

Minnesota Election Night 135 Days Long

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St. Paul, Minn. (UPI) — Election night in Minnesota was a long one. It lasted 135 days.

In this state, as elsewhere, the day after election normally dawns with a winner graciously accepting the plaudits of his supporters and a loser quietly making other plans for the future.

But last November, Minnesota's gubernatorial race ended in a virtual dead heat. The state canvassing board was unable to decide between incumbent Gov. Elmer L. Anderson, a Republican, and Democratic challenger Karl Rolvaag, formerly the lieutenant governor.

On orders from the state supreme court, the board finally declared Anderson the victor by 142 votes. Rolvaag demanded a recount.

Anderson leads
With the tedious recount in progress, Anderson continued to hold sway in the carpeted, heavily draped governor's office while Rolvaag sweated out the "anguish and uncertainties" of canvass from an austere, "broom closet" office in the capitol's basement.

Then the outcome of the recount hit the capitol like a bomb. Last month, Rolvaag was declared the winner by a hair-thin margin — 91 votes. Anderson moved out and Rolvaag came upstairs.

"You can imagine the exhilaration my family, friends and I felt about finally winning after months of frustration," the balding governor

said in an interview. But with exhilaration came a certain amount of exasperation. Three important months of his term were gone. Anderson

had filled several important jobs in the state cabinet. Rolvaag wanted at least two of them — Highway Commissioner James C. Anderson and Tax Commissioner Rolland

Hatfield — to resign. They refused. And the opposition-controlled legislature was halfway through its 1963 session, working with Anderson's

budget and Anderson's legislative program. With adjournment expected by early May at the latest, Rolvaag decided it would be futile to present either a new budget or a substantially revised program.

"The challenges which lie ahead are substantial indeed," the new governor conceded. He gets few arguments on that low-keyed appraisal.

The Minnesota recount battle was one of four held after the Nov. 6 election to settle a governor's race. In Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island the issues were settled within a few weeks.

In South Dakota's senate race, Democrat George McGovern won by 516 votes in a county-by-county canvass last year.

Verdict Late
But in Minnesota, the verdict wasn't known until late March and then the margin was only 7,100 of 1 per cent of the total of 2.25 million votes.

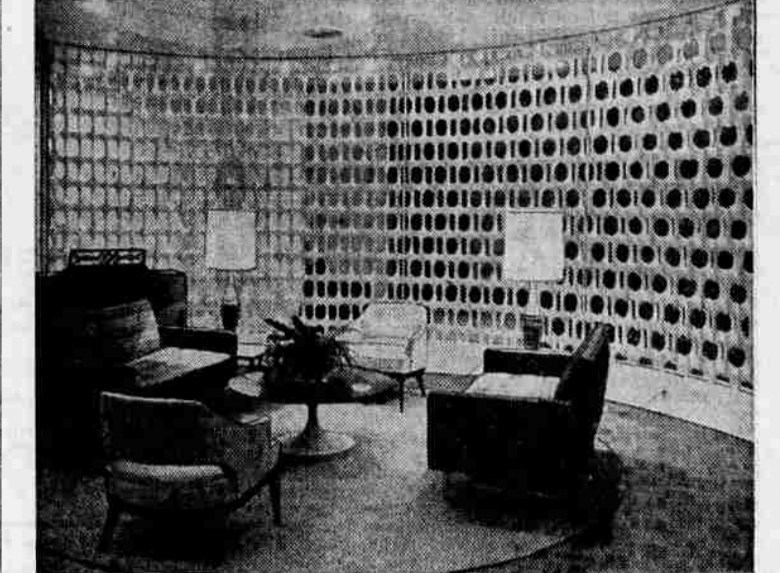
The recount was "the most comprehensive ever achieved," proclaimed a happy Rolvaag aide. All voting machines had been checked and all paper ballots recounted.

About 90,000 ballots were disputed during the recount. Attorneys for the two sides agreed on most. But about 1,500 still had to be decided in a trial before a panel of three district judges appointed by the state supreme court.

The only comparable recount cases, Rolvaag aide Ron Stinnett said, were the Michigan governor recounts in 1950 and 1952 when Republicans unsuccessfully challenged the election of Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

The Minnesota recount might have lasted even longer than it did except that representatives of the two contenders worked up to 18 hours a day getting mountains of material ready for the recount trial.

Asked how long the recount trial might have run if all 90,000 challenged ballots had been dumped in front of the judges, the attorneys just shrugged their shoulders.



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This is especially important today, with family life and activities centering closely around the home. Television and the expense of outside entertainment are encouraging families to spend more and more time at home and to do more home entertaining. Ordinarily, this would make housekeeping more difficult. Due to built-in, time- and labor-saving conveniences the opposite is true.

Less Cleaning
Air conditioning is becoming a common feature in homes. Not only does it keep the house at a comfortable temperature, but it makes for less cleaning by filtering air before circulating it in the room.

Kitchen ventilators are now being installed which completely change stale kitchen air in 3 minutes, insuring

the home-maker a fresh atmosphere in which to work. These units can operate on less current than a 50-watt bulb.

Builders are incorporating new, easy-to-clean windows which eliminate the bulky, drafty sashweight boxes that admit large amounts of dirt into the house.

Single-story, basementless construction removes tiring stairs from the house; interiors are decorated with new, easily washable paints; kitchen surfaces are finished with stainproof, non-marring plastic.

New types of flooring originates no dust, thus keeping houses cleaner. At the same time, tests show these new materials are less fatiguing than the older types of flooring for the homemaker

to walk and stand on.

In the kitchen, where the homemaker spends a good part of her day, a housekeeping revolution is afoot. New fixtures and appliances eliminate back-bending, saves steps, and cut minutes and hours from performance time for various chores.

Eye-level ovens and right-height cook surfaces which make stooping unnecessary are built right into kitchen cabinets.

Time-consuming and tiring hunting and reaching for pots and pans is avoided by storing them on wall racks or in special storage cabinets with pull-out shelves or gliding holders.

New kitchen cabinets have doors which lift up and out of the way at the touch of a finger.

Convenience Is Need For Advanced Years

As a married couple approaches the retirement years, comfort and convenience in

the home become increasingly important. Whether remodeling the house where your children were raised or a smaller one where space is at a premium, one new addition that will ease the homemaker's work load is a conveniently placed laundry center.

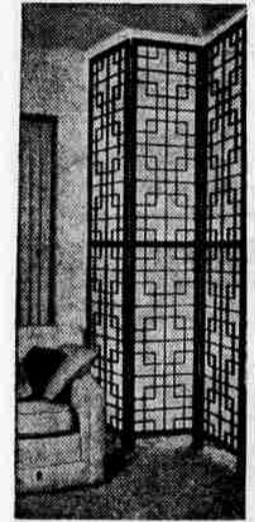
An ideal plan for older couples has been designed for the Maytag Home Laundry Idea Center by Florida architect Theodore Andrew, AIA. Everything is compactly arranged to lighten laundry chores so that mother also can enjoy dad's new-found free hours.

Washer-Dryer
The central feature of this design is a combination washer-dryer raised 18 inches above the floor — high enough to reduce stooping, yet low enough so controls are within easy reach. A washer-dryer combination was selected to eliminate the necessity of lifting heavy wet loads from washer to dryer.

Shelves overhead are handy for storing detergents, bleaches and other laundry aids so they are out-of-reach of inquisitive small grandchildren. Space below the washer can be used for out-of-season clothes or other things not used frequently.

Further step-savers are two-way sorting bins that open into the hall and are convenient to bedrooms and bath, as well as to the laundry area. A work counter across the top of the bins, backed by perforated wallboard, provides space for folding, mending and general sewing projects.

Ironing Board
A pull-down ironing board which can be stored away quickly and easily, is located next to the washer. Also included in the plan is a linen cupboard, open storage shelves and a full-length closet for hanging ironed clothes. When not in use, the entire work area can be closed off with a folding door.



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