

State Capitol News

Death Claims Another Senator

LINCOLN — Nebraskans this week were adjusting themselves to the second complete upset in politics this year, the death of a republican Sen. Hugh Butler.

His death in the late hours of July 1 followed by only a few weeks the death of Nebraska's other U. S. senator, Dwight Griswold, Nebraska politics, which had looked settled for some time to come when republicans gathered for their March 15 founders day celebration in Lincoln, could hardly have been more scrambled in such a short time.

Griswold's death had importance for removing a strong political force from the scene. It also threw wide open the race for his seat.

But Butler's death could have an ever more wide-reaching influence in the future. For the 76 year old senator, who had served in Washington, D. C., since 1940, was a towering factor in Nebraska politics.

His was the nod sought by political nominees, the factor to be reckoned with by both friends and foes. Sen. Butler was the rallying point for the more conservative elements of the party in the state.

The overtones in the struggles to see who will eventually succeed both Butler and Griswold in the U. S. senate will be the attempts of other men to climb

into the commanding position Sen. Butler had.

His political strength was seen in the fact he whipped three governors in his various senatorial campaigns. In 1940 it was democratic Gov. Roy Cochran; in 1946 Gov. Griswold; in 1952 Gov. Val Peterson.

Although politicians will tell you Butler was less successful in helping his friends get elected, the answer to the question, "Will Butler object?" was always important to a candidate. Some political observers have said his strength was shown more in the potential candidates who were scared out by the threat of Butler opposition than by actual backing he gave.

Filing Deadline—
The timing of the death of the senior senator was one of almost unbelievable coincidence. Word that he had been stricken ill came on the morning of July 1 which happened to be the statutory date that filings must close.

Immediately there was speculation at to who might fill the void before the 5 p.m. filing deadline. In Nebraska politics there is a long tradition that one of the two U. S. senate seats will be held by a man from Omaha.

So it was expected the strong filings would come from Omaha.

But 5 p.m. passed and Butler was still reported as alive but critically ill.

At 9:30 p.m. word came that he had died. Less than two hours later a Lincoln attorney attempted to file with Secretary of State Frank Marsh the name of former Congressman Howard Buffett of Omaha. Buffett is identified with the conservative wing of the Nebraskan republican party.

Shortly before midnight John Quinn, Lincoln public relations man, also attempted to file. He and later that he did it only to provide opposition to Buffett should the Omaha man be successful in a court test.

Buffett, who insisted filings should have stayed open until midnight, at week's end was planning to test the matter in court, later gave up the idea.

Numerous Candidates—
A record number of candidates filed for state and national offices this year. The total, 364, was 45 more than the previous high total four years ago.

One good reason was that 29 persons filed for the long and short terms in the U. S. senate. A total of 19 persons, both democrats and republicans were willing to plunk down \$50 apiece on the chance of winning election for the short term, running from the November general election until the new long term begins in January.

Yet for all the filings several republican officials faced no opposition in the primaries. They were Atty. Gen. C. S. Beck, State Auditor Ray Johnson, Secretary of State Frank Marsh, Congressman Roman Hruska of Omaha and A. L. Miller of Kimball, and Supreme Court Judges E. B. Happeel of Lincoln, Adolph Wenke of Stanton, and Paul Boslaugh of Hastings.

At almost the last minute considerable interest developed in filings for the newly created state board of education. The six persons elected this November will comprise the first board under laws passed by the 1953 legislature. The change from the state superintendent system was authorized by constitutional amendment approved by the voters.

A total of 22 filed for these six seats. Only A. J. Crabtree of McCook, in district 5, was without opposition.

Petition Failures—
The close of filings also doomed numerous petition drives aimed at placing proposals before the voters in November.

The one which came the closest was a merit judge election plan based on a system used in Missouri. Backed by the state bar association, this one came within 9,000 signatures of the necessary 59,572.

This meant that only eight proposals would be on the November ballot, all placed there by the 1953 legislature.

Seek Understanding—
The state advisory highway commission decided it might be a good idea to get together with the state turnpike authority and talk over the possibilities in Nebraska.

But on the advice of State Engineer L. N. Riss the board decided to wait until September. Riss said that the state turnpike authority is all up in the air until it knows what Iowa is going to do about a toll road.

The highway commission also bored deeper into the question of how the counties are spending Schroeder mail route gravelling funds. This money comes from one of the six cents of state gasoline tax.

Member Chris Metzger of Cedar Creek said he had no doubt that the money is possibly being misapplied in some counties. This doesn't mean county commissioners are making away with the money but just that it isn't being spent according to the law.

State auditor Ray Johnson concurred. He said he has bought the matter to the attention of officials in offending counties but usually gotten nowhere. He said he would draw up a breakdown of Schroeder fund spending by each county so highway commission members could see whether it was going for gravel, road machinery, or other purposes.

Metzger said the next legislative should do something about strengthening the law.

21 Attend Meet of BVM Altar Society

LINCOLN—Mrs. Anton Kalkowski was hostess to the Altar society of the Assumption BVM church last Thursday. Twenty-one members were present. Kate McDermott was a visitor.

After the business meeting, games were played with Irene Stenger, Genevieve Rosicky and Phyllis Mulhair winning prizes.

Mrs. William Mulhair and Mrs. Jake Birmeier served cherry pie and coffee in mid-afternoon.

The August meeting will be held with Mrs. Ray Alford, Mrs. Lorie Micanek and Mrs. Leroy Purviance.

Other Lynch News
Margaret Stenger returned home Saturday, June 26, from Peoria, Ill., where she attended the funeral of an aunt, who died suddenly. Miss Mary Stenger of Petersburg accompanied her to Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer of Rapid City, S.D., visited relatives here the past week. They also visited relatives at Spencer since in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elsassner were in O'Neill Monday, June 28. Frank Hammon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hammon and family spent Sunday at Stanton visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak and Charlotte of Omaha and Mrs. Tillie Novak and son, Louis, spent Saturday at the "Grandmother" Cerney home in Niobrara.

Cpl. Lawrence Kalkowski spent the weekend here at the parental home, returning to Ft. Riley, Kans., on Monday.

Mrs. Barney Ronde and daughter of Cedar Bluffs, Ia., visited at the Edmund Rohde home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodward of Flint, Mich., visited at Ray Long's last week.

Lee Ann Ludwig of Spencer visited at the Floyd Kaasa home last week.

Mrs. Marlowe Johnson and children of Spencer spent Friday with Mrs. Guy Mulhair and family.

The Happy Hour club members surprised Mrs. Nora Pinkerton on her birthday anniversary Tuesday, June 29. The ladies brought and served ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Soukup and family and Mrs. Weeder, sr. and Mrs. C. L. Weeder, sr. and family were Sunday, June 20, dinner guests at the M. P. Stenger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hammon called at the Ed Johns home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kalkowski were Spencer visitors Wednesday, June 30.

Mrs. Grace Edson and Mrs. Don Allen and children were Creighton visitors on Tuesday, June 29.

Wayne Revel of Texas spent several days here visiting relatives. He also took in the eclipse Wednesday, June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Haselhorst and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Lorie Micanek, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Havranek and families, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vonasek and daughters of Verdigré were Sunday, June 27, dinner guests at the Howard Street home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hajek, Mrs. Helen Pech and Mrs. Donna Reiber of Denver, Colo., returned to their home Monday after attending the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Hajek here Sunday.

Ed Johns and Lloyd Mills spent Friday at the Eldon Mills home in Scottville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak and daughter, Charlotte, of Omaha spent the Fourth of July weekend at the Louis Novak home.

Jeanne Sixta of Wayne spent the weekend at the parental Ernest Sixta home.

Mrs. Gene Harris returned home from Lincoln on Saturday after spending the past week with her husband there.

44th Anniversary Noted by Couple

EWING — A family reunion was held Sunday, June 27, at Ta-ha-zo-ka park in Norfolk honoring Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stoltenberg's 44th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Cliff Fleming's birthday anniversary and Sgt. and Mrs. Clark Overton and Patty on their way from Seattle, Wash., to New Jersey.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stoltenberg of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Delmar of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Black and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doud, all of Ewing; Sgt. and Mrs. Clark Overton and Patty of Neligh; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wintermote and Norma Rae, all of Chambers, and Charles Thorin of Ft. Riley, Kans.

Barta New Manager of Lynch Station

LINCOLN—George Barta took over the Harding clemery and Wayne feed store this week. They had been operated by Ur-elle and Carol Norwood. The Norwood brothers have not announced their future plans.

Mrs. Gray Reunites with Family—
PAGE—Mrs. Evelyn Gray of joyed having her children spend the day with her Monday, July 5. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gray of Blue Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and children of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Weyer of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baber, Bonnie and Bobby of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. Cordes Walker and family of Page.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Davies and Miss Bess Holly, all of Omaha, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holly.

Security Representative Coming Today

Martin A. Gundlach, social security representative, will be at O'Neill Thursday, July 8, and 22. Employees, employers and self-employed individuals covered by the social security program are contributing to old-age and survivors insurance. They have a right to understand its provisions for benefits at retirement and death. A letter or post card to the social security office at Omaha will bring informational pamphlets or other information on such problems.

Anyone may talk with the social security representative on July 8 and 22 at 9 a.m., at the courthouse.

O'Neill Man Under Knife Aboard Ship

Vessel Slows Down for Bartos

Cpl. Otto R. Bartos, who arrived on O'Neill June 25, underwent an appendectomy aboard the USS Upshur Wednesday, June 9, at sea.

Though an operation of this type is generally considered routine, it can be hazardous when performed under the prevailing conditions of sea travel and for that reason the ship's doctors debated the issue a greater part of the previous night. They finally decided to proceed at 11:20 a.m.

The operation was successfully completed at 1:20 p.m.

During all operations at sea there is a power failure and the bridge is notified to take all measures to insure as smooth a ride as possible. During the time of the surgery, the ship's speed was reduced to about 14 knots.

The appendectomy was the fourth to be performed aboard the Upshur; the last was on July 24, 1953. The Upshur is completely equipped to handle all but the most delicate types of surgery and has separate wards for women, men and children.

Corporal Bartos has just completed 23 months of service and arrived at his home on Tuesday, He was stationed in Hanau, Germany, in charge of the packing and crating section there.

He is in O'Neill now on convalescent leave and will leave Friday for Ft. Sheridan, Ill., where he will be separated from the armed service.

Mr. and Mrs. Santi Haivala of Buffalo, S.D., arrived Wednesday, June 25, and visited until day, June 26, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Head and family of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived last Thursday and will visit for a week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Head.

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Riverside News

Billie Lofquest spent a week visiting his cousins in Omaha. The past week his cousins, Mickey and Lyle McNabb of Omaha, have been visiting Billie, Kathy, Terry and Patty Lofquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robbins and family of Rochester, Minn., arrived Sunday at the Ora Switzer home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bader and sons of Omaha and Mrs. Dale Reiter and Danny spent the Fourth of July weekend with the P. A. Hand family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock and Mr. and Mrs. Art Bushardt and girls enjoyed a picnic at the Kenneth Pollock home in Neligh Sunday.

The Forum group of the United Presbyterian church met last Thursday evening in the home of Alice Shrader.

The March Anniversary club enjoyed a mid-season dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader on the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Hoke, Janell and Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shrader, Diane and Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon and Tom were present for the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Vorhis Mott and four sons of Sioux City spent several days with the Gratt Mott family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pahl and Mary of Oakland visited the Don Larson, Carl Christon and J. A. Larson families over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller and Altha Lou.

Nancy Mlinar visited Joanie Miller Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pennington and Marlin of Illinois are visiting relatives here and at Plainview. On Friday evening they and the Merle Pennington and Alvin Nelsen families were supper guests of the DeWitt Hoke family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hand and family and the Dean Bader family and Mrs. Dale Reiter and family called at the Howard Miller home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clouston of Oregon and Bruce Koehler visited at the Z. H. Fry home several days and called on other friends.

Floyd and his wife, the former Mattie Slack, attended school at district 86 when living here.

The Forum group and Seek

and Share project club held a picnic Monday in the Leo Miller grove.

Mrs. Kattie Fry and the Vic Vandersnick family spent the Fourth with the Lee Fink family.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Hoke and family joined a family group for Sunday evening supper at the Alvin Nelsen home near Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller and family and Mrs. Bertha Miller were guests for dinner Sunday at the James Pollock home.

Sonny Hand started work in the hay field at the Lou Demaray ranch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock called at the Jim Pollock home Sunday evening.

Philip Hand spent several

days with Bobby Miller last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shrader and children and Mrs. May Shrader visited the Joe Luzio family near Emerson last Thursday.

Mrs. May Shrader remained for a few days

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