

Factions In Both Parties Square Off To Slug It Out May 6

Vote Seals The Rules On Election

By NOBLE REED

Before Indiana citizens get a chance to vote for President this year, they'll become embroiled in some of the hottest fights for control of political machinery seen here in 20 years.

The power of leadership in both Republican and Democratic Parties will be at stake in the May 6 primary balloting of every county in Indiana.

And the results of this vote will determine for the most part the handful of leaders who will pick your candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator and state offices at party conventions here next summer.

The Beginning

Behind-the-scenes battles toward the power that eventually will determine who can hand-pick candidates for Governor and Senator will start among the thousands of obscure contests for precinct committeemen—434 of 'em in Marion County.

Leaders who get the majority of these elected in the primary then will be in position to get their own men elected county chairmen four days later at county organization conventions, May 10.

A week later these county chairmen elect their members to the state party committees which in turn elect state party chairmen and control is sewed up for conventions to nominate candidates.

In Combination

Delegates to the state nominating conventions are elected in primary balloting of each county but they run as combination teams with precinct committeemen.

So, the clique that wins the majority of committeemen also will control the delegates.

Factional leaders in both Republican and Democratic Parties already are squaring off in violent struggles for control because the outcome in party leadership will determine their fate in the big presidential show—the power over hundreds of thousands of federal jobs under the next President.

That's the ultimate goal behind the bitter feuding going on now as far down the line as the precinct committeemen.

Vote for Control

So, when primary campaigns get under way here in March, voters will not be merely choosing candidates for county offices and the legislature.

They'll not be deciding simply who will run for Prosecutor, County Treasurer, etc., but will be giving party control to one clique of political leaders or another that will form the basis of Indiana's power for the next Washington administration.

Window dressing for these struggles for machine control here in Marion county will be contests in both parties for nominees for Prosecutor, County Treasurer, County Surveyor, County Coroner, two County Commissioners, posts, judge of Juvenile Court, and 17 seats in the legislature.

The lineup for the legislature from Marion County will be 11 members of the House of Representatives, one joint representative from Marion and Johnson Counties; four state senators from Marion County and one joint senator from Marion and Johnson counties.

How Many?

Republican voters will elect 296 delegates to the State nominating conventions and the Democrats will elect 215, the number based upon the total votes of each party in the 1950 election.

The 296 GOP delegates, hooked up with their machine bosses, will carry their power to the party's state convention July 3 when they'll nominate 17 candidates for the Republican state ticket.

They are: Senator, U. S. Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, two judges of the Indiana Appellate Court, one judge of Indiana Supreme Court and reporter for the Appellate and Supreme Courts.

Democratic delegates will nominate candidates for these offices at their convention June 10.

Then the Nation

Here's where the political machinery will be organized in both parties for the big presidential nominating conventions in Chicago in July.

Republican delegates to the state conventions will elect 32 delegates to the party's presidential convention and the Democratic convention will elect 26 delegates to the national convention to vote on a presidential nominee.

Thus, the political machine bosses who will have the biggest finger in the presidential pie will maneuver it all through power in the election of precinct committeemen and their convention delegate teammates.

Candidates Already Picked

Presidential campaigns of two minority political parties are much less complicated than those of the major parties.

The Greenback Party whose national headquarters is in Indianapolis already has nominated its candidate for President—Fred C. Proehl, of Seattle, Washington.

The party's nominee for vice president is Edward J. Bedell, 2535 S. Randolph St., and the national chairman is John Zahnd, 2315 E. Troy Ave., both of Indianapolis.

The National Prohibition Party held its convention here last November and nominated Stuart Hamblen, song writer and traveling evangelist, as its candidate for President.



WARING LIKED HER—Mary Alice Hensley heard from all her friends.

Future Pennsylvanian—

Pretty Hoosier Makes Big Hit With Waring

By EARL WILSON
The Times' Broadway Columnist

NEW YORK, Jan. 19—

Pretty Mary Alice Hensley, who's a Hoosier from Martinsville, is going to be a Pennsylvanian—with Fred Waring.

Mary made her TV debut on Fred's Sunday night coast-to-coast show. She was the first colleague to be presented on the "Varsity Showcase" feature which Waring has originated to give new talent a chance.

"I always knew I'd come to New York," she explained. "Last summer I talked with Mr. Waring and he told me to see him when I arrived here. Then in September I auditioned for him. At Christmas he called me in Martinsville to sing on 'Varsity Showcase'."

Mary shares a three-room apartment just off Central Park with another young singer.

"We've only been here since December," she said. "Before that we lived with two other girls and a piano in an apartment not much bigger than this."

"After the show," said the University of Indiana graduate, "I got telegrams from my mother, Walter Eskew, Pauline Kennedy, Mrs. Dewey Ayres and Eugene Barnard. And the whole choir at the Christian Church sent one."

"It made me so happy," said Mary.

MARY, who was graduated from Martinsville High in 1946, will continue secretarial work and professional church singing here until she joins the Pennsylvanians.

Could be.

This Is Something Different—

Carlsen's Home Town Throws Kisses at Him

By UNITED PRESS
WOODBRIDGE, N. J., Jan. 19

This proud little home town of Capt. Henrik Kurt Carlsen, Elderly women standing on front porches of rambling old homes threw him kisses. One had tears in her eyes when she threw back a kiss.

The seaside community of 15,000 persons was swollen six times its normal size as nearly 100,000 friends, neighbors, well-wishers and hero-worshippers saluted the dauntless skipper of the Flying Enterprise.

They couldn't match the ticker-tape blizzard in New York, but they made up in gusto what they lacked in size.

They trimmed the town in candy-striped ribbons, staked out flags, waved balloons and ban-

ners, closed the stores and cheered the smiling skipper as he rode through the quiet lined streets waving his braided

factory whistles screamed.

Sirens and horns whined. Bells tolled at the first congregational church.

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Capt. Carlsen waved shyly to all and spoke briefly to those he knew along the route.

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