



GET READY, GET SET . . . While grown-ups in Chicago were digging out of the season's heaviest snowfall, the kids were having a ball. Here a group of youngsters seems about to let temptation get the better of their self-control as they take aim at Police Officer Vincent Blake. (UPI Telephoto)

Rocky Convinced Republicans Face Big Rebuilding Tasks

Washington Congressional Quarterly - New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's trips around the country have convinced him that a major rebuilding job lies ahead for the Republican party.

Rockefeller believes the job will have to be done whether he or Vice President Richard M. Nixon heads the 1960 GOP ticket and whether or not his party wins the Presidency next November.

The task is essential, in Rockefeller's view, if the Republicans are not going to accept a permanent minority status in Congress, the state capitols and the county court-houses across the land.

These are the conclusions the prospective Presidential contender has brought back from his political tours of the past three months.

Leaders Show Optimism

In general, Rockefeller has found state and local Republican leaders a bit defensive about their setbacks in 1958, but much encouraged by trends in recent months. They have been heartened by the enthusiasm and energy with which President Eisenhower has been performing his duties and also by the public opinion polls showing Nixon and Rockefeller moving out ahead of the leading Democratic contenders.

There is, Rockefeller senses, a growing belief within GOP ranks that the party may yet be rescued from the Presidential defeat to which it was almost resigned after the 1958 Democratic landslide.

Rockefeller, like other Republican leaders, is glad to see party morale on the upswing, but he finds one aspect of this resurgent optimism disturbing. In too many areas, he believes, Republican politicians are seeking to escape from, rather than face up to, the causes of party weakness. Too many of them, in Rockefeller's view, have not yet analyzed the reasons why the Republican party, seven years after its popular President was elected, holds fewer offices at the national, state and local levels than at any time since the early 1930's.

He believes the overriding reason for the weakness of the Republican party is the doubt in voters' minds that it has the same sensitivity and awareness of the needs of the people as the Democrats do. The Republicans cannot prosper as a party, he believes, until this doubt is overcome.

Praise for Nixon

Rockefeller believes the leader of a party has a personal responsibility to convince the people its programs are designed to meet their long-term needs. Both publicly and privately, he has high praise for the efforts Nixon, his prospective rival, has made to build up the strength of the GOP.

But he believes the results show that no matter how willing Nixon was to go out and campaign for Republican candidates, he simply was not in a position to give the leadership the party lacked.

That leadership, Rockefeller believes, can come from only one source, the President. After the 1956 election, Mr. Eisenhower said he intended "to work . . . industriously and incessantly" to convince the voters who had just given him another Democratic Congress that "modern

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Astronomers Wonder What Star Wise Men Saw

Washington (Science Service)—Stars, as much as evergreens or holly, belong to Christmas. Astronomers have long wondered what possible heavenly "star" or other phenomenon could have started the Wise Men on their search for the Christ Child.

Many scientists have suggested that the Star of Bethlehem might have resulted from the sudden blazing forth of an ordinary star into a nova or supernova. Most ordinary novae, previously normal stars that suddenly become very brilliant, do not attain the brightness generally attributed to the "star in the east."

No Record Found

A supernova, an exploding star that shines with a brilliancy many thousands of times that of its ordinary light, would have reached the required brightness. However, such a star outshining most others in the sky would undoubtedly have been recorded by other ancient peoples, and no such record has been found.

The celestial object that guided the Three Wise Men to the birthplace of the Christ Child might have been the apparent coming together of planets in the sky. Or it might have been a comet.

May Have Been Comet

Early observers, who probably had no notion of what a comet really was, may have referred to this heavenly spectacle as a star. According to Chinese records, a comet did appear around this time.

If the Three Wise Men did not see their "star" until near the end of their journey, it might well have been a meteor, which usually is visible only over a relatively small area. A meteor might actually have cut a path through the sky pointing towards Bethlehem.

Eisenhowers Plan Augusta Vacation

Washington -UPI- President and Mrs. Eisenhower plan to fly to Augusta, Ga., Sunday afternoon for a holiday expected to last at least through New Year's Day, the White House has announced.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President hoped to leave Washington soon after attending church services Sunday.

He said the President would be working while at Augusta, putting finishing touches on his annual State of the Union Message, the administration budget for the next fiscal year, and the economic report, all of which go to Congress next month.

ANNOUNCE FELLOWSHIPS

Washington -UPI- The U.S.

Office of Education has announced it would award nearly 400 fellowships before April 30 for study of 85 foreign languages seldom taught in this country.

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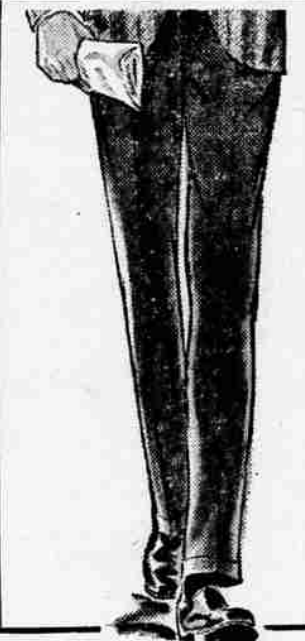
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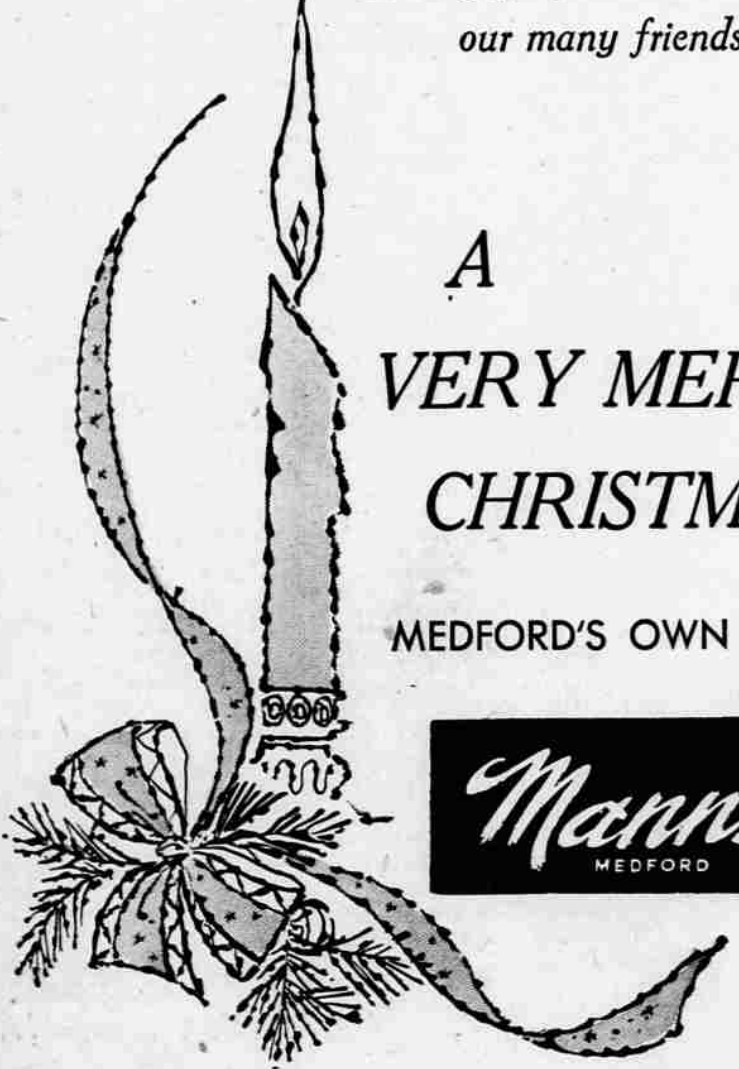
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