

The Capitol Week

Helena—(U.P.)—The defeat of Sen. B. K. Wheeler for the democratic nomination for United States Senator was national news of considerable magnitude. Wheeler had been invincible since 1922 when he was first elected to the senate. Each time he won renomination and reelection with impressive majorities. This time Wheeler lost his own county of Silver Bow to Leif Erickson who this year as in the campaign two years ago for governorship had the support of farm and labor groups. But analysis of the primary election results indicates that various reasons contributed to Wheeler's defeat. Some observers believe the main cause was a general feeling of many voters that it was time for a change. There were apparently several factors that contributed to the result. It is obvious that many veterans voted against Wheeler. Roosevelt democrats were unhappy about his relations with the late president. President Truman's indorsement of Wheeler and inferred attack on Erickson didn't seem to help the senator. The five largest counties returned majorities against Wheeler. He made his best relative showing in some of the eastern counties but did not do well enough in the important population centers. Erickson, who won the nomination for governor in 1944 but was defeated by Gov. Sam C. Ford in the finals, will be opposed by Sen. Zales N. Ecton of Gallatin county, wheat farmer and stockman. It seems to be the best guess that the republican state organization will

be solidly for Ecton, which would not have been the case if Wheeler had been nominated because of the following Wheeler had in republican ranks, especially among business and professional men and large stockmen. An interesting race is in prospect for congressman from the first or western district. Congressman Mike Mansfield, Missoula faces Walter R. Rankin, Bozeman, World war II veteran, who won the republican nomination handily from Robert C. Line, Missoula, and M. S. Galasso, Butte. In the second district Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart, republican, and State Auditor John J. Holmes, were unopposed for the nominations. Associate Justice Hugh R. Adair easily topped the list of aspirants for the nomination for chief justice with Harrison J. Freebourn, Butte, former attorney general, the second man. For the associate justice nominations former Justice Albert Anderson was in front. Lee Metcalf of Hamilton appeared to have won the other place. Railroad Commissioner Paul T. Smith had no primary rival for renomination. On the republican side George Davis, Helena, won in a field of three. Supreme Court Clerk Frank Murray, democrat, and Lawrence Heller had no opponents for the nomi-

nation for that office. As has been the case in Montana primary elections the last few years the vote on the democratic ticket was considerably greater than on the republican side, but if the precedent of those years is repeated there will be a big shift toward at least some of the republican candidates in November. It is anticipated that the congressional campaigns will be vigorously fought. Both national committees have much at stake. The democrats are trying to keep control of congress and the republicans think they see a chance to make important gains. In view of the fact that President Truman intervened in the Montana democratic primary and was in effect repudiated by the democrats when they nominated Erickson, no substantial consolation for the president is seen regardless of who is elected senator this fall. POSTWAR PLANNING COMM. MAKES FINAL REPORT Helena—(U.P.)—The state postwar planning and construction commission has completed the job for which it was created by the 1945 legislature and is agreed on a final report recommending expenditure of \$4,260,361 at state insti-

tutions and building and for reclamation. It was explained that the next step in the plan outlined by the legislature was employment of the state board of examiners of architects and engineers. Money to be expended was from a \$5,000,000 surplus fund impounded by the legislature in a postwar construction fund. The Commission of which Gov. Sam C. Ford is chairman at its final meeting reported the fund had been increased \$35,000 by investment of \$4,000,000 in

United States securities and asked that the state reinvest the money as available. The commission added \$35,000 to the former recommendations including \$15,000 for a water tower at the girls vocational school here and \$10,000 for a water supply system at the Boulder Training School.

INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEES DISCUSS BASIN PROGRAM

Helena—(U.P.)—The Missouri Basin Inter-Agency committee, coordinating body for development of the Missouri River valley, will meet here July 24 and 25 to study Montana projects included in the multi-million dollar program. The committee is comprised of the governors of Montana, Wyoming, Missouri, Nebraska and was set up to provide means through which field representatives of the federal agencies participating in the de-

velopment could interchange information and coordinate activities. The committee met in Billings in September, 1945. Pre-construction work was well under way on several of the 11 Montana projects including Canyon Ferry dam near here which the committee will visit during the two-day meeting. Among the other projects slated for discussion was the Marias unit in Northern Montana. The Treasure State, under present plans, would gain 900,000 acres of new irrigation land with supplemental water for 350,000 acres. The development also would make land available for 15,000 new family sized farms. We can help you find lost articles, or find the owners of things you may find with our classified section.

25 Years Ago

Mrs. Rose Brouillard returned last Saturday after spending several weeks in Warland.

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The Camp Fire Girls, under chaperonage of Mrs. Ralph Fletcher, are enjoying this week camping at Savage Lake.

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will hold a big joint meeting at Criderman's cabin on Libby creek next Sunday. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to attend and bring their families. It will be an all-day affair.

Why keep mother in the kitchen these hot days? Take the family to the J & I Cafe.

James Harris was taken to his home in South Libby last Saturday morning suffering from a broken collar bone. The injury was received when a load of lumber upon which Mr. Harris was sitting slipped as he was driving it down the incline away from the planing mill at the J. Neils Lumber Company plant. He fell off the load. At this time he is resting comfortably and is well on the road to recovery.

Hundreds of wild domestic animals all highly educated and finished actors will be presenting their performance at the Christy Bros. Wild Animal Exhibition in Libby Friday, July 22.

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