

Electoral College Still Elects Highest Officers

Registered voters in the Nov. 8 general election will cast ballots for President and Vice President.

They also will cast ballots for six people whose names accompany the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates' names on the ballot.

These six people for each party are candidates for the "electoral college," which, through constitutional authority, elects the President and Vice President. The six Oregon electors will cast their ballots Dec. 19 in Salem.

According to the 1960 edition of "The American Voter," the "popular vote of the people indirectly elects the President and Vice President." Electors cast their ballots for the candidate who receives the majority vote in the state. Electors Named

Democratic presidential electors in Oregon are Jan Bauer, Vernon Cook, Walter Dodd, Myron Katz, Peter Kirk and Al Weeks. Republican presidential electors are Mrs.

Donald L. Stathos. Medford insurance agent, has been active in Republican politics in Jackson county for four years.

He was county chairman of the Youth for Eisenhower-Nixon during the last Presidential campaign, was chairman of the Young Republicans organization, and chairman of the Jackson County Republican Central committee.

He is now secretary of the State Republican Central committee.

Stella Cutlip, Herman Oliver, Mrs. Donald Richardson, Donald L. Stathos, Victor W. Thomsen, and Mrs. Frederic W. Young.

Although not probable, it is possible that the candidate in the November general election receiving the least number of popular votes could become president. It happened in 1888, but in more recent times the possibility of such an occurrence is becoming more remote.

In 1888, Grover Cleveland received 5,540,329 popular votes, and Benjamin Harrison received 5,439,853. However, electoral votes gave Cleveland 188 to Harrison's 233 because the popular vote in the nation's larger population areas such as New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois favored Harrison. Those states have a greater number of electoral votes.

A similar situation could occur in the coming election, although it is highly unlikely.

For example, suppose Richard Nixon, the Republican candidate, and John F. Kennedy, the Democratic candidate, have almost a tie in the number of popular votes with New York and Oregon left to be counted.

Nixon wins in New York by a popular vote of 1,000. Kennedy wins in Oregon by 800,000 popular votes, giving the Democratic candidate a margin of 799,000 popular votes.

Electoral Vote Margin Nixon, however, because he carried New York, would have a margin of 39 electoral college votes, thus giving him the presidency.

Because of the possibility of such situations, the electoral college has been criticized by many people, including politicians, in recent years.

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Some attempts have been made to change the system, but such attempts have not gained much headway.

One reason why the system has not been changed probably is due to political bosses in the nation's large metropolitan areas. If the political boss can deliver 100 per cent of the state (in the electoral college) to his candidate, it makes a better showing than delivering but 51 per cent of the popular vote.

Proposals to abolish the electoral college tend to reduce the importance of the state in the federal system of government, according to "The American Voter," and have never been received well by Congress.

State Officers Electors are state officers who are nominated and elected according to state law. In some states, in fact, the names of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates do not appear on the ballot at all. Only the names of the electors are listed.

The electoral college had its start at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 when the manner in which the President should be elected troubled delegates. The convention rejected a proposal that Congress elect the President because delegates thought he would be under the control of the legislature.

A proposal that the President be elected by the people

also was rejected. Alexander Hamilton said such a system may lead to "tumult and disorder."

The convention solved the problem by agreeing on establishing the electoral college. The college's existence and authority is provided in Article II of the Constitution. But there is no mention in Article II, or in an amendment to Article II, of the popular vote by the people.

The manner by which electors were named was left up to the individual state legislatures, which could either appoint electors or provide that the people elect them. In many states until the mid-1800s, the legislatures appointed electors.

Political Parties In 1800, however, the electoral college started taking the "back seat." Between 1798 and 1800, two political parties developed, and each had made arrangements for support of their candidates. The parties themselves submitted lists of possible candidates for the electoral college with the understanding that if elected or named by the state legislatures, the electors would support the party's selected President and Vice President.

This actually is the forerunner of the political party system of today. But even today, the President and Vice President are elected by members of the electoral college, and not directly by the people.



BRIGITTE BARDOT A Fit of Depression

Castro Caller's Phone Sans Cord

New York - (UPI) - This is the story of the man in the bedsheet and the telephone without a cord.

Harried police guarding Cuban Premier Fidel Castro were waiting for his departure Wednesday from Harlem's Hotel Theresa when a taxi pulled up. A Negro man garbed in a strange-looking robe stepped out.

Police and security agents immediately stopped him and demanded to know where he was headed.

The man in the bedsheet robe replied: "I'm going to see Fidel."

He was asked for credentials. "I have no credentials but it is important that I see Fidel," he replied.

Police said this was impossible.

The man stepped back to his taxi, reached inside and extracted a telephone, minus the cord. He calmly lifted the receiver and, while the amazed police watched, spoke: "Fidel, they won't let me up to see you."

Officers hustled him back into the cab and the stranger was driven away.

One policeman remarked: "This is the nuttiest guy yet."

A fellow officer replied: "Who knows. Maybe Fidel is up there on the other end saying 'Why won't they let you in?'"

Realtors Reelect Tillamook Man

Eugene - (UPI) - M. L. Schmidt of Tillamook Wednesday was reelected president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards.

Roy Ferris of Salem was elected treasurer. Named as vice presidents were Ken Evans, Portland; Ken Johnson, Vale; and Pearl Beard, Enterprise.

Woman Flunks Test for License

St. Louis, Mo. - (UPI) - Minnette Ernst flunked her driver's test Wednesday when the examiner told her to try her hand at parking.

Miss Ernst put the car in reverse, stepped on the accelerator and sent the auto rocketing across a street, up a terrace and through a pony corral before it rammed into the side of a church.

Miss Ernst wasn't hurt but she'll have to wait a little longer for her driver's license.

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Brigitte Bardot Attempts Suicide With Barbiturates

Nice, France - (UPI) - French sex queen Brigitte Bardot, whose own romantic life appeared to be more than she could handle, tried to commit suicide Wednesday night with an overdose of sleeping pills but her doctors said she was "definitely out of danger" today.

The shorts-clad body that has made Miss Bardot France's sex symbol was found under a bush near her Riviera villa where she had been hiding from her estranged husband, Jacques Charrier.

One of her wrists was cut or scratched. But doctors at the private Saint-Francois Clinic where she was rushed said that she had used an overdose of sleeping pills and not a razor in her suicide attempt.

Ironically, Wednesday was her 28th birthday. And she had everything to celebrate: Fame, fortune and the most precious thing any woman can have: Sex appeal.

"I'm Going to Die" The proprietor of a restaurant where she lunched quietly Wednesday said that she snapped at him "Leave me alone, I am going to die" when he tried to have her photographed.

The director of her latest

movie, Henri-Georges Clouzot, said today he believes that she tried to kill herself "in a fit of depression."

It was Clouzot who had Charrier, Miss Bardot's husband, barred from the set of "The Truth" when he flew into a jealous frenzy over the shooting of a love scene with her leading man, Samy Frey.

There were reports that handsome Charrier and Frey came to blows outside a Paris cafe after Miss Bardot and her leading man showed up late for an appointment with her husband.

Frequent Public Spats The Charriers had it out frequently in public over Miss Bardot's interest in Frey. Recently their marriage went on the rocks.

Miss Bardot, after telling her lawyer, Jean Pierre Le Mee "I am depressed," sought the seclusion of a villa near the Italian-French Riviera town of Menton to duck Charrier and reporters.

Le Mee said that doctors had ordered her to seek a complete rest and that she was suffering from low blood pressure. But it was her emotional trouble with Charrier that caused her depression, he added. He quoted her as saying that she would leave the ques-

tion of divorce "entirely" up to Jacques.

Charrier, who today was on his way by car from Biarritz to his wife's bedside, was quoted by his lawyer as saying that he was "depressed and disappointed" but that "I still believe in Brigitte's love."

Nude Movie Scenes Miss Bardot's married life has been as tempestuous as the no-clothes-no-holds-barred scenes she has played on the movie screen.

She had a torrid love affair with actor Jean-Louis Trintignant, another leading man, during the first film she made after her marriage at 18 to Roger Vadim. Movie director Vadim made her figure one of the most valuable movie properties in the world.

They were divorced in 1957. One of her most publicized love affairs before her marriage to Charrier in 1959 was one with guitar player Sacha Distel.

Donkey Toothless Following Impact

Dallas, Tex. - (UPI) - Miss Myrtle Ray Bass, 36, couldn't stop in time Wednesday night when a donkey darted out in front of her car and she hit it in the rear. It didn't kill the beast, but police said the impact knocked its teeth out.

WHO'LL REACH HIM?

London - (UPI) - The British Inland Revenue Department announced Wednesday that no attempt has been made to

take action against a certain defaulting taxpayer because the man lives in a nudist colony.



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Contracts Awarded For Natural Gas Pipeline to South

San Francisco - (UPI) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced here Wednesday that contracts have been awarded for the 1,400-mile pipeline project that will bring natural gas from Canada to California.

Norman R. Sutherland, PG&E president, said work would begin in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia as soon as contractors' equipment can be moved in.

PG&E announced the following contract awards: -The 291-mile California

section will be built by the H. C. Price Co., Bartlesville, Okla. The Price company also will build 146 miles from Rosalia, Wash., to the Idaho-British Columbia border.

The 488-mile section from the California-Oregon boundary to Rosalia, Wash., will be built by the joint venture organization of Western Pipeline Inc., Austin, Tex., and J. P. Neill and Co., Dallas.

Pacific Gas Transmission Co., a PG&E affiliate, will own and operate the Oregon-Washington-Idaho section. Alberta Natural Gas Co. of Canada, one-third owned by the PG&E subsidiary will own and operate the 107-mile British Columbia section.

Successful bidders for the Alberta section were named in Calgary by the Calgary Gas Trunk Line Co. Price-Poole of Canada, Ltd., of Calgary and Edmonton, will do the construction. Contracts for the balance of the line went to local bidders.

The project is scheduled for completion in the winter of 1961-62. It will deliver approximately 415 million cubic feet of natural gas daily to PG&E for distribution in Northern California.

PG&E said the 36-inch diameter steel pipe already in being delivered to a welding and wrapping yard at Sprague, Ore., and other deliveries will be made to Burney and Napa, Calif., and Pacific Northwest points.

PGT also will deliver gas to El Paso Natural Gas Co. for local utilities in the Pacific Northwest. Alberta and Southern Gas Co. Ltd., a PG&E subsidiary in Calgary, will buy gas from Alberta producers for PG&E.

Montana Power Co. will import gas through a lateral from the Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Ltd.

DEMO FIGURE DIES Waterford, Conn. - (UPI) - Mrs. C. John Satti, 59, Democratic national committee woman from Connecticut from 1952 to 1958, died Wednesday.

FBI Called in Reno Slaying

Reno - (UPI) - The FBI has been called on to aid in the search for an Ogden, Utah, housepainter charged with the murder of a Santa Rosa, Calif., businessman.

Washoe County District Attorney William J. Raggio Wednesday filed a formal complaint against Joseph Walker, 39, naming him as the man last seen with the victim, Paul G. Allison, 59.

Raggio said pictures of Walker taken while he was an inmate at the Arizona and Montana state prisons matched descriptions furnished by a Lovelock, Nev., service station attendant who said the victim and a second man stopped at his station Sept. 19.

Allison was last heard from when he called his wife Sept. 18 saying he expected to arrive home from a trip to Missoula, Mont., the following day.

His beaten and stabbed body was found last Saturday in Reno in the back of one of the camp coaches he manufactured.

A person who gave the name Joe Walker said a two-karat diamond ring identified as belonging to the victim at a Reno pawnshop Sept. 20.

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