

Ike and Benson Not Expected To Get Farmer Funds, Old Political Pro Says

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Washington—U.P.—An old political pro dropped by the office the other day to swap bits of information for bits of information, and contributed the following:

"If you think Sam Rayburn and Lyndon Johnson are going to give Ike and Benson a billion bucks to scatter among farmers right away quick, you're crazy."

Sam Rayburn, of course, is the distinguished Democratic speaker and Lyndon B. Johnson is the Senate Democratic leader. A pair of Texans. Ezra Taft Benson is secretary of agriculture and you know who Ike is.

The old pro may have been a bit cynical. But the old timer to whom the old pro was talking has not observed so much political horseplay in 30 years of observing as this year in connection with the problem of the farm—and of the farm vote.

Both Parties in Act

Both parties are in the act. Even Benson was able to rise above principle when it became obvious that the administration's lower farm subsidy policy had to be sweetened for farmers in an election year. The soil bank plan, which Benson had held to be overly expensive a few months ago, suddenly became a part of the administration's program.

There's \$1,200,000,000 in the soil bank for the farmers of the United States if the administration can ram it through Congress in time. But just this week Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Ex.) was saying that some restriction should be slapped on those soil bank payments to prevent the administration making out of the money a slush fund in this election year.

Poage's crack provides the innocent with a politician's-eye view of the pending farm bill. What the old pro said about those two astute Democrats, Sam Rayburn and Lyndon Johnson, seems to get considerable support from recent events. Time is of the essence of the farm problem in its political aspects.

Favored by Events

And, if the Democrats aren't playing for time on this one, then events are breaking uncommonly well for them on its own. With the Easter recess coming up, it develops now that Congress will not be able to dispose of the farm bill until after April 9.

The word from the Agriculture Department is that April 15 is the absolute deadline for enactment of the legislation if it is to have its maximum effect this year. By maximum effect is meant the maximum pay-out of

Kaiser Organizes Food Container Firm

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. has organized a new division to handle the expanding demand for aluminum food containers.

The new organization, known as the Foil Kraft Division, will be headed by Alanson L. Brooks. Current production of the rigid aluminum containers for frozen foods, bakery and other products is handled by the company's Los Angeles plant, recently purchased from Foil Kraft, Inc.

Construction is now proceeding on a second container plant at Wanatah, Ind., where operations are scheduled to begin July 1.

Vatican City Opens Holy Week Rites

Vatican City—(U.P.)—The most solemn rites of Holy Week marking the passion and death of Christ began today in this tiny state which is the temporal and spiritual center of the Roman Catholic World.

The "great triduum" (the three-day period) of Holy Week started in Rome at noon. It will run through midnight of Holy Saturday.

Pope Plus XII did not attend any special rite today. He said mass in his private chapel as usual and had brief separate audiences with his aides and 10 foreign visitors.

Crop Duster Lands In Oklahoma Prison

McAlester, Okla.—(U.P.)—Donald Bruce Chonosky, a crop dusting pilot, had the wings of an angel Tuesday but ran out of gas in his flight to prison.

Chonosky, of Welch, Ia., was forced to land inside the Oklahoma State Prison fence. With help from Assistant Warden Clint Gadden he refueled and took off again for Wichita, Kan.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

soil bank money to those farmers who undertake to withdraw crop land from production in an effort to reduce surpluses. The planting season already has begun, and it is too late to put acres in the soil bank after they have been impregnated with seeds.



SANDBLAST—President Eisenhower blasts from trap on the golf course at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., as golf pro Sam Snead (right) looks on. The plush resort is the setting for the President's "get acquainted" conference with President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico and Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

Maybe Benson will get his bill by April 15, maybe not. The early Easter was a bad break for the Republicans. But there is more than mere politicking on

the House-Senate conferees Tuesday absolutely rejected the administration's low, flexible subsidy program. The conference committee lodged against the administration, 8-to-2.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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Is your wife an intense kisser? Don't answer me; it is none of my business. Did you know the intensity of kissing was the subject of scientific investigation? The Armour Institute of Technology had an instrument called a kiss-o-meter. It registered the intensity of a kiss from zero to 120. Ninety was considered good. When a kiss reached 90 a bell rang. Highest intensity recorded during the experiment was 110. That was when a Chicagoan kissed his red haired wife. Kisses between sons-in-laws and mothers-in-law were also tested. The average intensity of these kisses was two, the highest six.

Sidelights

Am informed June 18 has been named "Expectant Fathers Day." What would be a good present for an expectant father? . . . What is the extent of your wife's knowledge of cookery? Does she know the recipe for that delightful dessert called "Willie's Peach Dumping"? Can she make "Texas Republic Coffee"?

Spaghetti

Are you fond of spaghetti? It is one of my favorite menu items. Therefore, I was interested in a remark made by that continuously charming cinema luminary, Dolores Del Rio. Recently Dolores frankly admitted she is 47. However, she looks 20 years younger and still has her schoolgirl figure. Asked if she was on a diet, she said, "I should say not. I eat plenty. Mostly spaghetti." She added in explanation of her retention of her youthful appearance, "I never

Damage by Floods In Last Winter Said \$255,000,000

Santa Rosa, Calif. — (U.P.) — Philip D. Batson, regional administrator of the Federal Civil Defense administration, estimates damage from last winter's floods at \$255,000,000.

Stressing that his estimate was "conservative," Batson said the floods were the most widespread in the West this century. They affected parts of California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The CD yesterday closed its disaster center in Salem, Ore., the last one in operation since the floods began Christmas week. Other centers were in Washington, Nevada and in five California communities.

The floods affected nearly 30,000 families, and caused 76 deaths, 3796 injuries and 291 hospital cases in the four western states. More than 400 persons have applied to the government for financial help under public law 875.

In addition, Batson said flood waters destroyed more than 1407 houses and caused major damage to 2725. Another 11,829 suffered minor damage. More than 1000 small businesses were affected.

SHERIFF'S BALL TARGET

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Thieves stole \$125 worth of guests' clothing at a sheriff's ball sponsored by Sheriff Wilbur Hilbreth.

Southwest Dust Storm Turns Into Snow in Midwest

By UNITED PRESS

The worst dust storm of the year turned into a wintry blast of snow, rain, and wind today.

Dusters which churned up tons of topsoil across six Southwestern states appeared to be dying. But the same storm center plowed into the Midwest with heavy snow, thunderstorms and roof-ripping winds.

Snow for New England

The Weather Bureau predicted the new storm would charge all the way to the East Coast, bringing new snow to blizzard-plagued New England. Other Eastern areas were in for cold rains and falling temperatures.

The storm ushered in the 1956 dust storm season yesterday with raking winds across Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Colorado was hardest hit. The winds slashed at 2,500,000 acres of crop land and 1,000,000 acres of grazing land in the state's eastern plains. Dust clouds billowed as high as 14,000 feet and visibility went down to 50 feet in many towns.

Traffic Stopped

The dust storm closed schools and stopped traffic in some areas. Winds hit 84 miles per hour in the heart of the dust belt, while at Denver gusts tore away 10 feet of a 70-foot smokestack and a \$1500 sign.

Severe damage was feared for tender young wheat in a 40,000-acre Kansas area, but the other states appeared to have escaped with lesser losses.

The storm changed character when it hit the Mississippi valley. It moved up the nation's midsection with heavy snows, including six inches in six hours at Fargo, N.D., six inches at Madison, Wis., and five inches at Grand Forks, N.D.

Roseburg Youth, 15, Held For Breaking Windows

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A 15-year-old Roseburg youth was remanded to the juvenile department of Circuit Court here yesterday after he admitted helping break nearly \$5000 worth of windows in business establishments Monday night.

The youth confessed that he and a companion shot B-B pellets through the windows but refused to divulge the name of his accomplice, police said.

Dave Beck Plans Union Activity In Deep South

Honolulu — (U.P.) — President Dave Beck of the powerful Teamsters union plans to organize union activity in the Deep South under his personal direction.

Beck said yesterday he will set up a regional office in either New Orleans, Tampa or Miami for the drive. He said Miami appears to be the most likely spot at present.

"We're going to concentrate our efforts in the South because union membership in that area should be around 300,000 instead of the present 60,000," Beck said.

'Housecleaning' Due

Beck previously announced he will also be in charge of organizing and "housecleaning" in New York and Minnesota. However, he said yesterday he will hold up attempts to organize the New York City dock area until the courts take final action on various disputes there.

After that, he said he was not sure whom he would pick to organize the dock area. However, he said "I wouldn't take Hoffa out of Detroit and put him in New York because he is doing a big job where he is."

Loan Rejected

He was referring to Vice-President James R. Hoffa, whose proposal to loan the International Longshoremen's association \$400,000 was rejected Monday by the Teamsters' Executive board.

Beck, Hoffa and other teamster officials have been in Honolulu attending a board meeting, which ended yesterday.

Beck also announced he will be a candidate for election as teamster president in 1957 and that he plans to retire in 1962.

In other action, the board also gave strike sanction to brewery locals throughout California. Some 5000 workers are involved.

BRIDGE CONTRACT LET

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Highway Commission yesterday awarded a \$6,681,940 contract for construction of a new interstate bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., to the Guy F. Atkinson Co. of San Francisco. Atkinson was low of five bidders.

TO DEDICATE COURTHOUSE
Roseburg—(U.P.)—Dedication ceremonies for a new wing of the Douglas county courthouse are scheduled for Friday. Justice Hal S. Lusk of the State Supreme court will be the principal speaker.

ON HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith today announced the reappointment of Milo K. McIver, Portland, as a member of the Oregon State Highway Commission for a three-year term starting April 1, 1956.

SOMETHING BIG IS GOING TO HAPPEN AT SIXTH AND BARTLETT WEDNESDAY APRIL 4 WATCH FOR IT!

BARTLETT STREET (written vertically on the left side of the arrow)

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