

State Capitol News

Crosby Trying to Mend Fences?

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The Frontier's Statehouse Correspondent

LINCOLN—Speculation continued at the statehouse this week as to whether Gov. Robert Crosby would run for a second term.

Crosby told reporters months ago that he would make up his mind in August. With August past he fended off their queries with the observation that the time is not yet ripe for any announcement.

At one press conference, Crosby paraphrased Shakespeare's "Hamlet" by stating he wondered whether "the slings and arrows of outrageous political fortune" outweighed the honor of holding the office.

Later, he wrote a letter in which he said he thought the furor over taxes was dying down as people began to realize what the reasons for equalization of tax assessments were.

Some observers interpreted this to mean that Crosby was beginning to believe that the fire he has received on this subject may not permanently blight his political future.

The governor will take a tour in October all over the state. Its purpose is to visit state institutions and offices. But he makes no bones about it but that he will be mending political fences and looking the situation over.

Crosby is aware that some of his severest criticism is coming from some areas of western Nebraska. For one thing, assessments had been lower there in relation to sales prices than in other areas of the state. This meant that a statewide equalization effort boosted assessments the most out there. Also, Crosby is chairman of the state board of educational lands and funds which recently decided to appraise school lands at 100 percent of value. This will mean a higher rent for many of the tracts.

Omaha a Worry—

The only offsetting factor is that western Nebraska doesn't have too many votes. But the one big "pile of votes" in the state—Omaha—is another worry for Crosby. Political leaders there reportedly don't think Crosby has given Omaha its share of appointments. Also, a real ruckus was raised in Omaha over its raise in assessments.

But on the brighter side is the

fact that there doesn't seem to be any real opponent on the horizon. Reports are that Victor Anderson of Lincoln, Crosby's opponent in the republican primary last year, will stay out next year. And it is said that Walter Raebcke of Central City, whom Crosby defeated last November, will not be the democratic standard bearer next year.

Besides, close associates of Crosby will tell you they are sure he plans to run. The governor apparently hasn't told his closest friends even "but no one at the statehouse will be surprised if and when the announcement comes."

Cost Accounting—

The state board of control is continuing a careful process of cost accounting. One of Crosby's appointees, Mrs. Catherine Martin of Kearney, has had a considerable hand in this because of her experience as an accountant. She is chief accountant at the Kearney state sanatorium for tuberculosis before being appointed to the board of control.

Mrs. Martin has deliberately kept out of the news—probably because she got so much publicity when she was appointed to replace Mrs. Harold Prince.

Because she is the sister-in-law of State Republican Chairman David Martin, she was caught in the crossfire of criticism aimed at Governor Crosby.

A quiet hard-working woman, Mrs. Martin has put her accounting talents to work. To all appearances Board Chairman William Diers and Vice-Chairman Thomas Dreda have welcomed her aid and suggestions. Friends of Crosby say he is highly pleased with her work.

In recent weeks some of the results of their recent activities have come to light. The board has worked out a revised salary schedule, raising some minimum salaries for institutions where the previous wages weren't enough to draw competent employees. Diers has emphasized this isn't an across-the-board increase and few employees will find any more money in their pay envelopes.

New Policies—

Searching for ways to cut costs, the board has placed its food administration under one man, Glen Govig of Lincoln. Govig, who made good in straightening out the food situation at the state penitentiary and at the Norfolk state mental hospital, will advise the 18 state institutions on menus, food purchasing and policies.

Under the new food policy, employees of the larger state institutions will eat cafeteria-style, paying for what they eat. Previously they had an arrangement where they paid a flat \$25 a month for three meals a day.

The board said it expects this to save the state thousands of dollars. This month a new state law takes effect under which oleomargarine can be used at the three state mental hospitals and the Beatrice home for the feeble minded. This change from butter is expected to cut the food bill considerably.

Self Help—

State Superintendent F.B. Decker thinks Nebraska towns and communities might as well get used to the idea that there is going to be a perpetual shortage of teachers and that they must help help their own individual problems.

Decker said that towns should think about providing proper housing for married teachers—leasing or buying suitable homes which can be used when "bargaining" for a new teacher.

Small towns also must learn not to load all their community drives on teachers, Decker said. Naturally, a teacher must take his share of responsibility for community welfare. But the policy of running every fund-raising drive through the schools should be halted, he said.

Communities also should encourage their brighter youngsters to enter the teaching field and service clubs and farm groups could grant scholarships to students entering teachers training so they could return to fill teaching vacancies. Even an eight-week summer school scholarship might make the difference between having a teacher and not, Decker commented.

Crew Puts Up 75 Stacks of Hay

ROCK FALLS—The Brown-Schultz-Johnson hay crew is now finished for the season with a total of 75 stacks to their credit.

Other Rock Falls News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen were in Norfolk Monday helping Mrs. Frank Murray move back to Spencer.

Those who cleaned the school Wednesday, Sept. 2, in district 33 included Mrs. Don Hynes, Mrs. Lyle Vequist, Mrs. Wesley Taylor, Mrs. Louise Brown and Mrs. Albert Widfeldt. School resumed Monday with ten pupils and Miss Leah Serch, teacher.

Dinner guests Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Don Hynes were: Francis Hynes, Barney Hynes, Jim Hynes and Austin Hynes. Mr. and Mrs. Don Drickey and family of Spencer were guests at Bill Clausen's Sunday.

Guests at Don Hynes Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Borg and Darel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen were visitors at Clausen brothers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Curran and Ardell attended the fair at Chambers Friday.

Elmer Wilkinson of York was a guest at Bill Clausen's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes called at Carl Hansen's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore and children have moved on the place formerly occupied by Wilbur Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Samie Derickson and Russel enjoyed watermelon at Bill Clausen's Thursday of last week.

Guests at Floyd Johnson's Tuesday evening were Mrs. Louis Brown and Mickey Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson and Russy and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson and Roland were guests at Floyd Johnson's Sunday afternoon and evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and girls came for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clausen called at Jerry O'Connell's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schultz called at Floyd Johnson's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Widfeldt, Norma and Jimmy were in Spencer for a dental check up Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and family were dinner guests Sunday at James McNulty's.

Guests at Louis Brown's Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Druke and family.

Guests on Sunday at Francis Curran's for supper and the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown and family were dinner guests Sunday at Floyd Johnson's.

Supper guests Sunday evening at Louis Brown's were Linda Johnson, Gordon Johnson and Russy.

Note: This is my last column of news. I have time to keep it up. Thank you for your interest and cooperation—

MRS. ALBERT WIDFELDT

Recalled From Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Bright left Saturday, August 29, for a visit in the Western states. Upon reaching the home of Mrs. Bright's brother, Walter Traver, at Salt Lake City, Utah, they learned of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Lewis Haag, of Martin, S. D. The Brights drove to Martin from Salt Lake City, returning to O'Neill late Saturday, September 5.

Attend Golden Wedding Affair

SOUTH OF STUART—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhodes attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration honoring Mrs. Rhodes's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Normie Wilkens, held at their farm home northeast of Bassett Sunday.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed by many relatives and friends at noon. Several pictures were taken of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkens on this memorable occasion.

Marvin Rhodes came Friday from Wichita, Kans., and visited until Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhodes. They also visited Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Foxworthy and Terry of Bassett.

Other South of Stuart News

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schmaderer and children of Oakland spent the labor day weekend visiting at the home of Mrs. Schmaderer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conant of Grand Island spent the weekend at the Florien Scholz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Florien Scholz visited Florien's father, Charles Scholz, Tuesday, September 1, at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bott and weekend visiting Mrs. Bott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miksch.

Madonna Miksch visited her cousin, Lorne and Mary Ann Miksch last week.

Marval Jean Johnson of O'Neill enjoyed the labor day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

Claude Schulte, Ray and Marvin Lubeck of Hartington were last Thursday visitors at the John Krysl home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burbach and boys of Laurel were Sunday, August 30, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Krysl.

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met with Mrs. Vernon Heyne, September 2. Prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Givens and Mrs. Lucille Wallinger. A dessert luncheon was served by Mrs. Heyne.

Mrs. John Krysl accompanied her daughter, Eileen, to Norfolk Wednesday, September 2. Eileen attended the teachers pre-opening days on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Eileen is a teacher in the sixth grade at the Grant grade school in Norfolk.

Maureen Batendorst of Omaha spent the weekend visiting her father, Joe Batendorst and family. Maureen is a junior this year at the St. Joseph's school of nursing at Omaha.

Mrs. Bob Batendorst and Mrs. Gene Batendorst. Mrs. Glen Cobb and Mrs. Gene and Bob Ramm of Stuart attended a pink and blue shower in honor of Mrs. John Keating held at the Mrs. Francis Lee home in Atkinson Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamik went to Omaha Friday to take their son, Cpl. Melvin J. Hamik, where he left by plane for Patrick air force base in Florida.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoffman were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schmaderer and three children of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmaderer, Mr. and Mrs. Aloys Schmaderer and family of Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaup of Basin, Wyo., were Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaup, jr., and family.

Helen Siebken of Stuart and Jackie Heying of Central City spent Sunday with Marlene Kaup.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jauring of Waver, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kopp and son, Keith, of Spokane, Wash., visited friends and relatives in this community last week. They were Wednesday, September 2, supper guests at the Lewis Radcliff home.

Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Anna in Krysl, and Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield.

Mrs. Fred Tasler visited Monday morning with Mrs. Linda Radcliff and Danny at the Lewis Radcliff home.

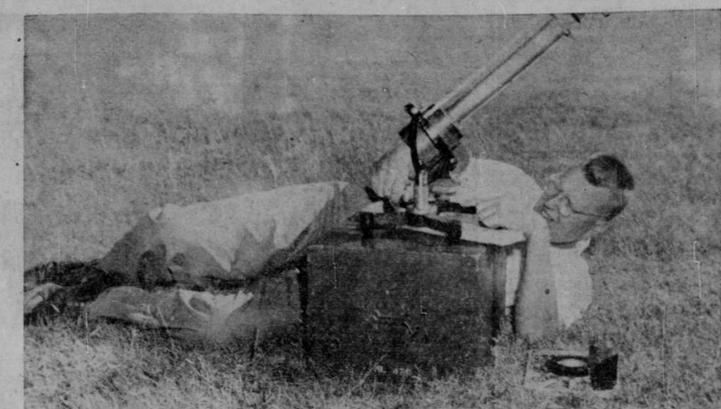
Mrs. Erwin Mittendorf of Chicago, Ill., and Art Kopp of Stuart visited Monday at the Lewis Radcliff home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Hugh Langan of Spencer and Margaret Kramer of O'Neill were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Kaup and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaup of Stuart.

Jane, Eileen and Rita Murphy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murphy and Betty Krobot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krobot, are attending school at St. Mary's academy in O'Neill this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Kaup and girls were Sunday evening callers at the Charles Ziska home.



Suomi and His Pyreheliometer
Dr. Verner Suomi was caught by the camera in this unusual position Monday working during the final hours of the wind test with an Abbott silver disc pyreheliometer. The instrument measures the intensity of the sun. Doctor Suomi headed the University of Wisconsin delegation.—The Frontier Photo.



Harry Moses (left, with cigar), representative of the atomic energy commission, and Robert Richman (right) of Johns Hopkins University research staff, intently listen during seminar in Iowa state college hut.—The Frontier Photo.

84 Attend Labor Day Golf Breakfast

Monday morning there were 84 at breakfast at the Country club, 62 taking part in the two-ball foursome golf play.

Winners were:

First place—M. J. Golden and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, with a score of 44.

Second place—Dr. Harry Gildersleeve and Mrs. Bud Cole, with a 45.

Third place—A. P. Jaskowski and Mrs. Earl Hunt, with a 46.

Fourth place—Mrs. A. P. Jaskowski and H. J. Lohaus, with a 49.

Consolation winners were Mrs. Fred Appleby, Mrs. Harold Connors and Mrs. John Stultgen.

Twelve women took part in the bridge playing and honors were won by Mrs. C. H. Chace of Atkinson, Mrs. Charles Pray of Ft. Dodge, Ia., Mrs. F. J. Biglin and Mrs. Mabel McKenna.

Back From Korea—

CELIA—Cpl. Lou Gene Livingston has returned home from service in Korea. He was met in Grand Island Saturday, August 29, by his wife. They returned to Celia Sunday, August 30. Corporal Livingston will report at Hastings October 14.

Frontier for printing!

Former Residents

Honored at Creighton—PAGE—Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eyer, of Portland, Ore., formerly of the Page vicinity, gathered Sunday, August 23, at the Creighton park.

Included were three sisters of Mrs. Eyer's: Mrs. Carl Boelter, Mrs. Roy Sivesend and Mrs. Roy Rice.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eyer and family of Brunswick; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Boelter of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Boelter and family of Verdigré; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Alder and family of Verdigré; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter and family of Page; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Vorce and son of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Montgomery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max LeMaster and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay LeMaster and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rokahr, all of Venus; Mr. and Mrs. Elven Hamilton and daughters of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. John Leiding and family of Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Montgomery of Venus; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kocina and son of Wainetown; Mrs. Alvina King of Creighton; Charles Montgomery of Venus.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boelter of Venus; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rice of Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sivesend of Orchard and "Grandma" Rice of Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Eyer have been visiting relatives here for two weeks. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rice to Fairbury for a visit before departing for home.

Frank Sheff to Enter Catholic Priesthood—

Sunday, August 30, the Riverside 4-H club members and a few friends met at the Charles Boyle home and from there went swimming. After swimming for almost two hours, several of the members went to the Chambers fair grounds to put up the food stand. They came back with mission unaccomplished.

That evening the Riverside members honored Frank Sheff at a farewell party. Frank is leaving soon for Missouri where he will study for the Catholic priesthood. The evening was spent dancing, visiting and eating—By Helen L. Vitt, news reporter.

Mrs. Fred Heermann spent Monday in Ainsworth visiting Mrs. Gilbert Heermann.

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Mrs. Jake Knittle
Is 80-Years-Old
REDBIRD—A birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Jake Knittle of Gregory, S.D., and Nick Baker, who are both 80 years old in September, was held Sunday, September 6, at the Ray Wilson home.
Present for the gathering besides Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Garry were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Knittle of Gregory. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Baker, Mrs. Fay Pinkerman, Mrs. Anna Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman and Veldeen, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull, Mrs. Willa Schollmeyer and Bruce and Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greene and son of Grand Island, Mrs. Lillian Baker and Jo Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Bus Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Wilson, all of Lynch.
Other Redbird News
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Knittle of Gregory stayed overnight Sunday with Mrs. Fay Pinkerman.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alm were in Omaha and Lincoln from Wednesday, September 2, until Saturday. Their little daughter, Jo Anne, stayed with the Gordon Barta family.
Mrs. Clifford Wells accompanied the Leon Mellor family to the Hull reunion near Meek Sunday.
Leroy Hull and Eddie Krugman, 4-H judging winners, left Sunday with the Neil Dawes family to attend the state fair at Lincoln.
The Claude Pickering family visited in the John Pinkerman home in Lynch Sunday evening while taking Lorell back to school.
Mrs. Guy Hull took the Redbird Lucky Clover 4-H club on a tour to Pickstown, S.D., Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conard and Neta spent Sunday with Mrs. George Conard and sons.
Herb Mannen of Lynch installed a new oil burner with fan at the Carson school last week.

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