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Mrs. Robert A. Taft . . . she brought to O'Neill her personal "Bob Taft-for-President" campaign. At right is Mrs. E. M. Gallagher.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## Mrs. Taft Echoes Bob's Platform

By a Staff Writer

The indefatigable Martha Bowers Taft, wife of the Republican senator from Ohio—Robert A. Taft—who aspires to be the next president, Tuesday paid O'Neill a business visit.

Her business was to push her personal "Bob Taft - for - President" campaign by echoing Senator Taft's already announced platform, and to blast the New Deal.

She found time to be sociable, too, lunching with 75 new-found friends in the American Legion club and chatting amiably before and after her talk to a public gathering of 150 persons in the Legion auditorium.

Martha's appearance here in behalf of her husband's candidacy for the presidency was the only north-central Nebraska stop in a whirlwind barnstorming tour of the state which she and her husband began Monday and will conclude today (Thursday). They entered the state from the west. Senator Taft carried his campaign eastward along the Platte river valley and points south, while Mrs. Taft made a swing north from Alliance to Hyannis, Broken Bow, O'Neill, Wayne and Norfolk. The couple spent Monday night together in Grand Island and Wednesday night they were reunited in Fremont.

Becoming clad in a navy blue suit, a navy blue straw hat with a sprig of green feathers on top, Mrs. Taft arrived in O'Neill from Grand Island at about 11:40 a. m.

Presenting the appearance of a down-to-earth midwesterner, Mrs. Taft prefaced her talk by admitting she was "not a profound student" of political affairs. However, she vigorously boosted Husband Bob's stock by helping clarify the senator's agricultural price support program and glossing over some of his other political views.

She said her husband felt that:

1. There should be a farm price support program that would enable farmers to arrive at an economic level that would compare favorably with other people in the land.
2. The government should further soil building practices with bigger payments.
3. The farm cooperative system should be sufficiently developed so that no one can take advantage of the individual farmer, specifying that they should be "bonafide cooperatives in their being exempt from taxation."
4. Rural electrification should be taken to every farm.
5. There should be a strong world court of justice where countries could submit their difficulties.
6. The American people should know the truth and not be bound by secret agreements.
7. The U. S. should develop "the most technically trained air force in the world" as an instrument of peace.

Mrs. Taft told her audience she felt "very much at home in Nebraska as she was a midwesterner at heart." She laughingly said that nearby Minnesota, where she was born, "is not very far East."

The would-be first lady told her audience, composed largely of Republican well-wishers from O'Neill, Emmet, Atkinson, Stuart and Ainsworth, that "Nebraska is really tops as a GOP state . . . it has 2 of the top Republican senators and a wonderful delegation in the House of Representatives."

She said that it was impossible to tour the state—and nation— together and that she and her husband frequently went different ways. She said her husband "believes in the women can do in politics."

Mrs. Taft said that the "American farmers were the first people to rise up in rebellion against the New Deal by going Republican in a big way."

"Farmers," she felt, "considered freedom equally important with prosperity and that farmers want freedom from controls in order to work out their own destiny with as little government interference as possible."

Martha said that the Nebraskans would laugh at what they called a farm in Ohio. "It consists of 60 acres and is 15 miles from a city. When we settled there, we had 1 baby, another on its way, no water and no electricity."

Mrs. Taft explained that her husband's critics called him a provincial midwesterner. "I deny that he is provincial, but I'm proud that he is midwestern!"

She outlined Mr. Taft's experiences in the Philippines.

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## STATE PRIMARY IN SPOTLIGHT

### Nation Eyes Republican Preference in Next Week's Primaries

Nebraska voters will hold the nation's spotlight next Tuesday in the April 13 primary election. The national interest lies in the state's preference for the Republican nomination for president.

The strong showing of former Governor Harold Stassen, of Minnesota, in Wisconsin's primary election Tuesday is expected to attach more importance to Nebraska's preferential election.

Nebraska GOP voters will have a choice of 7 presidential aspirants: Thomas E. Dewey, Douglas MacArthur, Joseph W. Martin, jr., Harold E. Stassen, Robert A. Taft, Arthur H. Vandenberg and Earl Warren.

Most other races on the Republican ballot are proving of only mild interest in Holt county GOP circles, except, of course, in the matter of county supervisors. In the Fourth district 4 are seeking the nomination: Frank Mlarnik, Earl C. Billings, Ewald Spahn and Frank Cronk. Two are seeking the nomination in the Sixth: George E. Collins and Walter K. Smith.

Lacking a race at the Democratic level, the Democratic ballot is equally uninteresting at the national and state levels.

On the county ballot, however, 2 are seeking the Second district supervisory nomination, Howard Oberle and George D. Hansen; 3 are seeking the Fourth district nomination: W. E. Wulf, Emmett E. Wright and Joseph P. Kaczor.

The nonpolitical ballot presents a 3-way race for the Unicameral nomination. The 2 high candidates will battle it out in the general election. The 3 primary candidates are: Frank Nelson, of O'Neill; Fred J. Jungman, of Atkinson, and Arthur J. Runnels, of Stuart.

Voters will be confronted with a proposal to make a levy for the improvement of mail roads. For the official publication of the sample non-political ballot, turn to page 6 for the official publication of the sample Republican and Democratic ballots, turn to pages 2 and 3, respectively.

County Clerk Ruth Hoffman announced Tuesday that balloting in O'Neill's Second ward in next Tuesday's primary election will be conducted at the A. Marcellus garage, 2 doors south of the postoffice. First ward and Grattan township balloting, as usual, will be done at the Holt county courthouse, and Third ward balloting will be done at the city hall — the usual Third ward voting place.

## GOSPEL MISSION IS 18-YEARS-OLD

PAGE—The Gospel Mission church at Page celebrated its 18th birthday anniversary last Thursday, April 1. In commemoration of the church's founding, an all-day meeting was held, including a basket dinner at noon in the parsonage and an evening service.

## TIGERS WIN 4-TEAM MEET

### Neligh Places 2d, Inman Ranks 3d in Ewing Invitational

EWING—At an invitational quadrangular track meet held at Ewing Friday, Ewing came out on top with 66 points. Neligh placed second with 40 points, while Inman earned 25½, and O'Neill 12½.

Frist places were awarded as follows:

- Track Events**
- High hurdles—Joel Scofield, Neligh and Lampert, Ewing, (tie); time, 9.6.
  - 100-yard dash—Montgomery, Ewing, 11.5.
  - 1-mile run—Cloyd, Ewing, 5:18.7.
  - Low hurdles—Lampert, Ewing, 13.5.
  - 440-yard dash—Montgomery, Ewing, 58.1.
  - 880-yard dash—Joel Scofield, Neligh, 2:20.
  - 220-yard dash—Montgomery, Ewing, 26.3.
  - 880-yard relay—Ewing, 1:43.4.

- Field Events**
- Shotput—Mossman, Inman, 34 feet, 8 inches.
  - Broad jump—Martin Scofield, Neligh, 13 feet, 3 inches.
  - Discus throw—Sanders, Ewing, 98 feet, 9 inches.
  - Pole vault—Mossman, Inman, 9 feet, 5 inches.
  - High jump—Mossman, Inman, 5 feet, 8 inches.
- Ewing plans to enter 3 events at the Sand Hill relays which will be held at Bassett, April 13, the 1 and 2 mile relays and the high jump.

## SIDELIGHTS on Martha's Visit

Mrs. Robert A. Taft is 58-year-old. She confesses to a "dumpy figure." She was presented with a carnation corsage by Mrs. E. M. Gallagher, who headed the O'Neill reception.

The Tafts have 4 sons, 2 of whom are residing on the family farm in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Taft were married in 1914. Martha Bowers had intended to be a French teacher, taught 1 month, and decided to abandon the career in favor of marriage.

The American Legion club and auditorium were bedecked with Taft-for-President banners and saturated with Taft literature. The theme of the advertising: "Bob Taft has never: Lost his level head, his fighting heart, nor an election." Mrs. Taft confided to her listeners: "I must be truthful because Bob taught me to be. In 1932 Bob was defeated for a seat in the Ohio state legislature." He has sought election 9 times, won 8.

Mr. Taft made his way into the senate at a time when there were only 16 Republican senators in the upper house. "Bob is a fighter," she declared. "He has spoken out on all controversial issues and was a leader in speaking out against New Deal legislation."

Mrs. Taft told Mrs. Gallagher that the Legion club and the luncheon provided by the Legion auxiliary was "the finest setting yet" along the barnstorming tour. Mrs. Taft entered the galley where the meal was prepared and where women were working.

Upon her departure, Mrs. Taft sent Mrs. Gallagher a lavender orchid as an appreciation. Besides Mrs. Gallagher, others on the reception committee were: Mrs. Frank J. Brady and Ralph J. Kelly, both of Atkinson; Mrs. W. J. Froelich, of O'Neill; and Joseph Brewster, of Stuart. Besides Mr. Cole, others on the general arrangements committee were: Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Ira H. Moss, William W. Griffin and Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Moss is the O'Neill area head of the Taft-for-President movement.

## Chambers Man in Crash; Iowa Woman Goes to Hospital

CHAMBERS — A highway accident involving a Chambers man occurred last Thursday night at Cherokee, Ia. Richard Jarman, driving a truck loaded with baled hay, was traveling east when an automobile driven by a woman drove in front of the loaded truck. The woman driver was injured and taken to a nearby hospital. Jarman was uninjured.

The car was badly damaged and the truck was damaged to the extent of \$100 or \$150.

## Gallaghers, Move Here—

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher and son, Michael, and daughter, Kathleen, arrived Saturday. They will make their home with Mr. Gallagher's mother, Mrs. R. E. Gallagher.

# City Balloting Light Here; Atkinson Contests Hot

## Elect a New Mayor, 2 School Board Members, 1 Councilman

SPECIAL TO THE FRONTIER

ATKINSON—Activity was greater here than any other town in Holt county Tuesday as voters elected a new mayor, 1 new councilman, and 2 new board of education members. They reelected 2 councilmen and returned 4 others to city posts. A total of about 475 votes were cast.

Dr. W. J. Douglas, endorsed by both the Citizens and People's party, was accorded 455 votes and thus became the city's "new" mayor. Actually he is a veteran mayor, but this time he succeeds Frank J. Brady, who was not a candidate.

Fred R. Mack, People's party candidate, defeated H. J. O'Connor, Citizens' party, 135-74, in the Third ward council contest. R. O. Jarvis, People's party, bested Arthur Humpal, Citizens' party, 132-44, in the First ward, and C. C. Raymer was reelected in the Second ward without a contest.

Two People's party candidates won in the board of education triangular race to fill 2 positions. Albert Lemmer polled 370 votes; Frank Brady, 331. The Citizens' entry was Leo F. Seger with 230.

Others reelected were: I. R. Dickerson, city treasurer, 462 votes; H. A. Snyder, city clerk, 471; Newell Pock, police magistrate, 435.

## DUST STORM LEAVES LAYER

A dust storm that compared with the worst during the bleak dust bowl days of the 1930's visited north-Nebraska Saturday, leaving a layer of sand and dust in most buildings that were not adequately weather-proofed.

The storm gathered momentum about noon and the wind was high until sundown. Some observers estimated the velocity of the gusts at about 60 miles per hour.

Pedestrians in the business district found the biting sand and dust disagreeable. Motorists reported that in the open country vehicles were difficult to control because of the wind and poor visibility, which was reduced at times to a quarter of a mile.

It was the second consecutive freakish weekend. The week before a sleek storm wrecked communication lines and held up traffic in eastern and central Nebraska.

On Tuesday evening the O'Neill region was visited by its first full-fledged Spring shower. Precipitation during the shower and during the remainder of the night totaled .57-inches.

## NEWCOMERS IN BID AT EWING

### Lone Incumbent Seeks Reelection; Tie for School Posts

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EWING — Whether it was calculated or accidental, newcomers in the town of Ewing rather dominated things Tuesday in the town and school election.

Only 1 incumbent was returned to his post out of 3 town council and 2 board of education vacancies.

E. L. Welke, who polled the most votes in the uninteresting election, collected 85 votes and was returned to the town council for another 3-year term. He was, incidentally, the only incumbent reelected. Newcomers on the council are: M. B. Huffman, who recently came from Elgin to join the Farmers State bank here, received 67 votes, and Art Ru-roede, feed store operator, gathered 54.

Three newcomers in town "also ran" in the council chase. They were: Waldo Davis, druggist, 49; Rev. C. Donald Vogel, minister, 47, and William Spence, railroad agent, 42.

A tie developed in the board of education balloting between Rev. Vogel and Lyle Mitchell, a gas station operator, both having 64 votes following a canvass and a recount.

A way to break the deadlock will be determined today (Thursday). The other school post went to M. B. Huffman with 71 votes. George Adrian trailed with 30 votes. The school posts are 2-year terms.

## 3 Write-In Candidates Sweep Board

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CHAMBERS— Three write-in candidates swept the slate in the village election here Tuesday. Ed Thorin, Kenneth Werner and Walter Brown were the successful candidates for village board posts for 2-year terms.

They succeed Everett Wintermote, W. D. Renninger and F. M. Porter, whose names were on the ballot.

A total of 78 votes were cast and the write-in campaign proceeded quietly.

E. F. Porter was reelected police magistrate.

## FARM SIGNING DATE EXTENDED

The deadline for signing 1948 farm plans with the Holt county Production - Management Administration has been extended to include April 15, it was announced this week by Harry E. Ressel, of O'Neill, chairman of the Holt county PMA.

"This is an extension of 15 days," Ressel explained, "owing to adverse weather conditions prevailing during the past 30 days."

## JOHN LEVI, 74, DIES AT LYNCH

LYNCH—John Levi, 74, of Lynch, died March 29 at his home following an illness of several months. Services were held March 31 at the Methodist church in Lynch. Survivors include: the widow; son—Lloyd, of Lindy; daughters—Mabel, of Ft. Randall; S. D.; Helen and Dorothy, of Monowi, and Vera, of Lynch.

## Firemen Respond to 4 Alarms During Week

O'Neill volunteer firemen responded to 4 fire alarms during the past 7 days.

Early last Thursday a trash fire in the rear of Bowen's Ben Franklin store spread to a warehouse where some damage was done before the blaze was extinguished.

On Friday afternoon a defective chimney at the Randleman Cleaners, on South Fourth street, damaged the attic. No damage was done to the contents of the building.

A grass fire at the O'Neill airport resulted in an alarm Tuesday morning. No damage was done. At 6 p. m. on Tuesday the firemen were summoned to the Claude Neal residence where a fire had originated in the kitchen. Damage was slight.

## Cronin Tops McElhaney in Only Contest; Coyne New Mayor

The vote Tuesday in O'Neill's biennial municipal election was light. And except for a little activity around the voting places one would hardly have known there was an election in progress.

Because there was only 1 name on the board of education ballot and there were 2 posts to be voted on, a mild write-in campaign developed.

F. N. Cronin, president of the O'Neill National bank, became a member of the board of education via the write-in route, collecting 204 votes. Ted McElhaney, district court reporter, was second-high with 179. A host of other write-in candidates received a smattering of "playful" votes.

## TABLE ON ONLY RACE

The boxscore on the only contest in O'Neill's municipal election Tuesday follows:

For Board of Education (2-Year Term)			
Wards—	I	2	3—Tot.
F. N. Cronin	76	80	48—204
Ted McElhaney	70	35	74—179
Total vote cast			374

Ira H. Moss, incumbent secretary of the board, was the only name appearing on the ballot. He was reelected virtually without opposition.

Tuesday's election machinery produced a new mayor—one whose name found its way onto the ballot by virtue of a "draft" exercised at a businessmen's caucus 3 weeks ago.

H. E. Coyne, veteran hardware dealer, succeeds F. J. Dishner, who was not a candidate for reelection after serving 1 term.

Others whose candidacies were blessed at the businessmen's caucus and were unopposed on the ballot were: James Corlke (incumbent), First ward councilman; Merle Hickey (incumbent), Second ward councilman; James W. Rooney (incumbent), Third ward councilman; O. D. French (incumbent), city clerk; John Watson, city treasurer; H. W. Tomlinson (incumbent) police magistrate.

E. C. Quinn, whose term as city treasurer expired, was not a candidate.

## Walter Moser, Stuart Mayor, Loser

STUART — Walter Smith, Stuart mayor, was a loser in Tuesday's election here. Frank Ulrich, who was appointed 2 months ago to fill a vacancy, and Joseph Brewster, were reelected.

Ulrich, Brewster and Smith were candidates for 2-year terms on the council, while Carl Bernt and James C. Flanagan were candidates for 1-year terms. Flanagan winning by 6 votes. Flanagan is the new member on the board, filling Smith's vacancy.

There were 4 candidates for board of education posts with Donald Krotter and Dale Henderson finishing high. Dwaine Lockman and Ora Yargers were defeated.

Only 149 votes were cast—a mild session for Stuart.

## Page Voters Named 2 New School Chiefs

PAGE—Otto Terrill and C. E. Walker were elected to the Page board of education Tuesday. Both are new members.

Meanwhile, 3 new members were elected to the village board. There are: Peter Nissen and Jerome Allen, for 2-year terms, and Dr. E. J. Bild, for a 1-year term to fill a vacancy. A. G. Braddock was reelected to the board.

Retiring village board members are I. O. Wood and A. L. Door.

Interest was lagging in the election and only 91 votes were cast.

## Election Only a Formality at Inman

INMAN—Tuesday's village and school election was a bare formality here.

F. E. Keyes and I. L. Watson were reelected to their posts on the village board for 2-year terms, and Harry McGraw and H. R. Tompkins were reelected to district 30 school board posts for 3-year terms.

## Return from East—

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson returned late Tuesday from a 3-weeks' visit in Chicago, Ill., and Boston, Mass.



SELECT NATIONAL CHAMP . . . A group of weekly newspapermen gathered in O'Neill Sunday to select the 3 top entries in the National Editorial Association's annual newspaper contest. Non-daily newspapers from all over the U. S. were judged for "best use of photographic material." The winners will not be announced until the NEA's annual convention, which will be held this year at Pinehurst, N. C. The group met at Slat's

cafe in West O'Neill. In the photo left-to-right are: E. C. Leggett and Edward Apking, both of the Ord Quiz; Carroll W. Stewart, of The Frontier; C. E. Miles, of the Holt County Independent (O'Neill); Fred R. Zimmer and Glenn E. Bunnell, both of the Cedar County News at Hartington. Zimmer is chairman of the NEA picture contest. John H. McCarville, the Frontier's staff photographer who snapped this picture, was also a judge.