

FIRST ELECTION IN ILLINOIS RECALLED

BY RECENT ANNIVERSARY

Is Hundred and Ninety-Nine Years Since It Was Held, According to Historical Data; Officials Elected

Saturday, Sept. 17, was the one hundred and ninth anniversary of the first election of state officers in Illinois.

Shadrock Bond of St. Clair county, was elected the first governor of the state, being inaugurated into office on Oct. 6, 1818, the day following the convening of the first session of the state legislature at Kaskaskia. At the same time Governor Bond was inducted into office, Pierre Menard, of Randolph county became lieutenant governor, and Elias Kent Kane, of Kaskaskie was installed as secretary of state, while three days later Elijah C. Berry of Fayette county was commissioned as auditor of public accounts, and John Thomas of St. Clair county, state treasurer.

Daniel Paine, Cook of Randolph county, was the first attorney general of the state, assuming office March 3, 1819, and serving but ten days when he resigned.

Twenty-Six Governors
During the period of 109 years the destiny of the state has been ruled by twenty-six governors. In addition the state has been ruled by twelve French and seven British governors, and directing the commonwealth from the time of its acquisition by General George Rogers Clark was Governor Patrick Henry of Virginia, who appointed John Todd, a judge of the court of Kentucky, as county lieutenant, or commander-in-chief, of the newly acquired county. With the organization of the Northwest Territories, Arthur St. Clair was appointed chief executive.

During the French occupation, from 1718 to 1765, governors of the state were: Pierre Duque de Boisbriant, Captain du Tisme, Sieur de Liette, Louis St. Ange, Pierre d'Artaquette, Alphonse de la Buissoniere, Benoit de St. Claire, Chevalier de Bertel, Benoit de St. Claire, Chevalier de Macarty, Neyon de Villiers and Louis St. Ange de Belle Rive.

British governor between the period of French occupation and the victory of the Clark expedition were: Captain Thomas Stirling, Major Robert Farmer, Col. John Reed, Capt. Hugh Forbes, Lieutenant Colonel John Wilkins, Captain Hugh Lord and Captain Matthew Johnson.

During the period of 1800 to 1809, while a part of the Indiana territory, William Henry Harrison was governor, while the first territorial governor was Ninian Edwards, at that time chief justice of the court of appeals of Kentucky. Later he was elected the third governor of the state.

First Officials Democrats
Between Oct. 6, 1818, and this date there have been 109 years, 11 months and 7 days of statehood. Of this period the state has been ruled by Republican governors for 62 years, 4 months and 29 days, while the Democratic party has been in control 46 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Shadrach Bond, first governor of the state, was a Democrat, and during the early history of statehood that party continued in power for 38 years, 3 months and 6 days. Joel A. Matteson of Will county was the last of the unbroken line of Democratic governors, being succeeded by William H. Bissell of Monroe county on Jan. 12, 1857. A total of twelve democratic and fourteen republican governors have served the state during the 109 year period.

But Three Native Born
But three of the governors of the state were native born. These are: Richard Yates, born in Jacksonville; Charles S. Deneen, born at Edwardsville, and Len Small, born in Kankakee. Of the other governors all came to the state in early life and were closely identified with its interests.

Seven of the governors were born in Kentucky, four in New York, two each in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and one each in New Hampshire, Indiana, Connecticut and Minnesota. John P. Oltegeid was the only foreign born governor, being a native of Cologne, Germany.

WHAT IS ENGLISH? IS QUESTION DISCUSSED

Noted Professor Gives Ideas On Study of Our Language In Colleges

What is English? It is our language, you will say. It is also the term used to describe college courses ranging from journalism to Middle English poetry. Gordon Hall Gerould, professor of English at Princeton, feels that the professor and the student are in a pretty bad way because of the lack of definition.

"It is the student rather than the teacher who stands in greatest danger from the lack of definition in the present study of English, and it is on his account that I sometimes despair. The course he is invited to elect are of themselves almost a curriculum in their variety; yet in most institutions no one guards him from a random and haphazard choice. Unconcernedly he juxtaposes a course in what amounts to a study of eighteenth-century social history with a course in short-story writing, and fondly believes that he is pursuing the same subject.

The college catalogue gives him warrant for so thinking, since it lists both courses as 'English' and provides no further directions. The student cares very much. Having been encouraged to regard all courses as totally separate entities, he never reflects that the connection between the two is vague, to say the least of it. Since both are in 'English' and he is perchance 'majoring in English,' he does not ask for a closer connection, knowing that if you add so and so many courses together you get a degree, and supposing that you also get an education. It does not occur to him, and it appears to occur very seldom to his elders, that there ought to be a certain amount of cohesion in his studies. At least, everybody is satisfied if he elects a given number of courses in one department—even though the department be English, with its extraordinary ramifications. The results of this laissez-faire policy are not, I fear, always and altogether happy."

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HENS OUT OF WORK

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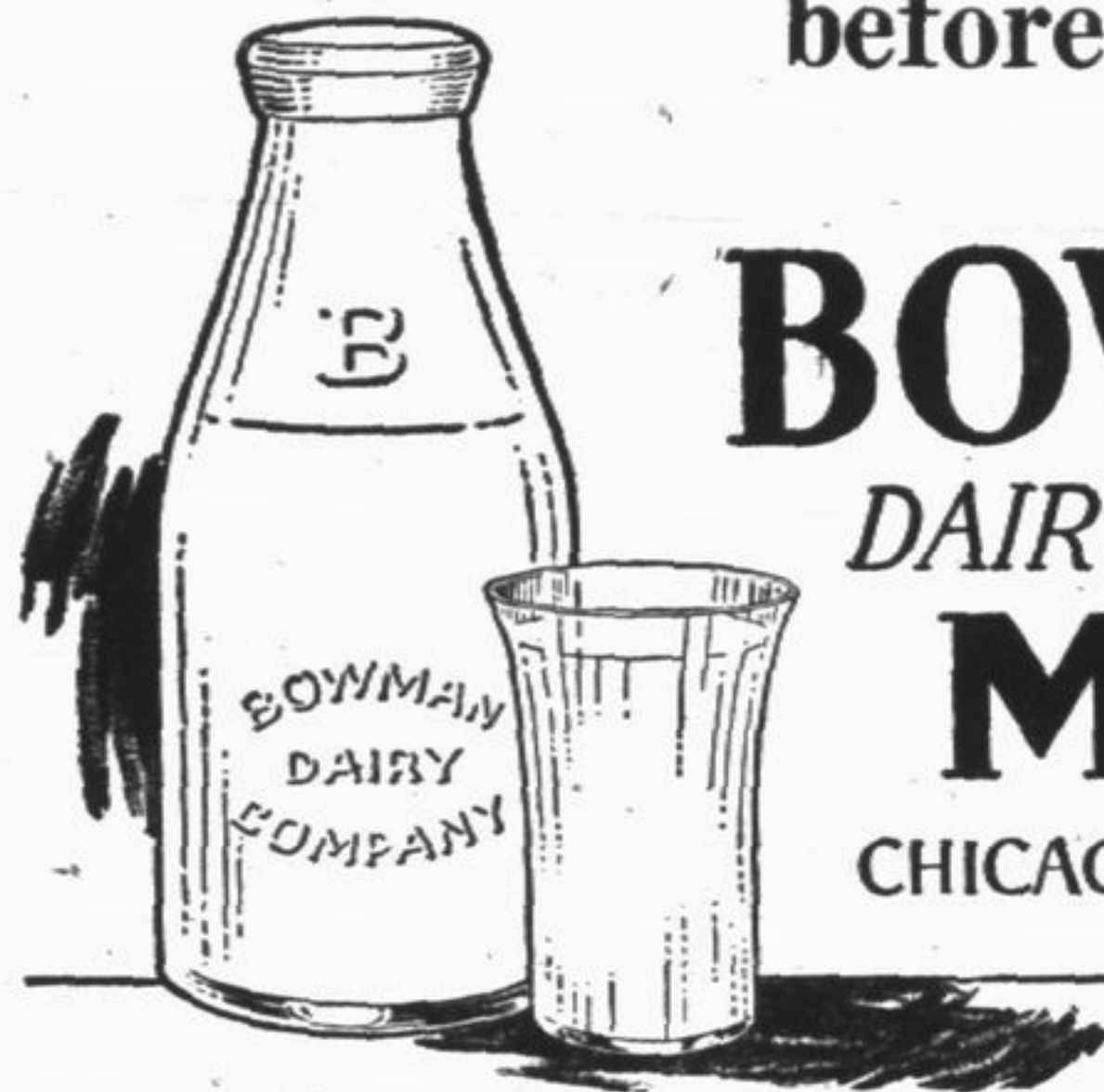
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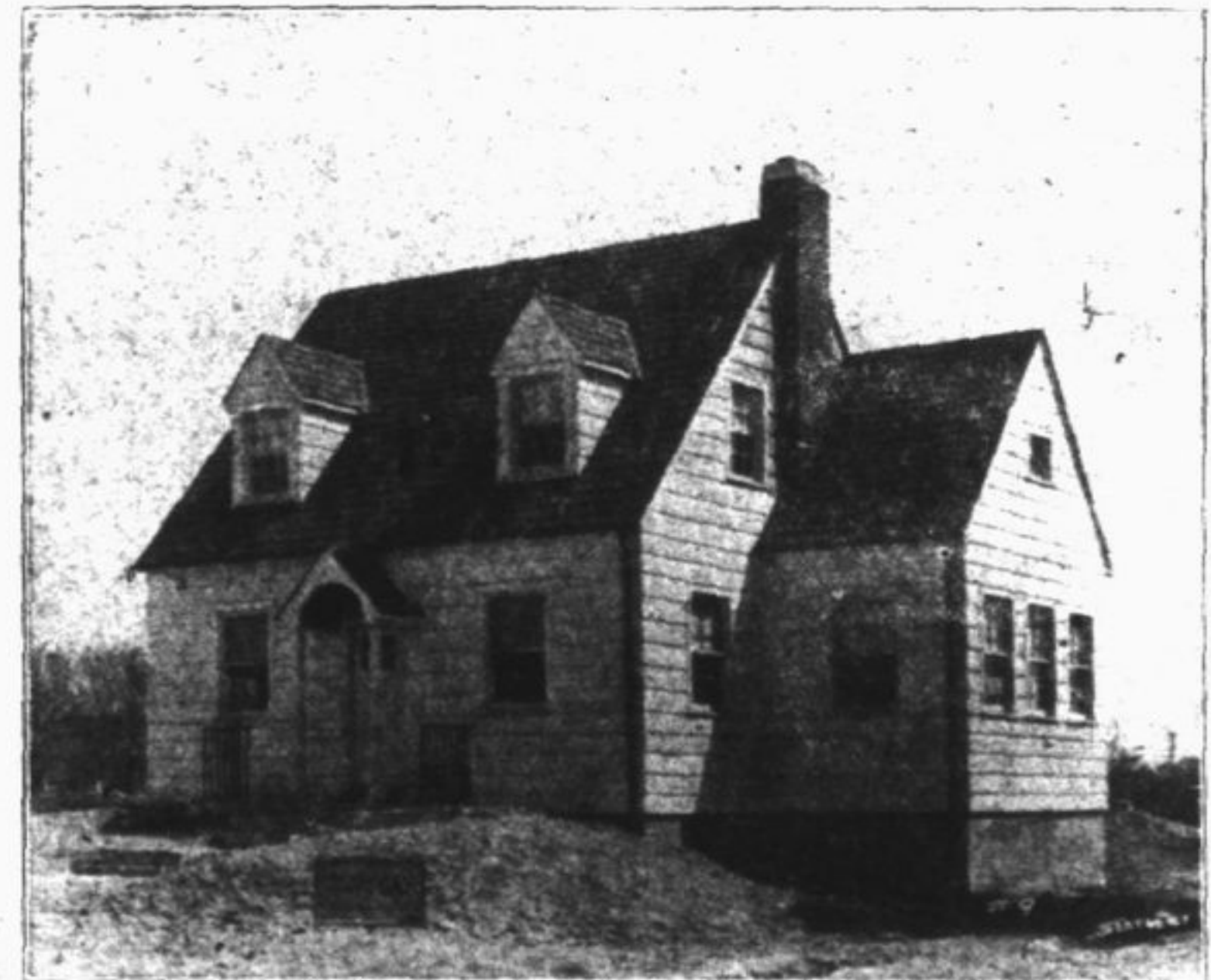
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