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United States Election . . .

America is oiling up the most complicated election machinery in the world in preparation for the balloting in next November's presidential and congressional contests.

The method of choosing presidential candidates, and the voting system of the United States, dating back with few changes to 1787, baffles outsiders and remains a puzzle to many who use it every two or four years.

This is an attempt to describe it in capsule form.

The 435 members of the House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms. The 96 senators are elected for six-year terms so arranged that one-third of the total is elected every two years.

The president and vice-president are elected for four year terms. The constitution provides that there must be two United States senators from each state, elected by the whole state, and one or more representatives as the population decrees, most of them for electoral districts but some at-large where circumstances dictate.

The constitution also provides that elections be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the election year.

Thus, on November 7 next, the United States will elect a president, a vice-president, 435 representatives and 32 senators.

That is the federal picture. But the ballots will also have on them candidates for numerous state, county and municipal offices ranging from state governors down to minor local posts, according to the needs and customs of each state. The ballots are huge affairs but voting machines in urban centres reduce the work of the voters.

The presidential contest is the main attraction of this 48-ring circus but no names of presidential candidates appear on the ballots.

Each party nominating a presidential candidate must also name "Electors" who are members of the "electoral college." There is one elector for each congressional representative in each state—New York has the most with 47. The names of the "electors" are placed on the ballots.

Voters mark their ballots for the "electors" who are named by the party whose presidential nominee they wish to support.

Whichever party's "electors" get the majority of the votes in any state, those electors certify to the state secretary that their party's candidate is the choice for president. This is largely an age-old formality but it leaves the possibility of a candidate winning because he wins the states with the most electoral votes although trailing another candidate in the total vote cast throughout the nation.

But before the voting there is the long, tedious business of selecting presidential candidates.

There are only two parties likely to be in the picture this year, Republicans and Democrats. Their candidates for president will be selected at national conventions, the former opening June 19 and the latter July 26, both in Chicago.

Republicans will trust this selection to 1,059 accredited delegates, the Democrats 1,176.

Selection of the delegates is customarily by three methods, depending upon the state laws and party regulations — primary elections, state conventions and state committees.

In the primaries held by a number of states the delegates are voted upon after expressing their choice of candidate and the results indicate how that state delegation will vote at the convention.

State conventions and state committees may choose delegates who are pledged to support a certain candidate, or a series of choices in a certain order, or may be left free to decide their stand at the convention.

At the convention there is a free-for-all melee in which delegations who are free to do so swing from one candidate to another as they see no possibility of their first choice winning, or who are lured by eloquence to shift their support.

The vice-presidential candidate is nominally the choice of the party but in practice the party's presidential candidate has the say as to who will be his running mate. He is elected by the same vote that elects the president.

On Dec. 18 after the elections the "electors" meet, supposedly, those who got the most votes, and "elect" the president, certifying the election to the secretary of state who transmits the result to Congress.

At a joint sitting of both houses, presided over by the president of the Senate, on the following Jan. 6, two tellers each from the two houses examine the reports from the state secretaries and formally announce the results of the presidential and vice-presidential contest.

On Jan. 20, following, the president is formally inaugurated on Capitol Hill, sworn in by the chief justice, and takes up residence in the White House. The vice-president takes up his duties which consist almost exclusively of presiding over the United States Senate.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
(By DOROTHY GARBUIT)

And now after all my coaxing and pleading to get hostesses Lee Van Luven tells me that the Friday night dance at the Highway Camp is postponed until next Friday, May 5. He says he forgot to tell me earlier. That is why sometimes I go crazy on this job. However, tonight's dance is on at the Ack-Ack camp and cars will be at the "Y" for the hostesses.

Thanks to a combination of glorious weather and the primeval excitement of watching a ship being launched I had a

most entertaining afternoon yesterday. As guest of Mrs. Cullin, who is matron of the women's section at the Dry Dock, I had the thrill of being taken all over the place before the launching. Seeing the women in their work clothes doing all those intricate machine jobs made me feel very small and inconsequential indeed as though I were playing at war. But on the other hand, don't let me ever catch anyone laughing at me in slacks again! Mrs. Cullin has a very nice office in the women's quarters—a two-storey house built for their convenience. Here we all repaired for tea after the launching. Mrs. Hardy, Miss Hardy, Mrs. Simpson and Leading Wren Adams. I overheard

an amusing remark while we were sitting along the bandstand waiting for the notables to arrive. Someone asked why Mr. Allen and party hadn't arrived and some comic in the crowd replied: "He's gone out to launch." Well, anyhow, it made me laugh.

Looks like we're actually on our way to opening fairly soon. The painters are getting on right smart with their work. I wasn't sure at first that I liked the dusky rose tint of the walls but I'm getting used to it bit by bit. Perhaps once we get a touch of turquoise and a soupçon of scarlet in the color scheme it will bring out hidden depths. Perhaps.

Briefs From Britain

LONDON —The British automobile trade is holding its first motor show of the war this year. But it will be a show of miniature car models with no full-size cars of the future on display.

HERTFORD, Eng. — Archdeacon John Bachelor, who worked 60 years among the Ainu people in the Japanese island of Hokkaido, near the Arctic circle, died here, aged 90. He compiled several editions of

an Ainu-Japanese-English dictionary.

LONDON —The Ministry of Information has sponsored all kinds of shows since the war started. Its art show, to which members of the various departments have contributed nearly 150 paintings and drawings, was opened by Sir Cyril Radcliffe, director-general of the ministry.

CANBERRA, —For most of his 87 years August Eichorn prepared and perfected remedies for snake-bite and has been bitten 500 times. Then he scratched himself on barbed wire and died from blood-poisoning.



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