

'The Wigwam' Housed Opening Convention of Republican Party

Chicago—UPI—The wooden hall with only three walls they called "The Wigwam" was bursting with people that May morning 100 years ago but still they kept coming in. It was the national conven-

tion of that new political party—the Republicans. Only a week earlier officials had pleaded for donations of any old chairs for the gallery.

The convention only met long enough for the keynote address and other formal openings on Wednesday. At 2 a.m., however, the Missouri delegation was said to have been still singing in its rooms.

Thursday, a battle developed over credentials. Supporters of William Seward, the pre-convention choice, were challenged for power by delegates backing Lincoln and a half-dozen favorite sons.

A third roll call Friday morning showed Lincoln only 2 1/2 votes short of the nomination.

It was at this point that a delegate from Ohio named Carter stuttered his way into history. "I r-r-rise, Mr. Chairman," Carter said, "to announce the change of 11-four votes of Ohio from Mr. Chase to Mr. Lincoln."

Unification Said Hard To Visualize

Washington—UPI—German reunification on terms acceptable to both East and West is hard to visualize, according to a study prepared for the National Planning association.

The study says a continuing division may be the best that can be achieved in the foreseeable future. But it warned that "as long as the division exists it must be expected to lead to periodic irritations and to periodic attempts by the Soviet Union to change it in its favor."

The study was written by Dr. Wolfgang F. Stolper, professor of economics at the University of Michigan, entitled "Germany Between East-West." It will be published soon by the National Planning association.

A brief summary of the study was released here by the NPA.

The National Planning association is a nonprofit, non-political organization devoted to planning by Americans in agriculture, business, labor and the professions.

Labor Shortage Eased by Wives

Frankfurt, Germany—UPI—Communist East Germany is calling up "housewife labor brigades" in an effort to solve its chronic labor shortage.

The Institute for German Industry, which collects industrial information about both East and West Germany, said Communist authorities were now organizing housewives into work brigades under the banner of the Democratic Women's League.

The brigades are expected to do 15 to 20 hours work a week either in industry or agriculture, and to "renounce" payment for "patriotic reasons."

The Institute said Communist authorities hope more than 25 million man hours will be worked by housewives in 1960.

The convention opened on Wednesday, May 16. By noon, Friday, the Republicans had a presidential nominee—Abraham Lincoln.

So little was known of Lincoln he was requested to write a campaign biography. Lincoln submitted some notes.

Not Much
"There is not much of it," he explained, "for the reason, I guess, that there is not much of me."

Site of the convention was The Wigwam, built for \$6,000 but so hastily that one wall was left off. For its back, The Wigwam thus simply borrowed the wall of an adjoining store.

In 70 days, the Republican Party again will convene in Chicago.

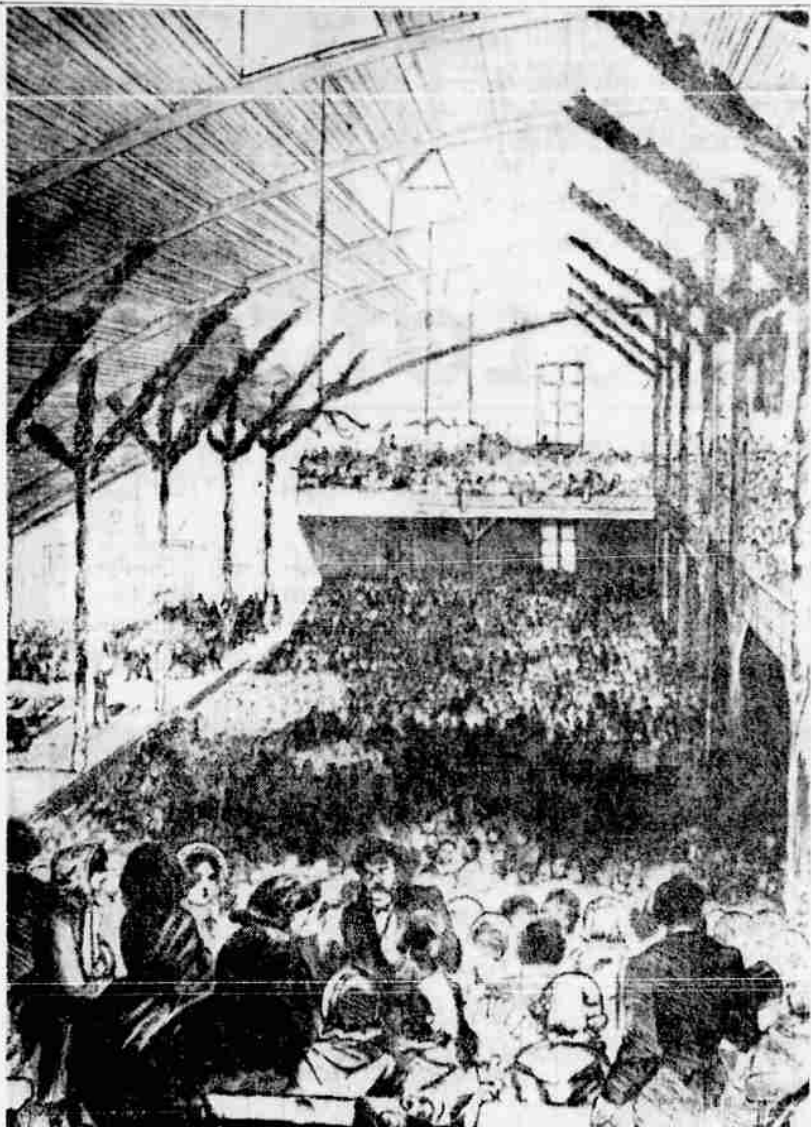
There no longer, however, is a Wigwam. There is no longer the corner of Lake and Market sts., where The Wigwam stood. They call Market st. "North Wacker dr." now and a nine-story office building, its red brick caked with soot, long ago replaced the Wigwam.

An iron plaque donated by the Daughters of the American Revolution marks the site. The plaque is between display windows of a cement company and a paper merchant. A few hundred yards northeast is the Merchandise Mart. About eight miles southwest is The Amphitheatre, site of the July convention.

Enthusiastic

Then as now the conventioners were enthusiastic. But then arriving delegates were greeted with brass bands and cannon volleys. Hotels were packed 100 years ago too and by actual count 132 persons slept on billiard tables that first night.

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FIRST GOP CONVENTION—This is an artist's conception of a building called "the Wigwam" which was hastily constructed in 1860 to house the Republican national convention. It was put up so fast that it had only three sides—the back was simply a borrowed wall from an adjoining building. All that remains of the "wigwam" today is a dusty, paint-covered plaque donated by the Daughters of the American Revolution. —(UPI Telephoto)

Ancient Eskimo Gets Toothache

Anchorage, Alaska—UPI—An Eskimo native from Lime Village, Alaska, recently hobbled 40 miles on crutches to an Air Force landing strip for a trip to get his teeth fixed.

When he arrived at the hospital in Anchorage, after a 100 mile flight, he told attendants, "I'm Stony Pappy—I'm 113 years old and I got a toothache."

Hospital officials said the man was at least 97 but couldn't verify that he was 113.

Pig's Birthday Called Important

East Lansing—UPI—The first day in the life of a pig is not only quite important to the pig but to people.

Researchers at Michigan State university have found that a baby pig should get plenty of colostrum—milk the mother gives immediately after birth.

This connects with antibodies at a time the pig is unable to protect himself against diseases.

If the baby pig is treated right, a long life and a future of becoming bacon, chops and hams is ahead of him.

STORE HEAD DIES

Nashville, Tenn.—UPI—Fred Harvey, 57, who built a small, run-down store into one of the best known department stores in the nation, Harvey's department store here, died Monday.

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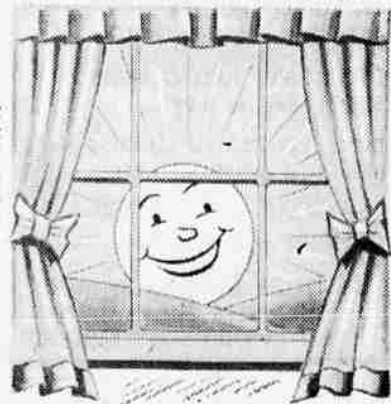
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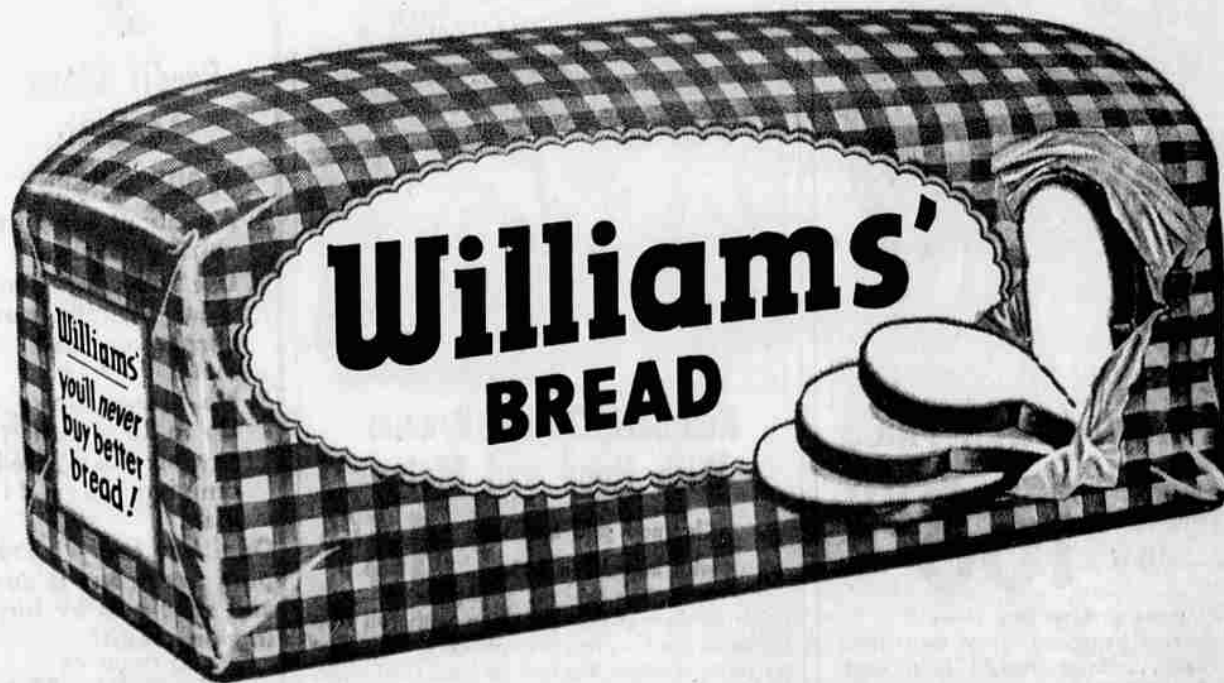
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