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Last Call To Vote

This is the last call of The Frontier to the people of O'Neill and Holt county to vote in the national election on Tuesday, November 2. In a few days, it will be too late.

Anybody who has ever traveled on a passenger train, carrying a dining car, is familiar with the procedure. He or she knows that a man in a white uniform goes through the train three times announcing the various meals. The first time, he simply announces that such and such a meal is "now being served in the dining car"; the second time, he makes the same announcement, but the third time his announcement is different. He goes through the train, saying "Last call to breakfast" or lunch or dinner, as the case may be, and the passenger who doesn't hurry out of his or her seat into the diner is simply out of luck. A passenger may be indifferent to the first and second calls, but not to the third if he or she wishes to get anything to eat.

Well, this is a crude illustration of an election. People have been talking about the 1948 national election now for many months, but there is not much time left for talk. The time has come to act and, if a voter doesn't act quickly, the opportunity to vote will be past. The voting places will be closed and it will be too late.

This newspaper has tried for several weeks to emphasize the importance of the coming election and point out certain reasons why citizens should exercise their right and privilege to go to the polls and vote.

There are, at least, three respects in which the national election this year is unusual.

In the first place, it is unusual because there are three tickets in the field; viz., the Republican, the Democrat and the Progressive. Each one of these parties has a platform embodying the principles for which it stands and there are enough real issues involved in the campaign to challenge the thoughtful consideration of the voter. It is a long time since there were three parties contending for the popular vote in a national election in this country and a longer time since there were so many important, clear-cut issues involved. In recent years, the national campaign has been a good deal of a "cut and dried" affair.

There is no excuse for anybody voting blindly or ignorantly this year. Issues and principles have been fully announced months ago and all the candidates have been going up-and-down the country in extensive speaking tours for many weeks. Every citizen knows or should know what the different candidates stand for and should be able to cast an intelligent vote. And we might add it is the duty of every citizen to familiarize himself with the issues and principles involved in the national campaign and vote accordingly.

In the second place, the 1948 presidential campaign is remarkable because it is the most spectacular ever staged in the history of the United States. There have been many spectacular campaigns staged during the passing years, but this one tops them all for the simple reason that present day facilities are greater than they have ever been before. Older people can recall the time when the torchlight procession, accompanied by the blaring music of bands and speechmaking, was the highlight of a political campaign, but not any more. The radio has changed the methods of political campaigning and today special trains roll up and down the country, equipped with loudspeakers and carrying a small army of candidates, politicians, reporters, technicians and other persons. Political campaigning is staged on a grand scale in this country today.

And, in the third place, it may be suggested that the present campaign is outstanding on account of the issues involved. These are more than local, more than state, and more than national. They are even international in their significance and, as we have suggested before, the election returns on the night of Tuesday, November 2 will be watched with intense interest by people all over the world, including Russia.

The result of the election, of course, will be eagerly watched and will, no doubt, have an important bearing on the international situation, but that is not the only thing that will be watched. The size of the vote will also be considered and we do not think the importance of this fact can be over-emphasized. If the people of the world, including the dictators, see a vast turnout of the citizens of the United States on election day, indicating loyalty and patriotism, it is going to have a very wholesome effect. There is nothing the dictators would like more to see than apathy and indifference.

So we repeat and for the last time, go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2 and vote!

In our humble opinion, too much publicity is a bad thing for children. The old rule that "children should be seen and not heard" had some merit.

Some people think that television sets in bars will really cause a decline in drinking. Seems you can't get as clear vision after six drinks.

Too much excitement for one short season. The world series, championship football games and a presidential election!

Indian Summer is a beautiful season in Nebraska.

Bucket Brigade



Prairieland Talk —

Current Presidential Campaign Has Been 'Pretty Much of a Flunk'; No Buttons

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Localizing the spirit of the Amsterdam gathering of churchmen, there will meet in Lincoln on Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12, ministers and laymen representing 26 denominational groups hoping to find a way to unify the foreign mission work.

The program is in the hands of a committee of three. Paul W. Harrison, M. D., a native of Scribner, Neb., a member of the committee, will represent the Congregational work in Arabia at this gathering.

This unifying of forces has gotten no where in uniting nations. It will be interesting to learn how the churches make out at it.

An eight-line paragraph in a lower corner of a newspaper page concluded the story with these words: "He is survived by his widow and several children." The father had been crushed to death by an overturned tractor while at work on his Nebraska farm. Just another one added to the daily record of tragedy born of the modern juggernauts cruising highways and working the fields. Another desolated home, another mother and children facing life's problems without the guiding hand of husband and father. How may these tragedies be lessened, fewer scars inflicted on widows and orphans? Why did this man's tractor turn over? Why do laughing, animated youth fall into the arms of the messenger of death as they speed along the highways? Why do ship loads drop out of men and women in the bloom of the sky to crush and burn of health? Why has inventive genius become the slaughter weapon in the hands of so many?

Mr. Truman snarls at us that he has just begun to fight. But that was before John L. Lewis peeled the President's hide.

A young husband and father, a young wife and mother, have come to the parting of the way. The young man writes his tale of woe: that separation has come to them because they failed to find a house to live in and could hold together no longer with in-laws. What a tragedy and what nonsense! And finally, he blames it all on the government. Is he a representative of the kind of generation America has as a heritage from that period of government coddling and free-hand-outs? This young man needs a hypodermic of some of the stuff that characterized the men and women who settled this prairie-land.

The Frontier readers are urged by the editor to vote. Unlike previous editors, who graced the editorial sanctums in O'Neill, he doesn't tell us how to vote. In other days, voters had full, free and complete instruction about the sterling characters and unrivaled ability of one set of candidates and the utter rascality of the opposing group of candidates.

As long as the government will loan more money on a bushel of anything the farmer produces than it will sell for on the market there is little chance of reducing the cost of living. The OPA went out of business but the government has a controlling hand in so many things that the law of supply and demand has little chance to operate. If the producer can borrow more on his product than he can sell it for he's going to take the higher figure.

He would attract attention anywhere. Squat, broad of girth, a full flowing beard white as the driven snow, the hair of his head forming a crown of white glory. He was making his way through crowded aisles in a downtown store when I ventured a word. Anyone in their right mind is friendly if you show yourself friendly.

We got through the crowd and out onto the concrete walk. The venerable gentleman in undisguised German accent to his English, expressed his sentiments, not on politics, but about the modern woman, and she probably doesn't care much what a white-headed old man thinks.

He told me he landed in Nebraska direct from Germany in 1885 and has been in the Lincoln community ever since. Ruby lips of a haughty dame, curled over a little white fag that sends incense into the air was the old boy's burden of condemnation.

And when he ran across one who had added a chew of tobacco to the smoking habit it was worth something to hear the venerable patriot express himself.

A state university director is quoted as saying in a public address that education is the pole star to world peace. It is amazing the little some of our well-paid highbrows know of human nature.

The presidential campaign has been pretty much of a flunk. Neither Truman nor Dewey buttons nor window size portraits have been in evidence. In the campaign of 1896 everybody had a McKinley or Bryan button and a picture of his favorite displayed in a window. In 1876 Samuel J. Tilden, Democrat, gave the Republican candidate, Rutherford B. Hayes, the closest shave any candidate for president has had in the electoral college—Hayes 185; Tilden 184.

I see Frank Brady thinks it's a cinch. After the Philadelphia convention nominated the Dewey-Warren ticket, he stopped in Washington to make hotel reservations for the inaugural.

It remains for the individual to place the responsibility where he will for America's failure to get out of the national and international mire in which the country finds itself. That all is not "quiet on the Patomic" is increasingly evident. Who, what, when, where—or are the peaceful, normal days gone forever from the earth?

I wonder if there is not something lacking in a political system when duly elected officers feel they can neglect official duties and barnstorm the country seeking to remain in office. That is a legitimate goal but if worthy to stay in the office campaigning should not be necessary.

The wedding ring is of ancient origin. A woman captured by a young husky gent was identified by requiring her to wear a metal ring as evidence to other swains that she was already taken, more as a slave than as a life companion.

The times are so screwy the big magazines run their headlines like the wobbly track of a gent in his cops.

Census gatherers tell us Nebraska's population shrinks a little, standing now at a little over 1,300,000. Good enough. We still have elbow room in prairieland.

The national Democratic committee seems to be short of funds. Contributors to campaign funds place their money on a winner.

Hot Weather Lasts Long in Phoenix

By A. STOLLER
PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Last week the writer suggested that this week he might make some comment on October weather in Phoenix.

It is quite different from Nebraska weather, as anyone who has lived in the two states knows. The writer lived in Nebraska for many years and has a vivid and pleasant recollection of the Fall. Usually July and August were very hot months and quite often the early part of September, but, then, the temperature started to drop and one of the most beautiful seasons of the entire year began.

We always spoke of it as Indian Summer.

It was and is a beautiful season. The hot Summer was over, the blasting South winds had stopped blowing, the yellow leaves were dropping from the trees, mellow sunshine flooded the landscape and the corn fields were ripe to the harvest.

There was an interval between Summer and Winter which was delightful. Some years there was a cold spell in late September and even frost; but, in any event, the weather warmed up again and some years continued warm for several weeks.

In Phoenix, as already suggested, the Fall season is quite different. This year, for example, there was a spell of weather after the writer arrived on September 27 which was about as hot as the weather during the Summer. For a couple of weeks, the mercury stood at approximately 100 day-after-day and even the nights were hot. It seemed that it never would cool off.

Last Saturday evening, October 16, the writer took quite a long walk and he was interested to observe the scene. It might have been an evening in midsummer. People were out riding in their automobiles, sitting on their porches

and working in their yards; women were wearing light Summer dresses and men were in shirt sleeves and the whole scene was more suggestive of a hot Summer night than of late Fall.

That is the difference between southern Arizona and Nebraska, but a recent sudden change in weather might be mentioned. Yesterday, it clouded up for the first time in months and there was a heavy rain and hail storm, followed by much cooler weather.

That was an event which made front page news. (Next week: The Boy Who Was Burned).

EYESIGHT



NOTICE

Dr. Edward J. Norwood, O. D. Optometrist, from Crawford, Nebraska, will be in O'Neill, Date: Oct. 29, at Hotel Golden Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted

A. L. Miller
Republican to
CONGRESS



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- (2) Former mayor, school board president at Kimball and governor of Lions clubs in the state.
- (3) Past-president state medical association; served 4 yers in Nebraska legislature and as state health director.
- (4) Three terms in Congress as member of Irrigation, Reclamation, Public Lands and Territories committee.
- (5) Kimball county gave him 88.5% of their vote at last election. The overall average in the 38 counties was 71%.

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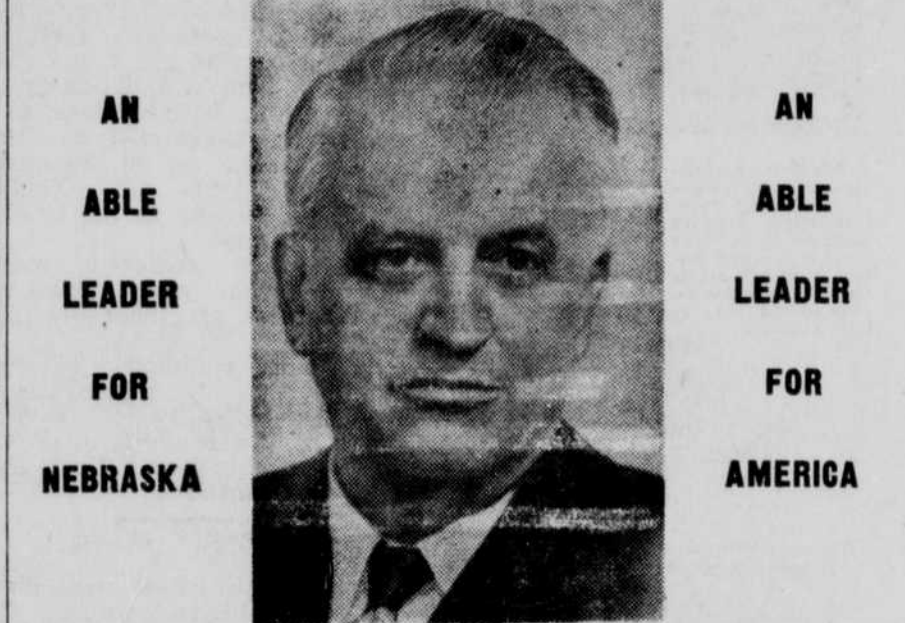
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November 2, 1948

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★ In my 42 years of residence here the problems that have arisen have been similar to your problems; therefore this experience should enable me to be of service to you.
★ If my qualifications meet your approval and you want farmer representation in the legislature, I shall appreciate your support at the polls November 2nd, 1948.

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