

Alaska Politicians Vie as August Election Nears . . .

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ka's only House seat looms ahead.

Young, who many believe has been unfairly labeled the "accidental Congressman" (he was elected in 1972 following the death of popular incumbent Nick Begich), this year received recognition from fellow Congressmen for his performance in the House.

Young stands unopposed for the GOP nomination.

Hensley currently is the only Native candidate posing a serious threat for election to high office, though others are deeply into the battle.

Eben Hopson, chairman of the vast North Slope Borough, is intensifying his pursuit of the Democratic nomination for governor, flying boldly in the face of popular Gov. William A. Egan.

Hopson is still smarting from special legislation that set taxation limits on the oil rich borough he heads, and as governor would move to upgrade the role of boroughs as primary municipalities.

The popularity of Egan, however, presents an enormous obstacle in Hopson's path. Neither Hopson nor a second Native candidate, Don Wright, former president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, showed well in the Daily News poll, both running far behind Egan.

On the Republican side, Jay Hammond and Walter J. Hickel are reportedly neck-and-neck in the Anchorage area, while a recent Fairbanks poll by the All-Alaska Weekly puts Hickel ahead of Hammond by a 3-1 margin.

Joe Vogler, the Independence for Alaska candidate of the Alaska Independence Party, is producing a consistent though numerically unimpressive following in Fairbanks, according to the weekly's straw vote.

Hammond and Hickel each outran Egan in the Anchorage poll.

Other GOP contenders for governor are Donn Hopkins, Keith Miller and James R. Russell, none of whom are strong straw poll candidates.

After six years in the Senate, Democrat Mike Gravel wants another six. His controversial public image has mellowed in the past year as he strived to pay more attention to the people who put him in Washington, some say.

Gravel grabbed national headlines during the Nixon years with his public reading of part of the Pentagon Papers and a self-propelled bid for vice-president in 1972. "Personal ambition," charged the electorate.

Then, in 1973, the senator boldly pushed for a pipeline vote in the Upper House and won by a single vote, cast by then Vice President Spiro Agnew. Job-minded Alaskans rejoiced, but some anti-pipeline Natives recoiled.

One young Native recently remarked in Fairbanks how impressed he was to meet the senator in St. Mary's a few years ago. "But now I'd like to meet him face-to-face," he said. "I'd really tell him what I think."

Still, the suave, easy-to-meet Gravel looked strong in the Anchorage poll against Dick Greuel, the Fairbanks "turtle," Gene Guess, a politically-seasoned Anchorage resident and Donald W. Hobbs.

C. R. Lewis and Terry Miller, both veterans of the state legislature, pose the greatest threat to Gravel from the Republican camp.

Lewis, a reactionary conservative, and Miller, a concerned liberal, present clear political choices to the voters. Vying with the two, but not so well-known, are Bob Aaron, Merle W. Gangy and Red Stevens.

In the race for lieutenant governor, incumbent H. A. (Red) Boucher appears in command of things over James Tallman, to many a name without a face. The Fairbanks straw vote had him leading Tallman, 25-6.

Boucher last winter told a Tundra Times reporter that his former role as a tough baseball manager in Fairbanks created a false image, thus hurting him at the polls in that city.

But now, after four years in office, "Red" feels he has shed that cloak and will do better in his hometown where he served as councilman and mayor. The GOP's trio of candidates for the nomination include Lowell Thomas Jr., Andy Warwick and Jo Ann Miller, with Thomas running strong in the Anchorage poll.

Thomas would like to be Hammond's running mate, but claims he can work well with any of the Republican candidates, including Hickel.

Two House districts and Senate District 20 are drawing keen interest in the Fairbanks area on the state level.

Larry Peterson of Fort Yukon, the incumbent Athabascan Democratic representative, seeks the nomination for re-election against a raft of candidates in the new 19th District, stretching his hometown to Nenana, Delta Junction and Tok.

The 19th is composed of the old 16th and 18th, with Peterson serving in the seat and LaVelle Wilson in the other. Each are seeking to head the new district, as well as four other aspirants. Mitch Demientieff, former president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference and a Nenana resident, is among four Native candidates and is expected to carry Nenana.

In the 20th House District, 17 Democratic candidates are seeking six seats. The Democrats include Mike Bradner, who leads the pack in the Fairbanks straw poll, Fred Brown, Thomas H. Morris, Ed Orbeck, Kirk R. Richmond, Brian Rogers, H. O. (Red) Williams, Tim M. Wallis, Charles H. Parr and Steve Cowper.

Republican hopefuls are Sam Barnes, Don Bennett, Glenn Hackney, Thomas Blaine Jensen Jr., James Otis Joiner, Charles L. Richmond and David M. Wood.

Bradner, a veteran legislator, is best known of the group and stands in an excellent position to become House speaker should he be nominated and elected.

Politically active for a number of years, Brown is making his first attempt for elected office and is putting heavy emphasis on personal contact with voters. The Stanford and Columbia-educated lawyer is an Alaskan by birth, former newsman and a member of the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra.

Orbeck, a former legislator, heads the local labor union and Cowper, a lawyer, has been involved in Native legal affairs.

The 20th District Senate primary pits Robert T. Hamme against John Huber on the Democratic side and John Butrovich, veteran legislator, Selwyn Carroll, a black minority House incumbent, John Holm and George Silides on the GOP side.

All registered voters are eligible to vote in the primary election.

Alaskan Participation—Public Land Activities

Three Alaskans will participate in the Department of Interior's National Advisory Board Council for Public Land activities next month when the board convenes in Grand Junction, Colo. to discuss the policies of energy development and environmental protection under a multiple-use management framework.

A. W. "Bud" Boddy, Juneau, Mrs. Judith Lethin, Anchorage, and John Sackett, Galena serve on the 36-member board which advises Interior about the use and administration of 450 million acres of National Resource Lands.

Since the majority of these

lands are in Alaska the placement of these three individuals on the board is very important to the state and its population.

The meeting is open to the public, says Curt Berklund, director of the Bureau of Land Management which manages much of the public land. Interested individuals and organizations may request time for oral statements by writing the Director (230) BLM, Washington, D.C. 20240 on or before Sept. 3.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA STATE OPERATED SCHOOL SYSTEM

Notice is hereby given that the Alaska State Operated School System, under authority vested by AS 14.08.20(5) and AS 14.14.170(e) and AS 14.14.200 proposes to adopt regulations for publications in the Alaska Administrative Code to implement AS 14.03.030, 14.03.080, 14.08.060, 14.08.090, 14.09.010(c), 14.14.170, 14.14.200, 14.30.010, 14.33.010, 44.62.310.

Proposed regulations concern the following:

1. Statements of educational goals of the Alaska State Operated School System, standards for the education program for the Alaska State Operated School System, policy and standards for the utilization and performance of staff, incorporation by reference of the bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors at the July 1974 meeting.

2. District operation and organization as follows:

Advisory committees to the Board of Directors, a district budget advisory committee, budget hearings and reviews, long-range planning for facilities, establishing new schools and secondary programs, education in lieu of an established school the establishment of a district policy advisory council, board meeting agendas, taping of board meetings, minutes of board meetings, public speakers, media relations and public relations, supplementary appropriations for capital improvements, community use of school facilities, gifts to schools, mechanisms for complaints about school facilities personnel local policy, regional and district policies, and text books and materials; length of school day, school calendar, emergency closing of schools, intermediate or regional administrative units, levels of instruction and grade groupings, school census, ceremonies and observances, solicitations of students and staff, advertising in the schools, public dedication and naming of new schools, instructional materials selection, learning support systems contributing to learning activities library/media centers, professional libraries, use of school short wave radios,

school busses and services shared with other school districts.

3. Advisory school board regulations concern the following:

Establishment of advisory school boards advisory board elections, advisory board member resignations and removal from office, advisory board members' unexpired term fulfillment, advisory board members legal status, methods of advisory school board advice and assistance to the Board of Directors including local board policy making, duties of advisory school board members, advisory board member development opportunities, conduct of advisory board members, annual review of advisory board procedures; advisory board annual reports, advisory board membership in school board associations, advisory board officers and their duties, advisory board code of ethics, advisory board rules, advisory board constants; advisory board committees, advisory board relationships to rural and on base regional superintendents and rural principals.

4. Regulations covering the following matters are proposed for students:

Truancy, entrance requirements for underage children, school admissions requirements, policies on adult, foreign exchange, pregnant and married students, absences and excuses, assignments to classes, acceleration ahead of grade, graduation requirements, student fees, fines and charges, work study employment student social events, field trips and excursions, student safety patrols, student insurance programs, solicitations by students, staff solicitations of students, student volunteers for public service, community activities and performances by students, contest for students, interviews by non-school persons of students.

5. Regulations concerning the following are proposed for employees:

Selection procedures for on-base and regional superintendents, staff political activities, solicitations by staff members, gifts to staff members, tutoring for pay.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available for inspection at the following locations:

Adak On-Base Schools, Adak, Alaska; Aleutian Regional Schools, Sand Point, Alaska; Annette Island Region Schools, Metlakatla, Alaska; Bering Strait Northwestern Region Schools, Nome, Alaska; Bethel/Lower Yukon Region Schools, Bethel, Alaska; Delta-Greely/Tok Region Schools, Tok, Alaska; Eielson On-Base Schools, Eielson AFB, Alaska; Elmendorf On-Base Schools, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Fort Richardson On-Base Schools, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort Wainwright On-Base/Upper Railbelt Region Schools, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Fort Yukon Region Schools, Fort Yukon, Alaska; Glennallen Region Schools, Glennallen, Alaska; Southeastern Region Schools, Ketchikan, Alaska; Southwestern/Lake Iliamna Region Schools, Dillingham, Alaska; Tanana/McGrath Region Schools, Tanana, Alaska; Pribilof Island Schools, St. Paul Island, Alaska; and the Central Office of the Alaska State Operated School System in Anchorage, Alaska.

Notice is also given that any person interested may present oral or written statements or arguments relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held on September 20, 1974 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the following places:

Juneau, Governor's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building

Fairbanks, Wood Complex-Office Conference Room, University of Alaska

Anchorage, Conference Room, Central Office, Alaska State Operated School System, 650 International Airport Road, Anchorage

Regional Office of the Regional Superintendents of Alaska State Operated School System in Dillingham, Bethel and Nome, Alaska

The Board of Directors of the Alaska State Operated School System upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested person, may at the hearing or after it adopt the above summarized proposals without further notice.

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