

# HOLT BALLOTING TO BE 'HEAVY'

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interest is higher for this off-year balloting than in 1946 when 399,501 votes were cast. In 1948's presidential election, when a Nebraska senator's seat was also at stake, 497,084 marked ballots.

A full slate of state offices is at stake, including the non-political, four-year term of superintendent of public instruction. In addition, Nebraska's four congressmen are seeking reelection.

Besides candidates, three propositions will appear on Tuesday's ballot. Voters will decide whether to reject or keep the penny-a-gallon tax boost and vehicle registration fee increases voted by the last legislature, as well as decide the fate of a legislative reform measure ordered onto the ballot by the 1949 legislature.

Let's look first at the highway revenue measures. They were enacted by the 1949 legislature at the recommendation of Gov. Val Peterson who had appointed a bipartisan committee to study the state's highway needs.

One of the laws raised the state gas tax from a nickel per gallon to six cents. The other law increased registration fees—the money you pay to get your license plates. On most passenger cars, plates used to cost \$5 a year. Now they cost \$8. Truck license fees went up, too. Half-ton truck plates were \$4 and now they're \$10. On 10-ton vehicles, the boost was from \$200 to \$320.

The confusion resulting from language of the propositions as they appear on the ballot. The question is whether the two measures shall be "rejected." Therefore, if you want the taxes, you

vote "no"—you don't want them rejected. But if you are against the taxes, you vote "yes"—you do want them rejected.

How come Nebraskans are voting on something the legislature passed? It's because the state's big three farm organizations—the grange, farm bureau and the farmers union—which had fought legislative passage of the tax increases, circulated petitions against the measures.

Those three groups—known collectively as the farm council—hoped to get enough signatures to suspend the laws. They failed in this, but did get enough to force a referendum on the two issues in Tuesday's election.

Opposing the farm council is a group known as the Better Nebraska association, which has been promoting the program. The two organizations are the enemies, with part of the oil and trucking industries on the side of the farm council. For several months, the public has been subjected to charges and counter-charges as the two camps waged their war in the press, on the radio, and in public meetings. The outcome will be known next Tuesday night.

How about the legislative reform measure? This has been called by some writers the "forgotten issue" of the campaign. Some legislators, among them Speaker Earl J. Lee, of Fremont, had said they would seek to inform the voters on the proposal in their fall campaigns, but little has been done in this direction.

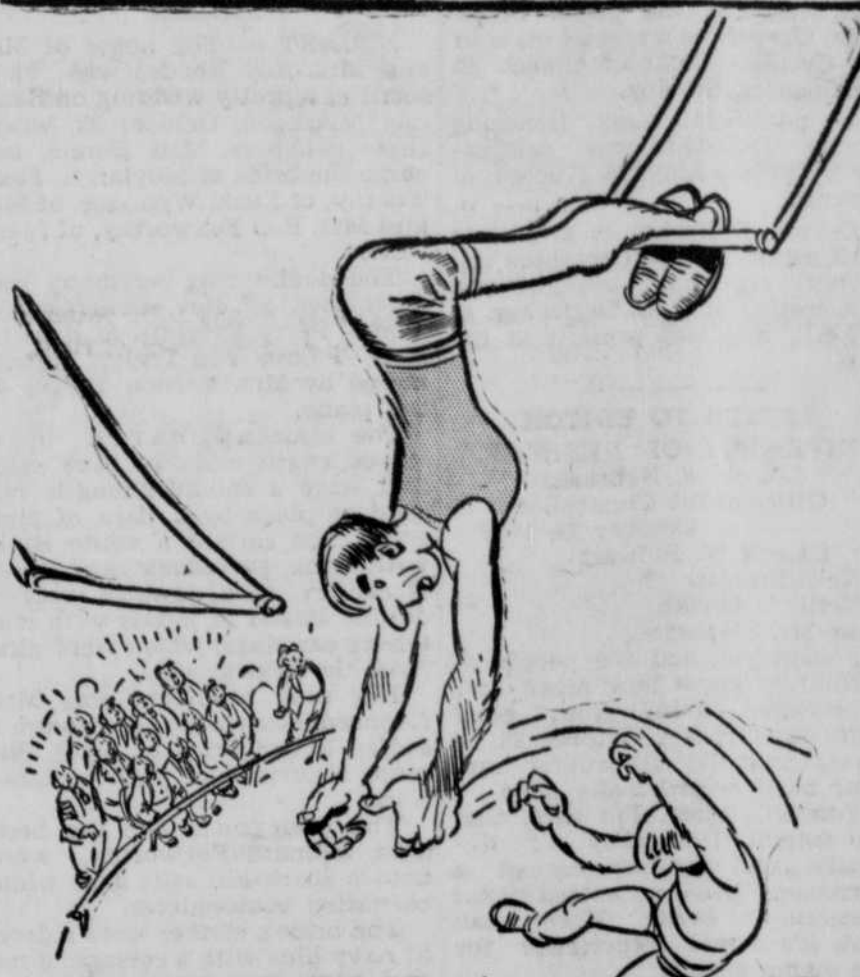
The proposal has five points:

(1.) A legislature of from 30 to 50 members. The present membership is 43.  
(2.) Annual or biennial sessions, "as provided by law." This means the legislators themselves would determine whether they would meet every year or every two years.

(3.) That if sessions are held annually, in even-numbered years, the legislature would work only on appropriations and appointments, unless specifically requested by the governor to undertake other business.

(4.) Four-year terms. Present terms are two years. Membership

## Ticklers By George



"This sure is one of my bad days; I've been dropping things all morning."

would be staggered so half of the senate would always be experienced.

(5.) Salaries set by the legislators, themselves.

Capitol observers expect the election's closest races to be in the First and Second congressional districts. In the First, Rep. Carl T. Curtis is being challenged by Democrat Clarence G. Miles, former mayor of Lincoln. In the Second (Omaha) district, Democratic Rep. Eugene D. O'Sullivan is

expected to give Governor Peterson his toughest race, but Peterson is expected to win his third term. The governor was a three-to-two victor over Frank Sorrell, of Syracuse, last time.

People here who have been watching the campaign expect Republicans to grab off everything else in sight.

In the state superintendent's race, Freeman B. Decker, administration director in the state education department, is favored over Merle Haynes, former South Sioux City mayor, on the basis of their showings in the primary.

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cus in 1898 marked the beginning of the courtship that was culminated in 1900 in marriage. The rite was performed in O'Neill by the late Clarence Selah, who was Holt county Judge.

The Grothe's daughters are: Mrs. Bert (Emma) Henning, of Atkinson; Mrs. Sam (Clara) Banks, of O'Neill; Mrs. Lou (Dora) Prangle, of Atkinson; Mrs. Lloyd (Eva) Johnson, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Earl (Louise) Farr, of O'Neill.

The Grothes moved into their new home—Silverdale—on March 24, 1920. Material from the old original home has since gone into lumber of the other buildings.

Mr. Grothe as a lad was keen to learn blacksmithing and carpentry and his ability to work with both has paid big dividends. Mr. Grothe has a forge and electric welder and for years has done most of the blacksmithing that needed to be done. He also built most of the buildings and did a great share of the work on Silverdale.

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## Many Out-of-Towners At Whaley-Sobotka Rites—

Many out-of-town people were in attendance at the marriage of Miss Twila Whaley and Clifford Sobotka on Monday, October 23, in O'Neill.

The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Etherton, and Tommy, of Atkinson; Donna Whaley, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wengert, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reed, of Rosalie; Mrs. W. R. Ross, of Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Copple, of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Vurney Copple, of Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Woodruff and family, of Butte; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wesley, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dagen-dorfer, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wengert, of Omaha.

Marvin Sobotka, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sobotka, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Meyer and family, of Beatrice; Mrs. Anna Sobotka, of Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Meyer, of Beatrice; Rose Sobotka, of Battle Creek.

The Sobotkas returned Friday from their wedding trip which took them to Omaha and Lincoln.

## CHAMBERS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Jarman and family, of Chambers, and Bill Ganser, of Wood Lake, drove to Ewing Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tom-jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gilbert returned Wednesday, October 25, from a visit of 11 days with relatives and friends at Tekamah. They visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McAllister, and family and attended the wedding of the McAllisters' son, Dale McAllister.

Mrs. Kenneth Leukens and son, Danny, of Norfolk, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rasmussen, and family. Mr. Leukens drove up Sunday to get them.

Mrs. Valo Edwards returned Sunday from a three-weeks' visit with relatives at Winner, S. D., and at Sheridan, Wyo. Her son, Rudolf Edwards, of Winner, brought her home.

Mary Lou Spath came home from Omaha Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spath. She returned Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests in the Ray Hoffman home were: Jake Hoffman, Miss Ruth Hoffman,

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hoffman and Donnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller and Glen.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Oaks, Gordon and Virginia were Sunday guests in the Vern Wilkinson home.

Mrs. Robert Turner and son,

Roger, and Mrs. Wayne Rowse drove to Lincoln Monday for a few days.

Do not go through life without teeth. Everyone will like you better with dentures. — Dr. Fisher, Dentist. 211

**J. ED HANCOCK**  
REPUBLICAN  
For Re-election  
**HOLT COUNTY TREASURER**  
Your Support Will Be Appreciated

**FRANK NELSON**  
O'Neill, Nebraska  
A Candidate for Re-election to the  
**STATE LEGISLATURE**  
For a Second Term from the  
**28TH DISTRICT**



**Holt, Rock, Boyd and Keya Paha Counties**  
Farm owner and operator. 44 years in Northern Holt county and a native Nebraskan.

I have served you in the last session of the Legislature where I worked for reasonable economy and for home rule on all measures that are of a local nature.  
Should you feel my record and experience entitle me to a second term of service for you I shall appreciate your support November 7, 1950.

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**OSCAR W. (DUNK) PETERSON**  
Democrat Candidate for  
**SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT**  
Owner and Operator of the Amelia General Store  
Your Vote and Support Appreciated  
General Election November 7, 1950

**ELECT E. L. WATSON**  
DEMOCRAT  
for  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
Over 36 Years a Businessman and Taxpayer of Holt County  
Promise Prompt, Efficient, and Courteous Service  
Will Appreciate Your Support Nov. 7th

**NORMAN Gonderinger**  
O'Neill, Nebr.  
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE  
for  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
Holt County  
12 Years Experience in Practice of Law  
Lifelong Resident of Holt County  
Overseas Veteran of World War II  
Your Vote Appreciated  
GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 7th, 1950

## GROTHES MARRIED HALF-CENTURY

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ship with their father in their farming operations. One son has a feedlot here, the other son raises Chesterwhite hogs there, and machinery ownership is divided.

But collectively there are few items in the machinery and automotive lines the Grothes don't have and the machinery is in as good condition as the buildings are neat and trim.

The couple has lived frugally during lean Holt county years and industriously through all the years.

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RE-ELECT  
**Ruth Hoffman**  
REPUBLICAN  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
of  
Holt County  
General Election — Tuesday, November 7, 1950  
Your Support Will Be Appreciated

**NO** LOSS OF NEEDED FUNDS FOR ROAD AND STREET REBUILDING AND REPAIRING  
... IF YOU VOTE "NO" NOV. 7!  
**NO** INCREASE IN YOUR TAXES  
... IF YOU VOTE "NO" NOV. 7!  
**NO** "SPECIAL INTERESTS" OUT OF STATE WILL DICTATE NEBR. ROAD POLICIES  
... IF YOU VOTE "NO" NOV. 7!  
**SO** ... IF YOU VOTE "NO" YOU WILL BE VOTING FOR NEBRASKA'S PRESENT ROAD PROGRAM — as passed by the State Legislature in 1949.  
**VOTE "NO"** ROAD REFERENDUM ELECTION NOV. 7  
BETTER NEBRASKA ASS'N.