



NEW COURSE—This year students of Crater High school in Central Point will be offered a course in driver training, absent from the curriculum for eight years, according to Principal Arthur L. Straus. Above Straus accepts the keys to the new car, donated to the school last week by Courtesy Chevrolet in Medford.

from R. J. O'Sullivan, salesman for the firm. Instructor for the course will be Earle Fichter (far left). Interested students who have registered for driver training are seniors Pat Medley (standing) and Ruth Thurmond, behind the wheel.

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Medford Woman Wins In Writing Contest

Mrs. Oliver P. Mann, route 3, box 73, Medford, was winner of a story writing contest for the week of Sept. 16-22, sponsored by the McClure Newspaper syndicate, New York. She was awarded a set of encyclopedias. The stories were true accounts of wild animal life. Mrs. Mann related the story of a quail that nested on their property on Coker Butte rd. this summer.

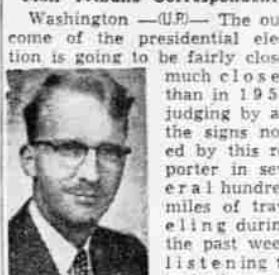
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Presidential Vote Predicted as Close

BY A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent



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Washington — (UPI) — The outcome of the presidential election is going to be fairly close, much closer than in 1952 judging by all the signs noted by this reporter in several hundred miles of traveling during the past week listening to both the campaigning presidential politicians and the voters who will decide the matter in November.

Here are some at-random observations based on watching President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. Estes Kefauver kick off their election campaigns.

President Eisenhower had a big time trying to show Nixon around his farm with a couple dozen reporters and photographers ringing him at every step. It was the first time either Nixon or newsmen had had a closeup of the president's beautiful country estate. Nixon confessed it gave him a fever just like every other farm he knew, which may be why he hadn't visited the farm before. Newsmen and GOP politicians attending the rally at Ike's farm were kept off the manicured lawn and golf green near the farmhouse by an electrically-charged fence.

Republicans seemed most intent on beating one another in ways of praising Eisenhower, as the blushing president sat on a platform before them all, rather than reviewing the real problems they face in the campaign. Wellington Rankin of Montana, reporting for the western states, predicted Ike

would carry all 11 western states without much trouble. But Washington state representatives to the meeting, with crumpled notes in their pockets showing the returns from the primary in which Sen. Warren G. Magnuson easily outran Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, weren't so sure.

Nixon's popularity with his party workers seems at an all-time high. At the other extreme is Harold Stassen, who sat on the fringes of the Gettysburg rally clapping politely through Nixon's talk but being shunned by the group. After the meeting broke up, Ike invited his close associates—like Nixon and some cabinet members such as George Humphrey—to the farmhouse for a social gathering. Stassen obviously wasn't invited, for he got back into his chauffeur-driven government car and drove back to Washington with only his wife along to cheer him.

It Wasn't Stevenson

When I stopped at the farm gate to show credentials, a secret service man asked me to take a rider into the farm. As the young man, a worker on Ike's farm, jumped in, he said, "Stevenson is right behind us."

"Who?" I asked, observing the big Cadillac pulling into the lane just behind me. "Stevenson," the rider repeated. "And what Stevenson would that be?" I asked. "The vice president," explained the young man excitedly. By the time we got to the farm we had agreed that the vice president was not Adlai Stevenson and the man in the big car was Dick Nixon.

Next day the Democrats went into action not far from Gettysburg. Estes Kefauver, the hand shaking champ, tramped up and down the midway of the York fair. Although his picture is

magazine, people kept coming up to him and saying, "Hi, governor." They mistook Kefauver for Gov. George Leader of Pennsylvania. Kefauver still can't get through a formal speech without losing much of his audience because of his monotone delivery, but his magnetism is apparent while hoofing it among the people.

\$50 for Jellyroll

At Harrisburg, about 8,500 Democrats showed up for a \$50-a-plate feed for which food had been prepared for only 7,200. Result was a melee in the kitchens by hungry guests and news-

men who were tearing turkey carcasses apart in quest of food. One poor latecomer held up a jellyroll and declared, \$50, so help me, for one jellyroll. Anyway, the affair paid off handsomely, putting \$145,000 into the party coffers plus paying for the \$200,000 cost of putting Stevenson on all TV networks that night.

Adlai was visibly tense and unnatural in his first TV speech at Harrisburg. He does much better in less formal circumstances, such as speaking to several thousand Virginians on a hillside outside Washington without the nation looking on.

Raid in Portland Vice Case Illegal

Portland — (UPI) — Presiding Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan yesterday ruled illegal a search and seizure of evidence in a May 17th raid instigated by District Attorney William M. Langley.

Seized in the raid on the duplex of Raymond F. Clark, employee of James B. Elkins, were a number of slot machines and some telephone conversation recordings.

Judge Loneragan ordered all evidence seized in the raid turned over to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to be disposed of only by court order.

Though holding the material to have been illegally seized, the judge did not dismiss indictments returned on the basis of the evidence against Clark and Elkins for illegal wiretapping, and against Clark and Sonny Martin for possession of slot machines.

The judge criticized handing over the recordings to the federal government without Circuit court authority.

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Back Stairs: Ike's Electronic Lectern

BY MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press Writer

Washington — (UPI) — Back stairs at the White House: As President Eisenhower tours the country in this election fall, the voters should pay particular attention to his speaking lectern which is shipped by the White House wherever he goes.

The lectern is an electronic marvel. It has so many gadgets on the reading surface that it is a wonder Mr. Eisenhower can pay full attention to his speeches. Inside the top front panel of the stand is an instrument board, including a clock, an oversized stopwatch and a panel of colored lights to tell the speaker when to start and when to stop.

On the rim of the lectern is a series of buttons which can raise or lower the reading surface electrically to bring the speaker's text to the most convenient level.

As one old time Republican politician said recently in Gettysburg when he saw the electric lectern, "The next thing you know, they'll have to have a copilot for that thing."

President Eisenhower certainly is a most happy fellow about his golf these days. His rounds at Gettysburg were nothing short of sensational for him—an 83 on two straight days, then an 80 on Saturday.

Specialist to Speak At Association Meet

Mr. Eisenhower at the GOP

He also is most happy about the golf progress of his eight-year-old grandson, David, who has been taking lessons from Dick Sleichter, the professional at the Gettysburg Country Club.

Robert W. Every, extension entomology specialist of the Oregon State college extension service, will be guest speaker at the Grange Cooperative Supply association annual meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Central Point grange hall.

Every will discuss insect pests common to this area and mention their economic impact and control measures. He will also show slides and other illustrations and will answer questions from the audience.

Reports will be presented on the past year's business and directors will be elected to replace those whose terms have expired. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

McArthur, Calif. — (UPI) — Movie starlet Kathy Grant is reported to be fishing with crooner Bing Crosby on the McCloud River in northern California.

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