

Vigorous Campaigning Pays

Off For Proxmire

9-11-50 Capital Times

OF UNUSUAL INTEREST in the Tuesday primary was the defeat handed to John M. Blaska, second district Democratic assemblyman, by William Proxmire, town of Blooming Grove, political newcomer.

With a margin of some 200 votes, Proxmire won the Democratic nomination from Blaska, veteran Dane county board member and town of Sun Prairie farmer, who had been well-known to residents of the second district through his long chairmanship of the county highway committee.

Although he had moved into the eastern Dane county district only a few months ago, and had the further political handicap—in these parts—of being a Yale man and affiliated with the Rockefeller family through marriage, young Mr. Proxmire was undismayed. He put on a strenuous doorbell-ringing campaign, and was helped in the strongly pro-labor Stoughton wards and his home township of Blooming Grove by his connection with the Union Labor News, publication of labor organizations of this area.

With the primary election victory under his belt, Mr. Proxmire can be expected to conduct a vigorous campaign to win the eastern Dane assembly seat in the November election. His Republican opponent, who was unopposed in the primary, is Atty. Claude D. Stout, town of Albion.

Incidentally, we wonder just what impelled Atty. Stout to seek the eastern Dane assembly seat. His residence is in the town of Albion, at the extreme southeastern tip of the district, but his law practice is conducted at Edgerton and Palmyra, outside the district he seeks to represent.