

Samuel R. McKelvie

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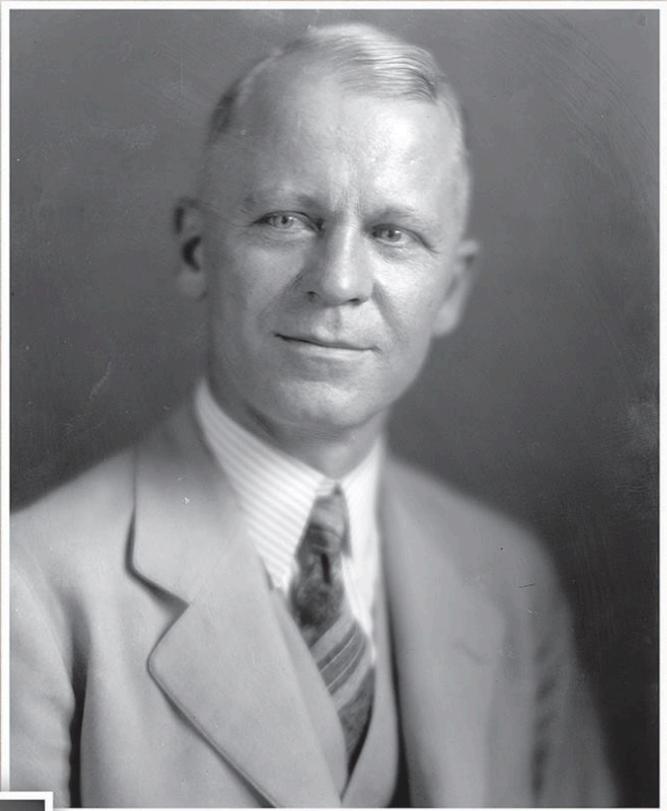
Samuel Roy McKelvie was born April 15, 1881 in Fairfield, Nebraska, in Clay County. He was the son of Samuel and Jennie (Glandon) McKelvie. He attended the University of Nebraska and the Lincoln Business College before entering the publishing field with the Twentieth Century Farmer magazine in Omaha. In 1904, McKelvie was married to Martha De Arnold. He became the editor of the Nebraska Farmer in 1905, later purchasing and publishing that magazine.

McKelvie launched his political career in 1908 when he was elected to the Lincoln City Council. As a member of the Republican Party, he served in the Nebraska House of Representatives from 1911-1913 and as Lieutenant Governor from 1913-15.

In 1918, he conducted a successful gubernatorial campaign and was inaugurated the following January at the age of 37. During McKelvie's four years as governor, the present state capitol building was authorized and construction begun. The State Constitution was revised, state government was reorganized under the Civil Administration Code; highway improvement programs were developed; and the state parks system was created.

McKelvie showed great interest in improving livestock in Nebraska. On his ranch in Cherry County, the By the Way Ranch, he maintained a nationally prominent herd of purebred Herefords. He served as President of the American Hereford Association, and helped create a vigorous beef research and improvement program. He was an organizer and first president of the Sandhills Cattle Association. The By the Way cattle herd was dispersed in 1953.

Samuel Roy McKelvie died January 6, 1956 at his winter home near Mesa, Arizona following two heart attacks. He was 74.



Governor McKelvie signed a bill in 1919 for the construction of the third Nebraska State Capitol building, pictured here in 1934, two years after completion.



Governor McKelvie cuts a furrow April 15, 1922, during the groundbreaking ceremony for the present Nebraska State Capitol. Photo courtesy of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

BY THE WAY
Ranch
VALENTINE, NEBRASKA
Sam R. McKelvie, Owner
Dick Smith, Manager



Created in 1971, McKelvie National Forest spans 116,000 acres and is located in Cherry County in north-central Nebraska.



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By the Way... This Top Show and Breeding Bull Will Sell!

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HE SELLS - 4000 LBS AND SERVICE SELLS

BY THE WAY RANCH DISPERSION • JULY 2 AT THE RANCH NEAR VALENTINE, NEB.