

GALLUP POLL SAYS:

Republicans Hold Lead In Mid-West Farm Belt According To Vote Today

Democrats Face Hard Task To Win Back Farmer Support, But Can Still Fall Back On Agricultural South

Following is the second of a series of news reports by the Gallup Poll on political sentiment throughout the country. By GEORGE GALLUP

Director, American Institute of Public Opinion PRINCETON, N. J., January 22.—Although Democratic party leaders are going after mid-west farm votes this year with renewed intensity, all evidence to date shows that the Republican party is holding its own in the farm areas.

Latest soundings of farm sentiment by the Institute find that only slightly more than four farmers in every ten in the mid-west area say they would vote Democratic if a presidential election were held today.

In the solid South it is a different picture, of course, with the Southern farmers still strongly Democratic, in fact, more Democratic now than they were in 1944.

Farm sentiment was measured in the following question: "If a presidential election were being held today, which party would you vote for—the Democratic or Republican?"

The vote of farmers in the mid-west states—states which are of crucial importance in the electoral college—follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Percent. Rows: 1936 Election (44%), 1940 Election (55%), 1944 Election (57%), TODAY (58%).

The percentages represent the average for farm sentiment in the combined area of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Missouri.

THE TRUMAN administration can count as usual, however, on a strong backlog of Southern farm votes. With the Southern farmers counted in the picture of total farm sentiment is more favorable to the Democrats.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Percent. Rows: 1936 (41%), 1940 (46%), 1944 (52%), TODAY (49%).

The increase in Democratic percentage this year as compared to 1944 comes about because of a rise in Democratic strength among Southern farmers. Whereas the vote among Southern farmers in 1944 is estimated at 66 per cent Democratic, today the survey finds approximately three out of four Southern farmers favoring the Democrats if a presidential election were held.

A relatively small Democratic gain in mid-western states could yield much richer political dividends in an election year than a very substantial gain in states where a Democratic majority has always been assured.

SURVEYORS TO MEET RALEIGH, Jan. 19.—(P)—The North Carolina society of surveyors will hold its annual meeting Thursday in the civil engineering building at N. C. State College, it was announced today by Prof. C. L. Mann, secretary of the society.

SCHOOL TO END SPEED-UP STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (U.P)—Pennsylvania State College will convert from a wartime accelerated program of three semesters to a normal schedule of two semesters a year beginning next fall, President Ralph Dorn Hetzel announced.

During the history of volcanic mountains, there may be long periods of inactivity.

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JAP GOVERNMENT WILL CRACK DOWN

TOKYO, Jan. 22.—(P)—The Japanese government got ready today to crack down on the black market in rice—basic food crop of this hungry nation—by withholding fertilizers and farm machinery from farmers sabotaging the legal food marketing program.

Farmers currently sell rice to government purchasing agents on a voluntary basis, for resale to the public in rationed quantities at fixed prices. But only 32 percent of the crop has been reaching the consumer in this way.

Wataru Narahashi, chief secretary of the cabinet, said the government was forced to take strong action to prevent "a serious crisis" in food, and to make possible the importation of supplemental food-stuffs from abroad.

The Ministries of Finance and Commerce meanwhile collaborated on a plan to force wealthy Japanese to sell hoarded stocks of goods accumulated in an effort to evade taxation.

General MacArthur ordered the government to provide detailed information concerning 14 Zaibatsu (family monopolies) and 18 major holding companies, including the names of major officers and of persons holding more than one percent of the stock.

The purge of ultra-Nationalists from Japan's administrative machinery also continued as more than 20 prefectural governors and 33 top members of the home ministry resigned.

CAPT. P. V. H. WEEMS STOPS OFF IN CITY ENROUTE TO NORTH

Captain P. V. H. Weems, USN, former convoy commodore in the North Atlantic who is on his way from Florida to his home at Annapolis, Md., visited Wilmington yesterday.

Captain Weems who commanded 2,000 ships crossing the Atlantic to Europe theatres without loss of a vessel is on terminal leave and is retiring from the navy, it was learned during his visit at the U. S. Navy Port Director's office.

The captain, a former instructor in navigation at the Naval academy, described his Atlantic record as "lucky."

"We didn't lose a single man to enemy action, either," he said, "although we did lose 71 men near the end of the war when the French carrier Bearn crashed into the stern of one of the vessels in my convoy."

To pilots and navigators, both air and sea, the ruddy-complexioned, white-haired captain is probably better known for his work on navigation.

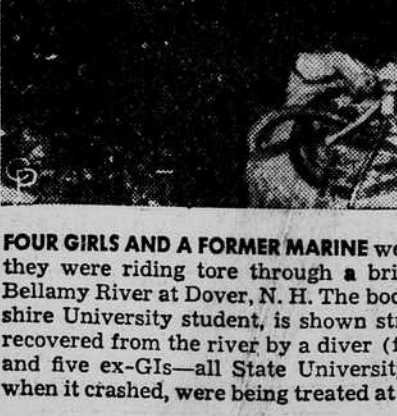
An internationally-recognized authority in the celestial and dead-reckoning branches of the science, he is a prolific writer and has turned out numerous books on navigation used by the services during the war. He also designed many calculators, and other mechanical navigation devices used by airlines, ships, and the armed forces.

As he expressed it, "I design an instrument, manufacture it, sell it, then teach you how to use it."

An income of \$1,475 was enough in 1941 to cover current living expenses of an average city family of three in 1941 but in 1944 an income of \$1,950 was required.

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FIVE DROWN AS CAR TAKES PLUNGE



FOUR GIRLS AND A FORMER MARINE were drowned when the car in which they were riding tumbled through a bridge railing and plunged into the Bellamy River at Dover, N. H.

STEEL STRIKERS 'JUMP GUN' IN PITTSBURGH



FRIGID COLD AND FALLING SNOW meant little to these former workers in the giant Irvin Works of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation at Pittsburgh, Pa., as they formed their picket line before one of the plant gates in advance of the midnight deadline.

The New World Almanac Records 1945 Events

In the year 1945, when every day's newspaper was so packed with momentous events that it seemed too precious to destroy, a group of experts in news selection was preparing a handy, complete and permanent record that would take up only a few inches on your desk.

This was the staff of "The World Almanac and Book of Facts," headed by E. Eastman Irvine. Few lexicographers, in other years, had faced such a challenge; when men turned in future to their book they would want to know the details of the final bloody battles that won victory for us in Europe and Asia.

"The World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1946" marks the 61st year of publication of what has long since become the most widely consulted book of information in the country. It is published by the New York World-Telegram, a Scripps-Howard newspaper.

It offers, in addition to the chronology of the war, the specific text of the surrender documents and such important state papers as the statements on the occupation of Germany, the Potsdam Declaration and the Berlin-Potsdam conference. It gives the full text of the charter of the United Nations organization adopted in San Francisco and the record of ratification. It gives a compact account of the atomic bomb and its effect on international relations.

These matters alone give his- toric weight to this year's Almanac, but the GI Joe who consults it probably will turn just as eagerly to the records of his battle and casualties. From the services in uniform the Almanac progresses to the vast business of governing the United States.

Here is a vast range of specific and general information; the texts of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence; the substance of the Monroe Doctrine and other historic acts; a description of every state and territory in the union; a special article on Franklin Delano Roosevelt and biographies of all other Presidents; information on elections, taxation, the judiciary. The Almanac also gives special attention to the organization of New York City and state.

This is according to the Tokyo Asahi Shimbun. It might mean that the Japanese are thinking better of such widely-spread yarns as the one about Hiroshima never being habitable again because of lingering radioactivity—yarns designed to strengthen the Japanese reaction that the atomic bomb was a crime against humanity.

But it could be that the Asahi doesn't want its readers to forget Hiroshima, which it's doubtful they ever could anyway. While the Asahi is publicizing the Hiroshima hen, the Kyodo news agency notifies its member newspapers that American censors "are wise to Japanese attempts to evade censorship and are very displeased."

Now this censorship was clamped down by General MacArthur early in the occupation after the Japanese press printed a rash of stories, never proved, charging the first occupation forces with assorted criminal assault, looting and murder. Thus, although they probably would have got a military censorship of a kind for some time, the Japanese in effect asked for what they got.

Kyodo says Japanese papers now are evading it by mentioning in accounts of current crimes such as "large men" (most likely to be Americans) and "small-type automobiles" (which could be jeeps).

The recent death sentence of an American soldier convicted of killing two Japanese is described by an Associated Press dispatch as "the first of its severity for a crime against a Japanese." This clearly suggests that there have been other crimes committed and punished.

Apart from its implications to Americans, this situation hints that behind the censorship there still is much resentment and probably elements of the super-patriotism which got Japan where she is today.

After the surrender there was much beating of breasts by Japanese politicians in the democratic manner, blaming Japan's bad luck upon the militarists. Some of the higher militarists rent themselves with cold steel to show their remorse at failure. But the lamentations were for failure. Few Japanese saw anything wrong with Japan's international behavior and aims.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS REPLACEMENT BIDS FOR BRIDGES

The State Highway commission yesterday opened bids for the replacement of the Alligator and Brunswick river bridges on Highway 17 in Brunswick county.

Also included in the opening were bids for the replacement of several structures in Pender county.

Low bidders on each project will be determined and announced later in the day, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh.

The Pender projects were bid on last fall but quotations were deemed "excessive" and rejected by the commission.

In anticipation of the replacement of the Brunswick bridges, telephone and telegraph wires already have been moved from the structures.

New Hanover residents awaited announcement of the contract awards with great interest as the two bridges, as well as several other Brunswick structures, have for several years been termed traffic hazards due to their narrow width.

Also opened in Raleigh today, according to the Associated Press, were bids on projects in Martin, Perquimans, Jones, Lenoir, Cumberland, Sampson, Durham, Person, Caldwell and Graham counties.

The pany has been developed from the violet within the past 300 years.

Support of a proposed mental hygiene clinic was given by members of the Community Chest and Community Council at their joint meeting in St. Paul's Lutheran parish house Monday night when it was pointed out to them that within ten years there will be 10,000,000 children requiring assistance of such a clinic.

The discussion was held in the absence of Dr. David A. Young, state psychiatrist, who was to have spoken to them on the subject of "Mental Hygiene."

Leaders of youth agencies in the community stressed the need of such a set-up in the community life of Wilmington saying in substance—it will be a direct aid to the youths with whom they work. Expressing their support of the plan were Mrs. Helen Jones, Girl Scouts; Courtland Baker, Boy Scouts, and Walter Bess, Sea Scouts.

A Miss Barrie, an employe of the State Department of Vocational Training, informed the gathering that similar clinics have been set up in other cities, and are working directly with many cases, especially in the cases of returned veterans.

Miss Virginia Herrin, New Hanover High school, stressed the value of the work, especially among children and youths of school age.

Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman, of B'Nai Israel congregation, quoted figures and facts revealed in recent national survey. He declared figures and facts revealed in a recent months point to a total of 1,000,000 children alone who will be mental patients or will need the resources of a Mental Hygiene clinic within the next ten years.

Possibilities of the once-proposed domestic relation's court becoming a reality were discussed by the Rev. Walter B. Freed. He explained the court was proposed here more than a year ago. At the present time, he pointed out, there are no such courts in the state, although several cities are trying to establish them.

Greenville Woman Suffers Heart Attack At Bus Depot Hospital attaches at James Walker Memorial hospital said last night the condition of Mrs. W. K. Lea, 62, a resident of Greenville, who suffered a heart attack yesterday, was "favorable."

Mrs. Lea was admitted to the hospital yesterday afternoon after the attack which she suffered while in the ladies lounge at Union Bus station here. She was enroute to visit her son, Marshal Lea, who resides near Bolton, according to J. G. Hall, policeman, who made the report.

The State Highway radio patrol, Elizabethtown was signaled by City police radio patrol to contact Lea about his mother's condition. The Star broadcast at 6:25 p.m. carried the message, but hospital attaches said last night he had not been contacted about his mother's illness.

DEATH OF 150,000 NUERNBERG, Jan. 22.—(P)—A French prosecutor charged today that a starvation diet and privations resulting from Nazi looting had caused the death of at least 150,000 Frenchmen, contributed to thousands of other deaths and undermined the nation's health for years to come.

The Frenchman, Charles Gerthoffer, told the International Military Tribunal trying 22 leading Nazis that the crime of starving entire populations "is not less odious" than those of deportations, murders and massacres.

Josephine Keith Seeking \$3,000 Injury Damages

A suit had been filed yesterday with A. L. Meyland, clerk of Superior court, by Josephine Keith against Tide Water Power company.

The plaintiff seeks recovery of \$3,000 for injuries she claims she sustained while she was a passenger on a Tide Water bus September 28, 1944. She claims she sustained permanent injuries which have prevented her from pursuing her ordinary duties as a domestic servant.

Department of Agriculture chemists have found that from 90 to 95 gallons of liquid motor fuel can be obtained from a ton of corn cobs or cottonseed hulls and that about half of this is in the form of ethyl alcohol. It is estimated that something like 100 million tons might be available for use in this new process.

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