

New Test Highway Strip To Show Truck Effects

Ike Trails Taft in Poll

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft, R-Ohio, finished ahead of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a presidential preference poll conducted by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Final figures also showed Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., finishing ahead of President Truman.

The week-long poll was conducted by means of ballots printed in the newspaper and mailed in by readers.

The final figures:

Republican	6,547
Democrat	5,441
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower	3,441
Sen. Douglas MacArthur	585
Gov. Earl Warren of Calif.	342
Harold E. Stassen	302
Democratic	708
Sen. Estes Kefauver	547
President Truman	574

A few votes were recorded for U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, and Sen. Paul Douglas, D-Ill.

Queen, Duke At Royal Bier

LONDON (AP) — Eighty-four year old Queen Mary and her son, the Duke of Windsor, went to Westminster Hall Wednesday night and stood solemnly together for a time before the bier of King George VI.

The Duke, who gave up the throne to his late brother to marry "the woman I love," returned to London from New York earlier Wednesday to join in the national mourning with thousands of Britons of all ranks and stations.

The Hall was cleared temporarily while the Dowager Queen and her son entered.

Outside the Hall, 100,000 people, in two giant lines, waited to pay their respects. Some had stood for over four hours.

Air Base Gets Building Fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — About eight million dollars in building funds is being restored to the Air Force Base at Mountain Home, Idaho, an Air Force spokesman said Wednesday.

The office of Senator Dworshak, R-Idaho, was told the money will build barracks for 4,200 enlisted men and quarters for 252 bachelor officers.

Nearly 22 million was appropriated last year for construction at Mountain Home during the year ending next June 30.

Texans Pray, Heavens Spray

WACO, Tex. (AP) — A thunderstorm early Tuesday dumped half an inch of rain on Waco just a few hours after an interdenominational prayer meeting for rain.

Individuals had visited the First Baptist Church chapel all day Tuesday to pray for rain for this drought-stricken area of Central Texas.

At 7:30 p.m. some 70 persons gathered in the chapel for an interdenominational prayer meeting for rain.

Not a cloud was in the sky then, but one woman brought her raincoat.

A few hours after the prayer meeting adjourned, the lightning, thunder and rain hit.

Eugene Station Seeks TV

PORTLAND (AP) — Radio station KUGN at Eugene will file for television facilities as soon as the current freeze is lifted, its officers reported here Wednesday.

C. H. Fisher, president, and Ewing C. Kelly, vice-president, reported plans to file articles of incorporation for Eugene Television Incorporated through which TV will be sought.

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR., SALEM (AP) — The long argument between the highway builders and the truckers over how much highway damage is caused by trucks will be settled scientifically next summer.

The tests will be started next August on a specially-built road 60 miles south of Pocatello, Idaho. The contract for building the test road was let last week by the Western Association of State Highway Officials.

The Western states each will contribute \$30,000. The rest of the \$300,000 total cost will be paid by the trucking industry, petroleum haulers and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

W. C. Williams, assistant Oregon highway engineer who is chairman of the WASHIO advisory committee in charge of the project, said it would give engineers valuable data on whether they are over-designing or under-designing the highways.

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On the test road, there will be pavement with five different thicknesses—8, 10, 14, 18 and 22 inches. Trucks of varying weights will run thousands of times over each section.

Highway engineers over the nation have agreed that the maximum truck load per axle should be 18,000 pounds, or 32,000 pounds on a pair of axles. The tests, which will last through next winter, will show if they are right.

The engineers are designing roads 18 inches thick to carry the 18,000-32,000 pound loads, but there are thousands of miles of outmoded western highways that are only 6 or 10 inches thick. The test will demonstrate maintenance costs on these, as well as on stronger roads.

A similar test was made in Maryland last year. It showed that trucks with 22,400-pound axle loads cause six times as much pavement cracking as those with the legal 8,000-pound loads.

The western engineers will use the Maryland data, but they say it is far from being complete.

The Idaho test will give the western legislatures a guide to levy taxes on various types of motor vehicles. The Oregon Highway Commission says trucks cause a third of the road damage, but the truckers deny it. The test will show who is right.

"The test," Williams said, "will determine definitely and with positive factual data the type of design that must be used to provide maximum axle load weights on past, present and future highways."

It should save the states a lot of money, too. Chances are that the test will show highway builders how they can build the most road for the smallest amount of money.

If the test gives the legislatures the exact data they need for fixing load limits and apportioning highway costs between the trucks and passenger cars, the legislators will be most happy.

Battles between the truckers, who want to carry bigger loads, and the highway engineers, who say loads are too big now for many western highways, take up a lot of time in the western legislatures.

The 1951 Oregon legislature boosted truck taxes about 25 percent after a bruising battle between the Highway Commission and the truckers. This bill will be on the November ballot, because the truckers attacked it by referendum.

The Highway Commission says the proposed tax increase would make the truckers pay their fair share of construction and maintenance costs. The truckers say they are paying enough already.

The Idaho test will shed a lot of light on this argument.

Poetic Tribute Prepared

LONDON (AP) — Poet Laureate John Masefield said Wednesday he is working on a poetic tribute to King George VI, and that an ode to the new Queen would come later.

Masefield, now 73, said "I like every other Englishman, wish to say what I can in praise of a very great man."

Masefield has been Poet Laureate since 1930. He lives in Berkshire County, not far from Windsor where the King is to be buried Friday.

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