

**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**



Washington—Last week the Senate rejected all attempts to change the constitutional system of electing the President and Vice President.

**Electoral Reform**  
The overwhelming majority of the Senate thinks there should be a reform in our system of electing Presidents and Vice Presidents, but it is just like a poor patient having so many doctors who cannot agree just what the remedy is. The Senate could not agree on the method of reform. I supported this reform movement. Rather than kill the resolution outright, the Senate sent the matter back to the Judiciary Committee. It was obvious at the time that the resolution would not prevail in a vote, as the necessary two-thirds could not be obtained. I trust that we can get through a reform in the near future which will accomplish the purpose. I think the Constitution ought to be changed in this respect.

**Reason For Change**  
In the days when the Constitution was being drafted there were many, including George Washington, who thought we should never have party government. There were no ways by which the public could be acquainted with the qualifications of the men seeking the Presidency and Vice Presidency. A system of electors was adopted and these electors were supposed to meet and vote and elect the occupants of these high offices as they pleased. But party government developed. Voters began to be aware of the qualifications of candidates. So we have the custom under our Constitution where the winner of a state's votes—even though it be only a majority of one—takes all the electoral vote. Where the two major political parties are very close in numerical strength—as in New York State—a few splinter parties have the power to swing the entire vote of a great state. The result is that we have small pressure groups that exert a power out of all proportion to their numbers and we have unfortunate things in government due to the fact that both of the major political parties so often yield to the temptation to try to cater to these small groups.

**The Remedy**  
The best system that has been devised is a system which would prorate the electoral vote of a state according to the popular vote cast in the state. I think this is the best remedy because it reflects the popular will and at the same time leaves the control of elections in the hands of the state where historically and constitutionally it belongs.

longs and should remain. There are valid reasons why we cannot have an all-out popular vote. That would put elections under control of the Federal government as some states have various voting regulations. For example, Georgia permits voting at age 18. I also support a revision of the electoral system because it would free us from this business of having to go to the larger states to get candidates. We could run the best qualified men regardless of where they are located.

**4-H Club Planning Fashion Show Tuesday**

A "fashions on the go" show featuring a wardrobe for the 4-H Club Miss, will be presented at the Agriculture building in Hertford next Tuesday, April 10. The costumes to be shown were designed which the teen-ager might sew for herself. Rachel Spivey will be the commentator for the show and the committee in charge will be Annie L. Lane, Rachel Spivey and Lois V. Winslow.

**BURGESS NEWS**

Mrs. J. H. Boyce was admitted to the Albemarle Hospital last Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight visited her mother, Mrs. R. L. Spivey, near New Hope Sunday afternoon.  
Annie Lou Lane was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chappell, Sr., and Clarence, Jr., on Easter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane visited her father, Nixon Hollowell, Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews and Joanne Matthews were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane and family Monday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ayscove and family were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Copeland.  
Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane, Jr., visited her parents at Rocky Hock Sunday afternoon.  
Tomnie Matthews of Drivers, Va., was the week-end guest of J. B. Basnight.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I want to thank all my dear friends and relatives for the nice cards and flowers sent me while I was a patient in the hospital, and since my return home. Each one of you will always be remembered.  
MRS. HERBERT J. WINSLOW.  
TO ATTEND WEDDING

**"Voice With A Smile" Is Just Memory To Overseas Army**

Heidelberg, Germany—The telephone operator is almost a ghost of the past as far as the United States Army in Germany is concerned.

A fully-automatic long-distance telephone system—still a dream in most parts of the United States—today serves almost every Army telephone user in Germany. In offices from Bremerhaven to Garmisch, from Kaiserlautern to Berlin, it's now possible to dial direct. To call a military number in another city, one needs only to dial two sets of three or four-digit numbers—one to connect with the exchange there, and the other to get the desired number.

To reach Seventh Army headquarters in Stuttgart from Army headquarters here, for example, a caller dials 2741 and then the number. Within seconds, the call is through.

Only a fraction of the Army's thousands of daily calls need an operator. "Through switch" calls are made by an operator when automatic equipment fails or when automatic circuits are full. All international calls—from Heidelberg to Paris, for example—must be "booked" through an operator. And call on "red lines"—private lines usually serving general officers or strategic locations—need an opera-

tor. Other operators are on hand to give information.

Yet at the Heidelberg exchange, serving more than 4,500 telephones at Army headquarters in Europe, only 36 German and nine WAC operators are needed to staff the exchange 'round the clock. The rest is entirely automatic.

Two unusual problems confronted planners of the system: how to set up a separate "civil" phone network for private use by Army personnel, and how to tie in the military system with "Deutsch Post," the national German telephone network.

But answers were found. Under international agreement, civil telephones were installed and operated by Deutsch Post, like any other German civilian phone. And to call from a military number to either a civil or German number, it's necessary only to dial the prefix 99. Conversely, to reach a military number from a civil or German phone, one dials 88. It's that simple.

Signal Corps engineers have set up safeguards against using military phones for private long-distance calls. If a person in Heidelberg tries to dial a friend at a civil number of Berlin, he gets a busy signal and nothing more. And if he tries to go through the opera-

tor, he will be asked if it is official business. If not, the call won't be placed.

Key to the system is a series of hundreds of automatic "selectors", five of which are used for each call. One selector finds an open circuit as soon as the phone is raised from its cradle, and the other four—corresponding to the four-digit number being called—pinpoint the call to the desired phone.

But the most important fact to users of the direct-dial system is that with only six or eight flicks of a dial, they can speak to someone at the other end of Germany.

**Bach's Masterpiece In Norfolk April 9th**

One of the world's greatest masterpieces, Johann Sebastian Bach's "The Passion According to St. Matthew", will be presented April 9th at 8:15 P. M., in the Norfolk Arena Auditorium.

The event will bring together the forces of the Norfolk Civic Chorus and Symphony Orchestra with six outstanding guest artists, under Edgar Schenkman's direction, to present a highlight of the musical season.

Much interest is centered in the appearance of Stoddard Lincoln, Harpsichordist, of New York, who

will combine with the Norfolk A. M., concert day. Advance reservations may be made by writing the Symphony office, 305 Flatiron Building, Norfolk 10, Virginia, by calling MA 7-0089.

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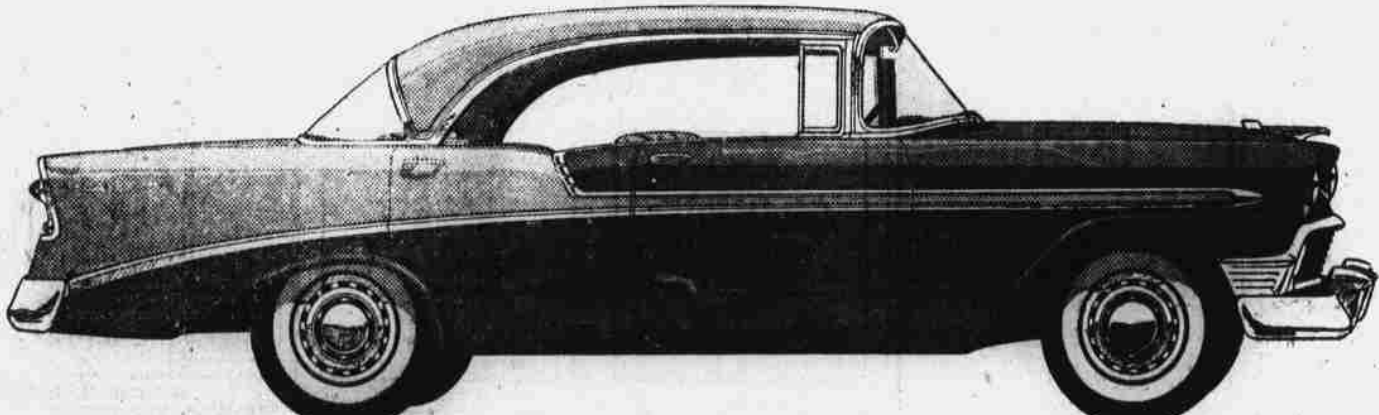
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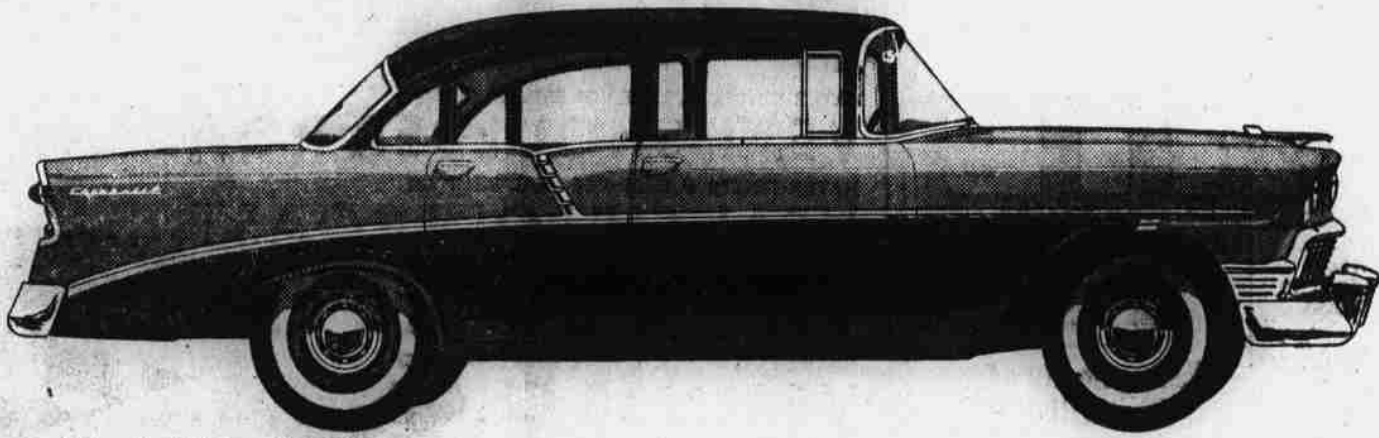
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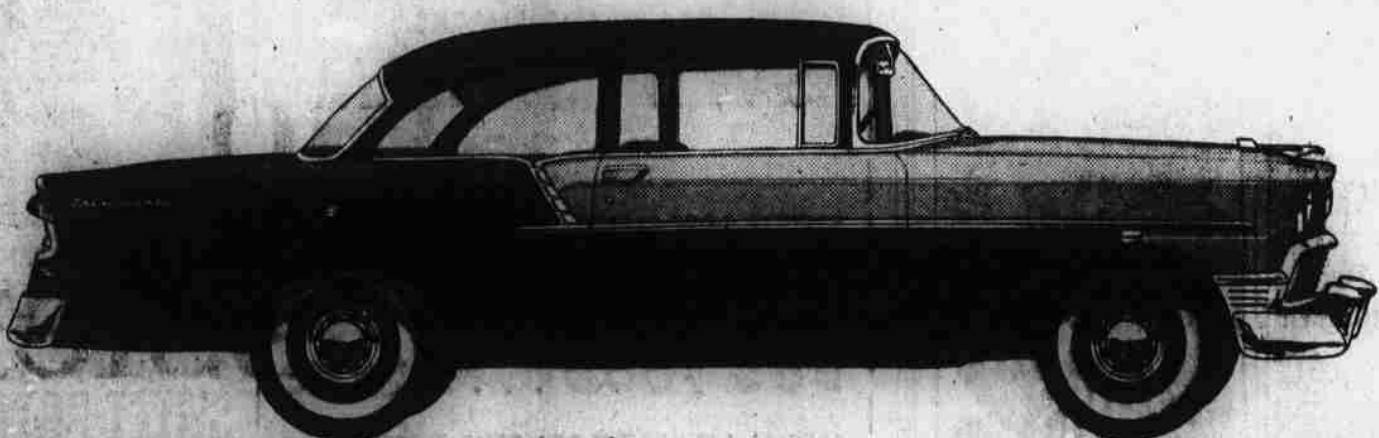
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