

Political Notes

By Frank Nye

Early Fireworks

THE Fourth of July is still more than a month away but there's likely to be some early fireworks in Des Moines Friday and Saturday at the Democratic state presidential convention.

Supporters of Vice-president Hubert Humphrey, Senators Bobby Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy will be lighting them in their efforts to attract Iowa's 46 votes to the national convention.

Thirty of the 52 delegates who'll cast those votes will be elected at seven congressional district caucuses Saturday morning; the other 22 at the convention Saturday afternoon.

Democratic state organization leaders aren't admitting it, but they're a bit worried lest the convention should become deadlocked and be unable to adjourn by 6 p.m. That's the hour Democrats have to give up Veterans auditorium to another group. The leaders say they'll solve that problem when and if it presents itself.

They might take heart from the 1952 Republican state presidential convention, which was held at KRNT theater. That was the year of the bitter battle between backers of Dwight D. Eisenhower and the late Senator Robert Taft. Republicans had to vacate the premises by 6 p.m. They made it by the skin of their teeth.

General Hershey

WHEN Senator Kennedy was in Des Moines last week he used almost the same language to answer one question as did Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York when he visited the Capital City earlier this month.

The question was whether Kennedy would fire Gen. Louis Hershey from his selective service post if he became President. Like Rocky, Bobby said he didn't want to deal in personalities.

Old Humphrey

SENATOR McCarthy's Iowa chairman, State Rep. Harry Beardsley (D-West Des Moines), said last week his forces have no intention of throwing in the towel and joining Kennedy because of the Nebraska defeat.

"We're going after every delegate we can get," Beardsley said.

Asked whether all of McCarthy's Iowa supporters would go to Kennedy if they were released, Beardsley surmised that he believes 50 percent or more would join Humphrey.

He pointed out they'd feel comfortable with Humphrey in every way except for his position on Vietnam. He recalled that Humphrey was "the darling of the liberals" before becoming a chief advocate of President Johnson's Vietnam policy.

Now that Humphrey is on his own, Beardsley said, "A lot of liberals think they can see the old Humphrey shining through the new," which would make it easier for them to support him.

This puts the vice-president in a different category from former Vice-president Richard Nixon, whose new image supposedly has blanked out his old.

Near Miss

STATE SENATOR Tom Riley (R-Cedar Rapids) might have been right in the middle of last Wednesday's tornado if West Central officials hadn't called off his appearance there earlier in the day.

Riley had spoken at a number of high schools in Fayette county Wednesday morning, and was scheduled for 3:15 p.m. at Maynard. Had he made that address he probably would have been motoring back to Cedar Rapids on highway 150 south of Oelwein about the time the tornado struck. As it was, he beat the tornado by an hour or so.

Riley stopped in Oelwein after the tornado Wednesday night, enroute to Decorah, to pass the word along about the new state program for disaster areas.

Why...?

HAND it to Johnny Jones, the affable editor-publisher of The Monticello Express. He came up with a good one on his editorial page in a recent issue.

His lead editorial was entitled "Something is wrong..." and dealt with the puzzlements of our foreign policy. The next editorial was entitled "Why we like Bobby Kennedy..." and contained 10 inches of white space.

Taken for Granted

STATE TREASURER Paul Franzburg of Conrad spoke to the Tuesday Noon Optimists club in Cedar Rapids on, — okay you guessed it, a recent Tuesday noon — and told them he was a member of the Lions club in his home town.

He softened the blow a bit by narrating what happened to him at another service club in southwestern Iowa where he started out saying he was "a Lion".

"He's a Lion," Paul quoted one of the local lads as telling his hard of hearing colleague.

"Hell yes he's a lynin'," responded the partially deaf one. "He's a politician ain't he?"

Newsy Notes...

ADD TO THE LIST of Second district Democrats who'd like to be delegates to the party's national convention starting Aug. 26 in Chicago the names of Delaware County Chairman E. Michael Carr of Manchester; Eugene Burke of Clinton; Vernon Hoffman of Aurora; Nelson Wehner of Independence and Harry Powell of Coggon.

Turns out that Thomas Ryan, listed as a Cedar Rapids member of the Iowa United Democrats for Humphrey committee in news reports last week, is really from Cedar Falls where he is a professor at the University of Northern Iowa.

The fellow who writes news releases for State Sen. David M. Stanley (R-Muscatine) still has fixation of the typewriter finger... He continues to call Dave "Republican candidate for United States senator" when, as a matter of actual fact, Dave is only one of three candidates for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator... along with James Bromwell of Cedar Rapids and William Plymat of Des Moines...

One of the best eye-catchers we've seen in the way of campaign literature this year as a fold-out leaflet advertising the candidacy of Robert K. Beck of Centerville for the Republican nomination for governor... The front page shows four men, blindfolded, sitting at a table under this caption: "Will the Candidate with Experience in State Government Please Stand up!"... turn the page and up pops Beck, sans blindfold, in a fold-out, with the other three blindfolded men still in place...

Public hearings will be held in five cities next month by the legislative processes committee to seek suggestions for modernizing legislative procedures... First will be June 20 at Waterloo followed June 21 at Fairfield, June 24 at Atlantic, June 26 at Fairfield and June 27 at Des Moines... All will be at 7:30 p.m. except Des Moines which is set for 9 a.m.... sites will be announced later...

An overflow audience of 600 turned out in Washington last Tuesday evening to hear Gov. Harold Hughes address a fund-raising dinner honoring former Congressman John R. Schmidhauser of Iowa City, who's out after his old job in his bid for the Democratic nomination for First district congressman...



FORMER CONGRESSMAN John Schmidhauser, Iowa City, right, and Gov. Harold Hughes are shown talking with Sgt. John F. Baker of Moline, a recent winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. All were in Washington, Ia., last week for a fund raising dinner for Schmidhauser, a Democrat, who is seeking to return to congress as a representative from the First district.

"Barber of Seville", 4 Plays at U. of I.

IOWA CITY — "The Barber of Seville", by Rossini, will be the opera featured during the 1968 Fine Arts festival at the University of Iowa. The popular comic opera will be presented near the end of the summer-long festival of art, drama, dance and music, with performances scheduled for 8 p.m. July 30 and 31 and Aug. 2 and 3 in Macbride auditorium. Prof. Herald Stark will conduct the opera, which will be presented in English by the school of music and the university theater. The university's summer repertory theater, which became a part of the Fine Arts festival in 1961, will present four plays during June and July: "The Miser", by Moliere; "The Bat", by Mary R. Rinehart and Avery Hopwood; "Philadelphia, Here I Come", by Friar Friel, and "Misalliance", by G. B. Shaw. Cosmo Catalano, an associate professor of dramatic art at the U. of I., will be managing director of the summer repertory program for the second season. Openings of the 1968 season so that the four openings will not occur on successive nights. "The Miser" will open the season June 21. A dance concert will be featured during the festival for the second time this summer, featuring Don Redlich, New York City dancer, in a program June 15 at 8 p.m. in Macbride auditorium. Due to construction of the U. of I. museum of art and additions to the art building, a major exhibition will not be presented in the art building this summer, though student works will be on display throughout the summer. Exhibitions in Iowa Memorial union will include a pottery exhibit through June, arts and crafts from Japan from June 15-July 3, a graphic exhibit titled "From Renoir to Picasso" (from the George Binet Print collection) from July 8-28, and works by graduate students in art, through July. Other features of the festival will include concerts by All State Music camp groups June 23 and June 28, the University Symphony orchestra July 2, the Iowa String Quartet July 10, and the U. of I. Chorus July 17. Kenneth Amada, U. of I. pianist, will present a recital July 21.



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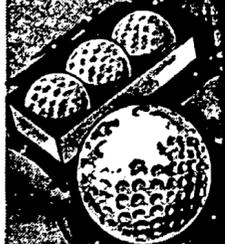
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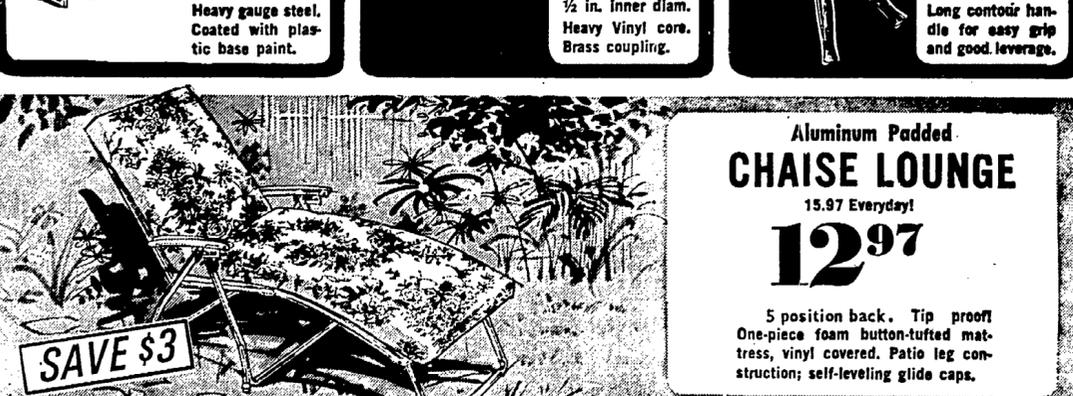
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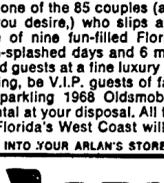
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