

House Speaker To Be Back

FOR A TIME THERE it appeared that members of the Iowa house would have to elect a new speaker when they report for the 1970 session next January. Speaker William Harbor (R-Henderson) was in line for a federal appointment to a job in the department of agriculture.

But the speaker now says he isn't optimistic about landing the post and he fully expects to be back in the presiding officer's chair next year.

Special Elections

FORMER STATE SEN. Seeley Lodwick (R-Wever) won't be back for the 1970 session, however, for he did land an important agriculture post in Washington.

The vacancy he left in the senate, together with one created in the house by the resignation of former Rep. Ray Bailey (D-Clarion), will be filled at special elections in Lee and Wright counties set for Tuesday by Gov. Robert Ray. Bailey resigned to become a member of the state board of regents.

Out for Lodwick's senate post are Republican Wilson L. Davis and Democrat Gilbert McCarty, both of Keokuk in Lee county. The winner will have some big shoes to fill for, not only was Lodwick the senate's president pro tempore, he also was the balance wheel who brought Republicans with diverse views together on more than one occasion.

At least one more woman will join the house as the result of Bailey's resignation for both candidates seeking to serve out his term are of the fair sex. They are Republican Dorothy B. Collins and Democrat Lucile Duitscher, both of Clarion.

With the election of Senator Joan Orr (D-Grinnell) to complete the term of former Sen. Kenneth Benda (R-Hartwick), the legislature will have three women senators and five women representatives when Tuesday's special elections are over.



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Invasion Month

LOOKS LIKE SEPTEMBER is invasion month for congressmen in Iowa.

Republican Rep. William Scherle of Iowa's Seventh district will invade the home territory of Democrat John Culver of the Second on Friday, together with a pair of G.O.P. colleagues, Reps. Bert Talcott of California and Clarence Brown of Ohio.

And on Sept. 15, Rep. Culver will invade the Third district territory of Republican Rep. H. R. Gross. Culver will speak at a Democratic fund-raiser, sponsored by Bremer, Butler and Grundy county Democrats, at Riviera ballroom at Janesville.

Scherle-Talcott-Brown will spread the G. O. P. word at Dubuque, Decorah and Cedar Rapids during their Friday stint, carry it into Wisconsin's Seventh district on Saturday.

Can it be that Scherle, like Culver, is seeking exposure in other districts to run for higher office?

Halvorson Busy

POOR ROGER Halvorson of Monona, the Second district Republican chairman. When he took on that unpaid, volunteer job, little did he know he'd wind up having to be four places the same day.

Roger, who sells insurance on the side, is expected on Friday to be in Dubuque at 8 a.m. to breakfast with Congressmen Scherle, Brown and Talcott, in Decorah at 12:30 p.m. to lunch with them and in Cedar Rapids at 6 p.m. to eat sweet corn with the same trio. Yet he's also supposed to be in Des Moines most of the day to attend an important meeting of the Republican state central committee.

The committee will name a chairman to succeed Jack Warren of Waterloo, who resigned last week and Roger thinks the job will go to Attorney John McDonald of Dallas Center. McDonald wants the job and so does State Rep. Richard Drake, Muscatine farmer. Both are committee members, Drake representing the First district and McDonald the Seventh.

McDonald was a Seventh district delegate to the 1964 Republican national convention where he voted, along with a few others from Iowa, for Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton for the party's presidential nomination, which went to Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Drew Pearson

NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS have been cussed and discussed as the late Drew Pearson, whose column has appeared in The Gazette for many years. One of his amazing attributes was that he seldom forgot a name or face. I learned this much to my surprise in visits with him.

It was my privilege to have a long visit aboard the famous Friendship Train, between Council Bluffs and Cedar Rapids, back in post World War II days. He reorganized the train on the West Coast, picking up boxcars of food enroute to the East Coast for shipment to the hungry people of Europe. The Cedar Rapids Jaycees added a boxcar when the train stopped here.

That's where I learned about his phenomenal memory—something like former Postmaster Jim Farley's. On another occasion, I was lunching with a group of Iowa politicians at the Mayflower hotel in Washington and he was with another group at a nearby table. I went over to say hello and, to my surprise he knew several of the Iowans at my table and wanted to know what they were up to.

Old Congressmen

OLD CONGRESSMEN never die, they just practice law or write poetry. At least that's the case of former Congressman Maurice H. Thatcher of Kentucky, who still resides in Washington, D.C., and who reached his 99th birthday Aug. 15.

A friend, Charles Havlena, sends a story from the Aug. 16 Washington Post that Thatcher is still practicing law in Washington and that other office tenants at the Investment building, where he has his office, gave him a birthday party on his 99th. He told them he's thinking of quitting the practice and going into poetry.

He has written about 1,000 quatrains in the Fitzgerald-Omar style and has "a large body of sonnets in the Italian and Shakespearean style" that he'd like to see published, along with some other poems, in one volume. Havlena, who is helping Thatcher work on his idea, describes him as "a discerning, wise and venerable gentleman of national stature."

Secret of Thatcher's longevity: He lives what he considers a sound, biological life. "I don't eat meat," he told The Post reporter. "I eat vegetables, eggs and milk. I don't drink. I don't smoke and I don't drink tea or coffee. Of course, you can't escape meat altogether; meat products creep into a lot of things."

Thatcher hears well, reads without glasses and has a booming voice. Maybe he's ready for another stint in congress.

Newsy Notes...

MRS. CLIFTON LAMBORN of Maquoketa, wife of State Sen. Lamborn, is out after the presidency of the Second district Federation of Republican Women when that organiza-

tion meets Friday in Decorah... Retiring president is Mrs. Gary Engeström of Decorah...

Lt. Gov. Roger Jepsen of Davenport will address the Cedar Rapids Dental Society's September meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Elmcreek country club in Cedar Rapids.

A number of Iowa Democrats will be in attendance this afternoon at a picnic-rally on the Libertyville, Ill., farm of the late Gov. Adlai Stevenson... and next Saturday they will welcome the late governor's son, State Treasurer Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, as speaker for the eighth annual New Frontier club dinner at the Savery hotel in Des Moines.

House Republican Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan will discuss Nixon's legislative program on ABC's "Issues and Answers" spot over KCRG-TV, Channel 9 at 12:30 p.m. today... At 1 p.m. on NBC's "Meet the Press" over KWWL-TV, Channel 7, the guest will be Vice-president Spiro Agnew.

Pearl Harbor Vets Set Sept. 20 Meeting

MARSHALLTOWN — The Pearl Harbor Survivors are having a reunion Sept. 20 at the Tallcorn Motor hotel in Marshalltown.

Registration will begin at 5 with dinner at 7. All Pearl Harbor survivors and wives are invited to attend. Mail reservations for dinner and hotel reservations if you desire to stay overnight to the Tallcorn Motor hotel or write to Bob Jensen, 720 Fifth avenue, Grinnell, for further information.

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Medical Technologists To Graduate Friday

IOWA CITY — Kenneth R. Cross, M.D., director of the Iowa City Veterans Administration hospital school of medical technology, has announced that thirteen students will graduate as medical technologists on Friday.

The school of medical technology is affiliated with the University of Iowa. The students graduating will have completed all their university work, earning a B.S. degree from the university upon completion of their year of hospital training.

The school has been in operation since 1953. During the past 16 years, 158 students have graduated. Thirteen new students have been enrolled for the class starting September 1969.

Dr. L. O. Nolf will deliver the main address. Certificates of graduation will be presented by J. Gordon Spendlove, M.D., VA hospital director.

The program has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. in the hospital chapel, first floor west. The public is invited.

Oilman Warns Of Price Hikes If Laws Pass

DES MOINES — Any drastic change in the federal depletion provision for petroleum could mean higher gasoline prices, according to Robert C. Phillips, executive director of the Iowa Petroleum committee.

A reduction of the depletion rates for petroleum and other minerals has passed the house and is now being considered in the senate.

Phillips cited a new study by the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc. (PIRINC) which notes that elimination of percentage depletion for petroleum might result in gasoline price increases of 2.5 to 3 cents a gallon.

He said the PIRINC study concludes that oil companies could not absorb the additional tax burden that would be imposed by the elimination of the depletion provision because petroleum profits are below the average for all businesses. The only alternative, according to

the study, would be higher prices.

Phillips said PIRINC figures show that the oil industry already pays a 20 percent greater share of its gross revenue in total taxes — federal, state and local — than the average for all industry.

"It is no mere coincidence," Phillips said, "that since percentage depletion was enacted in 1926 the retail price of gasoline, before taxes, has increased only about three cents a gallon. And this in a period when consumer prices generally have more than doubled."

"In short," the oilman concluded, "percentage depletion has done the job expected of it. It has helped provide an adequate supply of petroleum energy at reasonable prices. The consumer stands to lose from any action which discourages future exploration for and development of the nation's petroleum reserves."

Dr. Richard Looker, Linn County American Red Cross chairman, guests at 8:15 on Monday's TV 9 MORNING SHOW!

Heart Assn. Names Five Iowa Citizens

DES MOINES — In a joint announcement by Dr. James W. Bathe, of Waverly, president, and Gerald A. Jewett, jr., of Des Moines, chairman of the board, committee chairmen have been named for the coming year for the Iowa Heart Association.

Five persons from Iowa City have been named to head committees. The committees and Iowa City chairmen are: community program, Dr. George B. Theil; congenital and acquired heart disease in children, Dr. Ronald M. Lauer; nursing education, Miss Pearl Zemlicka, R.N.; professional education, Dr. Frank W. Kroetz, and research, Dr. Francis M. Abbound.

The primary areas of emphasis for the coming year by the Iowa Heart Association will be diet, hypertension, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, stroke rehabilitation and anti-smoking, among others. These activities are made possible through the association's annual February Heart Fund Drive.

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