

EDITORIALS

The Electoral College

Senator Barry Goldwater, recognized as the leading conservative in the Republican Party, has written a column in which he proposes to modernize the Electoral College...

The average citizen may not even realize how the Electoral College works to disenfranchise millions of Americans. As Senator Goldwater points out in his recent column, the vote in a state such as New York State can be very close...

Under this system, obviously the man who wins the most popular votes in the country is not necessarily elected. In fact, in our history we have had Presidents elected who received fewer popular votes than their opponents.

The Electoral College was set up in the early years of our Republic to enable the people of each state to select able leaders in their state to choose a President. At that time it was highly unlikely that the citizens of each state would know the candidates for President, and anything much about them.

Therefore, it was thought to have the voters of each state select distinguished and experienced statesmen, who might know the candidates and their records first-hand, and have these men actually elect the President.

This was done, and also the Electoral College system of giving all the states' votes to one candidate was also set up. However, as it became desirable to allow the people to exercise their own judgment, the system was changed so that the people voted for electors pledged to one of the candidates.

This modernization was effected, and today another modernization, which is even more badly needed, is one which will allow every vote for President count. The solution is to divide the electoral votes of each state in democratic proportion to the percentage of the popular vote that Presidential candidate received.

Until this is done, presidential elections in the United States will not be democratic, and millions of Americans will waste their ballots.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

At the paragonage of the First Methodist church, occurred the marriage of Miss Margorie Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fitch, Sr., and Mr. Murl Jones, son of Mrs. Edna Jones. The marriage lines were read by Rev. J. C. Lowson, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Arn, Jr., old friends, served as attendants. Both young people have grown up in this community, attended the local high school, the bride being a graduate of the class of 1936...

vanec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chovane of this city. The wedding occurred on Saturday morning, October 12, at the church of the Holy Rosary in the west part of the city. Miss Rusk, a graduate of 1940 of the local high school. At the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Warren, Robert Alan Beverage, celebrated his first birthday. Invited guests at the party were Jon Iverson, Kathryn Diane Ptak, Mary Ann Ryan, Larry Lee Long, Mary Ann Bergman, Billy Gansemmer, Mrs. Rudolph Iverson, Mrs. Fred Sharpnack, Mrs. Theodore Ptak, Mrs. W. V. Ryan, Mrs. Guy Long, Mrs. John Bergman, Mrs. Ralph Gansemmer. The fiftieth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Methodist church in this city. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Ivan Balfour, Union; Vice-President, Mrs. Isabel Jack, Eagle; Treasurer, Mrs. Myrtle Robertson, Eagle; Recording Secretary, Miss Minnie Kuntz, Elmwood; Correspondent secretary, Mrs. Will Porter, Union.

30 YEARS AGO

The bankers of Cass county gathered in this city to join in a farewell to one of their popular members, Henry A. Guthman, of Murdock, who is leaving for a visit at Boise, Ida., where he will enjoy an extended vacation, he having disposed of his banking interests in Murdock a few weeks ago. The bankers had arranged this event as a fitting tribute to the years that Mr. Guthman had been an active figure in the business life of Cass county. Two invited guests of the gathering were Fred Thomas of the First National bank of Omaha and Herman R. Neitzel of Boise, Ida., brother-in-law of Mr. Guthman. Carl D. Ganz of Alvo was toastmaster of the evening and Reece Hastain of Louisville provided the accompaniment for the songs. Speakers of the evening were Mr. Hastain, Guy Clements of Elmwood, D. C. West of Nehawka, H. R. Neitzel and Fred Thomas and H. A. Schneider. Mr. Ganz on behalf of the bankers, presented Mr. Guthman with a handsome desk set to remind him of his many old friends in Cass county. An auto party of local young men, Clyde Bragg, Lawrence Jones, Kenneth Rhodes and Earl Lindner, were victims of a severe auto accident near Avery Hill outside of Omaha. Their car was badly damaged in a collision with one driven by Mrs. Florence Rummell of Omaha. The local car was owned and driven by Kenneth Rhodes. The injured members of the party were taken to the Fort Crook hospital. Jones was the most severely injured of the party, a great gash cut downward across his forehead, nose and right eye, Rhodes had a deep cut on one cheek from flying glass. The injuries of Bragg and Lindner were painful altho not severe. The Omaha parties were more or less cut by flying glass. Orders were received from the Burlington headquarters at Chicago that the local shops will be closed down at the weekend. It is expected the shutdown will be from ten days to two weeks. The locomotive shops at Denver, Havelock and West Burlington had two periods of shut down during the present year. The car shops at Aurora and Plattsmouth had not been closed up to this time. Farmers in the Nehawka community are organizing a home protection group to protect their property on Sunday from raiding parties from other towns that have been in the habit of driving through the country, stopping to pick apples, grapes, walnuts and chickens as well as an occasional small pig. They are seeking the appointment of a constable to tour over the countryside in hopes of apprehending some of these unwelcome callers.

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Table of local business listings including W. A. Swatek Hdw., SUPERINTENDENT, ASSESSOR, Edward Boehm, Sept. Pickup Serv., Commerce Clearing, House Supp., Clara Olson, Convention Mil., Co. Surveyor, 1 yr. P.O. Box rent, Gambles Store, Plattsmouth Lmbr. Co., W. A. Swatek Hdw., HWY SUPERINTENDENT, Fred A. Clark, Helen Gansemmer, Check Sept. Claims, Edna Herring, Check Sept. Claims, ELECTION: Chas. Land, Mil. supp. pstg., Plattsmouth Journal Absent & Disabled, Weeping Water, Republican Governors proclamation, BLDG & GROUNDS: Board of Public Works, Water, Cody Pest Control Co., Sept. service, Consumers Public Power Dist. Elec. serv., Plattsmouth Cleaners, Rag, mop laundry, Emery Rozell, Clean incln., W. A. Swatek, Carl E. Tiekotter, 1st pymt. Ct. Hse Roof, Carl E. Tiekotter, 2nd pymt. Ct. Hse Roof, MISC. GENERAL: Plattsmouth Journal, Legal, COUNTY ROAD: Consumers Public Power Dist. Elec. service, Patrols, Omaha Public Power, Dist Elmwood patrol, Lites, 6 mo., Co. patrol, The Board adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday October 18, 1960. Board of Commissioners, Attest: Chas. Land, County Clerk, No. 4977 - October 10, 1960.

Legal Notices

Six-hundred and thirty-three (633) delinquent tax warrants having the face value of \$31,176.74 were turned over to the sheriff's office by the County Treasurer for collection. The warrants will be mailed to their respective taxpayers this week. If the due taxes are not paid, a levy or attachment will be the final move in securing full payment. Mileage will be charged as set out by law and will be prorated whenever possible. No County Official or employee receives any part, or any commission on the taxes collected. Tom Solomon, Sheriff, Cass County, Neb. No. 4981 - Oct. 10, 1960.

HAROLD C. ELLIOTT, Atty.

Noticing the death of Laura B. Sutherland deceased, No. 5008: Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Ruth Hall as administratrix; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 26th day of October, 1960 at ten o'clock a.m. Dated October 7th, 1960. Raymond J. Case (SEAL) County Judge, No. 4979 - Oct. 10, 17, 24, 1960.

JAMES F. BEGLEY, Attorney

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA OLIVER E. CAMPBELL, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. AHLENE FITCH, et al., Defendants. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, in an action pending in said Court wherein Oliver Campbell, et al are plaintiffs and Ahlene Fitch, et al are defendants, directing me as referee to sell the following described real estate, to-wit: The West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2-NE1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Ten (10) East of the 6th P.M., Cass County, Nebraska. I will sell said real estate at public auction on the 22nd day of October, 1960, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day at the South Front Door of the Court House in Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska. Said sale will be held open one hour. Abstract of title showing merchantable title subject to easement of Omaha Public Power District will be furnished, possession of the premises will be delivered to the purchaser March 1, 1961, and landowner's share of the growing crops is to go with the land. Terms of the sale will be fifteen per cent (15%) cash on the day of the sale, balance on confirmation. Dated this 15th day of September, 1960. Francis M. Casey, Sole Referee No. 4952 - Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 1960.

Guard Against Fire

By State of Nebraska Department of Health Fire prevention begins at home. Fires in houses spread rapidly because there are so many combustible articles on which they may feed. It is your responsibility to prevent them from starting.

Traditionally, Fire Prevention Week each year is the full calendar week including Oct. 9, the anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871 which, according to legend, started in Mrs. O'Leary's barn when a cow kicked over a lantern. A large number of the deaths by fire involve women and children in the home. What many people fail to realize is that numerous deaths are caused by suffocation from smoke and gases from a fire rather than by actual burning. Smoke is the number one killer. Many fires start in trash piles, rubbish, or stored odds and ends that accumulate in and around the house. Good housekeeping is one of the best ways to prevent both the start of a fire and its spread.

Sometimes fire strikes in spite of our precautions. Teach the members of your family basic protection procedure in case of fire. Plan an escape program that takes care of everyone. Have a family fire drill now and then. In the event of fire, the important thing is to get everyone out of the house quickly and safely. Once you have escaped from a burning building, stay out! Countless lives have been lost because people already safely outside decide to go back for pets, valuables, clothing, important papers, or whatnot. Reporting a fire promptly and accurately is extremely important. If you smell smoke, do not rush out into the hall. First make this test. Place the palm of the hand against the door. If the door feels hot, the hallway is already filled with deadly heated gases. In that case, either escape through a window or wait at the window for rescue by the fire department. If clothing catches fire, don't run. This fans the flames. Tear off clothing, if possible, or smother the fire with a heavy woolen cloth. Don't use cotton cloth as it burns quickly. Every home has some fire hazards. Make a careful check, and as you find the danger spots, correct them. The Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. is conducting a campaign for funds, its start coinciding with the start of Fire Prevention Week. Money obtained will be used to purchase firefighting equipment so the department can better serve its fire protection district, Plattsmouth and the surrounding area.

Hired Labor Still Important In Farming

Hired labor continues to be a strong factor in farm operations each year along with the increasing mechanization of many farm jobs. Clarence Rankin, Farm Labor Interviewer of the Division of Employment Security, states, in speaking of six southeastern Nebraska counties. To Sept. 1 for this year, 2,002 agricultural jobs have been filled in Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson and Richardson counties. A large number of these farm jobs have been filled by community labor representatives, their total being 1,220 with 362 additional jobs filled for non-agricultural employers. The 34 community labor representatives filled 1,582 jobs. Cass County jobs filled by local representatives were 136 of which 107 were on farms. Dale Bowman, Plattsmouth, led in job total with 112 with Fred Marquardt, Avoca, standing highest in farm jobs filled with 44. Others contributing to the Cass County total were: Willard McShane and Rudolph Meisinger, Louisville; Ed Standley, Nehawka; Hy D. Kirehford and Stewart Gochenour, Weeping Water.

County Court

Robert G. Thaller, Malvern, Iowa, \$15 speeding; Paul R. Orechelle, Oak Harbor, Wash., \$20 speeding; Kenneth M. Mace, Clarinda, Iowa, \$15 speeding; Jess L. Kinzie, Sterling, Colo., \$15 speeding; Dan S. Reno, Omaha, \$14 speeding. Marko Nesvan, Omaha, \$14 speeding; Mathew J. Muxen, Omaha, \$72 speeding; Art Hobson, Omaha, \$39, shooting protected species; Steve Hofschier, Omaha, \$14, no life jackets aboard boat; John Kembel, Scottsbluff, \$16 speeding. Robert Stephens, Pawnee City, \$25 speeding; James Burton Lang, Lincoln AFB, \$14, no operator's license; Jewel Hubert Culpepper, Dallas, Tex., \$104, overload on axle; Walter C. Zimmerman, Lincoln, \$14, improper passing; Joseph J. Bergantzen, Beatrice, \$14 speeding. Kenneth P. Shamburg, Malcom, \$14, stop sign; John T. Vaughan, Lincoln, \$14, stop sign; Walter Wilson, Omaha, \$14, passing on crest of a grade; Ivan Merle Joy, Falls City, \$19 speeding; Carol D. Hirschert, Dixon, \$84, over gross weight truck. Africa, a rich source of gold, diamonds, copper, chrome, cobalt, and uranium, now has uncovered a wealth of iron. One of the richest strikes lies in Liberia's Bomi Hills, some of which are virtually solid iron ore.

BY-MAIL OFFER

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Gordon D. Grell & Barbara J. to Verner G. & Geraldine M. Peck, 9-23-60, Lot 107 & 108, Louisville, \$4,000. Jerry F. McHugh et al to Henry & Sylvia Klemme, 9-6-60, Lot 3 & S1/2 Lot 2 Blk. 4 1st. add. Murdock, \$1. Amos Iske to James Iske, 9-26-60 Pt. Cedar Island East of Gove Lot 2 Sec. 32-13-13, \$1. W. C. & Nora O. Soennichsen to Betty Smiley, 9-12-59, Lot 1 Sunset Add. Plattsmouth, \$1,250. Charles H. & Norma C. Dow to Glenn F. & Deloma M. Kaffenberger, 9-7-60, W 24 ft. Lot 3 & all Lot 4 Blk. 2 Hays's Add. Plattsmouth, \$1. Charles H. & Norma C. Dow to Glenn F. & Deloma M. Kaffenberger, 9-7-60, S 75 ft. Lots 1 & 2 & E 20 ft. S 75 ft. Lot 3 Block 2 Hays Add., Plattsmouth, \$1. Plattsmouth Loan & Building Assn. to William G. & Dorothy Hubbell, 9-23-60, N 60 ft. Lot 9, 10, 11 & 12 Blk 4, Nehawka, \$1. Betty & Norman Henry to Roy

W. & Clara M. Knorr, 9-27-60, L 1 Sunset Add., Plattsmouth, \$1.

Floyd L. Coon et al to Chester E. & Pearl F. Heselman, 9-6-60, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Blk. 21, Elmwood, \$2,000. Ted G. & Margaret L. Hall to Glenn D. Knop & Frances J., 9-7-60, Pt. blk. 12, Elmwood, \$1. John D. & Elizabeth C. Kelly to Mary Kelly, 9-30-60, Lots 678, 679, 680, 681 & 682, Greenwood, \$1. John F. & Clara Wehrbein to Fred N. Wehrbein, 10-1-60, W1/2 NE1/4, 18-12-13, \$1. Grace Born et al to Franklin H. Wehrbein, 8-6-60, W1/2 NW1/4 & W1/2 SW1/4, 35-12-12, \$1. Fredator Counties The office of County Clerk here recently paid these predator bounties (\$2.50 each for fox or coyote): H. F. Luetchens, Murdock, fox; Ralph Gansemmer, Plattsmouth, fox; Art Helwig, Plattsmouth, fox.