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Political Picture

By ANP
Candidates Must Decide How Important Is Negro Vote?

How important is the Negro vote? That is the question candidates for the presidency of the two major parties soon will have to answer. They will have to decide just how badly they need the Negro vote and just how far they will go to get it.

The manner in which Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican candidate, and Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate, handle the touchy civil rights issue could well determine the outcome of the election this fall.

Negroes are more determined to obtain a strong civil rights program today than they were in 1948, according to colored politicians throughout the country.

A report on the number of colored voters in key northern cities disclosed more than 3,000,000 which could possibly swing the election one way or the other. Of this number, there are more than 500,000 in New York, more than 350,000 in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and well over 200,000 each in Ohio, Michigan, California and Maryland.

A strenuous campaign is under-

way to get as many of these Negroes to register and vote as possible. Among the sponsors of the drive to get out the vote are the NAACP and a national news service. The NAACP has adopted as its slogan, "Register Today for Civil Rights."

However, if results of a survey conducted by a church group is indicative of anything, some colored persons will not vote even though registered.

The Rural Church department, Drew seminary, Madison, N. J., has completed a study of Negro churches in the South which required more than 12,000 miles of travel and is entitled, "Go Down, Moses."

Three-fourths of the Negro pastors included in this study instruct colored persons in voting and helped them to register. But not all who register vote, the report revealed. Here is a typical comparison of those who register but do not vote:

In a Georgia community, 1,400 Negroes registered but only 600 voted; in a North Carolina community, 500 registered and 400 voted, and in another North Carolina community 800 registered but only 200 voted. These are figures on the last election.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Nebraska Counties (7)

Box Butte County originally was a part of Sioux County, organized in 1877 to include the panhandle area lying north of Cheyenne County—the old Cheyenne County, that is, an omnibus county which included present-day Banner Kimball, Scotts Bluff, and Deuel counties. In 1885, Dawes County was created out of the eastern half of Sioux, and two years later, in 1887, the southern half of Dawes became Box Butte.

Settlers started moving into the Box Butte region in 1884 and 1885. Among them was the family of W. A. Bissell, and, according to F. M. Broome's sketch of the county in *Who's Who in Nebraska*, it was Mrs. Bissell who conceived and popularized the idea that when a new county was created out of the region the name "Box Butte" would be most appropriate.

The homesteaders, attracted by the slogan, "The Box Butte Country for Free Homes," came in, filing claims at the land office in Valentine, later at Chadron and finally at Alliance. Both the Burlington and Northwestern railroads were interested in the development of the region. The Burlington reached Alliance on Feb. 3, 1888, platting the town on a school section purchased from the state by the Lincoln Land Company, an auxiliary of the railroad. As a means of helping the sale of town lots, the railroad agreed to make Alliance a division point.

Early contenders for the position of leadership in the county were Hemingford and Nonpareil. After a spirited contest—in the tradition of most Nebraska counties—Nonpareil became the county seat. When the railroad came to Alliance, Nonpareil passed out of the picture, and Hemingford became the county seat. The favored situation of Alliance, however, soon brought that town to a position of dominance in the county, and ultimately the seat of government passed from Hemingford to Alliance.

(Keep For Future Use)
Hunting Regulations (Continued) From Last Week

Species	Open Season	Area	Open Bag	Limit	Shooting Hours
Deer, Doe	Dec. 8-Dec. 14	Restricted Area	One (1)	One-half hr. antlerless before sunrise to one-half hr. after sunset.	Daily Poss.

The following counties are open to hunting does by 1,000 special permittees only: Banner, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sioux and Dawes, except Wildcat Hills Game reserve in Banner and Scotts Bluff counties, Chadron State Park in Dawes county, and federal refuge areas in all open counties.

Notes: "A" denotes year-around hunting on raccoon and opossum except for period between April 1 and August 1 when hunting with dogs is prohibited.

NEBRASKA TRAPPING REGULATIONS 1952-53

Species	Open Season	Area	Open Bag	Limit	Hours
Muskrat, Mink and Beaver (Zone 1)	Nov. 15-Jan. 15	Restricted Area	No Limit	All Hours	Open
Muskrat, and Beaver (Zone 2)	Jan. 1-Dec. 31	Entire State except for State-owned lakes or areas closed by Federal, State or Municipal law.	No Limit	All Hours	Open
Raccoon and Opossum	Jan. 1-Dec. 31	Entire State except for State-owned lakes or areas closed by Federal, State or Municipal law.	No Limit	All Hours	Open
Badger, Skunk and Civet	No closed season.		No Limit		Open
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Coyote			No Limit		Open

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