

Political Aspirants Warm Up On Eve Of Illinois' Popularity Poll Primary

By The Associated Press

Names made the political news Monday on the eve of a possible two-million vote turnout for Illinois' presidential preferential primary.

Illinois has 4,818,000 registered voters. A two-million ballot Tuesday was looked for because of a happy weather forecast and steam generated by stump speeches and write-in campaigns.

The primary is strictly a popularity poll. Results are not binding on delegates to the presidential nominating convention, although they may influence leanings.

Meanwhile, here are the names and the political news they made: Sen. Taft of Ohio and Gen. Eisenhower, North Atlantic Treaty military chief, seemed headed toward a possible deadlock at the GOP presidential nomination convention in July.

Taft generally is conceded to have about twice as many delegates as Eisenhower now but an apparent trend recently is to split state support between them. Hence, they could come down to the wire practically neck-and-neck.

Taft and former Gov. Stassen of Minnesota, who also seeks the GOP nomination, stump-toured Illinois all last week. Riley Bender of Chicago is their only opposition on the ballot, but an Eisenhower write-in campaign is being pushed.

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee is unopposed in Illinois' Democratic primary. However, he faced prospects of a strong write-in for Illi-

nois Gov. Stevenson, listed only on the ballot as unopposed for nomination as governor.

At Chicago school editors conference Sunday, Kefauver and Stassen were asked if they would accept a vice-presidency nomination. Kefauver said no. Stassen declined to "speculate" on anything but the presidency.

Eisenhower favors state ownership of the oil-rich submerged coastal lands, according to Monday's Dallas (Tex.) Morning News. It quotes the general as saying he had not changed a previously-expressed opinion that federal control of these so-called tidelands would tend "toward centralized ownership and control... which I have bitterly opposed."

Rep. Hugh Scott Jr., of Pennsylvania, former GOP national chairman, said in Richmond, Va.: "The best thing Taft could do to serve his party and nation would be to second the nomination of the (Eisenhower) at the convention." Scott spoke at a Virginians-for-Eisenhower rally.

Gov. Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin of Maryland met Eisenhower for lunch in Paris Sunday. Afterwards, the governor said they hadn't talked about when the general would come back to this country but that "I got the feeling he intends to do something promptly, without delay."

Sen. Kerr of Nebraska, who seeks the Democratic nomination as president claimed a majority of Nebraska's 12 delegates. In a New York television inter-

view, Kerr said that, although he lost the Nebraska popularity vote to Kefauver, he had "at least seven" of the state's delegates. Reports place the count at Kerr 5, Kefauver 5, uncommitted 2.

Rep. John F. Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat, announced in Boston he would run for the Senate seat now held by Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., a Republican and leader of the Eisenhower-for-President drive.

Sen. McMahon of Connecticut, on a Washington radio program, said it was "highly doubtful" northern industrial states would be carried by any southern candidate.

McMahon declined to say whether he classed Kefauver and Kerr as southerners, but he obviously included Sen. Russell of Georgia, the other avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Russell, told of McMahon's statement, commented that northern industrial states, like any others, would look for "the best leadership."

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Death Toll Reaches Three

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Three persons, one of them an infant, died in weekend accidents in Oregon.

The child, Margaret Marie Lentz, 18 months old, was killed Saturday while playing in the driveway of her home at Hillsboro. She was crushed by a car driven by her grandfather, police said. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lentz.

Einer Elleson, 51, of Oreno, died of injuries after his jacked-up car rolled off a set of blocks and crushed him while he was underneath making repairs.

Lawrence James Miller Jr., 8, apparently drowned in the Sandy River near Troutdale Saturday. A companion said he fell off a floating log into the water and disappeared.

Rattler Bites Human Captor

OKEENE, Okla. (U) — A veteran snake handler was bitten in the hand by an excited, swift-moving rattler Sunday after better than 15,000 hunters captured 1,684 reptiles alive in the 13th annual rattlesnake roundup.

The trapped snake was on the scale being weighed. Dozens of curious spectators watched frozen with fear as it suddenly slipped from beneath a metal fork which pinned its head to the platform. It struck swiftly at Russell Strayhorn, 47-year-old veteran of 16 roundups and last year's winner. First aid was administered immediately by Vern Dale Shipman, 17, a Watoua Eagle Scout, who brought in this year's champion. Strayhorn was embarrassed.

"It was a damn fool stunt," he said. "This is the first time I've been bitten."

He refused antivenom serum, maintaining that the "cut and suck" method is the best remedy for snake bites. Doctors said he was not seriously hurt.

A ton of live, writhing rattlers was hauled onto Okeene's main street. Shipman and a friend, Jimmy Davis, captured the winner—a 68 inch giant.

The second largest, 66 1/2 inches, was snared by Charley Sholtes, Longdale, Okla. The total catch weighed 2,140 pounds, with the winner scaling 12.

The bite victim is the 71st member of the Order of the White Fang, a society of victims of previous hunts.

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