

Both Convention Parties Attack Pre-Primary Convention Law

LINCOLN — Nebraska's political fever was down a few points this week after reaching a seasonal high during the recent pre-primary conventions in Omaha. Another upsurge is likely in the days preceding August 8 when Cornhusker voters will go to the polls for the 1950 primary election.

Both parties at Omaha attacked the law under which they met—the much-amended pre-primary law.

The Republicans nailed a plank in their platform calling for its overhauling and while the Democrats didn't go on the record as a party they were almost unanimous that there wasn't much good in the law.

People who disagree with this position could point to the fact that in only 1 Republican and in 2 Democratic races were more than 1 contender endorsed.

The Republicans refused endorsement to 8 men while the Democrats spurned 3. Know-it-alls had said before the convention "everybody'll be endorsed."

Here are the candidates endorsed by the 2 parties:

- Republican**
 Governor — Val Peterson;
 lieutenant governor — Charles Warner; secretary of state — Frank Marsh; treasurer — Frank Heinze; auditor — Ray C. Johnson; attorney general — Clarence S. Beck.
 Railway commissioners — John Knickrehm and Harold Palmer.
 First congressional district — Carl T. Curtis. Second — Howard Buffett; Third — Karl Stefan; Fourth — A. L. Miller.

- Democrat**
 Governor — Walter Raecke and Frank Morrison; lieutenant governor — Ed Dosek; attorney general — Michael McLaughlin; secretary of state — Foster May; auditor — George D. Richardson; treasurer — William T. Thompson; railway commissioners — J. C. Slater and J. C. Reynolds.
 First district congress — Clarence G. Miles; Second — Eugene D. O'Sullivan; Third — Duane K. Peterson; Fourth — Hans J. Holtorf, jr.

Flood Damage Great—The soil conservation service has hung a price tag of \$53,000,000 on damage to land, agricultural establishments and county road systems in the May 8 floods in southeastern Nebraska.

A. E. McClymonds, of Lincoln, regional director for the SOS, said the total does not include damage to industrial, municipal, and urban property, state and federal highway systems, railroads and communications systems, or reservoirs.

Ninety percent of the loss was

on bottomland farms, the report showed.

Val to West Virginia

Gov. Val Peterson this week is attending the national governors' conference at White Sulphur Spring, W. Va. But before he left, he tossed punches at the Democrats. He led with a jab at "some" Democrats who "have been caught with gambling jam on their faces." He slapped Demo State Chairman Clayton Shurtout for suggesting the Democrats could win this year because of resentment to the gambling crackdown launched last fall by Republican Attorney-General James H. Anderson.

Then the governor followed with a poke at Democratic criticism of high taxes in Nebraska. "It's a matter of public record," said the governor, "that this administration holds the national championship for low taxes."

Nebraska last year had the lowest per capita tax rate in the nation.

Rail Squabble Continues

The long drawn out argument over whether the Burlington railroad should be allowed to curtail service on its Lincoln-Table Rock-Wymore line is going to be longer and more drawn out.

Protestants to cutting the service, principally the League of Nebraska Municipalities, were given by the state railway commission until July 1 to file briefs to support their contention that the application should be denied.

The Burlington says it's losing \$100,000 a year on the routes and the League says that if the application is granted the railroad may eventually remove all service on the line.

Oil Regulation?

Regulation and taxation of one of Nebraska's newest industries—oil and gas—was discussed at a meeting here of the legislative council's committee on the subject.

Research Director Roger Shumate said testimony, including that of oil company representatives, indicated some type of conservation legislation may be required. They also agree, he said, that some state agency should administer the program.

Quotes from the Statehouse Beat

Fred Klietsch, state engineer: Nebraska's motorists last month traveled 209,000 more miles daily on rural roads than in May, 1949. This year's figure was 8,691,000 compared to 8,482,000 a year ago. Daily travel is up 15 percent over last year.

Dr. Frank D. Ryder, state health director: "All federal funds now available for construction of hospitals in Nebraska have been allocated. Communities desiring to apply for federal funds may do so after congress appropriates funds for next year."

Donald P. Miller, state labor commissioner: "Nebraska's labor picture brightened last month with a seasonal increase in the jobs available. There was a 21 percent drop from the previous month in the number of registered jobless."

A former state official, Harold Woten, of Lincoln, has paid the state \$535. That is the amount a preliminary report by State auditor Ray C. Johnson shows unaccounted for in an audit of Woten's accounts when he was corporation clerk in the secretary of state's office.

The report contained photostatic copies of receipts allegedly issued by Woten for payment of corporation fees. The amounts differed from those in Woten's records, Johnson said. Woten resigned recently. Johnson said it was impossible to tell when a complete report could be made.

The Geneva training school for girls and its superintendent, Mrs. Blanch Clouse, won plaudits recently from governor Peterson, after he had delivered the commencement address for 21 girls finishing the accredited high school course at the institution.

"I was extremely well pleased with the fine condition of the plant and the evidence of excellent work being done at the institution," he said. "You can't measure in terms of money the good coming from Geneva. Every Nebraskan can be proud of the job of character building and education going on there."

Too frequently we measure all government in terms of tax receipts. At Geneva, and many other places in Nebraska, citizens can view accomplishments for dollars spent and realize the tremendous good that Nebraska is doing."

Gets Prompt Answer

An opponent of the governor's road program asked a question recently — and got an answer. Willard Wilson, of Holdrege, a former state senator, is now Nebraska secretary of the Petroleum Industries committee, an organization fighting the highway revenue measures passed by the last session. He voted for the increased gas tax and higher registration fees. When he took his present job, he changed the highway department had given the legislature and the public false information.

Wilson's office is circulating reprints of clippings from newspapers published while the legislature was in session. They quote Gov. Val Peterson and State Engineer Fred Klietsch as saying that the state could build few, if any roads during 1949.

Below these clippings is one, dated January 23, 1950, reporting that the highway department built \$11 1/2 million dollars worth of roads last year.

Wilson wanted to know how, with only \$2 1/2 million additional revenue (from the gas tax boost), the state could build \$11 1/2 million worth of highways.

The highway department's record produced the answer:

Received from federal government	\$ 5,508,196
Received from counties, cities, etc.	639,043
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1949	298,217
1948 obligations	1,793,414
Gas tax increase revenue	2,683,695
Additional for 1949 construction	270,644
Audited vouchers payable	14,985
Total	\$11,208,197

Another Inning

The famous illegal gambling, headline material in Nebraska since James H. Anderson issued a statewide crackdown order in September, 1949, had another inning recently.

Clarence Sherman Beck, who succeeded Anderson as attorney-general, warned the state's county attorneys to expect an upturn in slot machine activity between now and July 1, when the federal tax on the machines is due.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

PRESIDENT

HORIZONTAL
 1 Pictured former U. S. president.
 13 Carriage (ab.)
 14 Walk
 15 Woody plant
 16 Dutch measure
 17 Substance
 19 Abstract being
 20 Code Napoleon (ab.)
 21 Spinning toy
 22 Manuscripts (ab.)
 24 Delirium tremens (ab.)
 25 Reverberate
 27 Love god
 30 Golf device
 32 At this place
 34 Area measure
 35 Erect
 36 European country (var.)
 37 God of war
 39 Place (ab.)
 40 Oriental nurse
 43 Solar disk
 44 Minced oath
 46 Great (ab.)
 47 Toward
 49 Either
 50 Railroad (ab.)
 51 Edge
 53 He was nicknamed "Honest"
 54 Ireland
 56 Son of Seth (Bib.)
 57 Weird
 58 Animates

VERTICAL
 1 Speedily
 2 Tree limb
 3 Male sheep
 4 Forenoon (ab.)
 5 Gaping
 6 Entangle
 7 Ignited
 8 Newspaper paragraphs
 9 Court (ab.)
 10 Mineral rock
 11 One who lends
 12 Birds' homes
 17 Month (ab.)
 18 Rupees (ab.)
 21 Violent stream
 23 Ship
 26 — was the 42 Port tallest of all U. S. presidents
 28 Stopping way
 29 Verbal
 31 Babylonian deity
 33 Dawn goddess
 35 Narrow inlet
 37 Dress
 38 Of the thing
 41 Symbol for silver
 43 Coincide
 45 Attire
 48 Upon
 49 From
 52 Russian village
 53 Blackbird of community
 55 Symbol for nickel
 56 And (Latin)

Here's the Answer

West Farm in Path of Storm

PAGE — There has been reports of minor damage by the wind during the storm Tuesday night, June 12, but at the West farm, northeast of Page, there was much damage.

With the exception of the house, almost all the other buildings were completely demolished or damaged. One was a large barn. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Belik are the tenants.

Other Page News

A miscellaneous prenuptial shower honoring Miss Naomi Steinberg was held at the Methodist church basement Monday evening, June 19. About 40 guests were present. She received a number of gifts. A luncheon of ice cream, cake and coffee was served.

The American Legion auxiliary held its regular meeting Thursday evening, June 5, at the Legion hall. New officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Evelyn Gray, president; Mrs. Eula Finley, vice - president; Mrs. Margaret Landreth, treasurer; Mrs. Leila Snell, secretary; Mrs. Susie Haynes, chaplain; Mrs. Sara Sorensen, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, jr., and son, of Norfolk, spent Sunday, June 18, with Mr. Stauffer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, sr.

Miss Effie Luton, of Milwaukee, Wis., is spending 2 weeks visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Evelyn Gray, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harper and daughters, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stauffer and son were Sunday, June 18, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper.

Mrs. Bertha Hersh, of Eagle Rock, Calif., came Friday, June 16, to visit her sister, Miss Grace Merryman. She had been to New York and is returning to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stewart and Loren Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray and Veldon and N. G. Miller and Leonard spent Father's day at Chambers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lamason returned home Monday, June 19, after a 2-weeks' trip to Tampa, Fla., where they visited their son and wife, Lt. and Mrs. J. L. Lamason. Lt. Lamason left for New York June 21 and from there will go to England. Mrs. Lamason expects to go to England in about 2 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Nissen and Otto Wahletz enjoyed a no-host dinner Sunday, June

had cattle on the market. Mrs. A. L. Dorr was hostess to the Contract Bridge club Wednesday evening, June 14. Guests were Mrs. Elmer Spann, Mrs. Robert Gray, Miss Alice French and Miss Marie Heiss. Miss Heiss received high score prize and Mrs. Herbert Steinberg the all-cut. The club members presented Mrs. Spann, a recent bride, with a gift.

The WSCS of the Methodist church met in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, June 15, with 30 ladies present. Mrs. Merwyn French led the devotions and lesson. Mrs. Harley Kennedy and Mrs. Raymond Heiss were hostesses. The afternoon was spent quilting and doing other needlework.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cronin and 3 children, of Grand Island, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lough, of Albion, attended the golf tournament. Mr. Lough is editor and publisher of the Albion News.

Guests Sunday, June 18, from Bassett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harder were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hall and family. The Harder's son, John D., returned with them for a week's stay at their ranch.

William W. McIntosh attended the funeral of his cousin, Kenneth Whittle, in Lincoln Sunday, June 18. Mr. Whittle was a former editor in Butte. Mr. McIntosh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McIntosh, of Meadow Grove, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shriner drove Mrs. Pearl Riley and daughter, Peggy, to Hay Springs Friday, June 16, returning on Saturday.

Ted Donahoe, of Omaha, visited Mrs. F. N. Brennan and Miss Bernadette Brennan Sunday, June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pinkerman and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collins Monday, June 19.

Mrs. Henry Bruhn, of North Platte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tomlinson, Saturday evening and Sunday, June 17 and 18.

Mrs. Emmett Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryan, all of Evanston, Ill., and Joseph Ryan, of Neenah, Wis., visited relatives here over the June 17-18 weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Buck and family went to Orchard to celebrate Father's day with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Wirth.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King and son, Jerry, of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived Thursday, June 15, for a visit with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grady, and other relatives.

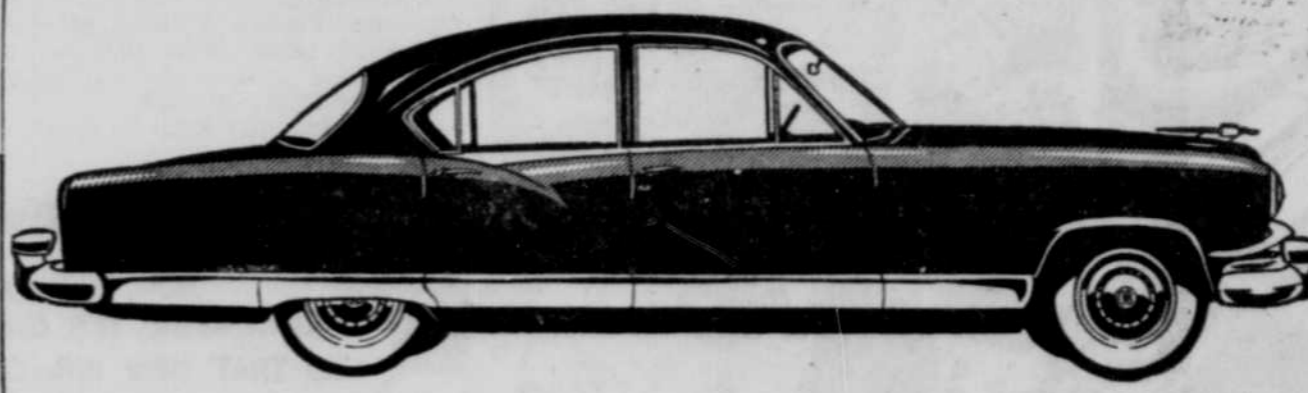
Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCarville were hosts Thursday evening, June 15, at a family dinner marking the 32d wedding anniversary of Mr. McCarville's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarville, sr. Guests, besides the elder McCarvilles, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarville, jr., and Mrs. Richard Gobel, of Wilmington, Del. The elder McCarvilles have 4 grandchildren, all of whom were also present.

Miss Mayme Murray, of Wisner, visited in O'Neill over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murray and other friends and relatives.

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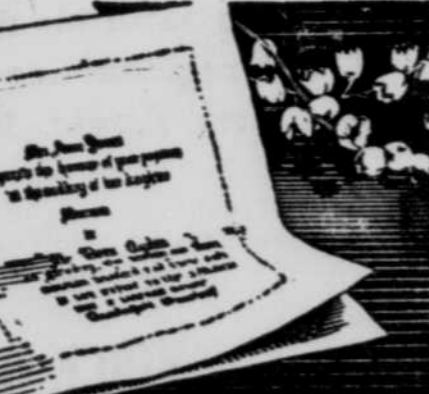


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