

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA - Partly cloudy and cooler today. Scattered thundershowers in extreme East portion this morning. Fair tonight, cooler in East portion and continued cool in West. Friday fair and slightly warmer.

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Ike Gallops Rapidly Toward GOP Nomination As Taft Forces Intensify Last-Ditch Stand



GOSPEL TENT IS WRECKED - The windstorm yesterday afternoon in Erwin, completely wrecked the huge Gospel tent in which Rev. Roy Douglas was holding healing services along the Church of God. The wind swept under the tent, snapped the heavy guy ropes like thread, broke one of the center poles, and tore the heavy canvas into ribbons. Rev. Mr. Douglas said the loss is only partly covered by insurance, and the claim will not gain anywhere near the amount necessary to replace the tent, which is torn beyond repair. The storm was a freakish affair and swept only through a narrow path, overturning porch furniture and damaging trees. Rev. J. E. Easom, pastor of the Erwin Church of God, said the services conducted by Mr. Douglas will continue in the church. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).

His Lead Over Taft Is Still Growing Larger

CHICAGO (AP) - Gen. Dwight Eisenhower galloped toward the GOP presidential nomination today with a commanding delegate lead. His lead was slated for hefty boosts before balloting starts from pivotal Michigan and other states. A Stop-Taft coalition was in control of the Republican national convention. Nominating speeches will be cleared out of the way tonight. Balloting is expected to start tomorrow but might get underway after tonight's speeches.



HOOVER ACCLAIMED - Former President Herbert Hoover, elder statesman of the Republican Party is pictured here receiving a great ovation after his address to the Republican National Convention in Chicago. The address of the ex-president was acclaimed as the greatest in his long and colorful career and brought delegates to their feet in a wild, roaring ovation in tribute to the nation's only living ex-president. Standing beside Mr. Hoover is Senator John W. Bricker of Ohio. Mr. Hoover, now 77, said it would probably be his last appearance before a crowd. The crowd interrupted his speech with applause 59 times. (United Press Telephoto)

Retired Mail Carrier Dies

William C. Wilder, 66, retired mail carrier died at 9:15 a. m. today at his home in Lillington. He suffered a stroke a week ago and had been critically ill since that time.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p. m. Friday from the Lillington Presbyterian Church due to the fact that the Baptist Church is undergoing alterations. The Rev. Ted Williams, Baptist preacher and the Rev. W. L. Lloyd, Methodist preacher, both of Lillington will officiate.

Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park. Wilder organized the first rural route out of Lillington Post Office carrier mail on Route 3 thirty years ago. He was widely known as a Baptist layman and singer. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and a son.

Taft Aide Says

Dewey Dictating CHICAGO (AP) - Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign manager charged today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is "dictating" to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign forces and asserted the general has "slipped appreciably" since last night.

Dave Ingalls told an impromptu press conference that Taft would receive over 500 votes "without any question" on the first ballot, but declined to say whether this vote would exceed Eisenhower's.

Taft Has Huddle Taft himself declared that he still is in the fight for the nomination. (Continued On Page Two)

Mayor Is All Out For Manager Plan

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna set his critics straight this morning. He is 100 per cent, even 1,000 per cent, in favor of the city manager form of government.

Answering charges that he and members of the city council are trying to destroy the city manager form of government here, the mayor said the accusations simply aren't so.

He made it clear, crystal clear, that he favored and voted for the city manager form of government here, he has worked for and with the system, and he still favors the system.

OUR SALVATION "I think it's our salvation," declared Mayor Hanna.

The town has had three city managers in three years and next week will have a vacancy. City Manager Oliver O. Manning has been fired effective next Tuesday. Seventy-five days have come and gone and nobody has made any effort to find a replacement.

Mayor Hanna had an answer for that one, too, this morning. In the first place, pointed out Mayor Hanna, he doesn't think he's entitled to all the blame. He believes members of the board are just as much to blame. He pointed out that neither of the board members brought the matter up Monday night.

FIGHT POSSIBLE In fact, pointed out Mayor Hanna, he understands that city Commissioner Leck Coats may plan to make a last-ditch fight to save Manning between now and Tuesday. He said that necessarily wasn't the reason that the search for

Brock Funeral Services Set

Mrs. Foy Barefoot, Brock, 48, of Newton Grove, route 2, died early Thursday morning in Duke Hospital at Durham. She was a member of the St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, near Newton Grove. The Rev. Warren Mallard and the Rev. M. E. Godwin will officiate. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at Newton Grove. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the services.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Alice Wilson Barefoot of Clinton, Route 3; her husband, Ira B. Brock of Newton Grove, Route 2; one son, Clarence Carroll Brock of Fayetteville; three daughters, M. Dixie Ray, Iris Gray and Alice Fay Brock, all of the home; six brothers, N. A. Barefoot, R. L. Barefoot and Grady Barefoot, all of Newton Grove; L. W. Barefoot of Elizabeth. (Continued On Page Two)

Ike Needs Only 26 For First

CHICAGO (AP) - Eisenhower backers said today that the front-running general is only 26 votes away from a first-ballot nomination for the Republican presidential nomination.

They made the claim as the GOP convention entered its fourth day with a stop-Taft coalition loaded for Eisenhower in majority control.

Nominating speeches will be tonight's first order of business. Balloting probably will start tomorrow.

Supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, riding the crest of a smashing victory over delegates, drove hard to pick up the 26 votes they say are all they lack for a first ballot win.

Tonight's Program

CHICAGO (AP) - Tentative timetable of the Republican national convention today: Called to order at noon CDT today by Temporary Chairman Walker S. Hallanan. Installation of Permanent Chairman Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Report of the committee on rules and order of business. Report of the resolutions committee and adoption of the platform.

Speeches by Reps. Katharine St. George, R-NY, Walter H. Judd, R-Minn., and Sen. Harry P. Cain, R-Wash. Nominating speeches for president. Adjournment.

MARKETS

EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (AP) - Today's egg and live poultry markets: Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers or broilers firm, supplies adequate to short, demand good; heavy hens steady, supplies plentiful, demand fair. Prices at farm up to 19 a. m.: Fryers or broilers 2 1/2 lbs. 26-27, heavy hens 20-22, mostly 20-21.

Eggs steady, supplies short, demand good. Prices paid producers and handlers FOB local grading stations: A large 48-50, A medium 44-45, B large 42-43, current collection 39-38. (Continued on page two)

Daytona In Uproar Over Nude Pictures

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - City Manager Leroy Harlow said many husbands and fathers were "highly upset" today about the photographs taken through a trick mirror in the ladies dressing room of a swimming pool here.

"In fact, there have been threats," he said. "Many of the subjects were wives and daughters of prominent local people."

James D. Doc Young, 40, fired as city aquatic director although he denied taking any of the 130 nude and semi-nude candid photos, said he has received two ear-bending "tirades" - both by telephone.

BULLETINS

LONDON (AP) - The House of Commons overrode objections of economy-minded Labor members last night and voted to give Queen Elizabeth II an allowance of \$1,330,000 a year.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A light earthquake jarred the Los Angeles area at 1:46 a. m. PDT today, and some slight damage was reported.

CHICAGO (AP) - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today demanded a stronger civil rights plank for the Republican platform than one proposed by the convention resolutions committee.

PANMUNJON, Korea (AP) - Korean armistice negotiators (Continued On Page Two)

Peace Is Platform Keynote

CHICAGO (AP) - The Republican Party today unveiled a 1952 platform pledging a speedy buildup of U.S. air power, reduced foreign aid spending and "an end to corruption" in government.

The 4,800-word campaign document, sent to the convention floor for approval today, charged that the rearmament program is "disgracefully lagging" under the Truman Democratic administration. It called for the "quickest possible" achievement of a "completely adequate" defense force with emphasis on air power and atomic weapons "in abundance."

The foreign policy plank-a compromise carefully tailored to satisfy both Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft-rejected isolationism and pledged GOP support of "collective security." But it said foreign aid programs can and should be conducted more economically lest the United States "bankrupt" itself by trying to bolster it allies.

FOR BALANCED BUDGET The GOP also promised to do away with "injurious wage and price controls" and to balance the budget so that "a general tax re-

CHICAGO (AP) - Highlight of the 1952 Republican platform: FOREIGN POLICY The Democrats have "lost the peace"; they fumbled and vacillated in a futile attempt to "contain" communism. They invited war in Korea, then refused to fight to win. Republicans will clean up the mess. (Continued On Page Two)

Little Puerto Rican Steals The Big Show

CHICAGO (AP) - The little Puerto Rican delegate got the laughs while Ike got the votes. The laughs probably will be remembered by the delegates to this Republican national convention long after the bitter Eisenhower-Taft fight is forgotten.

Marcelino Romani rolled the delegates in the aisles, quite unintentionally. The delegates registered today that he won't be around for the rest of the convention to set the rib-ticking laughter booming to the ceiling again.

HE WANTED "POLLS" During the fight last night over the seating of pro-Eisenhower or pro-Taft contested delegates, Romani cooled tempers of both sides by acting in a heavy Spanish accent, for "polls."

The stage was set for Romani's unwitting comedy act by a roll call vote of the state and territorial delegates. (Continued On Page Five)

Russell, Truman Are In Agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said today after a talk with President Truman about his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, that he was certain he and Mr. Truman "understood each other."

Russell asked to see the President today and admittedly discussed politics. "I don't think it would be well for me to discuss details," Russell said, "but I'm sure the President and I understand each other."

While Russell talked with reporters outside Mr. Truman's office, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), one of Russell's supporters, walked by and greeted the Georgia senator with "good morning, Mr. President."

Russell, just back from a western trip, said he still was not interested in the vice presidential nomination. He said that after 20 years of Senate service, he would find it frustrating not to be able to participate in Senate debate.

"If the Senate were about to disrupt the soil conservation program and I could not go down on the floor and say something, I think I would explode in frustration," he said.

Asked to measure his prospect for the presidential nomination, Russell said, "I would not exchange places at this moment with any of the other candidates."

He said he expected to have about 300 delegates on the first ballot.

Newsmen were unsuccessful in getting Russell to expand on the statement that he and Mr. Truman understood each other. Advised that his words might be construed in error as implying support from Mr. Truman, Russell said, "Just quote my statement-I don't believe I have anything to add."

Russell said he was "very hopeful" the Democratic convention would be "as harmonious as any political battle can be." He repeated his intention not to bolt regardless of what sort of civil rights plank is adopted.



GRAND OPENING: Mrs. Ed Strickland is shown above pouring punch for Dr. Charles Byrd at the Grand Opening of the Firview Flower Center this morning. A large number were in attendance at the opening of the Center which is operated by Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. J. W. Barry who are sitting in front of the refreshment table. Others shown in the picture are Mrs. J. R. Brantley, Mrs. Earl Mahone, Mrs. Bob Warren, J. F. Crumpler who has been assisting at the Center, Mrs. David Clifford who was hostess at the opening, Mrs. Charles Byrd and Mrs. David Whittenton.