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## Stassen Wins GOP Popularity Contest

### Voting Light in County; State Trend Reflected

Holt county voters joined other Nebraskans Tuesday in a primary election that was largely a Republican "free-for-all" popularity contest.

Holt county GOPers gave former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, a big edge over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, and Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, and 4 other hopefuls. Forty-one of Holt county's 42 precincts gave Stassen 1,048; Dewey, 633, and Taft, 364. Meanwhile in 1,863 out of 2,024 precincts in Nebraska, Stassen collected 74,925 votes; Dewey, 59,135, and Taft, 19,348.

With a few relatively unimportant exceptions, Holt county favorites on the national and state tickets — Republican and Democratic alike — were also the favorites of brother and sister Republicans and Democrats throughout Nebraska.

Republican voting was moderately heavy. Democratic voting was light. The lightest voting was in Josie precinct, in the extreme southwest portion of the county. Only 3 persons cast ballots and they were Republicans! In Shamrock precinct, between O'Neill and Chambers, there were 29 ballots cast — 19 Republicans and a lone Democratic.

For weeks Nebraskans have been bombarded with political oratory by presidential aspirants. Three of them—Stassen, Dewey and Taft—invaded the state personally.

Mrs. Taft came to O'Neill last week in behalf of her husband's candidacy; otherwise the O'Neill region was not included in presidential campaign itineraries.

Many observers throughout the state and nation have indicated that the Nebraska results may well forecast the presidential candidate to be chosen by the Republicans at their national convention.

Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry's handsome margin in Holt county as well as the state gave evidence that his popularity has not decreased. In

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Holt county he measured his opponent—Joseph B. Bovey 1,639 to 160, according to incomplete state returns, while in the state he amassed 88,464 to 16,451.

A. L. Miller, of Kimball, Fourth district congressman, was unopposed.

Julius D. Cronin, O'Neill attorney, was elected as an alternate delegate at large to the national Republican convention.

On the Democratic side, the only contest at the national level was the 3-way senatorial chase between Terry Carpenter, Alvin T. Anderson and George W. Olsen. Carpenter, the west-Nebraska versatile tycoon, walked away with a fat margin in both county and state tabulations.

Carpenter's state vote was at least 28,505; Anderson's 16,530; Olsen's 5,657. Holt county Demos gave Carpenter 438, Anderson 147, and Olson 83.

Unopposed on the Democratic ticket, President Harry S. Truman received 637 in Holt county and over 43,508 in the state.

### LINCOLN BOOSTERS COMING TO O'NEILL

Seventy members of the Sowers club — the goodwill committee of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce — will visit O'Neill and Ewing on Thursday, May 13, it was announced Wednesday.

Tentative plans call for the arrival of the delegation in O'Neill at 11:55 a. m. The group will lunch with members of the O'Neill Chamber at noon in the American Legion club, and will depart for Ewing at 1:30 p. m.

The American Legion auxiliary will serve the meal. The Sowers club is composed of wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers and professional men. Annually the club makes 3 outstate trips, traveling by chartered bus and garbed in red hats, red ties, and cream-colored jackets with the large figure of the Sower embossed on the back.

### Prairie Fire Threat to Farm Buildings

LYNCH — Mrs. Lana Potter and son, who reside on the Sunshine bottomland north of here, have told of a recent prairie fire that burned numerous fence posts on their land and threatened their set of farm buildings.

### Thugs Enter 3 Offices: Loot Totals Only \$223

#### Spelts - Ray Heaviest Loser As Robbers Put in Busy Night

During the early hours Saturday robbers gained entrance into 3 O'Neill business firms, forced a safe and a cash register, and escaped with about \$223 in cash. They departed leaving little evidence behind.

The break-ins were reported at the offices of the Spelts-Ray Lumber Co., Shelhamer Oil & Equipment Co., and the J. B. Ryan Hay Co.

Entrance tactics were the same in all 3 instances. At the Spelts-Ray office, a glass pane was broken on the front door, which faces north. The dial and lock on one of the safes was forced and about \$200 in cash was taken. The safe's lock mechanism was strewn on the floor and papers were scattered.

Hugh Ray said nothing else in the office was molested, and no other shortages have been noticed.

At the Shelhamer store, entrance was gained through an east window. A small glass pane was broken to enable access to the window latch. The cash register was forced and a handful of change was scooped up, amounting to about \$23.

Neil Ryan, of the J. B. Ryan firm, said the marauders' activity cost their company \$1.30 — the price of replacing a glass window pane.

Entry was made through a south side window. The Ryan safe, left unlocked at the close of business the night before, had been entered but the contents were left in an orderly manner. Neil told The Frontier he had been in the office almost an hour Saturday morning before he was aware that the office had been entered.

Representatives of the state bureau of criminal investigation arrived in the city a few hours later and combed the premises for clues. They told local police that the work was "not amateurish."

The loot was "very unproductive in consideration of the risk and effort," one official stated.

Mr. Ray estimated that the incident took place between 3 and 5 a. m.

### FIRE CONSUMES QUANTITY OF HAY

AMELIA — A fire Monday afternoon at the Tommie Doolittle, Jr., place burned a quantity of hay and threatened the buildings on the farmstead. Although the flames came within a few feet of several of the buildings, none was damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle were not at home and neighbors turned in the fire alarm. A crowd gathered to fight the fire.

### Shower Freshens Dusty Atmosphere

A timely shower that netted .11 of an inch of moisture Monday evening freshened the dusty atmosphere and gladdened the hearts of farmers who are well underway with their Spring work.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
April 8	61	22	
April 9	50	41	
April 10	68	45	
April 11	61	38	
April 12	51	35	
April 13	59	35	.11
April 14	60	38	

### Attend WSCS Meet in Norfolk

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and son, Roger, Mrs. L. R. Tompkins and Miss Elsie Krueger drove to Norfolk last Thursday where the ladies attended the regular meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist church. They were guests of the society at a 1 p. m. luncheon. A program followed in the afternoon at which Mrs. Harvey Tompkins was guest speaker. Her subject: "What the Church Can Do for the Rural Church."

### MUSIC CONTEST GETS UNDERWAY

#### Hundreds of High School Musicians Invade City

The city Wednesday afternoon was invaded by the advance guard of an army of high school musicians. Nearly 1,500 music pupils will have been in the city before the 3-day district III music festival closes Friday afternoon.

The activity will be focused on St. Mary's academy and O'Neill high school where the corridors, auditoriums, and classrooms will be filled with Chopin's piano music, gay operatic airs, and booming bass drums.

The contest is expected to attract the greatest number of music students in district III history.

Wednesday night was devoted to piano solos, accordion solos and piano small groups.

There will be a total of 333 events, including 150 vocal solos, 60 instrumental solos and 25 piano solos. Thirty schools are being represented: Ainsworth, Atkinson, Brunswick, Clearwater, Ewing, Keya Paha county, Long Pine, Meadow Grove, Neligh, Newport, Niobrara, Oakdale, O'Neill, Orchard, Page, Rock county, Royal, Spencer, St. Agnes academy (Alliance), St. Francis Academy (Randolph), St. Joseph's hall (Atkinson), St. Ludwig's academy (Creighton), St. Mary's academy (O'Neill), Stuart, Tilden, Valentine and Verdigris.

Thursday Program St. Mary's auditorium, vocal, 9 a. m., class C — girl's high voice, girl's low voice.

St. Mary's social room, vocal, 9 a. m., class C — girl's medium voice, boy's high voice, boy's medium voice, boy's low voice.

St. Mary's social room, voice, 1:30 p. m., class C — girls' trio, boys' sextette, boys' trio, boys' octette, mixed double octette, girls' duet, girls' triple trio.

St. Mary's auditorium, vocal, 1:30 p. m., class C — boys' quartette, girls' sextette, girls' octette, girls' quartette.

O'Neill high school auditorium, instrumental, 8 a. m., class C — flute solo, clarinet solo.

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### 6-TEAM HOLT LEAGUE FORMED

The Holt-Boyd county baseball league, which last season made headway in these parts towards the revival of baseball, has been disbanded and a new 6-team Holt county league has been formed.

Represented in the new loop will be: O'Neill, Page, Ewing, Chambers, Atkinson and Stuart. A split-season schedule is being prepared and will be announced shortly.

Dick Tomlinson, manager of the O'Neill Rockets, said that the Rockets will hold their first practice session Sunday. Practices will be held on the O'Neill high school diamond, while regular games are expected to be played in Carney park.

Tomlinson reported that a \$440 deficit stands between O'Neill and night baseball. Plans are being pushed for the purchase and installation of lights.

Merle Fagan, of Chambers, was elected president of the newly-formed Holt league; Laurence Haynes, of Page, vice-president, and Tomlinson, secretary-treasurer.

### FIREMEN SUMMONED

O'Neill firemen were summoned twice during the past 7 days. On Friday they were called to a grass fire on the old fair grounds site. Boys had been playing with matches. A false alarm was turned in Monday.

Mrs. June Baker, of Neligh, arrived Saturday to visit friends here.



There is believed to have been no "amateurism" involved in the safe-cracking at the Spelts-Ray Lumber Co. early Saturday. Hugh Ray surveys the scene where \$200 was taken. Two other O'Neill firms were entered the same night. (See story at left.)—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

### LIFELONG WALNUT RESIDENT DIES

#### Arthur James Boelter, 63, Succumbs After Lingering Illness

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church at Venus for Arthur James Boelter, who died at his farm home near Walnut on Wednesday, March 31, after a lingering illness.

He underwent a major operation at a Sioux City hospital January 19, and he never fully recovered. He was able to be up and around until 2 weeks before his death. Burial was in the Grifton cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Louie Groeling, Orval Cook, For Knight, Harry Mitters, Carl Nelson and T. E. Tikalsky. The flower girls were: Helen Hildreth, Marie and Vivienne Boelter, Verna Miller, Ellen Butterfield and Peggy Tomjack.

The late Mr. Boelter was born March 29, 1885, on the homestead of his parents, Ernest and Mary Boelter, near Walnut. He spent his entire life in the Walnut community, his home being 1 mile from the place where he was born.

On May 16, 1905, he was married to Hattie Alice Butterfield at O'Neill, and to them 3 sons and 2 daughters were born. Their children with their families are living within a radius of 15 miles of the parental home.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers, 2 having died in infancy and the third Fred, died in February, 1939. Survivors include: Widow, sons — Albert and Wayne, of Venus, and Ernest, of Walnut; daughters — Mrs. Gerald (Evelyn) Waring of Middlebranch, and Mrs. Ewalt (Myrtle) Miller, of Star, grandchildren — Mrs. Vincent Cunningham, Vernon Arnold and Barbara Miller, Willis and Arlee Waring, Vernon, Merle, Leone, Jimmie and Allen Boelter; brothers — Joseph, of Rawley, Ia., Charles and Roland, of California.

### KIETH ABART NEW SERVICE OFFICER

Keith Abart, who until recently has been employed by the Fredrickson Livestock Commission Co., has accepted the post of Holt county service officer. Abart succeeds Norman Gonderinger, O'Neill attorney who served as service officer on a part-time basis. Abart's service work will be full-time. He expects to office in the courthouse.

### SHIP BLUEGRASS

CHAMBERS — The Gribble Brothers, Mark and Bernard, last week shipped 24 tons of bluegrass to Kansas City, Mo. Smith and Jarman, of Chambers, did the trucking.

Wayne Harmon left Wednesday for Liman, Colo., where he expects to be employed.



Nebraska Republicans Tuesday chose Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, of Minnesota, as their presidential preference in a field of 7. Mr. Stassen (right) is shown with his family. Left-to-right: Son, Glenn; Mrs. Stassen; daughter, Kathleen. (See story at right.)

### Mrs. Peter Hughes, Former Resident, Dies

Mrs. Peter Hughes, about 80, an O'Neill resident a half-century ago, died at 9 p. m. Tuesday at her home in Omaha. She had been ill and bedfast for about 5 years.

The late Mrs. Hughes visited frequently in the home of the late August Doyle in the years that she has been away from here.

Survivors include: Widower; son — Philip. A daughter, Helen, died a year and a half ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

### YOUTHS FROM 13 CHURCHES MEET

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER EWING—The Youth Fellowship of the Ewing Methodist church will be host to Methodist youth groups from 12 district churches on Sunday, April 18. Participating churches will be Antelope Creek, Neligh, Elgin, Spencer, Lynch, Eristow, Clearwater, Page, Chambers, Royal, Inman and Ewing.

The rally begins at 3 p. m. Features of the meeting will be programs presented by the various churches at 4, a picnic lunch at 6, colored slides of the Holy Land to be shown by the Rev. Lloyd W. Mullis, of O'Neill Methodist church, at 7:30, and an address by the Rev. C. Donald Vogel, pastor of the Ewing United Presbyterian church, at 8.

John Marquardt is chairman of the program committee, and Max Angus is chairman of the recreation committee. The Ewing group is headed by Jack Pruden. Dolores Pierson is the secretary-treasurer and A. S. Evans is the sponsor.

### Move to West Point

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Remy were to have left today (Thursday) for West Point where they will make their home. Mr. Remy is district manager for the Mormon Manufacturing company.

### NELSON HIGH IN 3-WAY CONTEST

Frank Nelson, veteran O'Neill farmer, topped the 3-way unicameral race in Tuesday's primary election, building up a substantial margin over Atkinson's Fred J. Jungman and Stuart's Arthur J. Runnels.

Nelson and Jungman, the 2 high candidates, will settle the issue at the November general election.

The 28th state legislative district embraces 4 counties: Rock, Boyd, Keya Paha and Holt.

The unofficial vote summary follows:

	Nel-	Jung-	Run-
	son	man	nels
Holt*	1,192	864	676
Rock	149	237	182
Keya Paha	219	101	67
Boyd	469	322	225

Totals — 2,029 1,524 1,150 \*41 out of 42 precincts.

The unofficial summary of voting in 3 Holt county supervisory districts follows:

REPUBLICAN	
Second district—	
Axel Borg	155
Fourth district—	
Frank Mlarnik	68
Earl C. Billings	112
Ewald Spahn	96
Frank Cronk	150
Sixth district—	
George E. Collins (incumb.)	211
Walter K. Smith	99

DEMOCRATIC	
Second district—	
Howard Oberle	45
George D. Hansen	55
Fourth district—	
W. E. Wulf (incumb.)	54
Emmett E. Wright	23
Joseph P. Kaczor	39
Sixth District—	
A. M. Batenhorst	78

Holt countyans overwhelmingly approved the mail route graveling proposal, 1,860 to 850.

Judge D. R. Mounts, of the Fifteenth judicial district, was given 2,337 votes by Holt countyans on the non-political ticket. He was unopposed. Louis W. Reimer, Holt county judge, was also unopposed.