

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS of Main Street and the World

Gen. Eisenhower, Sen. Kefauver Win in New Hampshire Election

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Political dopesters, both Republican and Democrat, have spent days trying to read a national trend into the results of the New Hampshire preferential primary.



EISENHOWER



TAFT

General Eisenhower's victory is an indication of the respect and popularity he commands from the average voter.

There is one obvious conclusion. Except for Ohio, and perhaps, a few other strongholds, Eisenhower appears to be the GOP's best vote getter.

On the Democratic side of the picture, Senator Kefauver pulled something of an upset by defeating President Truman, who had the state's Democratic machine behind him.

It should be remembered, however, that results of the preferential contest are not binding on the state's convention delegates, either Republican or Democrat.

Kefauver's victory in New Hampshire does not mean he is as popular in other sections of the country.

DEADLOCK—With peace talks deadlocked over prisoner exchange and what nations will supervise the armistice, if one is ever negotiated, the big question on the battlefield is what effect spring will have on the two armies which have faced each other for nearly two years.

In this connection, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army commander, indulged in a little speculation.

But he does not believe the Reds will launch a spring offensive, but if they did he would welcome it and stop it cold.

"I am confident we could stop any attack the Communists might throw at us," he said.

As for possible Allied plans, the general said: "The future operations of the Eighth Army are still on the conference table at Panmunjom."

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense reported the latest American casualty total in Korea at 106,458.

TAXES—The all-powerful house-senate economic committee reportedly has agreed that there should be no general increase in tax rates this year.

The committee went on record as favoring a \$10,000,000,000 cut in the budget.

The President had asked congress to close the tax loopholes in his annual economic report, but had also asked an increase in taxation by whatever additional was necessary to boost government income by \$5,000,000,000 a year.

AVERAGE FAMILY—A recent economic survey reveals there has been such a vast shift in income distribution in the United States in the past 20 years it can be classed as a social revolution.

The survey reveals the very poor have become fewer by two-thirds of their 1939 number.

The well-to-do and the rich have become more numerous. In the late thirties, one family in about 50 was in the \$5,000 and over income class, and one out of 100 was in the \$10,000 and over class.

Over the years the very rich have become poorer because the rise in labor incomes has been accompanied by a decline in property incomes.

NEW WATCH—A fantastic achievement in the science of time-keeping was revealed when Elgin researchers took the wraps off their latest development—a conventional sized wrist watch that stores its own source of electrical power and will operate more than a year before its tiny "energy capsule" expires.



World's tiniest cell, a powerful energy capsule smaller than a penny in volume, provides power for new electronic watch.

And when it expires, a watchmaker will be able to insert a new one in a few minutes at nominal cost.

Some estimate of the infinitesimal size of Elgin's "power plant" was given in the description that 10,000,000 electronic watches could be operated from the power consumed by a single 100-watt light bulb.

GAMBLING TAX

Yield Far Less Than Congress Expected

The internal revenue bureau reports the government's new gambling license and tax has yielded far less than expected when it was enacted.

Sales of the \$50 a year occupation



Morris Nearly Quits

THE WHITE HOUSE has hushed it up, but clean-up man Newbold Morris came within a whisker the other day of packing his bags and going home.

The inside story is that Morris, depressed over the runaround he was getting, decided that his assignment was "impossible."

"I'm going home," he declared simply. "This thing hasn't been thought through. For example, I'm supposed to report my investigations to the very man I'm supposed to be investigating."

Morris was referring, of course, to his boss—Attorney General McGrath.

Talking fast, Murphy urged the new trouble-shooter to talk it over with President Truman, and promptly hustled him to the White House.

Truman begged Morris to stay on, promised him a free hand and guaranteed full White House support.

Message to Moscow School children across the nation are participating in the Messages-to-Moscow campaign.

Here, for example, is the kindly and straightforward message from a 19-year-old veteran of the Korean war—Purple Heart winner Garland Roberts, a junior at Pineville high school, West Virginia:

"My message is not a message of bitterness. Although I am only nineteen years old, I have fought in one of the most conflicting wars of the century—the Korean.

"Your nation is often accused of starting this war, yet I do not feel malice toward you. There must be many of you who have suffered more than I. Every American realizes that much is forced upon you.

"America and her people would like to see the Russian people free in a democratic nation with all the rights that we in America enjoy.

"I know that you, being my age, feel and act the same way as I; and that you would enjoy our democratic form of government.

"It is a great thing to be free and to live without knowing fear and unhappiness."

American Prisoners

While the public anxiously watches U.N. truce negotiations to free American prisoners in Korea, many Ex-G.I.s who were prisoners during the last war wonder if congress will ever get around to settling claims arising out of their imprisonment.

Though congressional hearts bleed profusely for G.I. prisoners of the Communists, some of the same congressmen are secretly trying to whittle down or completely eliminate the funds to compensate U.S. war prisoners for work they performed while prisoners of Italy, Germany or Japan.

The Geneva convention provided that a nation which captures enemy prisoners in wartime must pay them for labor performed as prisoners. Accordingly, after World War II, we concluded agreements with the German, Italian and Japanese government, under which congress appropriated a total of \$169,000,000 to pay enemy prisoners for work done for us.

However, believe it or not, congress is now considering turning this alien property back to German, Italian and Japanese nationals, rather than paying American P.O.W.s.

There are a total of 14 bills now before the house interstate and foreign commerce committee—several of them already passed by the senate—which would return the property to certain classes of former enemy nationals.

Worried McGrath

Old senate friends who have dropped in on Attorney General Howard McGrath recently are shocked at the change in him.

Usually genial and self-confident, McGrath now complains to visitors: "I'm being hounded. Nothing I say or do is right. Every time I make a statement, it's distorted. Even in my own state, the people don't get an accurate picture of what I'm trying to do."



Poultry Industry May Set New Record

Output in 1952 May Hit Fourfold of Decade Ago

The poultry industry may break all production records during 1952. Production of broiling chickens, for instance, which makes up over half the chicken population, is expected to jump this year to more than 850 million birds.

Turkey production is forecast at 11 per cent higher than the record 53 million of last year, about 80 per cent above the pre-war 1941 output.

Egg production is expected to stay about the same as last year when some 60 billion were produced. That was 40 per cent above the production of 1941.

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Last year, the average American downed over 400 eggs, against less than 300 yearly in the 1935-39 period.

Chicken eating per person was nearly 30 pounds in 1951, against a 1935-39 average of under 19 pounds.

Spreading Manure Aids Wildlife, Specialists Say

Farmers who spread manure on their fields in late winter and early spring are helping wildlife as well as crops, extension specialists report.

Value of manure spreading for plant food is recognized, but few people realize that good farming practice also is a wildlife conservation help.

February, March, and sometimes April, are lean months in many northern states for the wildlife population.

Since much of their winter food supply has been exhausted, many birds will survive lean pickings and rough weather during the last months of winter.

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ARMY ADOPTS NEW, CHEAPER SLEEPING BAG

The Army has adopted a new, cheaper sleeping bag developed by the Quartermaster Corps.

three times safer than their civilian counterparts. Only one out of every 44 men in the services received accidental injuries, as compared to one out of every 17 in the civilian population and one out of every 13 engaged in industry.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

During past week there has been noticeable easing off of controls on scarce materials on part of National Production Authority, and reports from throughout country show, too, that both wholesale and retail prices are showing moderate reductions.

NFA has relaxed its tight controls of lead, particularly for manufacture of storage batteries; has turned natural rubber back to private enterprise and divorced government from any part in importation of rubber after fixing a resale price of 50¢ cents which compared to a world price of about 80 cents a year ago.

According to economists, Main Street merchants are assured continued high volume of retail business which will be sustained by more reasonable price trend.

Annual boon to retail merchants in enterprising towns is yearly spring clean-up paint-up fix-up drive.

Of particular interest to many Main Street stores is fact Federal Reserve Board is contemplating early revision of Regulation W to free from regulation commodities selling for \$100 or less.

Bureau of Labor statistics reports consumer price index for goods and services were unchanged, on average between December and January.

Sales of all retail stores in January were \$11,300,000,000, 8 per cent below peak month of January, 1951, but 2 per cent over December.

Bureau of Census reports 1,093 incorporated towns with populations between 5,000 and 10,000; 1,557 towns with populations between 2500 and 5,000; 3,408 towns with populations between 1,000 and 2500 and 9,827 incorporated towns under 1,000 population.

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American Farmer Big User of Electricity

A startling ten-year rise in farm electrification has made the American farmer one of the nation's biggest users of electric power.

The farmer is now receiving more than twice as much farm high-line service as in 1940. More-over, the amount of electricity used by farmers has increased nearly five times, and the average use per farmer has more than doubled.

American farms are now using in excess of 15 billion kilowatt hours of electricity a year, while in 1940 they consumed only 3 1/2 billion. In addition, the number of farms serviced by electric power—about two million in 1940—has leaped to approximately five million.

The average kilowatt hours of power used per farm, exclusive of irrigation projects in the West, has increased from about 1000 ten years ago to 2300 today.

The farmer is just beginning on the road toward complete rural electrification. Many new electric devices will be aiding the farmer in his struggle for higher output.

Funny Tale I can't eat this ox-tail soup. The tail is still wagging. Of course, our tails come from contented oxen.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial membranes.

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