

Oakland Democrats Pour Into Windy City for Convention Stay

By JOE HAAS

CHICAGO—With the opening of the Democratic national convention only two days away, members of the party from the Pontiac area are arriving here.

Those two Oakland County stalwarts, Willis M. Brewer of Pontiac, and Carlos Richardson of Waterford, are among the first to arrive. They are considered to be the Mr. Democrats of the county when it comes to convention procedure.

The former turned the county chairmanship over to Richardson when he was appointed manager of the Pontiac branch office of the Secretary of State, a juicy plum that came as a reward for his service to the party. He is the first Democrat to hold that job for a generation or two.

Both Brewer and Richardson are among Michigan's 44 delegates, but that only remotely states the case. Willis is considered to be about as close to Governor G. Mennen Williams as other higher ups in state Democratic circles.

Harriman Sees Chance to Win

Haas Fires Questions and Gets the Outlook of the 'Rich Man'

By JOE HAAS

CHICAGO—The Michigan delegation will be urged by Gov. G. Mennen Williams to throw its support behind Harriman, after the initial ballot, it was indicated here this afternoon.

CHICAGO—Averell Harriman told me last night: "If Stevenson does not win by the second ballot, I expect to be at the head of the ticket in the November election."

Harriman has little hope of winning on the first or second ballot, but looks for enough favorite son and Kefauver delegates to begin an upward climb in the third ballot.

In my interview with Harriman Friday, he asked more questions than I did. He remembered making the same queries to me four years ago.

"Because you then did not try to jolly me, but talked straight from the shoulder, I'll ask two of the same questions."

THE QUESTIONS

The first was, "Why do you think a wealthy man cannot be elected president?" He recollected that four years ago I told him that a great many people are jealous of financial success, especially when the foundation for it was inherited.

He agreed with me, but pointed out that he had built well on the financial foundation given him. He feels his contribution to good government in services rendered by himself in high positions should more than offset the feeling against him, "because I not only was born on the right side of the railroad track, but my father owned the track."

The other question was: "What inspires a man of great wealth to seek the highest office in the world?"

Harriman answered: "Service is the only thing you can give away without wondering if you're doing the right thing. I have found that the most difficult thing in the world is to give away money. Look at the foundations."

Truman to Tap His Man Today

Teenager Kills Himself Playing Russian Roulette

Brother, Buddies Try to Halt Suicidal Game in Living Room

A Keego Harbor teenager killed himself playing Russian roulette last night when he fired a fatal bullet into his head despite warnings of a brother and two companions.

The victim, 17-year-old Allen E. Rickel, of 1801 Sylvan Glen, was pronounced dead shortly after 8 in the Rickel living room where the four youths had been watching television.

An autopsy today will be part of an investigation into the apparently accidental death by State Police and Keego Harbor Patrolmen James Sisk and Dale Halmgren.

Witnesses were Allen's brother, Carl, 13; George Deacon, 18, of 2405 Fordham St.; and Earl I. Sawyer, 19, of 3166 Tribham St.

DON'T KNOW WHY

They were unable to explain why Allen fired the shot. They said he failed to heed their warnings to stop pulling the trigger "because it will go off."

The boys said Allen gave no explanation for going to his father's bedroom to get the .32 calibre revolver.

Tests of powder burns and casts of the other boys' hands will be made today.

"It appears to have been accidental," a trooper commented.

The boys told investigators Allen had gone to the bedroom and came out pointing the gun at them.

They said they kept warning him not to. He finally stopped and took five bullets out of the six-shot pistol and then put the gun up to the side of his head.

"The boys said the gun went off at the same time they were yelling at him to stop pulling the trigger," an investigator said.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern C. Rickel, his parents had been out visiting a neighbor at the time. They could not explain any reason why their son would want to take his life.

Irving Likes Ike! Latest Lyric Proves He Does

NEW YORK (INS)—Song Writer Irving Berlin has written a campaign song for President Eisenhower titled, "Ike for Four More Years."

Simple in verse and tune, it goes like this:

"Four more years — four more years
Give us what we'd like,
What we'd like is Ike
For four more years."

The song, copyrighted by Berlin, is restricted from performance "for profit."

The song is being turned over to the Republican National Committee.

Truman's Decision May Sway Convention



WHICH WAY WILL HE LEAN? — Party leaders and delegates alike eagerly await Harry Truman's announcement of his preference for Democratic presidential nominee. In above composite picture he is flanked by two leading contenders, Adlai Stevenson (left) and Averell Harriman (right).

Both Candidates Hoping for Nod From Ex-Chief

Delegates Are Waiting HST's Announcement at 3:30 This Afternoon

CHICAGO (P)—Harry S. Truman kept Adlai E. Stevenson and Gov. Averell Harriman on the political hot spot today waiting for him to name his preference for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Truman jealously guarded his secret from a succession of callers in advance of a 3:30 p.m. EST news conference.

But most signs pointed toward a pronouncement that—while he regards both Stevenson and Harriman as equally qualified, capable men—he would vote for Harriman if he were a delegate to next week's convention.

Truman is not a delegate, but will address the convention Friday.

This sort of endorsement by the former President would boost the New York governor's stock without the party-wrecking effect of any statement which implied that Stevenson lacked the qualifications to become the nominee.

WILL BACK NOMINEE

Truman has made it emphatically clear that, come what may, he expects to support and work for the Democratic nominee. With Stevenson presently in a commanding position to win the nomination, associates thought Truman would not want to say anything against Stevenson that might be embarrassing in the general election campaign.

Truman, a political realist, was said by friends to recognize that any personal pat on the back for Harriman would not necessarily result in the New Yorker's nomination.

Stevenson's backers have claimed 630 of the necessary 686 votes on the first ballot. Harriman's supporters have said they will have 350 to 400. Both claims might be inflated.

The Stevenson camp estimated it might lose 50 votes by a Truman nod to Harriman. Harriman's followers said they could come close to Stevenson's claimed total on the first count.

Whatever his reasons for making it, Truman's endorsement was sure to have a psychological impact on the convention. Truman controls no state delegation, not even that from his home state of Missouri.

The civil rights issue was causing some fireworks in platform committee hearings but leaders were striving to keep the controversy in hand.

Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. of South Carolina told the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

4-H Youths Pack Ribbons Away

Hundreds of Oakland County youths will pack ribbons away today, load prize livestock back into trucks and end the 1956 4-H Club Fair.

Behind them, they will leave well-plowed fields, thoroughly trodden paths between booth sites and the realization among thousands of visitors that the farmers of tomorrow are as skillful at their chosen vocations as any in history.

Last night's carnival and 4-H Cavalcade of Horses drew the largest crowd by far of the five-day run.

A group of some 50 4-H boys and girls showed their steeds in a horse show during arena activities last night.

An impressive array of farm machinery, featuring the latest innovations in power steering, hauling equipment and combines, also drew attention to the arena.

Yesterday afternoon, runnersup in the Tractor Field Day contest finished in a tie with Charles Wright of Galloway Lake taking top plowing honors and James Thompson of Milford taking the top tractor operation award.

Second place in the plowing contest went to Lynn Rowe of Gingsville and Thompson took third.

Need Extra Wife? Get Them While They're Legal

TUNIS, Tunisia (P)—Tunisians have less than five months left if they want to take an extra wife.

A new law announced last night limits men to one wife each, places the minimum age of a bride at 15 and permits divorce only by court action. It is effective Jan. 1.

The law does not nullify plural marriages already in existence. Under the old Moslem religious code, the faithful can take up to four wives provided all are equally lived. Divorce is accomplished by the husband repeating "I divorce thee" three times to a wife.

3 Killed, 8 Injured Near Saugatuck

SAUGATUCK (INS)—Three persons, including a mother of three, were killed instantly and eight others seriously or critically injured early this morning in a head-on collision near Saugatuck.

Mrs. Cynthia Sirk, 26, of Waterford, Jesus Laca, 25, of Holland, and Alejandro Gutierrez, 24, of Holland, were all killed when a car driven by Laca crashed head-on into one driven by Mrs. Sirk on U.S. 31. Mrs. Sirk's husband, 32, and daughters, Louandra, 4, and Cynthia, 2, were seriously injured. Her parents, Oscar Smith, 72, and his wife, and Mrs. Sirk's son, William, 10 months, were in critical condition.

Gutierrez was a passenger in Laca's car. Two other passengers in his car were seriously injured.

Detour on U. S. 25

LANSING (P)—The State Highway Department said today a detour will start on U.S. 25 Monday near the St. Clair-Sanilac county line. The detour will permit paving of 3.7 miles of the highway.

Ferndale Teacher Named Principal of Bagley School

A former Ferndale teacher, John F. Perdue, has been named principal of Bagley School by the Pontiac Board of Education.

He is the first Negro to be named a school principal in Pontiac.

Mrs. Golda Holecheck, principal of Bagley School for 20 years, has been named principal of LeBaron School to replace Mrs. Beryl Sherman, who retired in June.

Perdue, 44, will take over duties for the fall semester. He plans to move to Pontiac from his present home in Detroit.

Perdue attended college after service in the Army during World War II. He was graduated from the University of Toledo in 1950 and received a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1955.

He formerly was associated with an insurance agency in Philadelphia, where he was born.

Perdue has taught seventh and eighth grade subjects at Grant School in Ferndale for seven years.

Cleveland Pro 11 Crushes College All-Stars 26-0

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CHICAGO—An educated "Toe" and bulldozing "Mo" were weapons the Cleveland Browns used to whip the College All-Stars, 26-0, in a lustreless football game at Soldier Field here last night.

The toe was that of veteran Lou Groza who kicked for 14 of the Browns' 26 points and it was lustrous Ed "Big Mo" Modzelewski who put Groza into kicking position each time.

Groza kicked four field goals in four attempts, plus two extra points. This was a new record for total number of field goals in an All-Star game and also by one individual.

The crowd of 75,000 expected to see a wide-open game after Earl Morrall of Michigan State hit end Harold Burnine of Missouri with a first down pass on the Stars' first play from scrimmage.

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It's Easy? ... to Get Rid of Starlings

"Well I'll be a dirty bird..." Grin until it hurts when you utter that phrase, neighbor and be quick to assure all within earshot that the bird whose identity you have just taken on is indeed only a robin that toppled into a sooty chimney.

Otherwise, some, tormented bystander might take you for a starling. In more lucid moments the bystander probably would mourn the demise of an annoying fly, squashed under his hand in an instant of anger. But if you could see into his mind, a Chinese torture chamber would seem like a bower of violets.

He might set traps, ones that

would grasp you painfully so your screams would frighten away others like you. Maybe he'd pound tin cans together, hoping the din will make you nervous enough to seek other resting places.

Or he might be merciful and just shoot you.

These are just a few of the suggestions which flowed into the ears of Press staffers Thursday and yesterday after an article asking for community action against new "NOT POPULAR"

The "sturnus vulgaris," as he is known to scientists and possibly to the many to whom starling is too nice a word, "is not regarded as one of the more popular of our

bird species" as one encyclopedic account so subtly put it. In fact, it was the decade's prize understatement if the calls that reached the Press are a fair gauge.

One reader, a veteran of sleepless nights under the limbs of a tree much sought after by generations of the garrulous birds,

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assured us a muskrat trap anchored in the branches is a sure-fire deterrent.

The object is to capture one (a bird, not a muskrat) and let its distress cries terrify the others away. He didn't explain how he slept while the starling waited.

A similar campaign was carried out recently in another Michigan city where starlings, situated in strategic trees around the area, made late afternoons a nerve-racking period with their cacophonies of restless chirping. On rainy days the smell of wet feathers would permeate right through a wool coat.

Nerves became even rawer when citizens reacted by banging tin (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Future Reporters View the News



Learning by example, students and out-of-town conference delegates left, Ades the finer Rasmussen, of

Richmond; Harry Van Matre, 597 W. Huron St.; Sara Ann Hetherington, 91 Thorpe St.; and Judith Wellman of Port Huron. Harry and Miss Hetherington are attending the annual workshop on Pontiac Press scholarships. Beauchamp, head of PHS English department, is on the U. of M. Journalism Department staff for the summer.