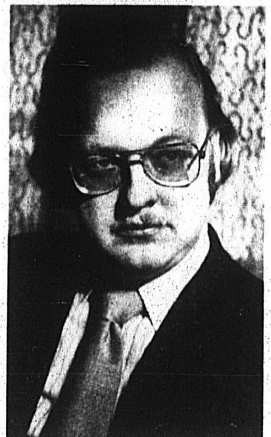


FRED BROWN for STATE HOUSE

A biographical sketch

On February 27, 1974, Alaska-born Fred Brown, a Fairbanks Democrat, filed for nomination to the Alaska State House of Representatives. Fred Brown was brought to Fairbanks by his parents shortly after his birth on July 9, 1943 at the old Alaska Railroad Hospital in Anchorage. His father was an Alaska Railroad employee for nearly 25 years, retiring in 1964 as yardmaster in Fairbanks, after working as a section-gang cook, baggageman, brakeman and conductor. Fred attended public schools in Fairbanks and was a 1960 graduate of Lathrop High School. As a licensed commercial radio operator and engineer, he worked in radio and television repair and in TV broadcasting (to pay for his education) through much of the 1960's, including sum-



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mers between years in graduate and professional schools in California and New York. He graduated from the U of A in 1964 with a B. S. in electrical engineering. Fred has been an active, licensed amateur radio operator since 1958. He was awarded the Public Service Award of the American Radio Relay League in 1964 for his work in emergency communications following the devastating Good Friday earthquake. He also worked in communications problems during and after the tragic Fairbanks flood of August, 1967. The candidate's interests have ranged over public affairs, law, science and electronics, and the musical arts. He is an accomplished performer on most woodwind instruments and some of his music students have continued on to musical careers. One is teaching music in the Juneau public schools. Fred is president of the University-Fairbanks Symphony Association. Fred's TV work in the 1960's brought him in contact with political candidates. He became active in campaigns, caucuses and conventions working on the campaigns of the late Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett, as well as local legislative races. In 1968 he joined the Fairbanks campaign committee of a young Anchorage state senator who was running for Congress - Nick Begich - and continued to be closely identified with the late Congressman's campaign until Begich's tragic disappearance in 1972. In 1970 Begich asked Fred to be his campaign coordinator for the Fairbanks area, to work directly in grassroots campaign efforts. Fred campaigned vigorously for Begich and for State House and Senate candidates in 1970 and 1972. Fred Brown served from 1969 until early 1974 as precinct chairman for the Democratic Party in Fairbanks' Third Precinct. He was parliamentarian of the Central District Democratic Committee for the past two years, and served this spring as Temporary Chairman of the 1974 Democratic District Convention. Fred has practiced law in Fairbanks for the past five years. In May, 1972, he married the former Helen Rae Steadman. The Browns live on Sixth Avenue in Fairbanks' old east side neighborhood. (Paid for by Fred Brown for State House Committee, Helen Brown, Treasurer, 215 6th Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.)

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