

Maine May Decide To Abandon Traditional Role as Nation's Political Prognosticator

Editor's note: Maine votes next Sept. 9 to decide whether it should abandon its famous early election in September and vote with the nation in November starting in 1960. A favorable vote would bury once and for all the political proverb "As Maine goes, so goes the nation."

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Augusta, Me.—Maine may decide Sept. 9 to abandon her traditional role as the nation's political soothsayer.

The 1957 Legislature directed that a special referendum election be held on that date so the voters can make a final decision on a proposal that the Constitution of the state be amended to eliminate Maine's famous early election.

If a majority of the voters balloting on that question should approve, Maine would drop its first-in-the-nation election as of 1960 and vote with the rest of the country in November.

A decision in favor of the election date change would mean that, at long last, the epithet could be written for the ancient and unreliable political proverb, "As Maine goes, so goes the nation."

Starting with 1960, the Maine election results no longer would be available in advance of the national elections for purpose of prognostication.

Maine voters would visit the polls with the rest of the voters of the country on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in an election year to elect the nation's top officials.

No More Weatherwans
The election date utilized by Maine since she became a state

in 1820, the second Monday of September, would be nothing but a wistful memory to politicians in search of a "weather-vane."

Incidentally, Maine would not elect a governor in a presidential election year if the voters of the Pine Tree State vote "yes" on another question before them Sept. 9.

That one purpose that the term of governor be extended from two years to four years. His election would be held in non-presidential years starting with 1958.

Maine, up to now, has stuck stubbornly with the early election date chosen by the state's constitutional convention in 1820.

Records of the debates of that convention show that there was considerable disagreement among the delegates as to just when elections should be held for the convenience of most voters.

The nation's northeast corner was then primarily agricultural. That circumstance appears to have been a deciding factor in the choice of the second Monday in September as election day.

John Holmes, one of the most influential of the convention delegates, said the September date best suited the requirement that election day come between the early and late harvests, "the least busy season."

The constitutional convention agreed with that reasoning and the election date that was later to become famous was set.

First Interpretation
Maine has voted in September since she became a state in 1820, but it was not until the presiden-

tial election year of 1840 that the enthusiasm to "interpret" her returns was aroused.

That was the year the Whigs had Gen. William H. Harrison as their candidate for president. His opponent was Democrat Martin Van Buren.

Maine then was a solidly Democratic state and its Whig party had little hope of winning the governor's office in the September election.

To everyone's surprise, Maine gave Edward Kent, the Whig candidate for governor, a tiny plurality over Democrat John Fairfield. The Whigs rejoiced nationally at the upset.

Their jubilation found its way into this campaign chant:

"Oh, have you heard how old Maine went?"

She went hell bent for Governor Kent.

And Tippecanoe and Tyler, too."

That, probably was the first of many attempts through the years to make a vote for the governor of Maine appear to be a vote of confidence in the presidential candidate of his party.

Gen. Harrison (the "Tippecanoe" of the chant) carried the country in November and Maine was established as an honored political prophet.



RETURNING FROM RED CHINA, Donald J. Blackwood, 25, tells newsmen in Hong Kong "I have no desire to go back." Former U. S. soldier went to China with Korean wife and child 2½ months ago. (International Soundphoto)

Fast Tax Write-Off Slowly Heading for Official Strangulation

Washington—AP—The fast tax write-off, a boon or a boondoggle depending on how you look at it, is headed for slow strangulation by an unfriendly administration.

Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey calls the war-born tax incentive to business "an artificial stimulus of a dangerous type."

Rapid write-offs, according to Humphrey, will cost the government \$3 billion and postpone the day "when general tax reduction can be enjoyed by all the people."

Basically the rapid write-off is a government incentive to firms that put up defense plants they may not necessarily want or need. The write-off lets them charge for tax purposes the cost of the expansion over five years instead of the customary 20 years or more.

Raises Treasury Costs
But by letting firms take the shorter, bigger deductions, the Treasury cuts its own current income. This means it must continue to pay interest on notes, bonds and the like which might otherwise be paid off. Hence Humphrey's \$3 billion figure.

The government has granted rapid write-offs in as many as 229 fields. But largely through Humphrey's needling and a different attitude in the Office of Defense Mobilization, only four fields are now open for the tax benefits.

The many critics of the program charge that some favored firms are getting the government to do their expansion borrowing for them in a booming economy and a "tight money" market.

Business Calls It 'Reward'
Business interests, led by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, claim the system is a just reward for a firm that expands along lines dictated by national security.

Humphrey conceded the write-off might have been a good device to meet the Korean emergency and a desirable alternative to government construction and ownership of plants private

industry wasn't eager to build. But he said this was "far different" from giving a fast write-off to "select industries for general purpose plants."

Humphrey's attitude, along with that of Defense Mobilization Gordon Gray, is to shelve the write-off except for extremely specialized lines such as guided missile production where private industry is unlikely to venture on its own.

Jury Duty Calls Man From 1,200 Miles Away

West Chester, Pa.—AP—A lot of people try to get out of jury duty, but one public-spirited citizen went 1,200 miles out of his way to serve here.

William Morgan was in Ormond, Fla., when he was notified to appear for jury duty. He had been living in Florida for three months and expected to make his home there for some time to come, but he made no effort to be excused. He made the trip north by train and arrived here in time for the opening of court.

HOT? HERE'S ANSWER

Chicago—AP—John and Helen Whalen have come up with a real cool solution to beat Chicago's humid summer heat. They'll teach school at Kotzebue, an Alaskan Eskimo village 200 miles north of Nome.

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NASTY OL' GROWNUPS!—Fireman Florian Kupczyk can't suppress a grin as he holds his loudly protesting children, two-year-old Timothy and three-year-old Patricia, as they receive their Salk polio shots at the Fire Department drill school in Chicago. All Chicago firemen and their children were given free shots as a precautionary measure since firemen are often called to handle polio cases in emergencies.

Spectacle Lens Aid To Legally Blind

Chicago—AP—Persons adjudged "legally blind" can expect aid from a newly developed spectacle lens capable of a magnification power of 100 times greater than ordinary lenses, a leading optical manufacturer said.

The American Bifocal Co., Cleveland, O., made the announcement at the close of the National Optical Fair. A company spokesman said the new lens, called the Volk-Conroid lens, would enable persons with the ability to read only very large print to read an "ordinary newspaper."

The lens was not designed for general use, however. It was specifically made for "close work," the spokesman said.

"We want it understood," he said, "that we cannot put something there that isn't already available. The Volk-Conroid lens works by making the most of what vision a patient does have." He said the lens was named after its designer, Dr. David Volk, of the Reduced Vision Clinic of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and works by correcting the "adverations" found in ordinary spectacles as well as eliminating any sphere shape to the lenses.

The U. S. secretary of the treasury cannot own U. S. government bonds.

Latest Wedding Idea Is Perfumed Rice

Wilton, Conn.—AP—Now wedding guests can shower the bride with scented rice.

It is the idea of a perfume manufacturer, naturally. He has packaged the scented rice in white satin drawstring bags, tied with blue ribbon, for the bride to tuck in her chest, luggage and linens. Or, the rice is available in seven-ounce packages for distributing among the guests for showering the couple as they leave on their honeymoon.

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LAYING OUT PROGRAM for consideration of Civil Rights bill are top senators on both sides of issue. From left: Senator Richard B. Russell (D), Georgia, No. 1 opponent; Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D), Texas; and Senator William F. Knowland (R), California, minority leader, who favors legislation. (International Soundphoto)

Temptation of Cold Beer Used in Psy-War Training

Honolulu—AP—Two-hundred sweating members of the 1st Marine Brigade had just completed a 10-mile uphill forced march into the rugged Waianae Mountains of northwest Oahu. They were hot, tired and thirsty.

"Grab a 10-minute break," yelled a Marine topkick. The troops fell in their tracks, nearly exhausted.

Three minutes later a 21-year old second lieutenant shrieked in a high-pitched voice "Dig in — on the double!"

The Marines groaned loudly but grabbed their entrenching tools and began hacking fox-holes in the red volcanic earth.

Suddenly a light "enemy" plane flew low over the trees and the infantrymen were ordered to "take cover — on the double." The scout plane made another pass and dropped leaflets and then vanished.

The troops dropped their shovels and ran to snatch the leaflets.

The tiny pieces of paper announced simply: Cold beer will be served in five minutes! The troops laughed in disbelief.

But five minutes later the observation plane was back and one can of beer came floating earthward attached to a miniature parachute. No one moved.

The "enemy" plane made five more passes and dropped five more cans of beer.

In fact, after completing 15 push-ups as punishment for breaking ranks, the Marines were told by their NCO's that the inviting cans of beer might have been poisoned — or even booby-trapped by the enemy.

As it was, the "enemy" had lured the troops from their cover, making them sitting ducks for enemy mortar fire or concealed snipers.

the only teaser thought up by the psychological warfare section of the 1st Marine Brigade. During night maneuvers in the hills bivouacked troops are coaxed to surrender by the sultry singing voice of recording star Julie London and other popular torch singers.

Still other sexy female voices call to a number of individuals by name over loudspeaker systems, telling them their wives are unfaithful, their children are sick and other taunts about their private lives. Officers say the effect of a woman's voice at night under simulated combat conditions is "devastating."

Tomato Crust Killer Bay Be in Stores Soon

Davis, Calif.—AP—A vegetable crops specialist says a new low-cost crust preventive may be available to California tomato growers by 1958.

M. T. Vittum told growers on the University of California campus here that so far the material has no commercial name and is known only as "triphenyl sulfonium chloride."

"Preliminary trials of this new material look promising in making it possible to get a better stand of tomatoes from seed by preventing crusting of the soil," Vittum said.

The new anti-crusting compound is similar in purpose to chemical soil conditioners put on the market a few years ago, he added, but the cost of the new material will be around 25 cents a pound compared with \$2 a pound for those first put on the market.

Vittum said samples of the new material are now being tested by county farm advisers.

Canadian waters of the Great Lakes, Superior, Huron, Ontario and Erie, comprise only one-fifth of the total fresh water area in the Dominion.



COOL! QUICK! NO BAKING OR COOKING!

Strawberry Pie

— MADE WITH THE MILK THAT WHIPS — MORNING MILK

Here's a refreshing dessert that's made to order for women who like to "cook on ice"—especially in the summertime. Imagine! No baking or cooking—just whip-mix-and chill.

The secret of the "no bake" crust is graham crackers. You'll love their crispy texture and golden graham flavor.

The secret of the "no cook" filling is Morning Milk—the milk that whips easily and quickly—blends smoothly with the fresh strawberries and fruit gelatin to bring out their most delicate flavors. Yet, Morning Milk costs only 1/6 as much as expensive whipping cream!

Only double-rich Morning Milk and graham crackers can make it so good!

STRAWBERRY PIE

(Makes single crust 9" pie)

1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups fresh sliced strawberries
1 3-oz. pkg. strawberry gelatin
1/4 cup hot water

1 cup undiluted MORNING MILK
1/4 cup lemon juice
9-inch crumb pie crust*

Combine sugar with sliced strawberries. Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Cool gelatin to thickened and syrupy consistency. Chill Morning Milk in refrigerator tray until soft crystals form around edges of tray (about 15-20 minutes). Whip Morning Milk until stiff (about 1 minute). Add lemon juice and whip very stiff (about 2 minutes longer). Fold cooled gelatin and strawberries into whipped Morning Milk. Spoon into crumb crust. Chill until firm (about 2 hours).

*For crumb crust, mix 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs with 1/4 cup melted butter and 2 tablespoons sugar. Line sides and bottom of 9-inch pie plate.

NOTE: A 10 or 12-ounce package of frozen strawberries may be used in place of fresh berries and sugar.

