

Political Notes

By Frank Nye

Counting Chickens?

SOUTHWEST IOWA Republican legislators are the most closely knit political unit in the state and in the last session the Seventh (southwest) congressional district had more of 'em per capita than the others.

They not only meet weekly during legislative sessions but also get together regularly between sessions.

Those lads seem so cocksure the G.O.P. is going to score a landslide victory in Iowa this year that they'll probably hold their own contest for speaker of the 1969 house.

Likely candidates at this juncture are Reps. William Harbor (R-Henderson) and Lester Kluever (R-Atlantic). Whether Rep. Maurice Van Nostrand (R-Avoca) will hold still for this remains to be seen. He was assistant Republican house leader last session and probably would like to move up. In fact, he considered seriously running for governor this year before deciding to support Candidate Robert Ray.

Rep. Floyd Millen (R-Farmington), the 1967 Republican leader, isn't planning to run for that post again. A possible successor is Rep. Ralph McCartney (R-Charles City). Then, too, the story is going the rounds that Rep. Harold "Grumpy" Fischer (R-Wellsburg) is in line for appropriations committee chairman should the Southwest Iowa boys predominate.

All this, of course, is contingent on the lads named above being re-elected to the house, where terms are for only two years.

We recall that when he was a state representative, William H. Nicholas (R-Mason City), got so busy running for speaker he overlooked the fact that to be eligible for that job he had to be re-elected to the house. Yep, he lost his house seat that year (1948). But he came back to win the lieutenant governorship in 1950 and again in 1956.

Too Political

STATE SENATOR ROGER JEPSEN (R-Davenport) was the scheduled speaker at the Cedar Rapids Thursday noon Lions club last week. Jepsen was there all right but he introduced a colleague, State Senator John Walsh (R-Dubuque) to tell the club about the Iowans Lend-a-Hand project they started with two other colleagues, Senators Arthur Neu (R-Carroll) and James A. Potgeiter (R-Steamboat Rock) to help South Vietnamese citizens.

Afterward, Jepsen explained: "I knew a talk before a service club had to be non-political but I'm so wrapped up in politics I couldn't give one so I got John to come down."

Jepsen is a candidate for the G.O.P. nomination for lieutenant governor.

Sleepless Ones Too

MY, HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. Iowa originally meant "sleepy ones" according to the fellow who stirred up the controversy with his "Last of the Sleeping Ones" piece of sculpture for the statehouse grounds.

But if Iowa was full of "sleepy ones" a century or so ago, which we doubt, it has some who go without sleep today. Take Congressman John Culver of the Second district for example. On May 15 John put in a full day's work in the house of representatives then took off for Malta in the Mediterranean to deliver a paper at the annual Anglo-American Parliamentary Conference on Africa. He planned to outline the views that prompted him to amend the foreign aid act declaring a U.S. policy in favor of fostering new concepts of government to meet special needs of emerging nations.

He left Washington at 6 p.m. Central Daylight Time, arrived in London six hours later and one hour after that (1 a.m. CDT) took off for Malta, arriving at 4:30 a.m. CDT on Thursday, May 16 (shortly after noon Malta time). After lunch he attended a conference session and went to dinner, where he was paged and given a cable (at 1 p.m. CDT, May 16) informing him that Oelwein and Maynard had been hit by a tornado.

He made arrangements to take the earliest flight back to the U.S., leaving Malta at 8 p.m. (CDT) May 16, arriving in London at 1 a.m. (CDT) Friday, May 17. He left London at 5:15 a.m. (CDT) May 17 and arrived in Chicago at 3 p.m. CDT May 17, went through customs, and boarded a 4:55 p.m. flight, arriving in Cedar Rapids at 6 p.m. CDT May 17.

Culver and his staff held a conference to go over programs available to disaster areas and he finally got to bed for the first time in 64 hours at 11 p.m. CDT May 17. He was up and on his way to Oelwein and Maynard bright and early Saturday, May 18.

Oh, for the life of a congressman.

What's This?

WHO SHOWED UP at a \$5 testimonial dinner with a testimonial for State Auditor Lloyd Smith, a Republican, on May 8 but former state Democratic Chairman Jake More of Harlan.

Iowa Democrats haven't been too gentle with Jake since replacing him a few years back with Duke Norberg. Can this mean Jake's changing party affiliations?

Okay, okay. We just asked.

Schroeder for Ray

FORMER REPUBLICAN State Chairman Robert D. Ray picked a good fund-raiser in former State Senator Jack Schroeder of Bettendorf, lawyer and insurance executive.

It was announced last week that Schroeder will head a statewide \$50-a-plate fund-raising dinner committee for Ray, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

Schroeder has had considerable experience in this area. In late 1965 he headed the fund-raising team for U.S. Senator Jack Miller's re-election and a dinner brought in over \$100,000.

Ray is convalescing at home from surgery on a broken ankle suffered in a plane crash a few weeks ago.

Incidentally, just before he was released from the hospital Ray received a box of homemade doughnuts from Arlene Welch, who operates the Lincoln Grill in Ogden.

Ray ate dinner there the night his plane crashed and complimented her highly on her doughnuts. He left Ogden to make a talk at Boone before leaving by plane for Fayette. The plane crashed a few minutes later.

Paging Avis

PITY POOR BILL Plymat, the Des Moines insurance executive and lawyer who's running for the Republican nomination for U.S. senator. On a recent evening he stayed all night in Sioux City after campaigning in Northwest Iowa.

He arose at an early hour and drove to Des Moines for a meeting. Then, because he's driving a lightweight car and the wind was blowing up gales, he took the afternoon train to Davenport and rented a Hertz auto for a drive to Clinton where he had a speaking engagement at a dinner.

About 12 miles south of Clinton the car ran out of gas. Bill wangled two gallons out of a friendly farmer, after waiting for him to nail a bit of paneling into place in his basement, and arrived in Clinton five minutes late.

Oh for the life of a candidate!

A Sly One

THAT CHARLIE Wittenmeyer of Davenport, Iowa's committeeman on the Republican national committee, is a sly one.

Last March 15 he sent a letter to the 99 county Republican chairmen and to their 99 vice-chairmen announcing his candidacy for another four-year term. In it he outlined the reasons why he deserved to keep the important post.

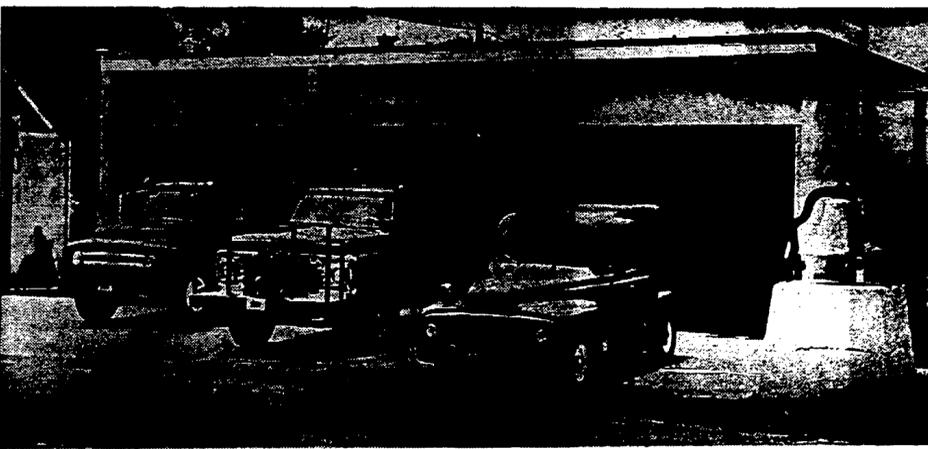
In the last sentence, Charlie asked for support at the



—Gazette photos by L. W. Ward

Open House June 9

Coggon area residents will get a chance to take a look at the town's new fire truck during an open house at the fire station June 9. Fire Chief Lawrence Rowe is shown with the new truck above and the department's three vehicles are shown below. The new truck, which cost \$15,000, was delivered in April. The fire station, which cost \$20,000, was completed in December, 1965. Fire District No. 7 is manned by 23 volunteers and serves Coggon and some rural areas.



state Republican presidential convention April 16-17 in Des Moines. Just to make sure recipients knew he was in dead earnest, Charlie mischievously attached this post script:

"As chairman of housing for Iowa, all requests for accommodations at Miami Beach should be sent to me."

Miami Beach? Oh yes, that's the place where Republicans will gather Aug. 5 to choose their 1968 presidential nominee.

As things turned out, Charlie could have got by without the "threat." He was unanimously elected without opposition. So was Mary Louise Smith of Des Moines the national committeewoman.

Newsy Notes . . .

THE LEAGUE OF Women Voters of Cedar Rapids and Marion, which does such a thorough and objective job in its continuing effort to upgrade and modernize government at all levels, and in conducting "Meet the Candidates" nights, is conducting its annual fiance drive . . . All the league is asking is \$3,000 for 1968-69 . . . Send contributions to League of Women Voters, YWCA, 318 Fifth Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 52401 . . .

The Delaware county Jane Jeffersons will honor Congressman Culver at a buffet supper next Sunday (June 2) from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Farm Bureau building in Manchester . . . It is open to the public according to our informant, Mrs. Harry Sullivan of Ryan . . .

There's an article about how Iowa Republicans are keeping G.O.P. presidential aspirants guessing in the June issue of Harper's . . . Its author is John Corry, national reporter for the New York Times, who spent some time in Iowa a few weeks ago gathering material . . . One line from the article: "Iowa looks like, and is, what America was supposed to be and probably never was."

Summer Church Events Set

HARPERS FERRY — The boats will leave from Babe's boat landing.

Pastors in the area will share the service duties. A coffee hour will follow each service. Mrs. Martin Cota of Harpers Ferry will be hostess.

Masses for Catholic visitors will be held at St. Joseph's at Paint Rock or St. Ann's at Harpers Ferry at 5:30, 7 and 9 a.m.

Other officers for the project are Mrs. Sidney Stedman, Hawkeye, secretary; Mrs. Charles Cota, Harpers Ferry, treasurer, and Mrs. John Thiele, Harpers Ferry, contact lady.

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Summer Calendar

Community-wide events in The Gazette circulation area, sponsored by civic groups, may be published in the summer calendar, which will appear in this section every Sunday until Sept. 1. For listing, items must be received by the State Desk, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by Friday noon before the Sunday to be published.

May

May 26—Annual Reinbeck Town and Country Saddle club horse show, Grundy Center fairground, 12:30 p.m.

May 30—Roly Boly tournament at 1 p.m.; 'copter rides from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Koszta.

June

June 2—Opening of Delaware County Historical museum at Hopkinton, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

June 2—Miss Belle Plaine pageant in evening at high school gym.

June 7-8—Jaycee carnival at Center Point. Booster club barbecue on June 8, downtown.

June 10-15—Steamboat days at Burlington. Al Hirt to perform at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. June 15, Memorial auditorium; auto show at 7:30 p.m. June 11; teen dance at 7 p.m., June 12; Jam sessions at 7 and 9:30 p.m., June 13; parade at 11 a.m. and variety shows in afternoon, June 15.

June 18 — Trail dance sponsored by Williamsburg Community club.

June 21-22—Millersburg Booster club's fourth annual celebration. Parades, talent show, baking contest.

June 22 — Annual Greeley day, at Greeley.

July

July 4—Jaycee celebration in Dysart, parade.

July 4—Fireworks display in evening at Franklin park, Belle Plaine.

July 4, 5, 6 — Diamond Jubilee celebration of What Cheer Opera House. Parade July 4; children's parade, July 6; shows at opera house afternoon and evening each day.

July 4, 5, 6 — Victor Centennial.

July 7 — Annual Horse Show at Oxford Junction.

July 12, 14, — Wyoming fair.

July 17—Poweshiek county 125th anniversary celebration at Montezuma. Parade July 17.

July 19-20—Annual Quasqueton celebration.

July 19-20 — Keokuk county fair at What Cheer.

July 23-29 — Nordic Fest at Decorah.

July 29—Annual Kalona horse show, 7 p.m.

July 29 - Aug. 6 — Annual Dyersville baseball tournament and queen pageant. Queen's contest Aug. 3.

July 30—Annual Kalona tractor pull, 7:30 p.m.

August

Aug. 8-11 — Mesquakie Indian powwow at Tama. Performances at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Wellman Native Librarian of IWC

MT. PLEASANT — A 1963 graduate of Iowa Wesleyan college, Gordon W. Miller, will return to IWC to become head librarian starting Sept. 1.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Miller went on to receive a master's degree in library science from George Peabody college for teachers, Nashville, Tenn., in 1966. The new library, expected to be completed for occupancy in the fall of 1968, increases book volume space from the present 54,000 volumes in the PEO Memorial library to approximately 150,000 volumes. Miller, a native of Wellman, will be responsible for the services a modern library affords its users, maintenance of the book collection and general administrative duties of the library.

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- Kodak 25 kit . . . Was \$59.95 . . . Now \$25.00
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- Essilor Topcon B . . . Was \$275.00 . . . Now \$179.95
- Contaflex Prime w/case . . . Was \$139.00 . . . Now \$18.50
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- Niranda F35 reflex . . . Was \$205.00 . . . Now \$ 89.95
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- Kodak Electric 8 mm. Was \$79.50 . . . Now \$ 31.75
- Kodak Zoom 8. Was \$119.50 . . . Now \$ 43.50
- Sanyo 8 CM Zoom. Was \$89.95 . . . Now \$ 39.95
- Fujica Zoom 8 Deluxe. Was \$249.50 . . . Now \$139.50
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- Fisher 440 Receiver, FM stereo. Was \$229.50. Now \$225.00
 - H-K FA3000X stereo receiver. Was \$239.95. Now \$139.95
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