

GOP Race In Pennsylvania Watched As 'Significant'

By L. U. LESLIE
HARRISBURG, Pa. —(AP)—Control of Pennsylvania's GOP organization with all the significance that attaches to the next presidential nomination, is wrapped up in the current tussle for the Republican senatorial nomination. The primary is May 18.

Lined up on one side is the old guard leadership which opposes what it calls "handout government." It is backing U.S. Rep. John C. Kunkel, 52.

On the other side is the element which insists the party should break loose from its traditional policies and stand for something that will appeal to "the average guy." It is behind Gov. James H. Duff.

Kunkel has represented a three-county central Pennsylvania district in the House for 12 years. Duff advanced to the governorship after being attorney general in the cabinet of former Governor Edward Martin, now a U.S. senator.

In the background but actively supporting Kunkel are former U.S. Senator Joseph R. Grundy, long a potent force in Republican politics, and a top Grundy lieutenant, G. Mason Owlett, Republican national committeeman and president of the Pennsylvania manufacturers' association. Martin also has lined up with Grundy.

Split Started In 1948
The party split first came out in the open at the 1948 Republican national convention, where the Grundy group backed Gov. Dewey and Duff opposed the New Yorker.

Duff has pegged his campaign on what he calls "Grundy-Owlettism." He says if that faction is not rejected at the primary, the Democrats will win in the November election. He defines "Grundy-Owlettism" as "government by a few,



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for the benefit of a few, at the expense of the public."

By contrast, Duff says his administration as governor has considered the needs of "the average citizen" in its huge improvement program, which included \$187,000,000 in construction projects on a borrow-and-build basis. Duff's opposition has criticized that program as "deficit spending."

Duff, in outlining his philosophy of government, opposes "the increasing encroachment of government on the rights of the individual," but says there must be a clearer understanding of the problems of "the average guy."

"We must have a clear realization that many of those problems can only be solved and met by government," he said in a campaign statement.

Kunkel calls for a showdown on spending policies of the Democratic administration in Washington.

"Instead of seeking means of getting back to sound currency and balanced finances," Kunkel says, "the government is plunging deeper into deficit-financing and rubber dollars."

Should Duff win the senatorial nomination, Kunkel adds, there would be "no issue based on principle" between him and U.S. Senator Francis J. Myers, unopposed Democratic candidate for renomination on a platform of support of President Truman's "fair deal" program.

"It is a case of Duff offering 50 cents with Myers offering a dollar," Kunkel says.

The party split has branched out

to include other offices to be filled this year, including a successor to Governor Duff, who is ineligible to succeed himself.

The Duff choice for the Republican John S. Fine, who resigned from the state superior court to make

Ah, To Have Lived In 1840: The National Debt Was 21c Per Capita

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON —(AP)—Ah, but it was great to be alive in 1840. That was the year the national debt almost fizzled out, and became a mere 21 cents per capita. Compare this with the present, when it has skyrocketed to \$1,698.06, and you'll see how times have changed.

This fiscal intelligence comes to us from a booklet put out by the Senate committee on executive expenditures. The title of the booklet: "Increased Cost of the Federal Government."

It contains a lot of interesting figures.

Such as the fact that not until the Civil war did the per capita debt amount to much. In 1865 it climbed to \$75.01. Then it dropped down to around \$12 to \$15 per each and stayed there to World War I.

This set us off, and we've never been the same since. It went up to \$242.52, in 1919; dwindled to \$131.51, in 1920, and then began creeping up again.

World War II lit the fuse, and the debt went sky high. The peak was 1946, when it was \$1,907.32 for each man, woman and child.

Senator McClellan (D-Ark.), who heads the expenditures committee, says he thinks the debt ought to be lowered. And he throws in some quotes to back his stand.

For instance, George Washington said in his farewell address:

"As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit."

And Franklin D. Roosevelt, campaigning in 1932, said: "If a nation is living within its income, its credit is good. If in some crisis it lives beyond its income for a year or two, it can usually borrow temporarily on reasonable terms."

"But if, like the spendthrift, it throws discretion to the winds, is willing to make no sacrifice at all in spending, extends its taxing up to the limit of the people's power to pay, and continues to pile up deficits, it is on the road to bankruptcy."

Well, this is no place to argue how much debt is too much. But I thought you might be interested in that taxpayer of 1840, the one with the 21-cent per capita national debt.

Was he happy? Surprisingly, the answer is no. Martin Van Buren was president in those days, and the "World Almanac" says this in his biography: "He advocated tariff for revenue only and opposed internal improvements at national expense. His refusal to spend land revenues led to his defeat by Harrison in 1840."

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The machine was placed in full view of the speakers. It was explained a yellow light would flash when the speaker had used all but five minutes of his time and a red light would appear when time was up.

The red light never flashed. The machine is the brain child of Dr. James McGinnis, associate professor of poultry husbandry at Washington State college and was built by Loyd Johnson, foreman in the electric shop of the building and grounds department.

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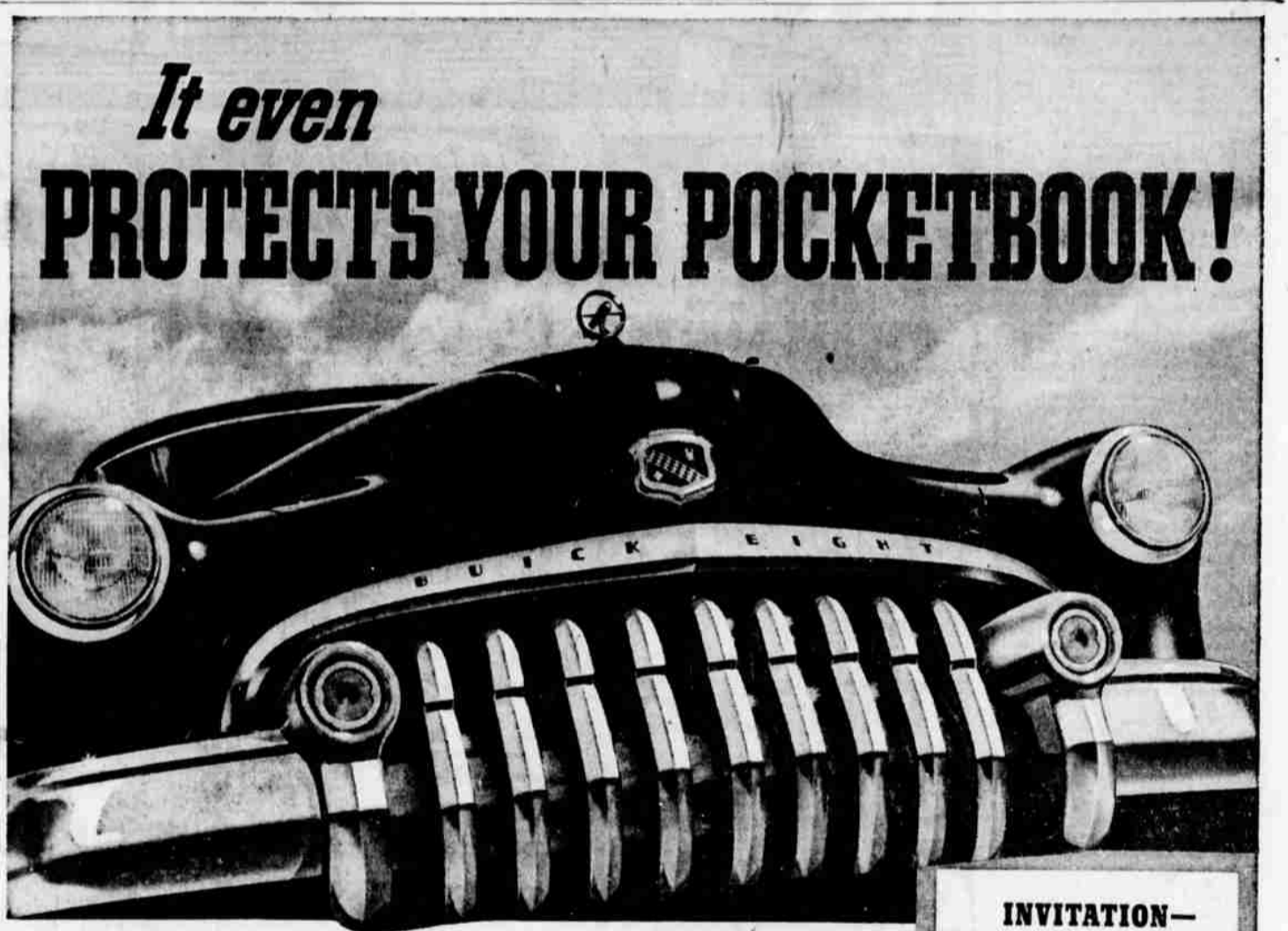
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