

Washington News

Washington.—Dwight Eisenhower is reportedly ready to give up the job of President. Sources which should know report that he will definitely not run in 1960 and that he will delegate a lot of authority and work to aides in the next fifteen months, while living most of the time on his farm at Gettysburg.

This prospect is sure to affect business, since business leaders generally felt that Eisenhower was a sure shot to be reelected next year and were building their plans on an assumption that Ike's government policies would prevail throughout the fifties.

Now the future can not be planned with quite as much confidence that government policies will remain the same, since even a new Republican President might have differing ideas, and certainly a Democratic President would have changes in mind.

The nation's business leaders do not view the immediate future with any concern, for Ike has laid down policies which will continue to be carried out until 1957, no matter how next year's election comes out. But it is the four-year period between 1956 and 1961 that is now a period of some uncertainty.

Vice-President Richard Nixon is the favorite among odds-takers to be the Republican nominee in 1960. On the Democratic side, Adlai Stevenson is far out front. Chief Justice Warren, whom, some say, is Ike's first choice, is not given the inside track because of the conviction of many that he really meant it when he said he would not run under any circumstances.

Stevenson is far ahead of Harriman and Kefauver, despite what some people say, and is almost a sure shot to get the Democratic nomination at Chicago next summer.

Therefore, it appears that the race in November of next year will be between Nixon and Adlai. But of the two, Adlai's prospects are better than Nixon's. There are many Republicans on Capitol Hill, among a group of Nixon's G. O. P. Senate relations, who think the party nomination should go to an outsider.

By outsider, they mean someone who could capture the votes of both Democrats and Republicans like Ike did—a somewhat non-controversial figure, who had not been involved in partisan politics. The reason they want this kind of candidate is their realization that

Democratic voters outnumber Republican voters by a wide margin and their belief that only a G. O. P. candidate who can cut into the senior major party vote can win.

So the Vice-President may have a battle on his hands at San Francisco. If the convention is held in that city—as has been planned—then this fact may favor Nixon. If the convention is changed to another location, farther from Nixon's home ground, it may react to his disadvantage.

In this respect, it is to Stevenson's advantage that the Democrats are meeting in Chicago. Those who have never covered a convention may not realize that this geographic factor has a strong effect in conventions but it does. Had not Adlai Stevenson's men been able to go to work in the Democratic convention of 1952 and prevent a split and walkout, the Democrats might still be split today.

And it was Stevenson's Illinois delegation and his many local supporters and workers from Illinois and Chicago that went into action and saved the convention from a breakup three years ago.

Democrats do not expect another sectional fight at next year's convention. There are many reasons for their optimism, although the outcome depends, for the most part, on the action taken by various committees at the convention, as ratified on the convention floor.

In some parts of Dixie, however, there is strong sentiment not to commit electors to either presidential candidate. If this idea develops and gains favor, it may work against the Democrats, but changes are that if Nixon is the GOP nominee, conservative Southerners will have nowhere to go since the Vice-President would probably not gain the votes of conservative Southerners, even if they were dissatisfied with the Democratic nominee.

Items Of Interest At Appalachian High

Mr. Dry's Homeroom News

If you were at the football game Friday night, you, no doubt, noticed the printed programs being sold. These programs represent a good bit of work on the part of certain members of Mr. Dry's homeroom. Part of the type was set by Rivers Printing Company, but all of the printing was done by members of the homeroom on a small press belonging to Royce Moretz. This homeroom hopes to have printed programs for sale at the next two home games.

Commercial Department

The Commercial Department of Appalachian High School is moving forward. This year is no exception in this forward movement. The department boast two full time staff members in the persons of Mrs. Peggy Hadden and Mr. Sam Dry and one part-time staff member in the person of Miss Mary Little.

The courses now offered in this department are Typing I (3 sections), Typing II, Shorthand I, Shorthand II, Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic and General Business. Members of this department also supervise the operation of the Student Store and the duplication of the school paper.

The staff hopes to add at least one new course to this department next year. The course should probably be called Advanced Business Information and will consist of one half unit of Business Law and one half unit of Consumer Economics. Another section of Typing I will be very likely be needed, as all classes are now overcrowded. Another might have been added this year had there been a teacher available. The staff feels that the department is growing not only in number but in values received.

Wedding Parties Are Reported

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelley, Dr. and Mrs. Len Hagaman, and Mr. and Mrs. Council Cooke entertained at a wedding breakfast at the Woman's Club house in Lenoir, Saturday, October first, honoring Miss Sara Lind Dowling and C. B. Craig, Jr.

The centerpiece used on the buffet was in the wedding music motif, consisting of a white violin backed with an arrangement of white snapdragons, and pink and white chrysanthemums, flanked with sheets of wedding music.

The tables for the wedding party were covered with white satin, and were centered with white satin hearts. Small white and pink chrysanthemums were used at the base of the hearts. The bride's and groom's places were marked with a miniature bride and groom.

As the guests entered the dining room they were served wedding punch, and dainty sandwiches in the shape of double wedding rings.

The sixty guests included the wedding party, families of the bride and groom, and out-of-town guests.

On Wednesday night, September 28, Major and Mrs. John Thomas entertained at a dinner party honoring their niece, Sara Lind Dowling, whose marriage to Lt. C. B. Craig, Jr., took place October first.

A color scheme of Mayflower and purple was carried out in the table decorations.

Guests included the families of

the bride and groom and out-of-town guests.

Lt. C. B. Craig, Jr., entertained on Thursday night, September 29, at Watauga Inn in Blowing Rock, honoring his ushers and out-of-town guests.

Miss Sara Lind Dowling entertained her bridesmaids at a three-course luncheon at Watauga Inn in Blowing Rock on Friday, September 30. The table held an arrangement of white snapdragons and roses.

The bride-elect presented her gifts to the following bridesmaids: Mrs. W. T. Payne, Jr., Asheville; Miss Mary Sue Walsh of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Alexander Queen of Drexel; Misses Pat and Joanne Aldridge, Joy Madron and Patsy Ann Dowling, all of Boone.

DRAIN FIRE BURNS THREE

Hemington, N.C.—Lee Davies poured gasoline down the kitchen sink drain in an effort to clean it out. It came back up through the drain in the basement floor and spread over the cement floor until a flame from a hot-water heater ignited it. As the flames shot across the floor, Mrs. Davies and her daughter, Sharon, who was in the basement, fled to the stairs, as Davies rushed into the basement. All three were badly burned—Sharon over her body, Mrs. Davies on both legs, hands, arms and face. Little damage was done to the house, however.

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Wataugans Are Asked To Help With State Fair

Watauga county residents were urged today to help make the 1955 N. C. State Fair, October 18 through 22, the most outstanding in the long history of the event.


L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent for the State College Extension Service, urged rural and urban residents alike "to participate in the 1955 State Fair in every way possible. The fair belongs to the people and is truly a wonderful experience for both young and old."

Mr. Tuckwiler pointed out that the real purpose of the State Fair is to educate. The wide variety of entertainment available on the fairgrounds is something extra. "A trip through the vast educational exhibit halls, the cattle, swine, sheep and horse barns can be an education in itself. And a few minutes of close observation during any of the livestock judging period can actually put money into a farmer's pocket."

Last year the State Fair attracted competitive exhibitors from 89 of the state's 100 counties, making it truly a State Fair. This year the goal is for all 100 counties to be represented. Right now it looks as if this long-sought goal will be reached. Entries are being sent in at a record clip in all departments.

"It is hoped that several top winners at the State Fair this year will be from Watauga county," Mr. Tuckwiler said. "With more than \$60,000 in cash premiums being offered, plus the announced 25 per cent increase in premiums for blue ribbon exhibits at other fairs, the State Fair should break all existing records."

Paul Said To Mr. Ed:



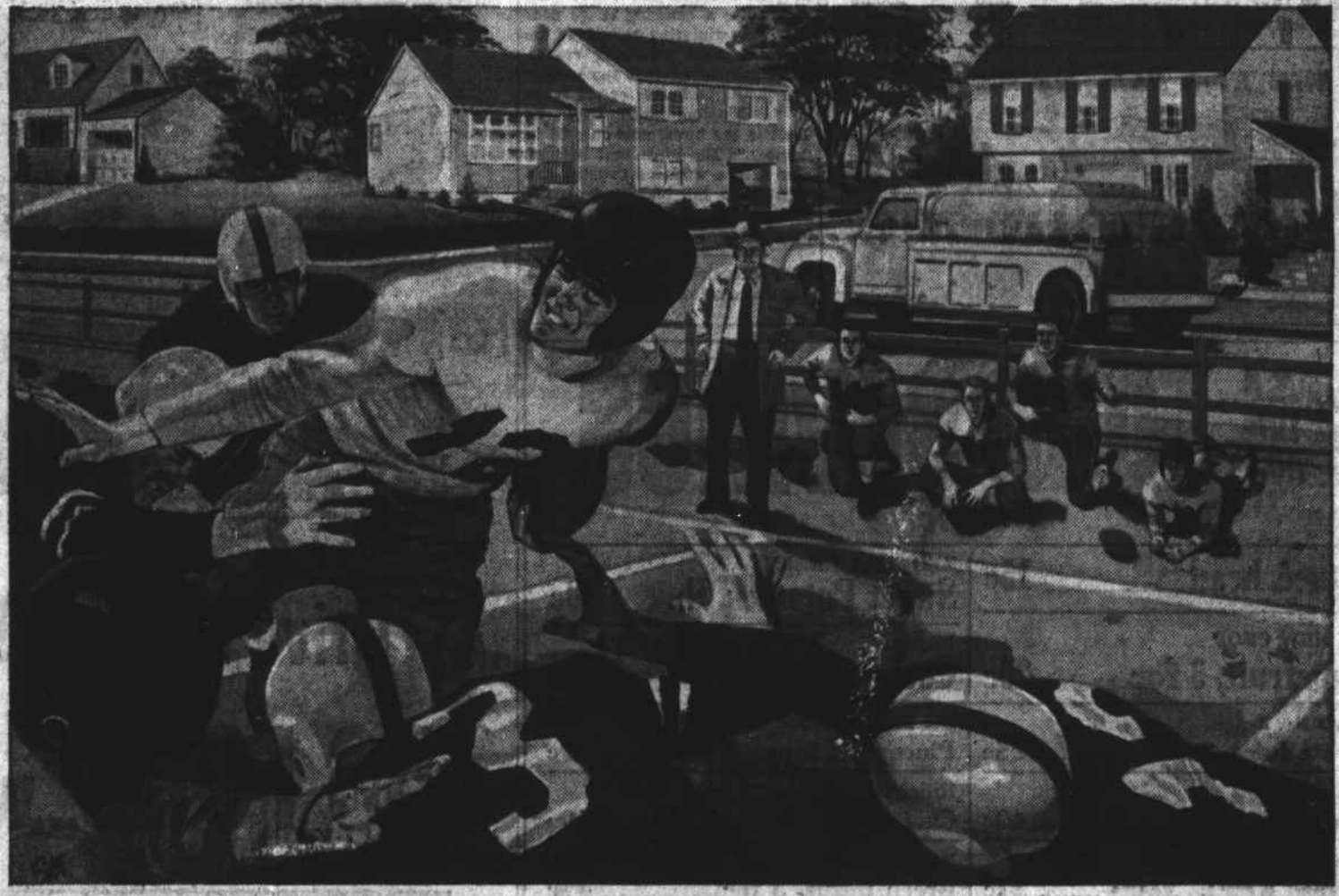
PAUL

Mike Weaver of Winston-Salem came home from school one day during the polio vaccination period. "Mother, a boy fainted today when he was vaccinated." Mother said, "What did they do then?" Mike answered, "Just unfainted him and shot him again."

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