

Sentiment For E. Kefauver Spills Over Into Wisconsin

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NEW RICHMOND, Wis. (AP) — Farm unrest is spilling over from Minnesota into Wisconsin. So is some of the sentiment for Sen. Estes Kefauver, who upset Adlai E. Stevenson in Minnesota's Democratic presidential primary a week ago.

Both are more apparent around here, in the northwestern part of the state near the Minnesota border, than elsewhere in Wisconsin. But there is evidence even some of the bigger, more efficient, traditionally Republican farmers are turning against the administration farm program and beginning to wonder if they ought to vote Democratic this time. And among laboring men in some Democratic strongholds in cities Kefauver appears to be picking up.

Unless these feelings run more deeply than is apparent on the surface, Wisconsin's presidential primary April 3 is going to be pretty drab. The only major entrants are President Eisenhower for the GOP and Kefauver for the Democrats.

DEFINITE TREND
Should Kefauver come up with something like half the total vote, it probably would be considered an indication of a definite Democratic trend.

Democrats probably would contend a third of the vote would represent a good showing for Kefauver. In the 1952 primary, Democrats collected about 25 per cent of the vote, Republicans 75 per cent.

If the November election could be moved up to March, Eisenhower would be favored to take Wisconsin again, although probably by a smaller margin than his 3-2 edge of four years ago.

What brings out heads of political perspiration on Republican brows is the extent to which discontent among farmers may spread in the months before the general election.

Take Wilbur Renk of Sun Prairie, in south-central Wisconsin. He and his brothers farm 2,500 acres and operate an extensive seed corn business. Renk is considered one of the most prosperous farmers in the state. He is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

Four years ago, he headed the Citizens for Eisenhower Committee in the state. Now he is less than happy about the administration farm program.

NOT SAYING
He isn't saying he will vote Democratic, but he did say in an interview:

"I know the farmers are very

discontented. I think they are going to be a very attentive political audience for the Democrats this year."

In northwestern Wisconsin there is a higher proportion of marginal farms and a higher ratio of discontent.

Consequently, political feeling in the area has to be discounted to some extent as not entirely typical. But it is important because of the undetermined degree to which it may seep into other regions.

THE PICTURE
This is the picture around here: Tilted back in his chair in the office of the New Richmond News, Editor John Van Meter, a former Republican turned Democrat, declared:

"We're going to give the administration a licking out here this year. Kefauver is pretty strong. He appeals to the average person."

Thumbing through the last two issues of his weekly paper, Van Meter counted six auctions of farm stock and equipment in one week, five in the other.

Ralph Peterson is manager of a finance corporation branch office which has built up an \$80,000 business in two years, largely in loans to farmers.

"I think Ike will lose votes," he said, "but not enough to lose the election."

Four years ago, New Richmond had five farm implement dealers. The only one left is Clarence Polfus. He pointed to his stock of 18 tractors and said ordinarily they would be sold by June 1—but not this year. So he won't place his usual order for the second half of the year.

Polfus said that "as far as our business is concerned, the farmer is rebelling and there isn't much question he will vote his pocket-

book and vote Democratic." Polfus will stay with Eisenhower.

E. J. Cashman is president of a corporation that mills flour, makes plastics and packaging machinery, does printing, and manufactures

and sells 12 million dollars worth of feeds a year.

"I'm sticking with the Republicans because I think they still can pound out a sound farm program," he said. But he added that a lot

of his Republican friends who depend on farm income or business "are going to switch."

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Cub Scouts Present Skit

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The boys of Den No. 1 gave a skit, "Treasure for the Taking." A film entitled "Buddy Kilowatt" was shown through the courtesy of The California Oregon Power Company, Jack Patton of Weyerhaeuser running the projector.

The wolf badge award was made to Dennis Ezell for February. The following awards were made for March: David Paschal, assistant denner stripe; Ber: Paugh, service star; Rickey Murray, service star and denner stripe; Larry Meyer, lion gold arrow; William Jones, wolf badge; Earl Jones, wolf badge, wolf gold arrow and assistant denner stripe.

Good standing cards were awarded to the following: Larry Meyers, Bobby Kufner, Dick Maxwell, Earl Jones, Mike Kitching, David Ezell, Larry Barnes, William Jones, Gary E. Sidel, Denny Owens, Rickey Murray, Denny Ezell, Martin Bassett, Roger Warren, Larry Smith, Duane Singleton, John T. Show, Duane O. Snyder, Gerald Argetsinger, Bert Paugh, David Paschal, Mark Schwabe and Jack Moon.

A gold ribbon was awarded Den No. 1 for having the greatest number of parents present. Den No. 6 received a blue ribbon for having the most awards per den and the red flag was awarded to Den No. 4 for having the best den display. The den flags were won by Den No. 1.

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