

National Plow Contest Arena Said Able to Hold 180,000

KASSON - DODGE CENTER, Minn. (AP)—Ike and Adlai will have an "18-acre audience" for their Saturday speeches at the national plowing contest.

Site for the talks by the two presidential candidates is a natural amphitheater of that size—but without any seats for the spectators.

"Each person, average that is, will take up a standing space two by two square feet," explained W. M. Roberts of Rochester, director of operations. "That brings it to 10,000 standees per acre, or 180,000 for the whole shebang. Could be."

Roberts added, however, that his

committee would be "more than satisfied" if the expected crowd of just over 100,000 shows up.

"We'll have our hands full with traffic, even at that figure," he said.

In addition to two score Minnesota highway patrolmen, two battalions of state guardsmen and 300 boy scouts will help handle the thousands of cars.

Parking is free in 11 spacious, open fields surrounding the speaking site. From the parking lots, the farthest a mile away, tractor-drawn wagons will provide "taxi" haulage to the main arena.

Roberts admits one prospective concessionaire is worrying him.

"Fellow called me on the phone Thursday and asked what we wanted for exclusive rights to sell raincoats and umbrellas on the grounds for the day," he reported. "Now, brother, rain here Saturday would be like tossing a snowstorm at the Atlantic City bathing beauty show."

"Nope, we haven't made any deal with him—yet."

Still unexcited about having the nation's currently most publicized guests for dinner—Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower and Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson—Mrs. Clara Snow was going calmly about her preparations for their chicken, apple pie and trimmings.

"All our menfolk like that kind of meal and so will they," she said. "Our chickens are nice and plump. And the apples, thanks to a wet season, are fairly oozing with juice."

Gen. Eisenhower will eat at the Snow farm after his noon talk. Gov. Stevenson is scheduled to sit down at the table sometime before he goes onto the plank platform, near the Snow farmhouse, about 4 p. m. CST.

Slightly larger scale planning is being done in the food department for the spectators. One Kasson butcher alone is taking delivery of five tons of wieners. The Dodge Center American Legion post is stocking its concession tent with two tons of coffee as a starter.

Polio Strikes Six In Family

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—With six of his nine children in the polio isolation ward of a San Antonio hospital, farmer Paul Pehl said today he would not return to the farm where they apparently contracted the disease.

Yesterday, Pehl walked wearily away from the ward where he had just left his sixth child, tow-headed little 6-year-old Dorothy.

Dayton Pehl, 14, was admitted on Aug. 26. Tuesday of this week four more of the Pehl children—Daniel, 15; Paul Jr., 11; George, 10; and Elaine Frances, 9—were admitted to the polio ward.

Pehl is a small, sun-burned man from the hill country about 10 miles west of Austin.

"The children were a big help around the farm," Pehl said. "I've a few crops left. What little the drought hasn't got, the kids sure help take care of. I've heard somewhere that over-exertion has something to do with bringing on polio but my children certainly haven't been overworked this summer."

Pehl said he wasn't suspicious of the clear, cool waters of the Peder-nales River where his children swam this summer or the family's well where they got their drinking water.

He said he just wanted "the place examined, and besides if I leave it alone just like it was when the children left there, it might mean something to the research team they say will come up here."

Dr. Lawrence Feller, the Pehl family physician and Gillespie County health officer, said he would make a request to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis that a complete research program be undertaken at the Pehl farm.

Sax Player Loses Wife

DETROIT (AP)—Mrs. Joan Walsh Pehl won a divorce in Circuit Court yesterday after protesting she had to play second fiddle to her husband's first love—a saxophone.

She testified that her husband was "intentionally unemployed" and practiced on his saxophone while she supported them.

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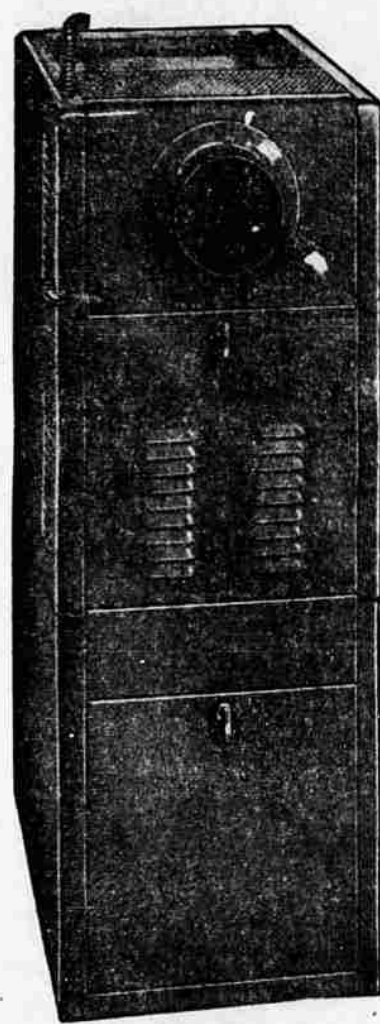
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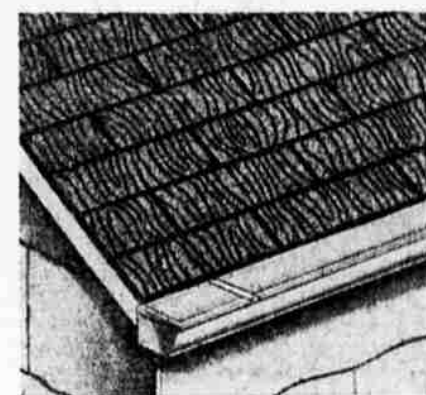
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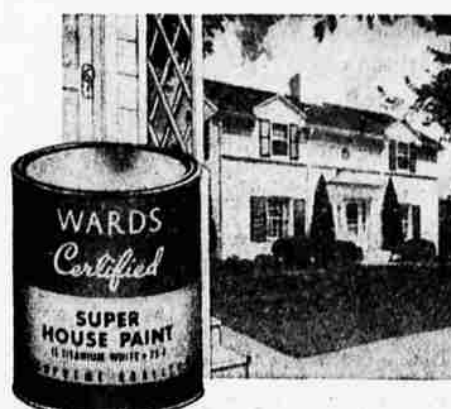
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