

Republican leadership shakeup seen for state

By PAUL ALBRIGHT
CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A drastic shakeup in the Republican leadership of the Wyoming legislature is in store for the 1973 session after Tuesday's primary election resulted in defeat of Sen. Howard Flitner, R-Greybull.

Flitner lost a re-election bid in Big Horn County. He had been in line to be Republican floor leader in the Senate in the 1973 session if the GOP maintained its control of the upper chamber.

Flitner's loss elevated State Sen. Don Jewett, R-Big Piney, into the floor leader's position if the Republicans retain their system of using senior members for such jobs.

State Sen. Percy Davis, R-Riverton, could be in line for the vice president's post since he has two nonconsecutive terms behind him already. State Sen. Richard Tobin, R-Casper, who was not up for election this year, is expected to be Senate president.

Flitner was one of three Republican senators to be defeated for renomination. The other losers were Sens. Nick

Geis of Worland and Fremont Miller of Burris.

Other incumbent legislators sidelined were Reps. James Wilcox, R-Douglas, and Allen Fordyce, D-Sheridan.

The House also will have leadership shakeups after 1971 Republican floor leader Bill Craft of Greybull decided to challenge Flitner for the Senate. Craft also lost in the four-man race with former Lovell Mayor Cal Taggart winning the nomination.

Craft's departure apparently will put Rep. Harold Hellbaum, R-Chugwater, in line to be speaker pro tem and open the way for Rep. Nels Smith of Sundance to be GOP floor leader. Rep. Cliff Davis of Gillette is in line to be speaker of the

House—again if the Republicans control the House.

Republican sources say they see they see three Senate seats in danger of being lost to the Democrats in the fall. They are in Albany County, Sweetwater County and the combined Washakie-Hot Springs district.

But the GOP is expected to win the additional seat added to the Campbell-Johnson County senatorial district to allow them to maintain their majority in the Senate in 1973.

In the House, all 62 seats are to be filled but the Republicans have a dozen seats virtually sewed up because the Democrats did not file opponents. The Republicans need victory in only 20 of 45 contests to control the House.

Geis lost to former County Commissioner Stanford Smith in the newly designed district of Washakie and Hot Springs counties.

Miller and Davis were thrown into a primary against each other when reapportionment changed the makeup of their district.

Willcox was downed by former legislator William Cross in a battle that included reaction to zoning proposals in Converse County.

Fordyce was sponsor of legislation in the 1971 session to legalize game farms and this apparently led to his rejection by the Democratic party in his home county Tuesday.

Police shoot to be Friday

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — About 90 law enforcement officers from across the state will compete in the annual highway patrol shooting match here Friday.

Officials said the top award out of the two-day event will be the Jack Gerigan travelling trophy. It goes to the shooter with the highest aggregate score.

It is named after a Cheyenne policeman killed in the line of duty. Since its establishment in 1966, the highway patrol and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department shooters have split the honor, each winning three times.

Officials said 75 awards will be presented Saturday. Thirty-five communities will be represented.



Rejection elated Wyoming woman

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — A Wyoming woman who has a part in shaping the delegate allocation process that the Republican National Convention approved Tuesday night was elated at the convention's rejection of a liberal amendment.

Estelle Stacy, of Douglas, Wyo. was not a delegate, but she served on the original rules committee that drafted an allocation formula and sent it to the national committee.

The big state liberals had tried to change the rules at the con-

vention so that their states would be given the more favorable delegate total. That effort lost by a wide margin: The vote was 434-910.

"I was happy with the vote," Mrs. Stacy said. "I think that it was more than a vote of philosophies, it was a vote on giving every state an opportunity of really participating in political affairs." The adopted rule gives the states extra delegates depending on Republican successes in elections for president, governor and senators.

"If we had lost (the effort to defeat the amendment) Wyoming would have had very little voice in what goes on in this party," Mrs. Stacy said.

Marina Cooke, Powell, Wyo., and Mrs. Stacy said the Wyoming group was firm in its opposition to another idea — the question of apportioning delegates on the basis of sex or race or age. The quota idea of opening the party to wider participation was what got the Democrats in trouble, they said.

The Wyoming delegation supported one change to the platform Tuesday. That proposal made a stronger statement in behalf of Indians than was in the draft.

The convention approved a strong party commitment to self-determination for Indians, and a sensitivity to giving Indians promotions and important jobs in the agencies that guide the federal government's "stewardship" of Indian matters.

Mrs. Cooke said she could not understand why the plank was not in the platform to begin with. "It seemed as though somebody let the time slip by," she said.



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Reserve champion

Reserve champion Arabian mare at the 1972 Wyoming State Fair was exhibited by Cheryl Dent of Worland. The 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vale Dent and her mare Shareyn are at State Fair in Douglas for the first time.

Victim placed on death toll

The Wyoming Highway Patrol has added the name of a Gary, Indiana man killed Aug. 5 in Grand Teton National Park to the state's 1972 traffic death count.

The addition of Dennis Kagan pushes the toll to 140, compared to 112 through Aug. 23 of last year.

The man died in a one-car rollover 1½ miles north of the Snake River Overlook in the northwestern Wyoming park.

A companion was injured. Both persons were thrown out of the car and Kagan died in a Jackson hospital shortly after the accident.

The patrol said the accident occurred on State Highway 26-89-187, but the federal ownership of the land raised a question about whether the name could be placed on the state toll. That decision was reached Tuesday.

Sen. Cliff Hansen tells of travel meet

LOVELL, Wyo. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Cliff Hansen, R-Wyo. Wednesday announced a meeting in Jackson Sept. 12 between travel officials of seven Rocky Mountain states to discuss ways of increasing tourist spending in the area.

He said a 20-man team from the United States Travel Service will also attend the meeting. Representatives of Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Utah will attend.

The senator made the announcement while on a tour with retired Sen. John Williams of Delaware. He said the travel service team will hold other meetings in the northern Wyoming area.

Hansen said the service has estimated some 25 million foreign tourists could visit the U.S. during the 1976 bicentennial. He said the team will meet with local officials to discuss ways of increasing and promoting foreign tourism of the area.

Hansen will be in the western part of the state Thursday and will attend the state fair at Douglas Friday.

He also said the Bureau of

Outdoor Recreation has given \$12,500 to the Shoshone Recreation District for installation of bleachers and other work at a multi-purpose athletic facility in Cody.

By J. PHILLIP MAGERS

CHEYENNE (UPI) — Tavern owner Mike Vinich of Hudson, pledging support to Sen. George McGovern "and the people," was nominated Tuesday by Wyoming Democrats to try to unseat Sen. Clifford P. Hansen, R-Wyo., in the November general election.

With 423 of 448 precincts reported, Vinich had 14,820 votes. Also-rans William E. Fritchell had 4,051 votes, Doyle Henry had 5,135 and Patrick Shanklin had 4,216. The losers all were from Casper.

Tavern operator wins nomination

By PAUL ALBRIGHT
CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A tavern operator who worked in a Washington congressional office a few months has won the Democratic nomination in Wyoming to try for a six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Mike Vinich, 48, Hudson, Wyo., brushed off three political newcomers from Casper to win the party designation in a statewide primary race Tuesday.

In the Republican race for nomination to Wyoming's only seat in Congress, stock broker Bill Kidd of Casper defeated State Sen. John Patton of Sheridan. Trailing them were two

minor candidates, Arthur Linde of Laramie and Albert Hamberg of Torrington.

Vinich did little campaigning in the primary as did Hansen and Roncalio. Kidd and Patton staged the most spirited race although they were not far apart on Republican philosophy.

Vinich worked a few months in 1971 as Roncalio's administrative assistant before returning to Wyoming where he opened a bar at Hudson. He formerly was state director of unemployment services and unsuccessful candidate for the Democrats in 1970 for the state auditor's post.

Hansen, 59, unopposed for renomination to run for his second six-year Senate term, had 38,922 votes.

Vinich, a former aide to Rep. Teno Roncalio, D-Wyo., overwhelmed his three opponents, all of whom were virtually unknown and campaigned little. The three picked up only minimal support throughout the state.

Vinich received the news of his victory in the bar he owns and operates in Hudson. He immediately pledged to rally Democrats, many disenchanted with the McGovern nomination, for

the November election.

"I personally will support McGovern," said Vinich while his customers cheered. "I think McGovern has one of the finest labor voting records of any senator."

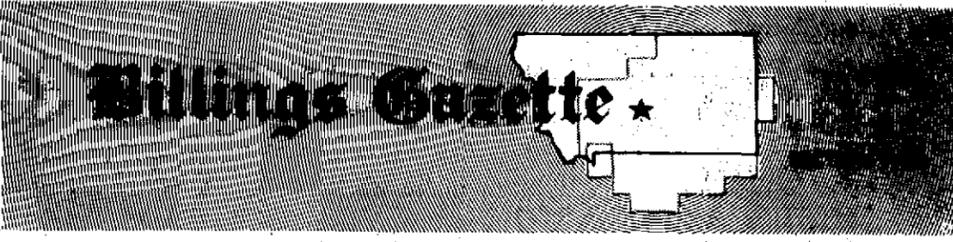
"We have to stand together as Democrats. This is the chance of the people." Vinich did not campaign strenuously but went on record opposed to revenue sharing, predator control and the U. S. involvement in Vietnam which he said had to be ended quickly.

"Fifty thousand young men have given their lives in an undeclared war and that's too many," Vinich said. "We talk peace one day and we bomb the next."

Henry, who claimed to be a descendant of Revolutionary War figure Patrick Henry, said his candidacy offered the only "statesmanship stance" in the race. The vacuum cleaner salesman favored withdrawal from Vietnam and legalization of marijuana.

Fritchell, who called himself a conservative Democrat, claimed business ties with labor dating back to 1948 and pledged support to the McGovern-Shriver ticket if nominated.

Shanklin, a former television repairman who became a salesman, opposed gun control and revenue sharing and wanted a return to the silver standard. He said Vietnam was an "illegitimate war" and called for an immediate pullout of all U. S. troops.



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Young champion

He's young, but he knows how to win prizes. Ten-year old Irvin 4-H horse Drummer Boy. Irvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Bard of Sheridan received champion thoroughbred stallion with his

4-H horse Drummer Boy. Irvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Bard, and is exhibiting for the first time at State Fair in Douglas.

Women candidates generally fared well

CHEYENNE (AP) — Women candidates for state legislative posts generally received favorable notice from voters Tues-

day but the wife of a former Wyoming congressman was sidelined by two male opponents.

Jane Wold of Casper, wife of ex-congressman John Wold, trailed two men in a three-way race for two Republican nominations to the state Senate in Natrona County.

That leaves just incumbent legislator June Boyle of Laramie as the only woman in a race for the state Senate this fall. Mrs. Boyle, who is now a state representative, was unopposed in the Democratic primary in Albany County.

The only other woman now in the legislature, State Rep. Nancy Peternal of Kemmerer won renomination without opposition.

Only other woman to fail in a bid for nomination was Betty King of Dixon who trailed three men in the Carbon County Democratic House primary.

Women winning nomination to the general election for house seats were: Albany County — Emma Joe Spiegelberg, Matilda Anne Hansen and Mrs. Boyle, all of Laramie.

Campbell — Catherine Parks of Weston.

Laramie — Ellen Crowley and Elizabeth Phelan, both of Cheyenne.

Natrona — Anne Humberston and Mrs. Edness Kimball Wilkins, both of Casper and Maxine Patterson of Edgerton.

Sheridan — Eunice M. McEwan of Sheridan.

Mrs. Phelan, a former state representative, led the ticket in the Democratic voting in Laramie County. Mrs. Wilkins is trying a comeback after formerly serving many years in both House and Senate.

Mrs. Patterson is mayor of Edgerton and Mrs. McEwan is sister-in-law of Supreme Court Justice Leonard McEwan.

4-H Club youths win

DOUGLAS, Wyo. (AP) — Youths representing 4-H Clubs won the first two places in the wool fleece competition Tuesday at the Wyoming State Fair.

The sweepstakes award went to Max Snylie of Douglas while the reserve champion fleece was submitted by Ken Maxwell of Lusk.

Future Farmers of America chapters from Meeteetse and Hot Springs County finished third and fourth in the competition.

In the range wool class, George Lebar of Douglas won the championship ram fleece and Smith Sheep Co. of Douglas had the champion ewe fleece.

Fair officials said 15 girls are entered in the competition for the Miss Rodeo Wyoming title. They will be trying to succeed Lael Wilhelm of Wheatland as queen.

The new queen is to be selected Friday.

The entries announced Tuesday were:

Donna Allison, Wheatland; Tamra Corsi, Etna; Laurel Lockhart, Riverton; Wanda Twitchell, Lander; Cynthia Hoffer, Evanston; Linda Simons, Beulah; Pat Green, Laramie; Trudy Owens, Wilson; Shelly Holmes, Sheridan; Sue Mueller, Cheyenne; Debbie Flanagan, Cody; Martha Harris, Torrington; Donelle Marquis, Campbell County; Chris Romios, Encampment; and Diana Hepp, Banner.

Some yes, and some no

By The Associated Press
Bond proposals and other questions met mixed fates in four Wyoming towns during Tuesday's primary election.

In Laramie, a \$110,000 proposal for a new jail was defeated. The unofficial vote, with only three precincts in the city not reporting, was 3,240 against and 2,381 for the proposal.

Torrington and Gosben County voters defeated two plans for zoning. The plan for a three-mile land-use zoning circle around Torrington lost, 3,146 to 803.

A proposal to create a countywide zoning plan lost 3,221 to 744.

Buffalo voters passed a \$557,000 water bond proposal for improvements to the water supply, 1,217 to 111 votes.

And in Green River, voters approved a change in a highway route to accommodate a railroad overpass, 1,194 to 171.

Extradition hearing set

STILLWATER, Minn. (AP) — An extradition hearing is scheduled Tuesday at 9 a.m. for George Costello, 32, who is sought by the state of Wyoming in connection with the death of a Minnesota woman two years ago.

Costello has been charged in the death of Eunice Kratochvil, 33, of White Bear Lake, Minn., whose body was found near Cheyenne, Wyo., but wasn't identified until April.

Costello has been arrested and freed, but he was re-arrested June 6 and is now free on \$15,000 bail.

The Washington County attorney's office will handle extradition procedures for the state of Wyoming.

Legislative nominees listed

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UPI) — This is a list of nominees for seats in the Wyoming Legislature from unofficial returns on the certified primary vote:

Albany County
House — Republican: Vern Brezelski, Bob J. Burnett, Joe L. Chastain, G. B. Bob Engewald and Emma Jo Springberg, all of Laramie. Democrat: Roger Gonsales, Mallie Anne Haras, Frank Mendicino, Gene Smith and Dennis C. Stickle, all of Laramie.

Big Horn County
Senate — Republican: Col S. Tarrant Lovell. House—Republican: James O. Muckler, Basie and Ward G. Myers, Lovell.

Bonanza County
Senate — Republican: Perry T. Davis, Riverton. House — Republican: Gary Jennings, Bruce McMillan, Roy Peck and Walt Rhodes, all of Riverton, and Harold S. Mader of Lander.

Laramie County
Senate — Republican: Tom Seal, Cheyenne. Democrat: Richard Larson, Albert and T. B. Jones, Cheyenne. Democrat: William O. Rector, Glenn T. Rogers and J. W. Norris, all of Cheyenne. House—Republican: William K. Anderson, Glen Crowley, Gus Fritchell, Jack R. Unger, Rich Hoy, Bill Loyer, Bob Morley, William Murray, Dean T. Prosser Jr.,

Robert P. Schlicke and Donald L. Schaefer, all of Cheyenne. Democrat: Arthur Back, Jim Choate, Albert J. Cranston, James T. Hays, Hodger McDaniel, Peter J. Mulvaney, Mrs. W. B. Phelan, Larry E. Schiert, John R. Smyth, Walter C. Urbigli Jr. and Edwin S. Whitehead, all of Cheyenne.

Natrona County
Senate — Republican: Richard K. Laro and Joe Purke, both of Casper. House — Republican: William S. Curry, Russ Donley, William R. Larnshaw, Patrick H. Meenan, Warren A. Morton, William A. Muller, Walter A. Sarge, Jack Sisk, Richard S. Troot and Dwayne Durland True, all of Casper. Democrat: Robert Adams, Milton Coffman Jr., Max Hagar, Anne B. Humberston, John M. Kelly, Chuck Morrison, Dick Sader, Joe W. Stewart, Mrs. Edness Kimball, all of Casper, and Maxine Patterson, of Edgerton.

Park County
House — Republican: Ross D. Coppenhaver, Forest, and Robert W. Flahay and Allan K. Simpson, both of Cody.

Sheridan County
House — Republican: J. Leonard Grayham, Dayton and Rex O. Arrey and Farnworth M. Downing, both of Sheridan. Democrat: James A. Lane, Ramona M.

McEwan and William B. O'Neil, all of Sheridan.

Sweetwater County
House — Democrat: Irving L. Roth, Green River and Gary M. Greenbush, all of L. W. Jack Jones of Rock Springs. House — Republican: Harry L. Harris, Evanston.

Campbell-Johnson County
Senate — Republican: L. V. Stafford, Buffalo and John C. O'Connell of Gillette. Hot Springs — Washakie. Senate — Republican: Stanford S. Smith, Thermopole.

Vote Returns

Wyoming Senate, Democrat 457 of 448 pres. votes 14,125, Henry 5,700, Fritchell 1,524, Stansbury 1,022.
Wyoming House, Republican 447 of 448 pres. votes 33,002, Kidd 24,000, Linde 1,000, Hansen 1,000.
Wyoming Senate, Republican 477 of 448 pres. votes 34,519.
Wyo. House, Democrat 477 of 448 pres. votes 34,519.