

**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**



Washington—Recent Congresses have seen a close numerical division between Democrats and Republicans. The 84th Congress consisted of 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

**Close Division**  
The general election on November 6, 1956, will determine the make-up of the Senate for the next two years. Of course deaths and resignations can change the political complexion of a Congress when the balance is so close.

Recently I studied a pamphlet on information about the political division of the Senate during the past century. The facts were interesting.

**A Century**  
The 84th Congress took its seat in 1855. The nation had a total of 62 Senators at that time compared with the present 96 (two for each state in the Union). Of that total, 42 were Democrats, 15 were Republicans and 5 belonged to other parties. The high water mark for Democratic Senators was in the 75th Congress (1937-39) with a total of 75; that Congress had 17

Republicans and there were 4 Senators listed as belonging to other parties.

**Lowest Ebb**  
Democratic Senatorial power was at its lowest ebb with only 11 members in the period of the War Between the States and Reconstruction; it was in the 41st Congress that the Republicans had 61 seats, and they also reached their maximum of 61 in the 60th Congress from 1907 to 1909. At the latter date there were 29 Democrats in the Senate.

**Recent Division**  
The last Congress to show a considerable political division was the 81st (1949-51) with 14 more Democrats than Republicans. Since that time (the 82nd, 83rd and 84th) the political division has been very thin numerically. And when the time came to organize the Senate it was necessary for each political party to have every member present.

I will not discuss the political division of the House of Representatives except to say that the present division shows 232 Democrats

and 203 Republicans. The last time either body of Congress was organized due to death was in the 72nd Congress (1931-33) when the House was organized by Democrats.

**Chips Are Down**  
It can be seen that, as a consequence of the close political division in the Congress, no effort is being spared by both parties to control the Congress. It has also developed a greater awareness of the make-up of Congress among the people.

Not only will November 6, general election day, be important in the quest for the Presidency, but the voters will determine who will run the Congress for the next two years which will be the 85th Congress.

**State Fair Offers Top Entertainment**

The 89th North Carolina State Fair, October 16 through 20, will offer more "high priced" entertainment than ever before, according to Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager.

Listed among the outstanding attractions at the State Fair this year are three of the nation's leading popular vocalists—Miss Dorothy Collins, Russell Arms, and Pat Boone. Miss Collins and Russ Arms will appear together in "Hit Parade Revue", a light-hearted two-hour musical patterned after their regular television series, "Your Hit Parade". The music will be provided by Ernie Rudy and his orchestra.

The Collins-Arms show will have another personality—if he can be called that. He's "Zippy", the Chimp, the scatterbrained little ape who so often appears on television's Gary Moore Show and I've Got a Secret. In all "Zippy" appeared on television often enough to earn his owner \$25,000 during his first year.

Miss Collins, one of America's most popular girl vocalists, got her big start in television by singing commercials. Russ, straight dramatic actor turned popular singer, also started his rise to fame doing live commercials.

"Hit Parade Revue" plays in the State Fair Arena on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16 and 17 at 8 P. M.

Pat Boone, voted America's "most promising male vocalist" by both Billboard and Cash Box Magazines, has soared to success over night in a manner almost unparalleled in entertainment history. In just one year from that eventful day in 1955 when he made his first record, Pat Boone has: sold more than 4,000,000 records; placed at least one of his records in Billboard's Best Seller Charts 38 out of 52 weeks; become a favorite of millions as a frequent guest on the Arthur Godfrey radio and television shows; gained ranking as one of the country's top personal appearance acts; turned down three major movie offers from Hollywood; and been voted "most promising male vocalist."

Pat will share the spotlight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 18, 19 and 20 at 8 P. M., in the State Fair Arena with "Midwestern Hayride," one of the nation's top country music shows. "Hayride," featuring The Midwesterners, Rudy Hansen, the Hayseeds, Mano Ring and Bobby Bobo, is seen regularly in other parts of the country via NBC television.

And as if this weren't enough, the State Fair is offering another big entertainment extravaganza. This one, produced by America's foremost producer of outdoor entertainment, General Artists Corporation-Hamid, Inc., will appear nightly during the State Fair in front of the grandstand. It's "Stairway to the Stars", a colorful, gay musical with a line of lovely dancers. Beautifully costumed, the cast performs three elaborate production dance numbers. Numerous variety acts fill the in-between spots. It is top-flight entertainment designed to enchant the audience.

Other entertainment highlights at the State Fair this year include:

Three days of harness horse racing, the grand old sport that still sends a tingle up the spine as the hard-driving trotters head down the home stretch—Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2 P. M.

James E. Strates world-famous midway with its exciting shows and rides—opens at 10 A. M., and closes at midnight, daily.

Gene Holter's Oakrich Races and Wild Animal Show, in front of the grandstand at 1 P. M. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Ward Dean's International Auto Parade, a rough and ready

highway safety—Wednesday at 2 P. M., and Friday at 10 P. M. Sam Nunis Speedways presents six auto races on Saturday of Fair Week, beginning with time trials at 1 P. M. The first race will start at 2:30 P. M.

**ROAD REPORT GIVEN BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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US 158 about five miles northwest of Elizabeth City, south to a paved county road, 0.7 mile; and from a point on a paved county road about one mile northwest of Elizabeth City, west for a distance of 1.7 miles. A sand asphalt base course was laid from a point on West Church Street in Elizabeth City, west for a distance of 0.9 mile by State forces. The road is 18 feet wide.

**1956 Cotton Crop Estimated Below Last Year's Figure**

Based upon conditions as of September 1, the 1956 Tar Heel cotton crop is forecast at 340,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. A crop of this size would be 11,000 bales, or 3.1 per cent, less than the 351,000 bales harvested last year and 117,000 bales less than the 10-year (1945-54) average.

The September 1 lint yield per acre is estimated at 363 pounds, compared with 350 pounds last year and the 10-year average yield of 321 pounds.

Based upon cotton in cultivation July 1 and average abandonment, it is estimated that 450,000 acres will be harvested this year. This is the smallest cotton acreage harvested since records began in 1866.

Weather conditions during August in most of the important Piedmont cotton producing counties were not very favorable for cotton. Extended dry weather has reduced yield prospects in these counties. Highest yields are currently expected in the Coastal Plain counties. The crop in this area was severely damaged by hurricanes last year.

For the United States, the September forecast is 13,115,000 bales is 437,000 bales below the August forecast.

**TAYLOR THEATRE EDENTON, N. C.**

Saturday Continuous from 1:30 Sunday, 2:15, 4:15 and 8:45

Thursday and Friday, October 11-12—

James Cagney and Barbara Stanwyck in "THESE WILDER YEARS"

Saturday, October 13—

Tony Martin and Peggy Castle in "QUINCANNON, FRONTIER SCOUT"

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 14-15-16—

Gregory Peck and Richard Basehart in "MOBY DICK" CinemaScope

Wednesday and Thursday, October 17-18—

Mickey Rooney and Francis in "FRANCIS IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE"

**HI-WAY 17 Drive-In Theatre EDENTON, N. C.**

Edenton-Hertford Road CinemaScope Screen

Friday and Saturday, October 12-13—

Double Feature Richard Basehart in "CANYON CROSSROADS"

—also—

Tab Hunter in "RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND"

Sunday, October 14—

Lana Turner and Gene Kelly in "THE THREE MUSKETEERS"

Monday and Tuesday, October 15-16—

Main and Kilbride in "MA AND PA KETTLE AT WAIKIKI"

Wednesday and Thursday, October 17-18—

James Stewart in "THE MAN FROM LARAMIE" CinemaScope



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The new Ford begins with the "Inner Ford." Its new elegance comes from within, from the way its automotive muscles are put together. All the changes are toward more rugged endurance, toward increased power, toward smoother operation. These are the bases for its "Mark of Tomorrow" elegance. This is the one fine car in the low-price field.  
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