

If Precedents Make Presidents, Here's How to Find the Winner

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NEW YORK (AP)—Joe and Charlie, two scientific horse players, were studying the form sheets on the presidential election. They needed an angle for a bet.

Finally after long silence, Joe put his world almanac down on the bar and announced, "Eisenhower in a walk. Ten generals became presidents. How many Princeton boys made it? Two, only two. Open and shut."

"Joe, you got rocks," Charlie said, closing a slender history book marked down to 19 cents. "So ten generals made it. Big Deal! So 24 lawyers also made it, which Adlai is and Ike ain't."

Joe tried again hopefully. "You gotta consider," he said "two college presidents—Wilson and Garfield — won the big sweepstakes. What was Stevenson ever president of?"

14 Governors
"So what? Fourteen governors made the White House. What was Ike governor of ever?"

Joe grabbed desperately for his almanac.
"I got it," he said.
"Got what?"

"Ike, Ike is born in October and Stevenson in February. October has four presidents, February, only three. Count 'em."

"Tomorrow, remind me to be impressed."
"Lissen, Charlie, smarten up. No president of the United States ever was born in a year with two zeroes in it. Stevenson broke from the post in 1900."

"A point, I'll admit," said Charlie, reaching for his book. "But wait. The kids, count the kids. Lessee, Tyler had the Most — 14 from two wives. Now—"

"Kids he worries about!"
117 Children
"So add them all up you get a total of 117 kids the presidents had — 70 boys and 47 girls. That's an average of 3.5 kids per president, and there you are!"

"Where?"
"Joe, you're a blind reactionary. Ike has one kid. Adlai has three. See?"

"How about grandchildren? Stevenson, zero; Eisenhower, three. And don't overlook the geography. Ike was born in Denison, Tex. Adlai in Los Angeles. Of all the presidents we had, only two—Taft and Teddy Roosevelt—were born in large cities."

Charlie paused uncomfortably.
"I admit it's a tough race to figure. Whaddya say we try religion?"

"Well, Lessee," Joe said, searching the almanac. "Ah, here. Episcopians won nine times, more than any other lodge."

"So, you figure the Hindus are overdue?"
"Wait with the smart cracks, Italian who goes to the Presbyterian Church in Springfield cause there's no Unitarian Church there. Eisenhower, it says, has no regular affiliation but mostly goes Presbyterian."

"So, that makes it a standoff."
"But wait, Mamie is an Episcopalian!"

How About Age?
"Cuts no ice," Charlie said with a shrug. "Let's try age."
"Check. Lessee, the average age of presidents at time of inaugural was 57. Now Stevenson is 52."

"And Ike is 62 this month. Another standoff."
"How about hair?"

"It'd be a photo finish for last place."
Joe squirmed and bit on his cigar. Charlie killed his beer.

"I wish we had the weights," Joe complained.
"Easy," said Charlie. "Ike is 175. He gives away five pounds to Adlai. But Stevenson stands only five-nine. Ike is an inch and a half taller."

Taft Heaviest
"William Howard Taft was the heaviest — 354 pounds. Got stuck in the White House bathtub. Lincoln was the tallest — six-four. Madison was the smallest — five-four, weighed less than 100."

"So?"
"So I wish we had the average weights."
"Chester Arthur was the best dressed. He had 80 pairs of pants, no less."

"Joe, that leads us nowhere."
But Joe couldn't be stopped. He rattled on:
"Taylor's wife smoked a corn-cob. Little Nellie Grant held her pop's hand during his inaugural speech. The Hardings got the record for hand-shaking—they mitted 6,576 people in five hours. Coolidge lost less shut eye than anybody in the White House—he

Polk Co. Rural Women Elect Mrs. Johnson

Statesman News Service
DALLAS — Mrs. Eldon Johnson of Pioneer was elected president of the Polk County Federation of Rural Women's Clubs at their final meeting for 1952 here this week.

Also elected: Vice president, Mrs. Robert Yungen, Lincoln; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Florence Ragsdale, Oak Grove. Mrs. Cecil Hultman, retiring president, presented a corsage to each officer. They were installed by Mrs. Forest Martin after Mrs. George VanSanteen presented their names for election.

Mrs. Kenneth Martin of the host Ellendale Club gave the welcome. The Independence Rural Womens Club was presented a leather carrying case for having the largest attendance during the year.

The new president requested all club presidents to attend a meeting at the home of Mrs. VanSanteen in Rickreall at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, when plans for next year will be discussed.

A "parade of presidents" was held with the following women representing their clubs: Mrs. P. A. Lamb, Parker Club; Mrs. Van Santeen, Rickreall Ladies Aid; Mrs. G. F. Loy, Buena Vista; Independence Womens Club, Mrs. Ellis Lauderback, Bridgeport, Mrs. Floyd Nelson, Pioneer, Mrs. Frank Dornhecker, Ellendale, Mrs. Martin, Oak Grove Gardeners, Mrs. Nellie White, Oak Grove Womens Club, Mrs. Alvin Freeborn; Lincoln, Mrs. Violet Ashford; Perrydale, Mrs. George Ediger.

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Liberty-Hts. Extension Unit Starts Season

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SALEM HEIGHTS — Thirty attended the first meeting of the Liberty-Salem Heights Extension Unit meeting when the following new officers, took charge: Chairman, Mrs. Orville Raymond; vice-chairman, Mrs. Earl Parker, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Driessler.

The group decided to continue to meet at the Salem Heights Community hall for the coming year. Named on the program planning committee were Mrs. R. Ritchie, Mrs. Earl Parker, and Mrs. John Driessler.

The group voted to be a standard unit and named the following committees: Hospitality, Mrs. Orville Raymond, and Mrs. John Driessler; membership, Mrs. Lyle Bayne and Mrs. Myron Butler; publicity, Mrs. Louis Kurth; luncheon, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Ernest Free; A.C.W.W., Mrs. Harold Rosebraugh. The unit will provide a nursery for pre-school children.

Dinner was served with Mrs. William Hall as chairman. Guests were Mrs. Mary Minard, Mrs. Ed Carleton and Mrs. Marvin Tatchio.

Valley Firemen's Association Meets

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LEBANON—The Central Willamette Fire-Fighters Association opened its season with a meeting here Wednesday night with firemen of Douglas Fir Products Co., Lebanon, as hosts. Representatives of departments presented reported an aggregate of nearly 250 fires combatted during the past three months.

Closer cooperation between fire departments and the forestry department was discussed as was the matter of issuing permits during the hazardous season. Floral greetings were sent to Jack A. Hayes, confined at a Salem hospital. Eulogy was expressed for Fred Harris, Albany fireman who died recently. He was a past president of the group.

Club at Gervais Installs Officers

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GERVAIS—Installation of new officers was the highlight of the first regular meeting of the Sacred Heart Mothers Club at the parish hall. Mrs. Joseph Henry installed Mrs. Peter Lelack, president; Mrs. Joseph Delacon, vice president; Mrs. Paul Reiling, secretary; and Mrs. Joseph Klenski, treasurer.

Pioneers Recalled in 4 Corners Program

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FOUR CORNERS—Mrs. Rebecca Burnham's fifth graders presented the assembly program at Lincoln School on Thursday, Ronnie Hill led the flag salute. Linda Capps and Sherrill White were accompanists for group singing.

The theme was "First in Oregon." Each first in the history of pioneer Oregon and what they contributed to the settling of the Oregon country.

Hopkins Sentence Due Monday



Joseph H. Hopkins, former manager of the Salem veterans housing colony, is shown coming out of the circuit court room Wednesday after hearing a jury pronounce him guilty of embezzling some \$10,446 from the colony. Circuit Judge George R. Duncan set Monday for sentencing. (Statesman Photo.)

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New Zealanders Visit Aumsville

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AUMSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klein and son, Glen had as house guests the past weekend two Farm Youth Exchange students from New Zealand. They were Edmund White and Fred Jackson.

When Glen Klein was a youth exchange student in New Zealand he had stayed at the home of Edmund White's parents.

They also had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dent and son, Michael. Mrs. Dent is a former New Zealand girl and has been in the United States for eight years. Mrs. Dent and White were not acquainted but their homes were close and they have many friends in common.

The boys will sail for home Thursday and Mrs. Dent will sail on the same ship for a visit with her family.

Middle Grove Committee to Pick Officers

MIDDLE GROVE — Ernest Crum, chairman of Associated Community Clubs has appointed Mrs. Cleo Keppenger, Mrs. John Van Laanen and Norman Fletcher on the nominating committee for election of new officers for next year and a "round table" discussion of future fall activities.

Merry Mingler's Club secured Al Pruth to show films as the evening's entertainment. Refresh-

ments were served by Mrs. Lewis Patterson and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds. Mrs. John Anglin and Mrs. Norman Fletcher are chairman of the program and refreshments for the November-meeting.

Vicar Wager, who underwent surgery three weeks ago, is now convalescing at his home. Eugene Scofield is recovering from a serious nose infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Fletcher of Tooele, Utah, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fletcher this weekend.

Mrs. Ruby Whitfield was honored at a gift shower at the home of Mrs. Lena Bartruff, Friday. Mrs. John Cage and Mrs. John Van Laanen assisted the hostess.

Norblad to Speak At Independence

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INDEPENDENCE — The Independence member of Commerce will be hosts to the Woman's Club and faculty members of district 13-C Tuesday night to hear Rep. Walter Norblad speak.

The meeting will be held in the Masonic hall preceding a 7 o'clock dinner. This is "Ladies Night" and members wives will be special guests.

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