expires Sept. 21. Stamps C3 and B4 and C4 good for 1 gallon; T (3d quarter) good for 1/2 gallon; E, E1 and E2 good for 1 gallon; R, R1 and R2 are good for 5 gallons but are not valid at filling stations. Consumer may exchange R for E at his local board if he wishes to purchase non-highway gasoline at filling station. A, B, C, D and T coupons are not valid until they have been indorsed in ink or pencil with automobile registration number and state. Motorists should write 1944 numbers on book and coupons.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons valid through Sept. 30. All change-making coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Fuel oil rations for 1944-45 heating season now being issued. Period 1 good immediately.

TIRES—Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months or every 5,000 miles. Inspection certificates on passenger automobiles will be a requisite in obtaining replacement tires. B card holders are now eligible for grade 1 tires if they can prove extreme necessity. All A card holders are eligible for grade 3 tires, including factory seconds, if they find tires which may be purchased.

Teaching Sick G. I.'s New Skills**OFFICES OPEN FOR G I CLAIMS****Unemployed Veterans to Receive Allowances After Sept. 10.**

Unemployed veterans of world war II may file claims for readjustment allowances under the "G. I." bill of rights at the Indiana Security office, 148 E. Market st., William C. Kelley, office manager announced today. The allowance goes into effect Sept. 10.

Part-time offices are maintained at Noblesville, Franklin, Shelbyville and Martinsville. Veterans in the vicinity of Danville, Lebanon, Knightstown and Greenfield may file claims through the Indianapolis office, Mr. Kelley said.

Allowance for a totally unemployed veteran is \$20 a week for a partially employed veteran whose earnings are less than \$20 a week, a partial allowance. Depending upon length of service, allowances may be received up to \$2 weeks.

Mr. Kelley stated that his division had been given the job of accepting claims inasmuch as it had been handling state unemployment compensation affairs for seven years and already had the machinery set up to handle such work.

He added that all veterans filing claims would be registered with U. S. employment service.

PLAN FALL PROGRAM

The ways and means committee of the Indianapolis Lions club members will hear Lt. Col. David D. Donohoo, senior chaplain at Billings hospital, at their noon luncheon Wednesday.

CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK

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Enrollment Set At Music School

Miss Ada Bickling, director of the Jordan Conservatory of Music, announced plans today for the registration of special and preparatory students beginning tomorrow.

Preliminary advisory conferences will continue through Saturday and upperclassmen registrants and pupils in evening courses will be recorded Sept. 11. Freshmen will enroll Sept. 12. Instruction will commence Sept. 13.

Miss Bickling also announced that Victor Kolar, former director of the Detroit Symphony orchestra, has joined the conservatory staff as head of the orchestral department.

NAZI UNIT GIVES UP TO NEUTRAL TURKS

By Times Foreign Service

CAIRO, Sept. 4.—A group of 194 German soldiers, headed by a major, stationed near the Greco-Turkish border, have surrendered to the Turks, it is revealed here.

The Germans' surrender appears to have been inspired by the way the war is going, by the activity of Greek partisans in the area and by mounting Bulgarian hostility in the area.

The German major sent a message across to the Turkish forces guarding the frontier, stating: "We will be glad to surrender to you if you will send transport." The Turks replied, "We have no transport, but will be glad to accept your surrender."

This mass surrender of German troops to the nonbelligerent Turks is the first of its kind in the Balkans, though conceivably not the last.

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COUNTY GAINS IN POPULATION**Number of Ration Books****Goes Over 500,000 For This Year.**

Population shifts in Marion county and throughout Indiana were reflected today in OPA figures based on the number of ration books issued.

Slightly over 500,000 ration books were issued in Marion county from October, 1943 to June, 1944, OPA announced. This was compared to the federal census of 1940, which reported 460,926 county residents.

Next greatest gain was in Vigo county, with a jump of over 23,000. Greatest loss was in Vigo county, where figures dipped more than 7,000. State figures showed a total issuance of 3,132,804, a drop of 17,971.

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WARTIME LIVING—**Price Increase Indicated In Pre-War Goods Revival**

By ANN STEVICK
NEA Staff Writer

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LOCAL BAR GROUP TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The first meeting of the fall season of the Indianapolis Bar association will be held at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday at the Columbia club.

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Pvt. John W. Heffelfinger of Cleveland, O., does a free hand sketch while Miss Frances Stake (left) occupational therapist, and Miss Townsend Eaglesfield look on.

Indianapolis residents skilled in arts and crafts are furnishing creative occupations for sick and wounded soldiers at Billings General hospital through the Red Cross.

An adjunct to occupational therapy, the program, which teaches the men manual skills, has met with the complete approval of Maj. Ivan Smith, chief of the hospital's reconditioning program.

David Rubins, instructor at John Herron Art school, is in charge of the wood-working shop, assisted by Harold Harding, John Harley, Clarence Hicks and W. J. Hendrichs.

Water color painting and sketching are under Mrs. Wendell Color, assisted by Jane E. Messick, Ferdinand Brumblay, Claire Williams, Marie H. Stewart and Marceline Brucker.

Mrs. Dorothy Alford supervises the classes in finger painting with the assistance of Mary Jane Alford, Jean Elizabeth Zickendroth and Betty Barone.

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