

The Capitol Week

Helena—(U.P.)—Whether a person can file on both the Democratic and Republican tickets for the same office in the July primary is a question that has brought unofficial shrugs at the state capital.

The question drifted over from Garfield County.

Norman S. Robertson, Jordan, reportedly filed for state representative on the Democratic ticket and then asked to have his name also entered on the Republican ballot. The County Clerk assertedly accepted the fee for the Republican filing but declined to enter it in the absence of competent advice.

Although Atty. Gen. R. V. Bottomly had not been asked for an opinion, there were various curbsome legal opinions at the capitol. Virtually everyone agreed that Robertson could not file on both tickets, but his attorney assertedly told him he could.

The law seemed plain, however, that he could accept only one nomination.

Meanwhile, with the June 5 deadline nine days away, only 16 state and congressional candidates had filed nominating petitions with Sec. of State Sam Mitchell.

The Lineup was:

United States Senator:
Democratic Ticket, Leif Erickson
Republican Ticket, R. E. Skeen, Billings, Zales Ecton, Manhattan.

Congressman:
First District (Republican), none;
Democratic, Mike Mansfield, Missoula, incumbent.

Second District (Republican) Wesley A. D'Ewart, Wilsall, incumbent;
Democratic, John J. Holmes, Helena, Supreme Court (non partisan):

Associate Justice, Lee Metcalf, Hamilton; Albert Anderson, Helena.
Chief Justice, C. F. Morris, incumbent associate, Helena.

Clerk, Frank Murray, incumbent, Helena.

Railroad Commission:
Democratic ticket, Paul Smith, incumbent, Helena.
Republican ticket, none.

The State Highway Commission has sold \$1,500,000 bonds under the issue approved last June at a net interest rate of .9719 of one percent which officials said was the lowest rate Montana securities had been sold at.

The bonds, running 10 years and callable in five, will be issued to retire the same amount of debentures June 30. The highway department reported there was sufficient money in its "sinking" fund to retire the remaining \$1,500,000 in outstanding bonds.

The Highway Debenture Act of 1945 empowers the commission to sell up to \$12,000,000 in highway treasury anticipation debentures for a construction program, but outstanding bonds must be retired before debentures can be issued for new construction.

EXTENSION SERVICE SPONSORS TOUR

Saturday, May 18th, a tour was held at Eureka to show the farmers of that area the results of the grass demonstration plots planted by the Soil Conservation Service. This tour was under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Erickson, Work Unit Leader of the Tobacco Valley Soil Conservation District.

Stops were made by the small grain trial yield nursery planted on the Wilfred Johnson ranch, Eureka; the grass demonstration plot on R. B. Mullens ranch, Eureka; the grass plot on Peter Borov's ranch, Rexford, and lastly to see some grass seeding done on Gust Soderling's ranch this spring using a deep furrow drill provided by the Soil Conservation District.

These grass plots consisting of about 12 different varieties were planted in duplicate. One set planted in the fall of 1944 and the duplicate set in the spring of 1945. The fall seeding generally showed the best. According to Mr. Erickson the land was selected because it was considered too poor for crop production and at the time of the fall seeding, both plots were extremely dry and stayed dry all fall. These conditions were considered to be tough enough to give quite conclusive evidence as to which varieties would be of value to use in reseeding work to be done in the valley.

Some of the varieties represented were: Western Wheat Grass, Slender Wheat Grass, Siberian Wheat Grass, Crested Wheat Grass, Smooth Brome Grass, Mountain Brome, Bulbous Blue Grass, Orchard Grass, Meadow Fescue, Alta Fescue and tall Oat Grass. Of these crested wheat grass stood out by far the best in quality of stand and in

amount of forage. Some of the others which showed promise were slender wheat grass, smooth brome, Orchard grass and bulbous blue grass. None of the others looked at all promising. One of the surprising things was the way the orchard grass considered to be an irrigated pasture grass and one which requires a good deal of moisture. From the results shown, we felt a mixture of crested wheat, slender wheat and brome grass to be the best to use in reseeding work with a good deal of consideration given to orchard grass.

It was too early for the small grains nursery to show results as yet but the stop was made to point out the work being carried out and results will be published later. This nursery was put out by the Extension Service in cooperation with Montana State College Experiment Station. This was put out to give some idea of the varieties of oats, barley and wheat best adopted to the area.

The stop at the reseeding done by Mr. Soderling was to show the kind of job which can be done in reseeding grass in cheat grass sod by using the deep furrow drill. This equipment cuts a deep furrow in the toughest sod and pushes it away from the seedlings enabling them to get a foothold before the cheat grass and other grass can smother them. He obtained a nice stand from his planting this spring.

Demonstrational work such as this is the best way that agencies such as the Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service have of checking on the recommendations put out by the Experiment Station as applied to the counties in which we work. They also have value in pointing out to the farmers of the county, proof that our recommendations are based on as sound evidence as it is possible to provide.

J. G. JONES
County Agent.

WE THANK YOU

In this way, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our friends for the many acts of kindness shown us during our recent illness. Especially do we want to thank Dr. Clark and the hospital staff in Eureka for such excellent care and consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Stryker, Montana.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all those who were so kind and thoughtful at the time of the death of our husband and father, especially for the beautiful floral offerings and words of sympathy. Thanks to those who sang the lovely songs at the service and to Rev. Arvid Erickson for his comforting sermon.

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