

No Resignation

GOP Tries to Sell Benson to Farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are going to work on the job of selling Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to the farmers, GOP National Chairman Thurston B. Morton said today. Morton, who has reported some strong pressure within the party to get rid of Benson as a political liability, said he had anticipated the secretary's announcement Monday that he has no intention of resigning.

"I have never thought he would resign, nor have I suggested it," Morton said. "All I have done is to call the secretary's attention to the fact that the Democrats have made him a political whipping boy."

"We Republicans are going to have to offset this. We are going to get to work on the job of selling him to the farmers."

A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) said in a separate interview he doesn't believe the GOP will succeed in such a selling job.

"Politically it's good news for the Democrats that Benson doesn't intend to quit," Monroney said. "But it is disastrous news for the farmers. It means more and more crop surpluses and lower and lower farm prices."

In announcing he will continue to fight for a "prosperous, expanding and free agriculture," Benson said of the administration's farm program: "The question is not, is it good politics, but is it right?"

"Our program is right," he said.

"If anything is right, it ought to be done—and it will prove to be good politics."

Benson said the objective of his program is to "get government off the backs of farmers and eliminate ineffective acreage controls and artificial price-fixing carried over from days of depression and war."

He said "obsolete laws which hogtie farmers, destroy markets and pile up wasteful and costly stocks in government warehouses must go." He added that only Congress can change this situation.

In a four-point farm program outlined in Minneapolis Monday night, New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller seemed to agree generally with Benson. Rockefeller, who appears to be edging toward entering the contest for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination, previously had defended Benson as "a dedicated public servant."

The New York governor conceded the Eisenhower administration's program has not solved the farm problem.

"We might as well face the fact that, as a nation, we have not solved the problem from either the human or economic point of view," he said.

He proposed (1) long-term government rental of farms, with farmers remaining on the land, (2) income "stabilization supports for farm families; (3) "energetic market development" for products, and (4) "a vigorous job opportunity program" for farmers who want to leave the land.

Farm experts here reported they found nothing particularly new in the Rockefeller program, said to have been prepared with the assistance of some of Benson's aides.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Army Pvt. and Mrs. Alva Finchman Jr. drove 500 miles, searched several days for their pet dog back to Ft. Riley, Kan., their pet dog which was AWOL, discouraged.

But the Humane Society didn't give up. It continued running a newspaper advertisement. A week later, the dog, named Johnny, was found and shipped to the Finchs. It had bolted from a shipping crate at the Et. Louis Union Station.



"Sir, if you don't excuse me from your Friday class so I can leave early—I'll probably be killed on the road in a rush! Please spare me!"

Safe Driving

AUSTIN (AP)—Gov. Price Daniel wants Texas drivers to be just as careful this year as they were during the Christmas-New Year holidays last year.

The Department of Public Safety has estimated that 111 persons will die in traffic accidents Dec. 23-Jan. 3.

"The 1958 Christmas holiday traffic death estimate was 95 but simply by doing what all good Texans should do at all times, driving safely and obeying the law, we held last year's actual death list to only 63 names," Daniel said in a special statement Monday. "What we need to do again this year is repeat our 1958 performance—drive safely and obey the law."

The governor said Texas newspapers, radio and television stations and billboard companies have again promised complete support of the drive to curtail holiday mishaps.

Accidents Will Kill Many In Nearing Holiday Season

By DAVE STOKER Battalion Managing Editor

The "slaughter" month is here again and with the holiday season nearing and traffic mounting, the month of December will no doubt end in sorrow for many people across the United States.

As in the past, many people in the United States will die in traffic accidents over the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods.

Campaigns have started everywhere to get drivers to practice good safety habits on the highways to possibly reduce the number of deaths in December, the worst month for traffic fatalities.

The number of deaths tabulated for both the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, including traffic, fires and miscellaneous, was 1,335. This included 93 in fires and 97 in miscellaneous type accidents in addition to traffic, during the Christmas weekend.

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When the 558-foot-long Arthur Kill Bridge opened recently it became the longest vertical-lift draw bridge in the world.

When a ship wants to pass underneath, the elevator lifts the entire bridge on two casements.

The bridge, owned by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, can lift 65 70-ton cars at one time.

Civilian Student Portrait Dates Set

Civilian Students will have their portrait made for The Aggeland '60 at the Aggeland Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

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Council's estimate of 390 for the holiday. The council had estimated 620 would be killed.

Christmas of 1956 was the worst year for traffic fatalities for that holiday. The toll then was 706 deaths. The worst New Year's holiday traffic toll was counted in 1956-57 when a record 409 deaths occurred, also during a four-day weekend.

As the season of cheers nears, everyone is urged to conduct themselves in the safest manner to keep their season of cheers from being a season of tears.

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The Civil Engineering Wives Club will meet Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA. Two guest speakers will speak on "Traditions and Christmas Customs in the Philippine Islands."

All members are urged to bring their donations for the Christmas basket.

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Iron ore was first discovered in Minnesota in 1850. Minnesota is people scattered through more producing state.

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

7:30
Sons of Service will meet in Room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center.

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On Campus with Max Shulman

(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf" "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)

DECK THE HALLS

When you think of Christmas gifts you naturally think of Marlboro cigarettes, leading seller in flip-top box in all fifty states—and if we annex Wales, in all fifty-one—and if we annex Lapland, in all fifty-two. (This talk about annexing Wales and Lapland is, incidentally, not just idle speculation. Great Britain wants to trade Wales to the United States for a desert. Great Britain needs a desert desperately on account of the tourist trade. Tourists are always coming up to the Prime Minister or the Lord Privy Seal, or the Thane of Glamis, or like that and saying, "I'm not knocking your country, mind you. It's very quaint and picturesque, etc., what with Buckingham Palace and Bovril and Scotland Yard, etc., but where's your desert?")



"...but where's your desert?"

Before I forget, let me point out that Scotland Yard, Britain's plain-clothes police branch, was named after Wally Scotland and Fred Yard who invented plain clothes. The American plain-clothes force is called the F.B.I. after Frank B. Ingheliff, who invented fingerprints. Before Mr. Ingheliff's invention, everybody's fingers were absolutely glassy smooth. This, as you may imagine, played hob with the identification of newborn babies in hospitals. From 1791 until 1904 no American parent ever brought home the right baby from the hospital. This later became known as the Black Tom Explosion.

(But I digress. England, I was saying, wants to trade Wales for a desert. Sweden wants to trade Lapland for Frank B. Ingheliff. The reason is that Swedes to this day still don't have fingerprints. As a result, identification of babies in Swedish hospitals is so haphazard that Swedes flatly refuse to bring their babies home. There are, at present, nearly a half-billion unclaimed babies in Swedish hospitals—some of them well over eighty years old.)

But I digress. Marlboro is, of course, an ideal Christmas gift for your friends and loved ones who enjoy filter cigarettes. If, on the other hand, your friends and loved ones like mildness but don't like filters, then you can't go wrong with a carton of Philip Morris. If your friends and loved ones like a subtly mentholated cigarette that combines refreshing taste with high filtration, then buy a carton of Alpines. (Alpines, incidentally, are named after the late Albert G. Pine. Al Pine worked all his life to invent a cigarette that would combine light menthol and high filtration, but alas he never succeeded. As by-products of his research he did manage to invent the atom, the gooseneck lamp and the cocker spaniel, but the lightly mentholated high filtration cigarette, alas, never. Now this dream is realized, and what could be more fitting than to pay tribute to this gallant man by calling this cigarette Alpine?)

We, the makers of Marlboro, Philip Morris and Alpine are now enjoying our sixth year with Max Shulman. Obviously, we think he is a funny fellow. We think you'll think so too, if you look at his television series "THE MANY LOVES OF DOBIE GILLIS"—and read his latest book, "I WAS A TEEN-AGE DWARF."

PEANUTS

SCHROEDER, YOU'LL BE PROUD OF THE PUBLICITY JOB I'VE DONE!

I'VE TOLD EVERYONE I KNOW ABOUT BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY BEING THIS WEDNESDAY...

JUST THINK, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PEOPLE WILL BE GATHERED TO RAISE TOASTS, AND SING THEIR BEST WISHES...

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KARL BEETHOVEN!"

LOOK, LUCY, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BEETHOVEN'S NAME WASN'T KARL... IT WAS...

OH, NOW YOU'RE GOING TO START PICKING ON ME, HUH? AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU! TRAMPING THE STREETS, RINGING DOORBELLS...

TALKING TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, TELLING THEM ABOUT BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY!

BUT DO I GET THANKED FOR IT? NO! ALL I GET IS CRITICISM!!!

GOOD GRIEF!

By Charles M. Schulz