

GOP Predicts Win Of New House Seats From 'Solid South'

Washington—(U.P.)—Republicans predicted today the GOP will win new House seats in the "Solid South" on Nov. 6 but Democrats said this could happen only in an Eisenhower sweep of Dixie.

The Republicans are banking on President Eisenhower's popularity to help widen the breakthrough they made four years ago. They say Virginia and Florida are their "best prospects."

The Democrats concede privately that they have a fight on their hands in some districts listed as "safe" in the past. But they contend their chances are good to regain some of the seats they lost in 1952 and 1954.

"In the Solid South," one Democrat said, "we should come out at the very worst—with the sweeping everything—with a net loss of one or two seats. At best, we should hold our own or show a net gain of up to two."

He added quickly that he does not expect Mr. Eisenhower to score a sweep in the South. Democrats think their presidential ticket is far stronger than four years ago when Mr. Eisenhower carried four traditionally Democratic states.

In 1952, Republicans were elected to six seats from the 11 "Old South" states, including the two normal GOP seats in East Tennessee. They showed a net gain of one seat in the 1954 off-year election while losing control of the House elsewhere in the country.

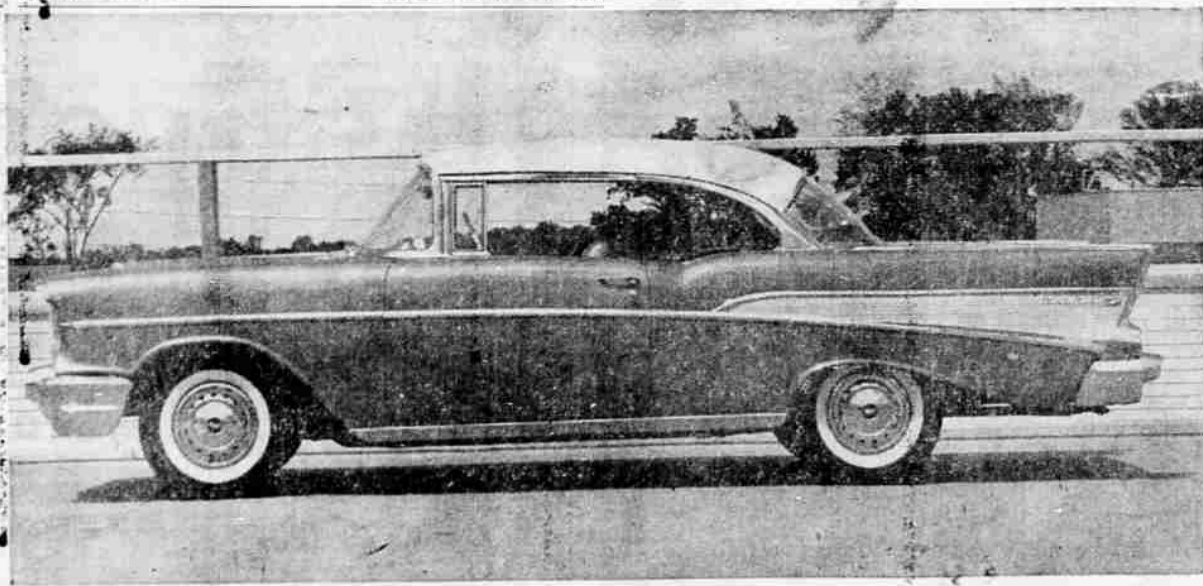
At the present time, the GOP holds one seat in Florida, two in Virginia, one in North Carolina, one in Texas and the two they've always held in East Tennessee.

Republicans said the Florida congressional fight could turn out to be a "Maine in reverse." This was a reference to the surprise Democratic House victory in rock-ribbed Republican Maine last month.

Sailor Dies as Auto Flips Near Oregon City

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Billy George Chumm, 22-year-old sailor stationed aboard the U.S.S. Missouri at Bremerton, Wash., was killed just south of here last night when his car overturned on South End road.

Robert L. Crabtree, 21, and J. D. Graves, 21, also stationed aboard the Missouri, were passengers in Chumm's car but were not injured.



NEW CHEVROLET—Twenty models will be introduced with the 1957 Chevrolet, which went on display today at Courtesy Chevrolet company, 227 East Ninth st., Medford. The new car is lower and longer, with the overall length of passenger cars

increased to 200 inches. Among new developments on some models is the new ramjet fuel injection. Besides four V-8 engines, there is one six model. Horsepower in new Chevrolets ranges from 140 to 283.

Nixon Nears End Of Second Jaunt; Hopes for Rest

En Route With Nixon—(U.P.)—A tired Vice President Richard M. Nixon neared the end today of his second transcontinental campaign trip with the hope of two days rest before starting his third and final pre-election swing.

Nixon flies from New York to Wilmington, Del., for a speech before returning to Washington to rest briefly for an appearance in Baltimore tonight.

On Monday, the vice president sets out on his last coast-to-coast tour by train, plane and automobile which will not end until election day, Nov. 6.

Nixon cast aside his role as campaigner Thursday night to speak at the annual Alfred Smith Memorial Dinner at the gilded Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom in New York in an appearance billed as non-political.

Sharing the platform with leading political figures of both parties, including Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. and New York Gov. Averell Harriman, the vice president predicted an end to racial segregation.

"Most of us here will live to see the day when American boys and girls shall sit side-by-side at any school—public or private—no regard paid to the color of their skin," he said.

He said, "segregation, discrimination and prejudice have no place in America."

Elvis Presley Claims Victory in Scuffle At Service Station

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Elvis Presley today claimed a victory in his fight with two service station attendants, but one of his opponents said the rock 'n roll singer was just telling another of his "houn' dog" lies.

Presley and the two attendants, Ed Hopper, 42, and Aubry Brown, 21, were ordered to appear in city court today to answer assault and battery and disorderly conduct charges which grew out of the brief scuffle.

Reports of exactly what happened at the filling station were conflicting.

Presley, who at first refused comment and was "out in the back yard feeding the mule" when reporters called, later held a news conference and accused Hopper of pulling a knife on him.

Hopper denied that he drew a knife and charged that Presley slugged him while a policeman held him with his arms pinned to his side. Hopper supported a nifty shiner as evidence.

A third story was furnished

by two patrolmen who were on the scene—R. E. Ferguson and D. L. Rogers. The patrolmen denied holding anyone, and said that Hopper first hit Presley and that the "Pelvis" responded by slugging Hopper in the eye and Brown on the cheek as he rushed to Hopper's aid.

The incident started Thursday night when Presley, who has recorded such rock 'n roll hits as "Houn' Dog," "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Don't Be Cruel" pulled his white Lincoln into a downtown service station to find out if gas fumes were leaking into the car through the air conditioner.

Hopper said he tried to find the trouble with Presley's car without success and twice asked the singer to move so that other cars could get up to the pumps.

Hopper said on the third trip, "Presley told me, 'I'll move when I'm ready.' That kind of made me mad. I slapped at him, kind of brushing his face, anyway I hit him."

Kefauver Warns Nevada Voters on H-Bomb Gamble

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Anti-gambler Estes Kefauver warned the American people from this gambling center today that they can't afford to take chances on "this mad and suicidal H-bomb race."

The lanky Tennessee senator accused President Eisenhower and other top Republicans of talking "monstrous nonsense" in their opposition to ending the tests of hydrogen bombs.

Ducks Crap Games "It is Eisenhower, Dulles and Nixon who would refuse us the right to take a constructive step in halting the world's rush toward death," he said in remarks prepared for delivery here.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate, who takes a dim view of gambling, carefully ducked the crap games and black jack parlors here.

He stayed overnight at the Royal Nevada hotel, one of the few places which doesn't feature the clackety-clack of "one-armed bandits."

Kefauver was catapulted to national fame for his 1951 Senate crime investigation.

Among the conclusions reached by the Senate investigators was that "both morally and financially, legalized gambling in Nevada is a failure."

Rep. Clifton Young's northern Nevada campaign manager, Robert Schouweiler, has raised the gambling question as part of Young's campaign to unseat Sen. Alan Bible (D.Nev.). Schouweiler has asked Bible to state whether he shares Kefauver's view of gambling, Nevada's principal source of revenue. Bible so far has ignored Schouweiler.

After his speech, Kefauver was scheduled to fly to Salt Lake City, Utah, before taking his campaign into California over the week end.

Survivors of Plane Ditching Welcomed At San Francisco

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Nineteen men, nine women and three children who left Honolulu by air three days ago arrived here today aboard a Coast Guard cutter that rescued them after their plane crash-landed in the Pacific.

The Coast Guard weather ship Pontchartrain steamed through the Golden Gate at 8:19 a.m. (PST), in bright sunshine to receive a gala welcome at Pier Eight of San Francisco's embarcadero.

The 24 passengers and seven crewmen of the Pan American World Airways plane crowded against the rail of the Pontchartrain and waved and smiled.

At the pier a huge sign proclaimed a "well done" to the

crew of the Pontchartrain, which rescued all aboard the ditched plane within six minutes.

The fireboat Phoenix spouted geysers of water skyward, and a dockside band blared as relatives waited impatiently for the ship to tie up.

Most of the survivors were clad in new clothing brought to them by Pan American officials aboard the cutter Gresham which intercepted the Pontchartrain 12 miles off the gate.

Hendrick Pratt of Rotterdam, Netherlands, shouted from the rail to newsmen that "Our feet got a little wet, but that's all. We're all feeling fine."

The plane's purser, Patricia Reynolds, San Mateo, waved to photographers earlier and shouted, "We ought to get six months vacation with pay."

All aboard the plane lost their belongings in the ditching.

GRANGE

Roxy Ann Grange will hold their regular meeting Friday, Nov. 19. A Halloween program will be presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Burchfield, Webb Hinkle and Mrs. Christianson, Mrs. Nowlin and Mrs. Garrett will be on the serving committee.

Lake Creek Grange

Lake Creek Grange held a potluck supper, before the opening of Grange at the last meeting. One guest was present, Mrs. Laura Ganzel. Mrs. Ganzel is a new resident in the community.

A town and country breakfast will be held at Phoenix Grange, Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 a.m. It is hoped members from every Grange in the county will be there.

Faye George, educational committeeman, reported on an article from the Digest magazine, entitled "Brains Unrealized Powers." The article stated that there is no such thing as brain fatigue and that it is a physical defect in the body instead. How one uses their brain is the important thing, not one's IQ and your mental powers grow with use, the article said.

The lecture program opened with prayer read by Chaplain Faye Burrell. Claus Charley gave a reading entitled "bills in the legislature."

A square dance will be given Saturday, Oct. 27 for Grange members and friends. There is a small charge for admittance and refreshments. It will be a Halloween dance and prizes will be given for the best costumes.

The Nov. 8 meeting will open at 8 p.m. Election of officers will be held and it is hoped to have a large attendance at the meeting.

Bids Called for Girls Club House

Bids for construction of the Girls' Community club building at 229 North Bartlett st., Medford, will be received until 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the office of Robert J. Keeney, architect.

The building will be a two-story structure with a 70-by-40-foot recreation room, kitchen, offices, foyer, and storage on the first floor. The second floor will have 12 two-girl bedrooms and a matron's quarters.

Folding doors will be placed to divide the recreation room into various sizes.

The matron's suite will include living room, bedroom, bath and storage. All residents will have access to a lounge, dining room, snack bar and laundry.

Stairs from the lounge will open onto a light court, which will serve as a sun deck.

Plans have been issued to Minshall Construction company, Jacksonville; Frank Fairweather, Medford; Wiley and company, Ashland; A. N. Batzer, Medford; Meyer Jones, Medford; Bessonette and Graff, Medford, and H. G. Carl Construction company, Salem.

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Gas Blasts Kill 7 Persons in Midwest

By UNITED PRESS

At least seven persons were killed and about 25 others injured in gas explosions which rocked three towns in three Midwest states Thursday night.

The blasts occurred at Herin, Ill.; Kenosha, Wis., and Bettendorf, Iowa.

Worst explosion was at Herin, where seven persons were killed and six others critically injured in a series of propane gas tank explosions and fire which swept a residential neighborhood. Five homes and a warehouse were destroyed.

Authorities said the heavy gas drifted over the area from a leaky valve of a gas truck which was unloading propane gas at the warehouse where the gas was stored. An open flame, either from a stove or the pilot light of a hot water heater, was believed to have ignited the gas and set off some 50 propane gas tank explosions.

Fourteen persons were burned at Kenosha when a 150-foot long one-story motor testing building of the American Motor Co. exploded. Company spokesmen said a spark from a star switch ignited natural gas which had leaked from a broken pipeline.

Not Out of Danger Six of the injured were hospitalized and reported in fair

condition but not out of danger.

Doctors said it would be 24 to 48 hours before the six men—burned severely on the face and arms—would be out of danger.

Five persons were injured when a frame and stone home in a residential section of Bettendorf blew up.

Robert McGrath, 52, a building company president, was the most seriously injured. McGrath, who was showing the home to a prospective buyer when the blast occurred, was buried in rubble for more than two hours. Authorities believe the explosion was due to leaking gas.

The male citizens of Bern, Switzerland, have turned down woman suffrage at the polls 24 times.

Unexpected Elevator Start Kills Woman

Louisville, Ky.—(U.P.)—A hospital elevator started unexpectedly Thursday and crushed a young woman to death before horrified passengers.

Mary Ann Logan, 24, a medical student, was boarding the elevator when it suddenly started up, pinning her head between the cab and portal.

Seven other passengers and the operator, Othelma Snow, were unable to help as the victim died almost instantly of strangulation and a crushed neck.

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