

CAPITAL NEWS

LINCOLN—Lines were being drawn in the legislature recently for what may be one of those bitter controversies of the 1949 session; proposed repeal of Nebraska's pre-primary law.

The bill, signed by 17 senators, already has produced more name-calling than any before the unicameral.

Under the law, political parties hold conventions when delegates endorse their first and second choices among the candidates for each office. The names of those favored two are listed in order on the primary selection ballot, while those of other candidates are rotated.

The government committee held public hearing on the repeal bill, and heard opponents from both parties label the present law vicious, undemocratic, and repulsive. Committee members then sent the bill out to the legislature for debate.

That night, however, political party leaders met with legislators and asked that the law be amended instead of repealed. Pre-primary convention delegates would endorse four rather than two candidates, and all names would be rotated. Filings would be required before the convention, and delegates to the state convention named by county convention rather than at the primary election two years previous.

Sen. W. J. Williams, Ravenna, one of the principal introducers of the repeal, accepted the amendment. He told the legislature he would offer them only if the lawmakers rejected repeal.

Friends of the amendments contended it was unfair to deny them full hearing on the floor of the legislature. They charged repeal of the pre-primary law would sound the death knell of the political party system.

Opponents answered the arguments. Sen. W. Halsey Bohleke, Hastings, suggested, "the boys in that smoke-filled hotel room apparently helped these senators out in time of need. They never did a darn thing for me, I never expect them to, and they don't even have anything I want."

Sen. Arthur Carmody, Trenton, said the number of primary election voters dropped from about 342,000 in 1940, before the pre-primary law was in effect, to 278,000 last year, when public interest was at a high pitch, due to the presidential preferential election.

He said every formal opposition voiced at his committee's hearing on the repeal came from "a wheel horse of some size" in both political parties, adding, "the primary is the politicians' election, and that's why they want to control it."

Sen. William Metzger, Cedar Creek, suggested the bill was not properly handled since a majority of the committee members who heard it were co-signers of the repeal. But he turned down Carmody's invitation to present charges of an unfair hearing.

Williams present the hotly contested amendments this week.

The legislature gave a 31-7 vote of confidence in the effectiveness of the tax commissioner's fieldmen, sent out to aid county officials in assessments. Sen. Don Hanna, Valentine, was the most outspoken of the opposition. He said the fieldmen smack of federal "snoopers."

Chairman John Callen of the budget committee said the three additional men the tax commissioner wants to hire would cost the state about \$24,000. On the basis of present valuations, this investment would return about \$198,000 to the state, according to Sen. William Metzger, Cedar Creek.

The unicameral has indicated it may be willing to depart, at least partially, from its former practice of setting ceilings on the salaries of virtually all key positions. It already has removed the maximums on the pay of accountants hired by the state auditor, and on the director and her assistant in the nurses bureau.

Proponents said this would permit higher salaries for deserving employes, a sentiment with which Metzger agreed.

"The state has operated a training school long enough," he said. "If we are to get and keep competent help, we must be willing to pay a living wage."

Possibility of state aid for educating physically and mentally handicapped children become more a probability after the education approved the proposal. The bill, by Sen. Otto Prohs, Gering, would be available to school districts already providing the regular per-pupil costs for the abnormal youngsters.

In this event, the state would put up a maximum of \$100 a year for educable children whose IQ's are lower than normal, and \$400 a year for the physically handicapped.

Support of the bill came primarily from parents of spastic children.

The Nebraska Reclamation Association met in convention at Lincoln to express what appeared to be unanimous endorsement of the Pick-Sloan river basin, as opposed to a Missouri Valley Authority. Delegates also approved a resolution asking Gov. Val Peterson to appoint a citizens committee to study reclamation plans for the state.

The committee would analyze the Reclamation Bureau's development plan for the Lower Platte basin, and its effect on existing power and irrigation agencies. Possibilities of integrating use of steam and ground water would be investigated, and the committee would recommend changes it believes necessary in present law.

The Reclamation Association convention defeated a proposed resolution which would have put the group on record as favoring a policy of limiting irrigation water from government-financed project for use on family-sized farms. Proponents argued this did not make the Association subscribe to the Reclamation Bureau's definition of a family-sized farm as 160 acres, but merely opposed using federal tax money to irrigate large corporate holdings of land.

C. Petrus Peterson, Lincoln, was nominated as the state's director on the National association, Ray Babcock, Sidney, was elected president, and D. Marcella Allen, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer. Other officials elected were:

E. A. House, director of the newly-created 10th district; J. Russell Battie, Hay Springs, to succeed Joe Leddom, Gordon, in the 1st; Frank Butler, Cambridge, to succeed B. Russell Anderson, Ogallala, in the 3rd; Dr. E. G. Johnson, Grand Island, to succeed E. P. Ryan, Grand Island, in the 6th; Gordon Roberts, Omaha, to succeed Edwin Van Horne, O-maha, in the 8th, and Babcock 2nd.

Herbert Marshall was named to represent the second Congressional district, replacing Louis S. Clarke, both of Omaha, and Clark Fuller, Sidney, to succeed Ernest H. Staubitz, Kearney, in the fourth.

son home Sunday, February 13. Mrs. George Tuch spent Tuesday, February 15, in Niobara.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Selects, jr., were callers at the Ed Whet-hams home Tuesday, February 15.

Harold Fullertons Are Hosts —

AMELIA — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fullerton entertained a few friends at a card party on Friday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Small and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton won high scores and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett won the low scores. Mrs. Fullerton served a luncheon of toasted cheese sandwiches and light and dark cake.

Terminate Visit—

Terminating a visit December 19 were Mrs. M. L. Moody and son, Quentin. They left for their home in Washington Saturday.

Mr. Moody arrived with his wife, who left January 5. The Moodys were guests at the

INMAN LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Uher, of Dodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pimper, of Howells, were sight-seeing in the snowbound area on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shudomeka.

Mrs. Richard Clark, of O'Neill, came down Monday afternoon for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes, and Ralph Harold.

Mrs. Mayme Harte left Sunday morning by bus for Sioux City to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Gilligan. She may go on to California for a visit with relatives before returning.

Mrs. James P. Gallagher has taken over the teaching duties in district 41, east of Inman. Bernadette Theille was the teacher.

Mrs. F. E. Keyes returned home Saturday night after spending the past six weeks in Colombia, S. C., a guest in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Lorin Keyes.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander have returned after spending the past two months in Mexico. Glen Clover, Raymond Rohrs, John Snyder, and Bud Adams, all of Auburn, and Steve Clark, of Howe, who have been operating bulldozers in this vicinity the past three weeks, left Monday morning for Allen.

Personals

Edward L. O'Donnell, of Lincoln, spent the weekend here.

Rev. Melvin Grosenbach, Ralph Ernst, of Spencer, and Rev. Asa Wood, of Atkinson, went to North Platte Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Brede-meier and two girls, of Valentine, former residents of O'Neill, stayed with the Harold Youngs Friday evening. They left for Omaha and Lincoln for the weekend. They returned here Tuesday and then departed for Valentine.

Mrs. Mildred Honke, of Omaha, who is visiting at the J. R. Gallagher home, spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting at Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Regan, of Inman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grage Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Klingler, of Donnellson, Ia., and Miss Lily Hohl, of Des Moines, Ia., arrived Monday for a visit with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. O'Malley and son, who were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dowd, of Schuyler, left for California. They expect to visit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haggerty in Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Malley, of Almeta, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kurtz, jr., and son, of Long Pine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz and family this week.

Visiting in Norfolk Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and family were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Laursen and family.

Stuart visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright and son. They visited Mrs. Bright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

John Kersenbrock and son, Dale, went to Norfolk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Stuij-bergen and Linda returned Wednesday, February 16, from North Platte where Mrs. Stuij-bergen and Linda visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Blinn, for a week.

Sunday guests at the Vernon Lorenz home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz, of Inman, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Langan went to Stuart Sunday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes and daughters were in Norfolk Friday on business.

Kenneth Robertson, of Springview, visited the M. B. Marcellus home Friday and Saturday.

Albert Gurnsey, of Bassett, was here on business Tuesday.

L. M. Merriman spent February 16 and 17 in Des Moines, Ia., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moore, attended a lumbermen's convention in Omaha this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gorie, of Long Pine, spent Thursday visiting at the L. A. Simonson home.

Mrs. Mary McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus were Sunday evening dinner guests of P. C. Donohoe.

Mrs. C. V. Sullivan entertained the Jeudi club Thursday. Mrs. Virgil Barger and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka were winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray left Tuesday for Omaha, where they are attending a lumbermen's convention. They expect to return Saturday.

Mrs. E. F. Quinn returned Wednesday from Lincoln where she had been visiting her son, Edward, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray entertained dinner guests at the Tom-Tom cafe Saturday evening. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rickly, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rooney, and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their son, Forest, Mrs. Riley and children.

Ed Winkler and John Fuhrer, of Butte, were over the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler and family.

Mrs. Cal Tenborg visited Mrs. Alex McConnell on last Thursday.

Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Mary Wetzler were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family and Mrs. Ella Karr.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ries and family, of Scribner, spent Thursday visiting Mrs. Ries' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jansen, and her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Winchell, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens and family spent Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stevens, of Page. Miss Stevens, of Norfolk, accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Street-day of Omaha after spending day of Sheridan, Wyo., left Sunday the past week visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter.

Harry Sherbahn, of Wayne is visiting his brother, Dr. J. L. Sherbahn, and Mrs. Sherbahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robertson were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Robertson, of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shoemaker were Sunday guests at the Leonard Shoemaker home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and Ray Wilson were Lynch visitors Saturday, February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson were dinner guests Friday, February 11, at the home of Mrs. Galop, in honor of "Grandma" Galop's 83rd birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Talbut were Monday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Christensen.

Norma Jean Christensen was an overnight guest of Judith and Rose Lee Sinclair on Friday, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ducku and Darla Dee visited in Verdel Sunday, February 13.

Mrs. Jerry Sixta visited her sister, Mrs. Bill Teadtke Sunday, February 13.

Fred Baker was an overnight guest at the Henry Claus-

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh. Mrs. Cavanaugh and Shirley and Henry Kuhfal drove them to Norfolk.

Marvin Cavanaugh, a brother of Mrs. Moody, accompanied her to Washington where he expects to find employment.

INFANT DIES

LYNCH—Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 16, at the Mannen funeral home for Donald Jay Rosse-meier, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rossemeier, who died Sunday, February 13, at the Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch. Burial was made in the Alford cemetery, south of Monowi. Rev. Bernard O. Raabe officiated.

4-H CLUB NEWS

EAGER BEAVERS

The Eager Beavers met at the home of Mrs. Dale Fetrow on Wednesday, February 16, with 14 members present. Leaflets on home economics, birds, gardens and 4-H year books were received. The next meeting will be held at the home of Carol Seger.—Wayne E. Osborn, reporter.

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