

New School Board Elected at Scofield

Hillsboro—(U.P.)—A new school board of five members was elected and sworn in last night at the Scofield school district in Washington county.

The election was the aftermath of a school row in which a member of the old school board, Louis Forrest, 25, was jailed on an assault and battery charge and the school's only teacher,

Mrs. Esse Robertson, suffered bruises she said Forrest inflicted.

Forrest will be tried in Washington county Circuit Court in Hillsboro tomorrow. Mrs. Robertson has returned to her classes.

As a result of the fracas, the school lost its standard rating and faced loss of state school support funds.

Senators Hurriedly Lining Up Against Corruption With New Elections Measure

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Washington—(U.P.)—There is a stampede on in the Senate to line up on the side of righteousness and against corruption.

At least 62 senators have signed up to support a new honest elections bill which doubtless will improve the system some, but probably not much. The United States election system was unintentionally rigged to favor corrup-

tion—if by corruption is meant the spending of money for which no proper accounting ever is made.

The new honest elections bill grew out of the offer of cash contributions to the campaigns of senators who favored the natural gas bill, which recently passed Congress and died of presidential veto. There is mortal fear on Capitol Hill that the voters may have been aroused by the gas bill episode. Angry voters are likely to vote the ins out.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson recently said something like this: You will have to spur some to get

ahead of me in being for good works and against corruption. And that about adds it up. Everybody is against corruption. The senators stamped to be recorded publicly against it, hoping the voters back home will take note.

Overlapping System

The United States election system is rigged for overspending and lax accounting by reason of the overlapping of campaign and spending efforts. In a given county for example, there usually are judges, county commissioners and a sheriff to be chosen. The county is part of a congressional district which must select a congressman. As

part of the state, the county also may be voting for a United States senator. The state legislature also may be on the ballot. And if it is a presidential year, the county voter is helping to choose a president.

Each Spend Independently

The major candidates have their own campaign managers, each operating and spending somewhat independently of all others. The national congressional and senatorial campaign committee have funds for independent spending. At the top of the heap are the national committees with large sums to spread around. State committees, likewise, put some money out. And there are numerous individuals who put discreet thousands here and there.

No single individual or committee in either party is responsible for all money raising or spending. That is the fact upon which previous honest elections bills have floundered. There is no doubt that the new bill will pass. But there is much doubt that it will do the job.

Simpler System in Britain

The British have a simpler elections system. There are no sideshow diversions to the election of members of Parliament. The British Representations of the People acts passed in 1948 and 1949 are effective. A candidate must not treat a voter to a campaign beer or cigar. A candidate would be disqualified if he had advanced a loan to a voter within six months prior to an election.

Your neighbor may take his family to the polls in his car, but he may not offer you a lift. A candidate may register for taking persons to the polling place, one car for each 2,500 city voters or one for each 1,500 rural voters. If a registered car breaks down on polling day it may not be replaced.

Responsible Agent

Each candidate has a responsible agent who may be punished if the election rules are broken. The agent usually is a skilled accountant and a graduate of an elections campaign school. The agent is personally responsible for assuring that the candidate spends no more than \$280 of his own funds.

The agent may spend roughly between \$1,600 and \$1,800, depending on the constituency—and that is all.

The British enforce all of this, too.

'Costly Errors' Seen In Navy Demon Planes

Washington—(U.P.)—House investigators charged today that the Navy's \$500,000,000 Demon fighter program failed because of "costly errors" committed by McDonnell Aircraft, Westinghouse Electric, and the Navy.

A House Government Operations Subcommittee reported that four test pilots were killed trying to fly the Demons. It said the planes were unfit because of inadequately powered jet engines.

Nearly 300 of the planes were built at a cost of \$2,600,000 each. Of the first 60 produced, the subcommittee said, 56 will never fly. And four are refitted with more powerful engines. And another 220 planes, it said, "have not yet been tested in fleet use and now or soon may be obsolete."

Negotiators Divided In Westinghouse Plan

Washington—(U.P.)—Union negotiators were reported divided today on the question of accepting a mediator's package proposal for settling the 143-day Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike.

The reports circulated as the negotiating committee of the striking AFL-CIO electrical workers union met to continue studying the proposal. Union President James B. Carey said the meeting may take all day.

The company Tuesday accepted the proposed five-year contract granting a minimum wage increase of 25 cents an hour spread over the period.

Later, the panel of federal and outside mediators who drew up the proposal made it public after fruitless attempts to get immediate union agreement.

Boy Scouts

Troop 8

Inspection and tenderfoot investiture was held by Troop 8. Six new members joined. Troop members studied the Morse code at its Tuesday night meeting.

The troop's snow party will be held at Union Creek March 18, and scouts who plan to attend must have written permission from parents. Notes from parents must be in by next Tuesday's meeting. Scouts must furnish equipment, and the committee will furnish food for the party.

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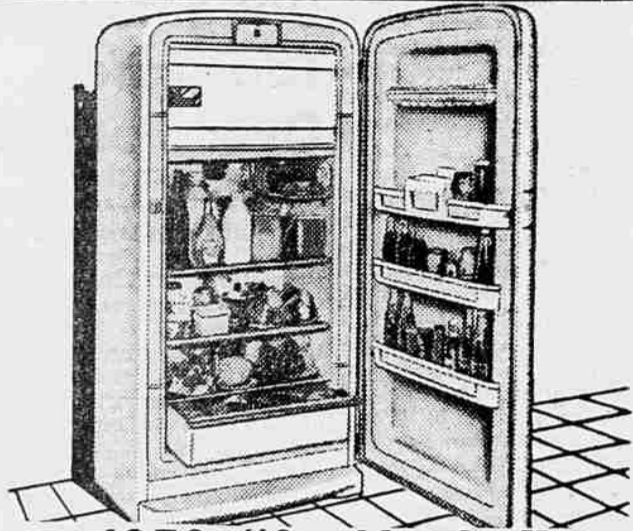
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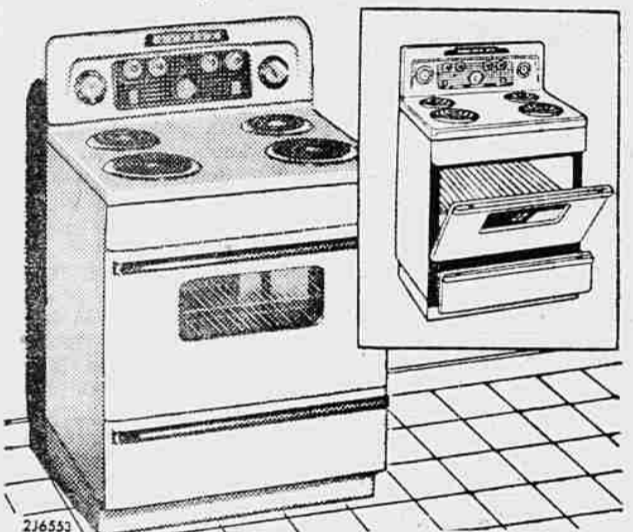
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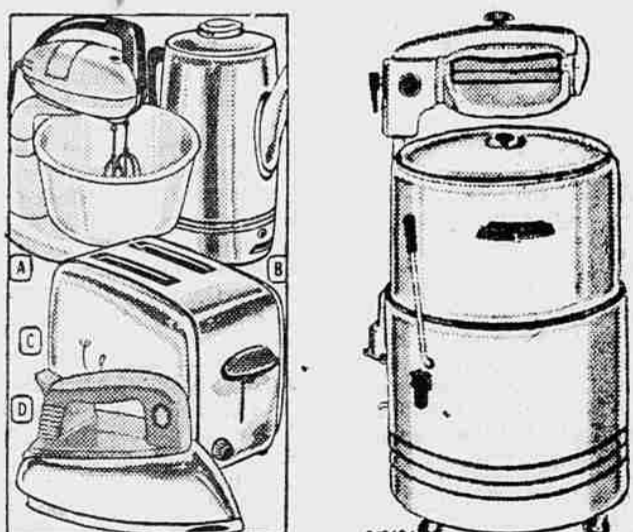
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