

Stevenson Gains As Fight Moves To The Floor

Ammons Reports That Harnett Farm Outlook Is Good

CALIFORNIA HAS THE FLOOR



OPENING THE DEMOCRATIC National Convention with a bang, two unidentified brawlers mix it up in Chicago's Palmer House as a California caucus is crashed by fellow-Californians who had failed to have the chosen delegate unseated.

EVIDENTLY A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM



TAKING A CUE from the Republican convention battle over contested delegates from Texas, the Democrats are fighting their battle over contested Lone Star delegates.

Leftwingers Write Civil Rights Plank

CHICAGO (P) - The Democratic platform-writing subcommittee wrote a strong civil rights plank today but New Deal Democrats agreed to compromise the anti-filibuster issue to prevent a floor fight with the Southerners.

Trampled Demos Urged To Back Ike

Jim McMillen, head of the local Democrats-For-Eisenhower Club, today held out open arms for Southern Democrats "who are being pushed around, shoved around, stepped on, humiliated and kicked in the teeth by the northern leftwingers at the Chicago Democratic Convention."

He invited them to "join us and get behind that great American Dwight Eisenhower for the best interests of America and of the world."

Says Tobacco Yield Should Prove Normal

The agricultural situation in Harnett County is comparatively bright as compared with other areas of North Carolina this year, stated C. R. Ammons here today.

The showers throughout Harnett County have been somewhat spotted during late spring and early summer; however, most areas have had a fair amount of moisture while all areas have had two periods of excessive heat.

GOOD YIELD EXPECTED

While some growers are a little pessimistic about the outcome on their individual farms, we will make a fairly satisfactory yield generally speaking throughout the county, even on tobacco. The growth of cotton is highly satisfactory and the only drawback to this is that in some areas there is fairly high weevil infestation, but generally speaking where growers are following a good control program as evidenced on the farm of Mr. M. E. Thornton of Dun Route 4, they are keeping the weevil counts to a very low minimum.

Corn, of which we grow some 40,000 acres in Harnett County, will be reduced possibly on one or two bushels per acre due to not having enough moisture, particularly older corn. However, this is not too bad due to the fact that we have boosted the yield in Harnett County during the past few years to possibly double what it was some five years ago.

Harnett Negro Slaver Paroled

RALEIGH (P) - Paroles Commissioner N. F. Rensdell announced today for 14 prisoners including two serving terms for second degree murder and two sentenced for manslaughter.

Roy Hairston, 30-year-old Rockingham County Negro, was freed from a 1-15 year term for manslaughter and Walter Green, 26, Robeson County Negro was paroled from a three to five year term on the same count.

Carlisle Keeling, 33, was released after serving more than five years for second degree murder of Carl Davis in Randolph County. The original 2-25 year term was commuted to 15-2 years in November, 1951.

Leon McLean, 39-year-old Harnett County Negro, was paroled from a 1-15 year sentence for murder of Jack Hodges after serving more than five years.

MARKETS

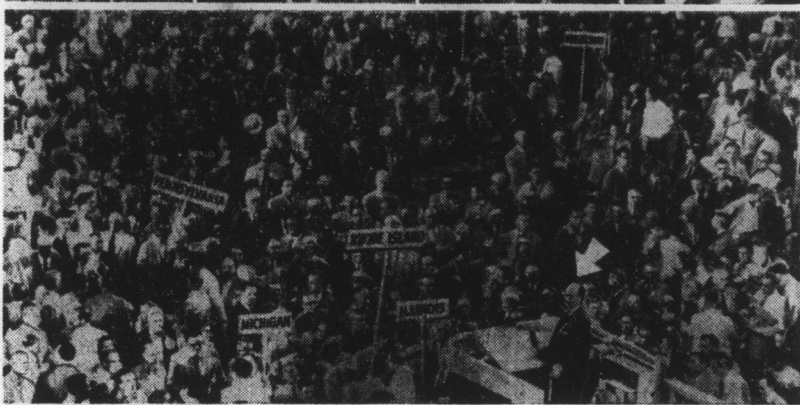
EGGS AND POULTRY RALEIGH (P) - Today's egg and live poultry markets:

Central North Carolina live poultry: Fryers or broilers steady, supplies adequate, demand generally fair. Heavy hens about steady, supplies plentiful, demand slow.

Eggs: Steady, supplies short, demand good. Prices paid producers and handlers: FOB local grading stations: A large 5, A medium 53, B large 52, current collections 35.

BOGS

RALEIGH (P) - Hog markets: Washington, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Hamilton, Tarboro, Whiteville, Rocky Mount, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Florence, Kingston: Steady at 22.25 for good and choice.



A RELUCTANT CANDIDATE for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois (top) is pictured as he addressed the opening session of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Kefauver Hits Boss Arvey And Candidate Stevenson

CHICAGO (P) - Sen. Estes Kefauver today accused Jacob M. Arvey, Democratic national committeeman from Illinois, of conniving and scheming for a "synthetic draft" of Gov. Adlai Stevenson as the Democratic presidential nominee.

At the same time, the Tennessee senator told the cheering crowd of his supporters for the Democratic presidential nomination that he would not accept or consider the vice presidential nomination.

It was Kefauver's toughest speech to date and came as forces of Averell Harriman and Kefauver worked to pool their strength and stop a Stevenson bandwagon movement.

Arvey, a power in the party, has been pushing the nomination of Stevenson despite the governor's reluctance.

TAKES NO STAND

Kefauver told a foot-stamping cheering crowd that Stevenson has expressed no stand on labor, civil rights, and other issues.

"Do you know where Stevenson stands on labor?" Kefauver asked.

"No, no," his backers roared.

Kefauver said that the fight over the loyalty pledge issue in the convention is in a state of confusion, and that he will not accept the peace proposal of Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan unless it carries an outright pledge that Southern delegates will do their best to assure that the candidates chosen at the convention are on the ballot in their states in November.

Kefauver and Harriman, plus (Continued On Page Two)

Kitchen Bootlegger Gets 6 to 8 Months

Roy Cameron of Mamers, confessed bootlegger who operated a big-time distillery in his kitchen, must serve six to eight months on the roads for his liquor law violations.

Five Who Used Electricity To Fish Arrested

Game protectors, crashing a fish fry along the banks of the Cape Fear River in the Buckhorn section of Harnett County, recently found an old-fashioned party line phone put to a new use.

The crank of the old phone motor, grounded on rock, was turned by a laxy fisherman. Electricity generated from the magnetic coil flowed down lines to lead sinkers which trailed in the water. And the effect on the cat fish was startling. They turned tails upward and popped out of the water. Obliging fisherman, using dip nets, scooped up the stunned fish and dropped them into a tub.

A fire burned brightly on the bank. Their wives were waiting to fry the fish when the union- (Continued on page two)

Civil Rights Issue Expected To Result In Split Of Party

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CHICAGO, (P)—Gov. Adlai Stevenson piled up more support for the Democratic presidential nomination today as a party-splitting fight moved to the convention floor.

A battle began over the seating of the Texas delegation, on a committee report favoring the anti-Truman slate. It seemed that Mississippi's anti-administration delegates would be seated without dispute.

Three Southern states refused to take the loyalty pledge, even though it had been watered down, and the northern states of Illinois and Rhode Island joined the Dixie bloc—South Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana.

LESS HOPE OF PEACE

Peace-makers hoped to settle the Texas argument but there was less hope of peace tonight when the platform, with a strong civil rights plank, comes up. The men of Dixie are likely to fight.

Meanwhile, opponents of Stevenson tried to build up a drive to stop him, but he appeared to be gaining strength despite his refusals to say he would run.

But the powers that be were looking toward him, not Estes Kefauver. Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman, a big wheel in the administration and the party, asked Stevenson for a breakfast meeting and got it.

Stevenson said afterward that he and Chapman—who has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential running mate for the governor—talked about the convention but not too much.

Chapman said he did not carry any message to Stevenson from President thinks Stevenson will be nominated.

PLEDGE MODIFIED

Northern compromisers modified the loyalty pledge rule they rammed through the convention early yesterday, thus averting a floor showdown that could have split five Southern states off from the rest of the party.

The modification took practically all meaning out of the pledge but the Southerners, enraged that it (Continued On Page Two)

Tonight's Program

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO (P) - Highlights of today's sessions of the Democratic national convention:

Evening Session 8 p.m.

Installation of permanent convention chairman, Speaker Sam Rayburn.

Address by Rayburn.

Address by Vice President Alben W. Barkley.

Report of the committee on platform and resolutions.

The roll call by states for speeches placing in nomination candidates for president has been postponed until tomorrow.

CONVENTION BULLETINS

CHICAGO, (P)—The credentials committee recommended to the Democratic national convention today that all delegates on the convention's temporary roll be seated despite the fact that three Southern states refused to sign a loyalty pledge.

Louisiana, Virginia and South Carolina did not give the required assurance contained in the loyalty pledge even though it had been watered down. Nor did some Northern states - including Illinois and Rhode Island.

CHICAGO, (P)—Supporters of Sen. Richard E. Russell have been trying to get Vice President Alben W. Barkley to make the main nomination. (Continued On Page Two)

Mule Day Set For Sept. 26

Benson's third annual Mule Day Celebration will be held on Friday, September 26th, it was announced today by Manager V. J. Daley of the Benson Chamber of Commerce.

The date was set last night at a meeting of the chamber's board of directors.

President C. M. Blackmon presided over the meeting. As chamber president, Mr. Blackmon will also head up the celebration.

VARIABLE PROGRAM

The appointment of committees was delayed until a later meeting, but preliminary plans were discussed for the biggest and most successful event ever attempted in the town.

There will be the traditional Mule Day Parade and a varied program of other outstanding events.

The directors decided not to hold a beauty contest.

During the meeting, the directors endorsed plans for the pageant to be held each Thursday and Friday for five weeks, beginning August 28th.

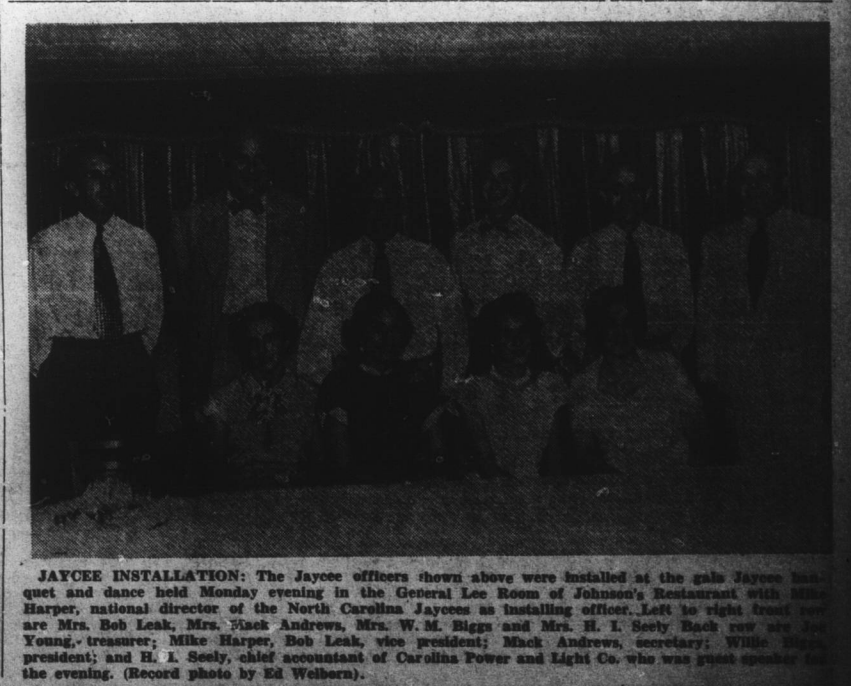
BULLETINS

PANMUNJOM, Korea, (P)—Truce delegates held a seven-minute do nothing meeting today, the 16th of a series of secret sessions which apparently have made no progress toward a Korean cease-fire.

BOSTON, (P)—Forty rioting convicts at the ancient state prison in Charlestown surrendered early today and released two guards they had held as hostages. It was announced all would be given maximum punishment.

WASHINGTON, (P)—The Defense Department reported today that American battle casualties in Korea now total 113,363, an increase of 52 over last week.

TEHACHAPI, Calif., Two after-shocks of the Monday earthquake that shattered Tehachapi rippled across Southern California early today. Tired residents of this quake-torn little hill town ignored the new rumblings and kept (Continued on page two)



JAYCEE INSTALLATION: The Jaycee officers shown above were installed at the gala Jaycee quiet and dance held Monday evening in the General Lee Room of Johnson's Restaurant with Harper, national director of the North Carolina Jaycees as installing officer.