

Leads in GOP governor's race

Heinz receives support

HARRISBURG (AP) — U.S. Rep. H. John Heinz, R-Allegheny, received the strongest support from a group of Central Pennsylvania Republicans polled on the governor's race.

Andrew L. Drew Lewis, Republican state finance chairman, finished second in the previously unpublished poll. Also strongly favored for a "spot on the ticket" were House Speaker Kenneth B. Lee and former Sen. D. Elmer Hawbaker of Franklin County.

The poll results came from questionnaires distributed to the Central Pennsylvania group at a July 20 dinner in Altoona. About 135 legislators, county commissioners and county

chairmen attended, and about 80 answered the questionnaires, according to Sen. Stanley G. Stroup, R-Bedford, who organized the group. The survey results were analyzed from about the first 65 to 70 returns, but later questionnaires conveyed the same trends, Stroup said.

Asked who they favored for "some position" on the gubernatorial ticket, Heinz was chosen by 96 per cent; Lewis by 79 per cent; Hawbaker 68 per cent and Lee 61 per cent.

Others mentioned included Rep. George Gekas, R-Dauphin, 42 per cent; Dist. Atty. Arlen Specter of Philadelphia, 37 per cent; golfer Arnold Palmer, 35 per cent; and Allegheny County

Controller Robert Friend, 33 per cent.

In a question asking respondents to select the strongest 1974 ticket, Heinz was first choice of 43 per cent with Lewis second at 33 per cent.

All respondents indicated their chosen ticket could defeat Gov. Shapp. Of those who said the GOP could defeat anyone except a particular Democrat, 87 per cent mentioned Pittsburgh Mayor Peter Flaherty as the most feared opponent. Only 15 per cent believe Shapp was as strong or stronger now than in 1970. Sixty-nine per cent rated him weaker.

Shapp trailed Auditor Gen. Robert P. Casey, Mayor Frank Rizzo of Philadelphia

and Flaherty in a question on the strongest Democratic candidates. Only Rep. K. Leroy Irviss, D-Allegheny, finished behind Shapp.

A similar question, referring only to a Democratic primary fight, found Shapp as the second strongest candidate, behind Casey. Rizzo rated third and Flaherty fourth.

State taxes, spending, welfare and highways were the only issues prominently mentioned for the 1974 campaign. Fifty per cent rated taxes the top issue, 23 per cent picked spending, 10 per cent welfare and 10 per cent highways.

Seven per cent picked farmers' problems as the number one issue.

Not mentioned as top issues were drug control, prison reform, no-fault insurance, size of the state payroll, public employe laws, unemployment and the death penalty.

Stroup said the Central Pennsylvania group will conduct similar polls in other areas of the state.

The senator, who spoke in a telephone interview from his Bedford home, recalled these counties participating in the poll: Blair, Huntingdon, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Perry, Mifflin, Centre, Clearfield, Cambria, Jefferson, Snyder, Union, Northumberland, Indiana, Bradford, Clinton and Tioga.

Concert causes problems

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — There was no mistaking this for Woodstock.

The sense of community, the "togetherness" and "good vibes" that four years earlier transformed a wet and hungry crowd into Woodstock Nation, never seemed to materialize in this town of farm folk and race cars.

The exhilaration the crowd brought with it to this "Summer Jam," a festival far bigger than that first grand assemblage of flower people in 1969, soon gave way to frustration and disappointment for those who could not get within sight or sound of the stage.

"The ultimate bummer," said a young woman from Boston.

She told of driving 11 hours to Watkins Glen, walking three hours to the concert site and leaving barely an hour later. "You can't hear the music, you can't get any shade and you can't get high enough to have a good time."

For weeks the concert was billed as a Woodstock revisited, only better. Promoters said they were going to sell only 150,000 tickets to keep the crowds down.

What they did not count on was 600,000 people.

The traffic jams started Friday night 150 miles away. Those clever enough to sneak into the town by back roads found the main road to the race circuit clogged with abandoned cars.

At the site there was no sign of the promised crowd control and no ticket takers.

"It's a free concert," one young man proclaimed.

"So why did I pay \$10 if everybody's getting in free?" another wanted to know.

By noon, when the Grateful Dead began playing, the "grassy knoll" in front of the stage was a mass of bodies and garbage. With no trash barrels in sight, concert-goers, who sprawled well beyond the range of the 50,000 watts sound system, used the ground.

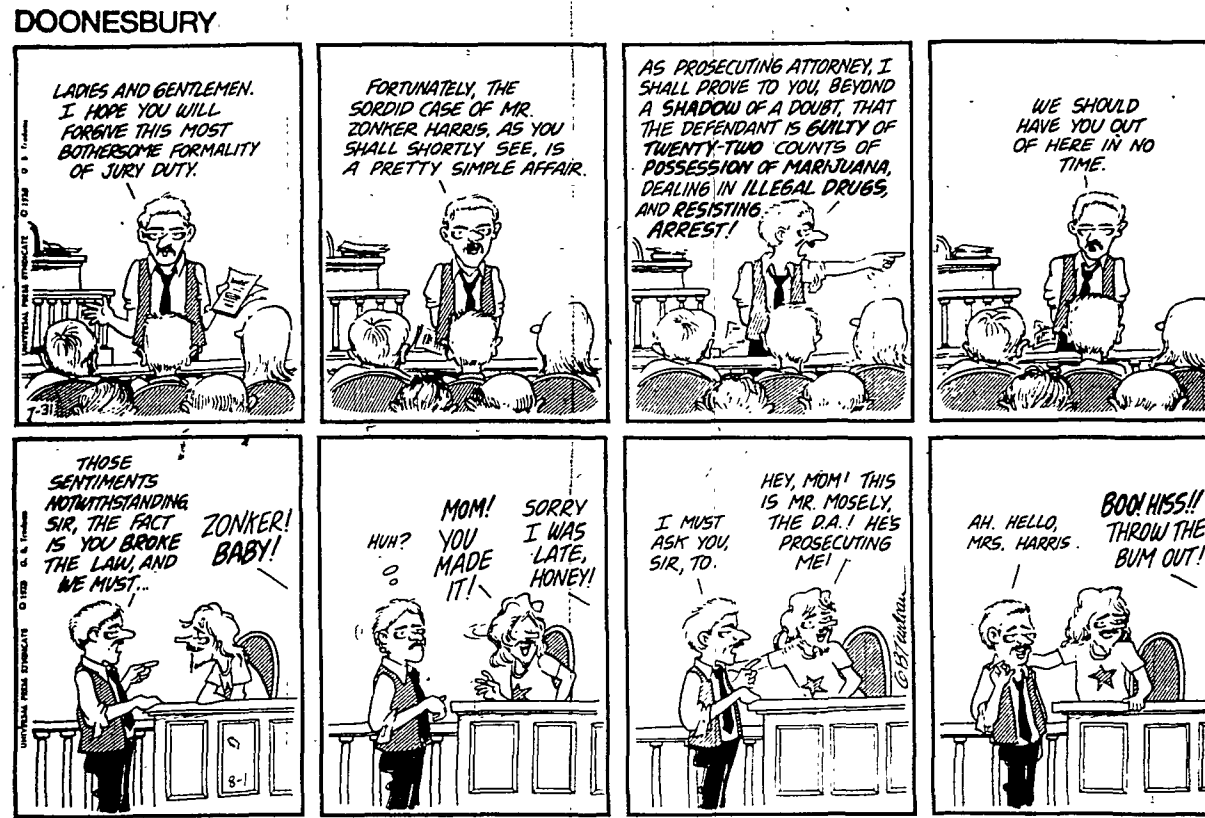
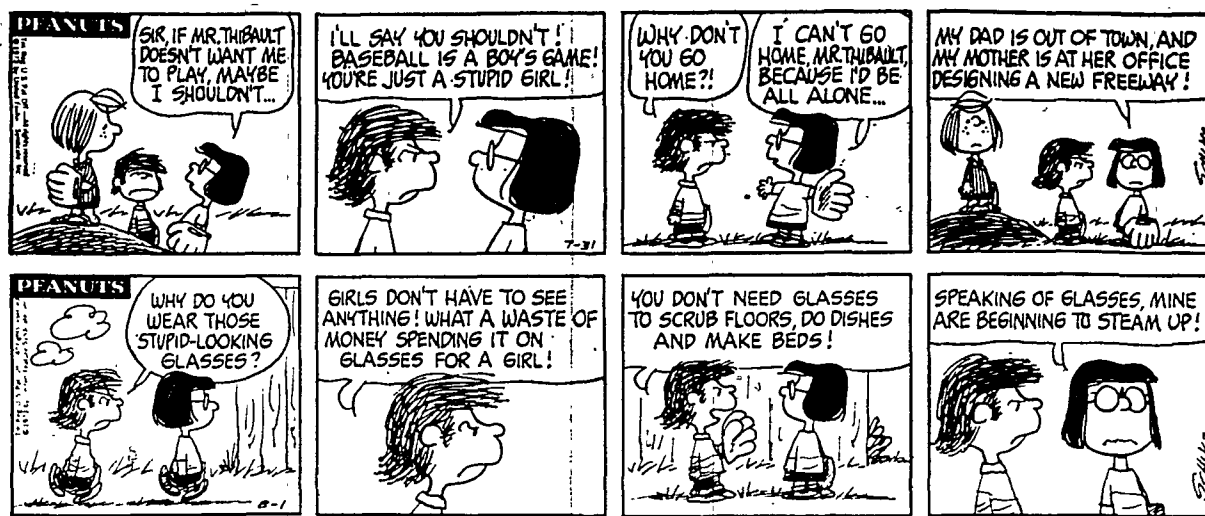
"It's like camping in a garbage dump and listening to a transistor radio," one young man complained.

Caches of bottled water disappeared long before the music started. The economics of refreshment quickly pushed the cost of a cup of ice to 50 cents, while lukewarm soda went for 35 cents.

One young man hawking "acid, mescaline, THC and grass" attracted few customers. But youths continually walked through the crowds asking plaintively, "Anybody got any downs?" They searched for barbiturates, quaaludes and other currently popular depressant drugs.

Hot and dehydrated, a great many people slept through the event.

"How come nobody here's having a good time?" one very dazed young man repeatedly asked.



Beef crisis cuts supply, jobs

HARRISBURG (AP) — Meat processors said yesterday the shortage of beef in Pennsylvania will become even more critical in the weeks ahead as supplies dry up and prices go up.

Some 500 workers in the wholesale beef industry in the Philadelphia area already have been thrown out of work, and layoffs and cutbacks are numerous in other parts of the state because of the beef crisis. "You almost have to double your orders to get what you need," said Joe Olsen, meat manager for Karn's Prime & Fancy Foods in Mechanicsburg. "If you need eight sides of beef, you order 20 and expect to get four or five. It's going to get worse before it gets any better."

Robert Kessler, owner of Kessler's Inc., a wholesaler in Lemoyne, said the company ran out of steer beef last week, is getting none this week and expects none next week. Processing beef, for frankfurters, bologna, some sausage and meat loaf, is still available in limited quantities but "it's almost a day-to-day proposition," Kessler said. Kessler's normal supplier is in Souderton, Pa., Montgomery County. But the supplier stopped selling beef of any kind last week. Kessler found another supplier near Selinsgrove, Snyder County, but this supplier is selling only the processing beef.

Because of the scarcity of domestic beef, Kessler says he has increased his purchases of imported processed beef, not subject to the price freeze. He passes the increased costs on to his customers, which include restaurants and institutions but no retail consumers.

The scarcity of beef has increased the demand for pork, Kessler said, and consequently his pork prices have gone up as much as 35 cents a pound since the pork price ceiling was lifted. "The only solution is for the President to lift the ceiling on beef," Kessler said.

A survey of Berks County beef wholesalers disclosed a seriously deteriorating beef supply. Nick Parenti, president of Reading Meats, Inc.,

reported beef "coming in very slowly. He added, "I'm alright for the rest of this week, but next week it may be hamburgers and hot dogs."

A spot check of Pittsburgh area meat packers and wholesalers indicated the beef shortage there is hitting big and small processors alike.

In Lancaster, William G. McCoy, president of the Lancaster Stockyard reported fewer cattle are being offered on one of the largest stockyards east of the Mississippi River, adding there was evidence of a beef blackmarket. McCoy said less than one-half the usual number of cattle were offered on Monday.

Rocco Rossano, president of Amalgamated Meatcutters Union Local 95, said "the day of reckoning" in the Philadelphia area will be this weekend. He called the situation not good, adding, "One supermarket chain has already laid off all its part-time help."

"There is just no beef product around," said the president of a private meat wholesaler in Pittsburgh, who asked that his firm not be identified. "There is a tremendous beef shortage...and it's going to get worse."

His firm normally handles about 250,000 pounds of meat a week, he said, but volume currently is off 30 to 40 per cent. He said his firm had to lay off 30 of its 130 employees last week because of the beef shortage, although "a few were recalled this week because we got a shipment."

Ronald Isenberg, lawyer for the Wholesale Meat Dealers Association of the Delaware Valley, said the 500 workers laid off by the 26 companies in the association represented about 20 per cent of the work force in the Philadelphia area. He said most of those affected are meatcutters and truck drivers.

Isenberg said some of the companies reported they are operating at only 50 per cent of capacity because of the beef crisis.

Armour and Co., the biggest wholesaler in the Pittsburgh area, refused to comment officially, but

sources there said 20 to 30 per cent of the work force had been laid off and volume "is way down." One Armour source said, "There's plenty of business — all kinds of demand, but hardly any sources left."

A spokesman for Blue Ribbon Meat Co. in Pittsburgh said three of its eight employees had been laid off because of the beef shortage. "If things keep going this way," he said, "we may close up for a couple of weeks. And it looks like they're going to keep on going this way."

Isenberg said it appeared breeders are holding steers from the market until Sept. 12, when the Nixon Administration lifts the price ceiling under Phase 4. The breeders, he said, cannot recover increased costs from the wholesalers because wholesalers are limited by the price ceiling.

Present controls do not cover the price at which farmers can sell cattle, but the prices of processed beef are frozen. This means processors have to pay more for cattle than they can sell them to supermarkets, restaurants and other outlets.

Isenberg said Philadelphia-area wholesalers plan to go to Washington, D.C., to inform the Cost of Living Council of the hardship the ceiling has placed on the beef industry. Under Phase 4, which went into effect July 19, relief was granted for pork and lamb prices but beef prices remained frozen.

Sol Herman, general manager of the Frontier Beef Co., Philadelphia, said his firm was "definitely on a shutdown operation." Herman said, "You can't pay more for a product than you can get for it and stay in business. It's a stinking situation."

John Taxin, president of the Old Original Bookbinders seafood house in Philadelphia, offered an answer to the problem: "Let them eat fish. They'll live longer anyway."

Taxin blamed spiraling meat costs and scarcity of beef on overseas sales.

"In Japan they're getting \$12 a pound for beef," he said. "The meat suppliers can say 'go to hell, we don't need you, we can sell to other countries.'"

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