



RENEW ACQUAINTANCE—Dwight D. Eisenhower chats with boyhood friend, 62-year-old farmer David Chase, in Abilene, Kas., following his first question and answer press conference in which he pitched his presidential campaign on a "liberty versus socialism" program.

In and Around Butte Falls

Butte Falls — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw and family are visiting friends in Portland this week. While there they plan on seeing the Rose Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris have returned to Butte Falls to live.

Butte Falls town team walloped Glendale 14 to 7 in a league game here Sunday. This was the first time they have ever beaten Glendale in a league game. Next Sunday the loggers travel to Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Trafren and daughter Grants Pass visited friends and relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Greer and



Word Spreading That Stevenson To Reject Draft by Democrats

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (U.P.) — The word is spreading here and in Illinois that Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson would refuse a Democratic draft for the presidential nomination.

No such word can be conclusive until Stevenson himself has said it. But the report is getting around and some usually well informed persons are convinced.

Widely Regarded

Stevenson has been widely regarded as fitted to hold together on election day the essential elements of a strong Democratic combination because of his office, his political record and his geographical location. President Truman is among those who believe Stevenson could do that.

No one doubts Mr. Truman's genuine admiration for Stevenson. The President's effort to commit Stevenson to seek the nomination was ill-concealed. Some appraisers of politics believe that with Stevenson out of it and the possibility of Mr. Truman being tapped again would be considerably increased.

Kefauver Has Delegates

Sen. Estes Kefauver has the most delegates and Vice President Alben W. Barkley has party-wide popularity. Both would be in a stronger position with Stevenson out. Kefauver has 251 convention votes and no other candidate has as many as 100. Needed to nominate, 616.

The other genuine candidates are W. Averill Harriman of New York, Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia and Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma. Whether Mr. Truman believes any of them other than Stevenson could win will develop as convention business unfolds in Chicago.

Truman Wants Winner

Mr. Truman wants a winner. He will exert himself, if necessary, to guide the convention toward a candidate he believes can win. Whether he would accept a draft to avoid a weak ticket or to break a deadlock are questions the President represents. But if the convention becomes deadlocked, as seems

quite possible, Mr. Truman may be confronted by a draft - Truman effort.

The President has said accusations that he plotted to obtain his own renomination could come only from warped or diseased minds. It accuses Truman of nothing to observe that, despite his sharp insistence that he will not run, he remains the best living Democratic campaigner.

Deadlocked and frustrated convention delegates would be reluctant to overlook a proven winner. A party's best vote getter who asks of his party only retirement could be a tempting target for a draft.

State Gets \$2,840,196 From Gasoline Taxes

Salem (U.P.)—Oregon, the state which originated the gasoline tax, collected \$2,840,196.95 from this source last April, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

That represented an increase of nearly \$170,000 over the amount of motor fuels tax collected in April of a year ago, \$2,441,242.47.

Since the state created the motor fuels tax in 1919 it has collected more than a third of a billion dollars from this source—a total to date of \$357,792,745.16. For the first four months of this calendar year it has collected \$9,622,789.79.

Roseburg To Ballot On Exceeding Budget

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A special election will be held here June 20 on proposals to approve a city budget exceeding the six per cent limitation by \$133,018 and to authorize the council to assess users of a sewer for the cost of installing a disposal system.

The proposed budget totals \$457,410. Most of the increase is for higher salaries and additional employees.

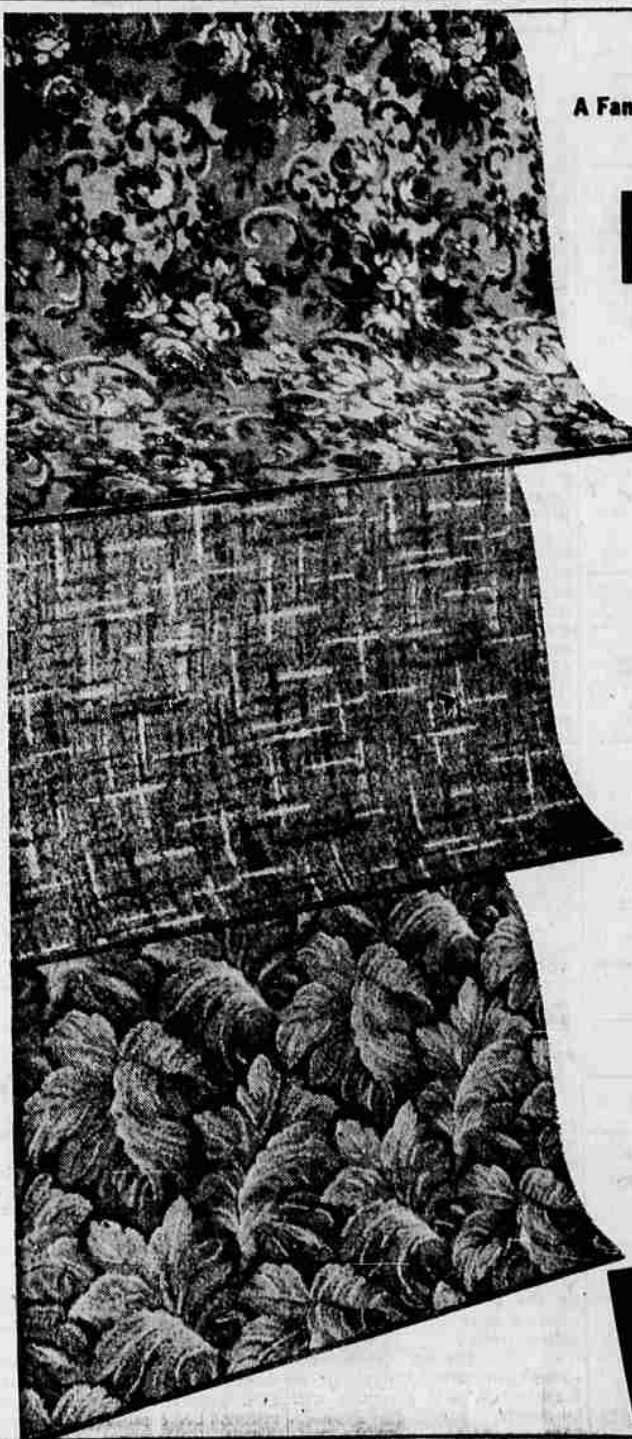
Strawberry Pickers Needed Around Salem

Salem—(U.P.)—A hurry-up call for strawberry pickers has been issued by the Salem office of the State Employment service. Harold Roessler, manager of the Salem office, said 1000 more pickers are needed at once in the strawberry fields around Salem, Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Silverton.

VOICE THAT FAILED

Louisville, Ky. — (U.P.) — A man arrested for reckless driving told Judge Hellman in traffic court that a "hidden voice" urged him to drive the wrong way on a one-way street. Frank

L. Hambaugh took the voice's advice and his car crashed into another driver driving the right way. Judge Hellman told Hambaugh "your voice lied to you. Believe your eyes from now on."



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