

# Women's Page

## More Women Than Men Likely To Vote in '56

Washington, July 16 (AP)—The 1956 Presidential election seems certain to produce a precedent on the American political scene—more women than men will cast votes.

For the first time in the 36 years that women have had the right to vote, the number of women in the population and their voter participation has increased to a point where a continuation of the trend will see the majority of ballots cast by women.

The exact figures on how many women have voted in each election since the passage of the 19th Amendment are unavailable. But The American Heritage Foundation, in a study of 1952 balloting, estimates that 39.5 million of the 61.6 million persons who voted that year were women.

The Republicans long have contended it was the women's vote that elected President Eisenhower in 1952. They cite studies by various groups and foundations to support this contention. But the Democrats can find substantial evidence to support their rebuttal of this argument. The question remains unsettled.

But on one point—the increased participation of women in politics—both parties agree. And they are making special plans to woo the woman voter for 1956.

Both Republican and Democratic National Committees have women's divisions. In addition, the Republicans have an 18-year-old organization known as the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs. There are 4,000 of these clubs in 46 states.

Mrs. Katie Louchheim, head of the Democratic National Committee's women's divisions, cites the increased participation of women in politics by aiding in raising of campaign funds and working in party organizations from precinct caucuses to the national level.

"Many Democratic candidates are putting women administrators on their campaign staffs," Mrs. Louchheim said. "Several candidates even have women campaign managers."

Miss Bertha Adkins, assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee in charge of women's activities, says the GOP is emphasizing "the neighbor-to-neighbor, door-to-door approach to politics." Mrs. Carroll D. Kearns, head of the GOP women's clubs, hopes to expand the membership from the 500,000 level to one million this year. The Federation has a 24-point program of activities, including training women to be "GOP salesladies."

The AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) is active in this field. It is organizing to get women trade union members and the wives, mothers and sisters of trade union members to become interested in political activities.

Although women are stepping up their participation, they have been slow to get into politics as office holders. Women often complain they hold few policy-making posts in political organizations and the posts held by women are "widow dressing."

Miss Adkins says she thinks women are making "slow but steady" progress in winning local, county, state and national offices.

"When women prove their capacity for the job and are cooperative to work with, they generally get the support of both men and women," Miss Adkins says.

Mrs. India Edwards, former vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, summarizes the on-time reaction to women in politics this way:

"Men don't want women messing around in politics. They would much rather have you give a tea where the candidates can shake hands and drink punch."

But the new look in politics

found a summary in a statement by Democratic Chairman Paul M. Butler, who recently wrote party officials:

"I am particularly hopeful that evidences of greater participation by women will be found this year in more women candidates for public office. . . . more women delegates to the Democratic state and national conventions. . . . and more women actively and enthusiastically working in. . . party organizations."

## Girl Scouts

ECHOS FROM LOW ECHO  
Betty Brown

The Stars and Stripes go up the flagpole every morning at Camp Low Echo, the first event in the schedule of another busy day. During the half session that has elapsed a group of hikers have gone up Mount Pitt, and another group to Harriet Lake. The Pitt hike, led by Dinah Hutchinson, Carol Sellstrom and Carol Denman, began its ascent at six o'clock in the morning after a hearty breakfast at the camp dining hall. They reached the top of the mountain which is clearly visible from the campsite around noon, and we answered their mirror signals from our dock. Camp Director, Irene Knox, puts the camp truck and station wagon to good use as she hauls loads of campers to and from their starting points.

Excitement reigned among the campers at a favorite campfire program, the counselor hunt. The camp staff hid under logs, beneath canoes and in the rafters of cabins while groups of campers, led by the program aids, hunted for them. Each counselor had a price on her head, and the group with the highest score received a bag of candy. One counselor, the "grandmother of Low Echo," Mrs. Ivah (Robin) Murray from Medford, almost lost her head when an ambitious camper's foot discovered her hiding place in the woodpile.

Visiting us the first session have been the Girl Scout Council president, Mrs. Michele T. Rossi, and her niece, Patricia. They stayed for a roast beef dinner and made a tour around camp.

Rolly Rousseau, the State Wildlife Conservation man, held campers spellbound during his talks in Beaver Lodge. The children were intrigued with the skins of beaver, otter, ring-tailed cat, racoon and bobcat which he passed around. His two-day stay in camp excited much interest in Oregon wildlife, and he was bombarded with stories and questions from the campers.

On Saturday the canoes presented by the employees of the Elk Lumber Co. will be launched by the older girls in a candle-light ceremony for the whole camp. The canoes will be christened Billie Bumps, Rolls Royce, Elk I and Elk II in honor of the donors.

Carol Dyke counselor-in-training, has been stationed with the youngest campers in Breeze-away. She works with them, under the supervision of the unit counselors, teaching songs, games and learning the responsibilities of a counselor. Each week she will be switched to a new unit or crafts and the waterfront, in order to find out what phase of camp work will especially interest her next year

## California Girl Visits Relatives Here

Miss Bonnie-Kay Strang, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Strang, 2257 Kellogg Park drive, Pomona, Calif., is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Holzgang, 626 Park, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Strang, 540 Pennsylvania, in Medford.

Bonnie-Kay is the California state YMCA gymnast champion. At the meet held in Fresno last April, she placed first in tumbling, mini-tramp, trampoline, rings and side horse, and third place in free exercises. She is a member of the junior lifesaving class in Pomona, and last month won two third-place awards in swimming: the prep 100-yard free style and the prep free-style relay.

Miss Strang, whose parents are graduates of Medford High school, will visit relatives in Eugene and return to Medford before returning to her home in Pomona for school in September.

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# CALENDAR

## Tuesday

6 p.m. — Lydia Circle, Zion Lutheran church, Mrs. Erling Breiwoid, 2668 Jacksonville highway.

7:30 p.m. — Unity Truth Center meets Room 203, Holly Theater building.

7:30 p.m. — Women's Missionary Council of the Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st. in annex.

8 p.m. — Mary Circle, Zion Lutheran church, home of Mrs. Carl Borg Jr., 2025 Barnett rd.

## Wednesday:

12 noon — Reames Social club, luncheon, and card party, home of Mrs. Roy Nordwick, 226 Ross lane.

12 noon — Roxy Ann HEC, annual picnic, TouVelle park.

12 noon — Townsend Harmony Auxiliary club, Carpenters Union Hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

1 p.m. — Past Chiefs' club, Pythian Sisters, home of Mrs. Carl Fichtner, 613 South Holly.

1:30 p.m. — Esther Circle, Zion Lutheran church, home of Mrs. Bernard Niehaus, 1964 Springbrook road.

## Neighbors of Woodcraft Schedule Picnic Meal

Phoenix Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold a picnic supper Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Walker Caldwell, 403 Second st., in Phoenix.

Those attending have been asked to bring one hot dish and a salad or dessert. Each family will bring its own table service.

An ordinary cork used as a bottle stopper may have as many as 750,000,000 individual air cell pockets.

## Weeds May Be Used To Make Antibiotics

East Lansing, Mich. — (UPI)—Germ-killing antibiotics soon may be made from weeds.

A Michigan State University research team has discovered a substance that, when purified, may prove as effective an antibiotic as penicillin.

The material comes from hypericum, a common ornamental shrub weed often called St. John's wort.

The substance has one-tenth the effectiveness of penicillin in its present unpurified state. The research team hopes to purify the drug to the extent that it will equal or exceed the bacteria-killing power of penicillin.

Most antibiotics now in use are derived from microorganisms, but the MSU scientists hope to produce bacteria-killing

## New Officers Are Installed By DAV

The Disabled American Veterans auxiliary held annual installation of officers Thursday, July 12, in the Moose hall.

Mrs. George Simmons, state senior vice, installed officers. New elected officers are Mrs. Lynn Elliott, president; Mrs. Norman Neathammer, senior vice; Mrs. Lester Moser, junior vice; Mrs. Adeline Grissom, adjutant; Mrs. Harvey Cassman, treasurer; and Mrs. J. P. Graham, chaplain.

Sharon Thompson and Donna Thompson, junior DAVs, were conductresses. They presented corsages to each officer and guests.

drugs from plants which will equal or better the products now in use.

USE TRIBUNE WANT ADS

## Prizes Listed for Float Parade Winner

Grants Pass—A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the grand sweepstakes winner in the lighted picture float parade on Rogue river at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Don Ward, chairman of the Grants Pass Gladiolus commission, has announced.

Silver trophies will be awarded to the two best floats in each of three size-classes and from the winners the sweepstakes winner will be selected by a panel of five judges. The parade is one of the highlights of the 1956 Gladiolus festival July 28 and 29 at City park.

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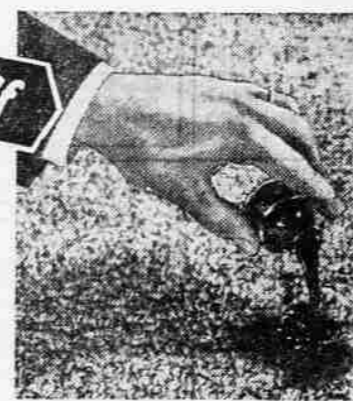
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