

# Political Notes

By Frank Nye

## Special Election

DEMOCRATS hope to pick up another seat in the Iowa senate at a special election this month to offset the loss of a house seat they thought they'd won.

Death of Sen. Harry E. Watson, Sanborn Republican, who had 2 years of his term left, means a special election in the Clay-Dickinson-O'Brien district in north-west Iowa.

Clay and Dickinson counties each elected a Democratic representative on Nov. 4 but O'Brien named a Republican.

With Watson's death, the senate division is 32 Republicans, 17 Democrats.

Democrats lost a house seat in Ida county when the official canvass changed the unofficial result to show a Republican elected. House division now is 59 Republicans, 48 Democrats, with possible contests in the offing.

## Cutting Costs

WHEN Donald A. Norberg, newly-elected Democratic state chairman, moved state headquarters from the Fort Des Moines hotel to an office building he said it was to reduce costs.

He wasn't foolin'.

Now he doubts if there'll be a printed program to hand out at the Democratic state Victory dinner in Des Moines Dec. 18.

"In order to stay in business on an effective basis," he writes, "we need to keep costs down and get the net up."

Gov. Herschel C. Loveless will be the principal speaker. But the program will be brief and "as informal as possible."

"We want Democratic leaders and party members from across the state to have the opportunity to visit with one another and our elected officials," Norberg writes, "and have a happy time."

There'll be a dance to climax the evening.

## \$15 and \$10

INCIDENTALLY, this is a fund-raising affair. But the usual \$25 a plate price has been lowered to \$25 per couple.

And just to clarify the issue, that's not \$12.50 a plate, it's \$25 per couple.

If a man wants to come alone it will cost him \$15; a woman, \$10.

## Winneshiek County

WINNESHIEK County Democratic Chairman Fred Biermann writes that the American Legion club 4 miles north of Decorah will be the scene of a Democratic dinner-dance beginning at 6:30 p.m. this evening.

It will be to honor all Democratic candidates, "losers as well as winners," Biermann says, with Congressman-Elect Len Wolf of Elkader, and State Sen.-Elect Lynn Potter of Cresco, as speakers.

George Krumm's orchestra will play and the public is invited.

## Rep. Schwengel

WOLF WILL inaugurate his traveling trailer office in Cedar Rapids Monday. It will tour the Second district prior to his taking office.

In the First district, Rep. Fred Schwengel already is more than half-way through a post-election tour of his 12 counties.

He has talked with farm, business, education and labor leaders, as well as everyday citizens, in Jefferson, Van Buren, Lee, Des Moines, Henry, Louisa and Muscatine counties.

He'll visit the other 5 counties this week. His schedule calls for him to be at the courthouse in Tipton Monday morning, in Iowa county (at Williamsburg and Marengo) Monday afternoon, Iowa City Tuesday, Washington county Wednesday and Scott county Friday.

## Ike and Faubus

NEVER a dull moment in politics.

Up North a new verb has been coined as a synonym for "blunder." It goes like this: "He sure FAUBUSED that up."

Down South they prefer: "He really IKED on that one."

## Republicans at Work

MISSES Jean Harris and Imogene McCaig of Cedar Rapids were among those present at a special state board meeting of the Iowa Republican Workshop at the Monroe hotel in Grinnell last Wednesday.

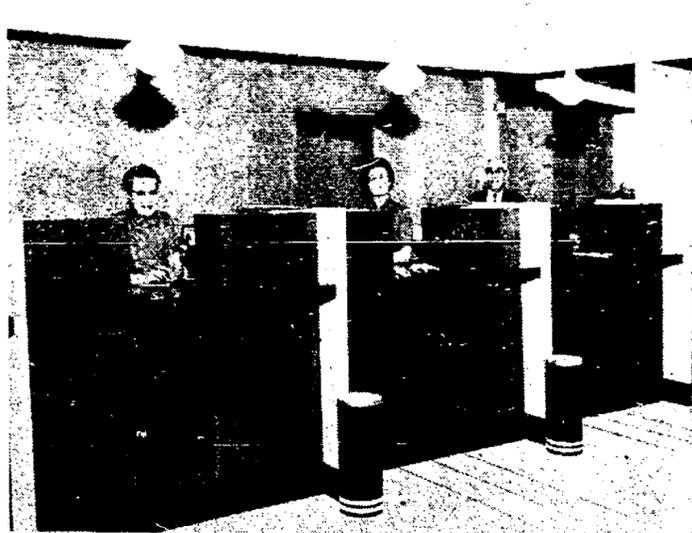
## Home Loan Plan Used

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DES MOINES (AP) — Of the approximately 289,000 their loans in full. W. B. Nugent, manager of the VA central office here, said also the VA has paid claims on only 156 loans since it was of the loans it guaranteed in Iowa.



WILLIAMSBURG BANK—A grand opening will be held Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the newly-remodeled Security Savings bank in Williamsburg. The entry has been relocated and aluminum-framed windows installed. Another feature is the marquee, which will provide weather protection for patrons. Jack C. Wells is president of the bank.



NEW BANK INTERIOR—The new interior of the Security Savings bank at Williamsburg features walnut fixtures and furniture, tile flooring combined with carpeting, a larger lobby and more office space. Shown behind the new cashier's counter are (left to right) Marlene Koester, bookkeeper; Mrs. Mark O'Donnell, head teller, and H. W. Wild, assistant cashier. R. O. Moll is cashier.

## National Award To Iowa City Naval Reserve

IOWA CITY—Iowa City's naval reserve division 9-3 will receive the Rear Admiral Hooper national award for training proficiency in ceremonies at Iowa City Tuesday.

Formal presentation of the trophy will be made by Rear Admiral H. T. Deutermann, commander of the naval reserve training command.

The local unit, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. William M. Byington, won the trophy in competition with more than 200 electronics divisions throughout the country. Proficiency was evaluated on the basis of navy-wide competitive examinations.

Admiral Deutermann will arrive at the Cedar Rapids airport from his headquarters at Omaha, Neb., at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and come from there to Iowa City. He will tour the local unit's facility in the University of Iowa engineering building.

A dinner and reception at the Elks home will follow. The formal presentation of the trophy will come in ceremonies to begin there at 8:15 p.m. In addition to the officers and men of the local unit, about 80 local civic and business leaders have been invited.

The local unit is made up largely of students in local high schools and SUU.

Members receive instruction in radio, radar, electronics and communications techniques as well as in general military subjects, all aimed at preparing them to fulfill the specialized requirements of the modern technical navy.

Officers responsible for the training of the division are all veterans who have served on active duty during or since World War II. They include local business men, SUU faculty members and graduate students.

The division was formed in 1947 on a volunteer basis and was placed in pay status as an organized division of the naval reserve on Nov. 1, 1953.

Carlsbad Caverns, southeastern New Mexico, are the world's largest caves. The Big Room alone there is a mile long.

## Morley Program

MORLEY — The annual community Christmas program, sponsored by the Community club, will be held here Dec. 20. The door prize will be a turkey.

## "Messiah" To Be Sung at Manchester

MANCHESTER—The third annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" will be given here Sunday at 8 p.m. in

the high school gymnasium by the Community Choral Society. Some 130 singers from Hopkinton, Earlville, Ryan, Masonville, Elgin, Dundee, Delhi and Manchester have been rehearsing for 6 weeks. The Coe Prom-

nade orchestra of Cedar Rapids will assist. Erling B. Hanson will direct and Charlotte Yorlan will play the organ. Nearly half the Arctic is Soviet Russian territory.

## Shot During Holdup, Oakland Man Dies

COUNCIL BLUFFS (AP)—Frank J. Eckels, 73, wounded during a holdup at his motel and cafe at Oakland Wednesday night, died Saturday at a Council Bluffs hospital.

Coroner Henry Meyer said an autopsy revealed that death resulted from kidney failure due to shock caused by the wound.

Eckels had closed his cafe when he was accosted by an unknown assailant who shot him through the left shoulder as he turned to flee. The man robbed Eckels of between \$300 and \$400 and escaped.

## Journalism Students Will Attend Dinner

IOWA CITY — Some 100 University of Iowa students, faculty, and friends of the SUU school of journalism are expected to attend the annual Waygoose dinner to be given tonight at 6 at the Ranch club, north of Iowa City.

The speaker will be Henry O. Whiteside, vice-president and research director for the Chicago office of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency. The program also includes skits on SUU journalism classes.

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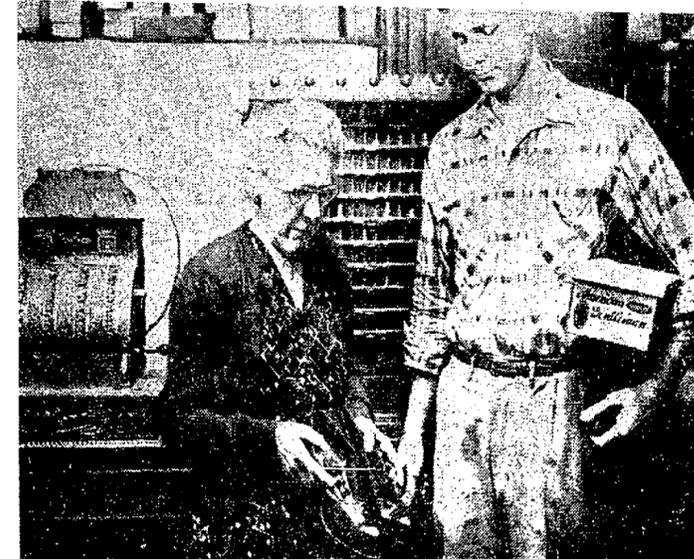
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NOT THE STYLE ANYMORE—The pair of low-button shoes held by Lyda Pfister are not stylish anymore. The shoes have been in the stock of the J. M. Miller Co. store in Farmington for nearly half a century. The store was sold recently to the Greenberg Mercantile Co., of St. Louis. Richard Leuellen, admiring the shoes, is a representative of the new owner. Miss Pfister was owner of the store.