

## Senator Norris' 'Share-the-Wealth' Talk Recalled by President's Plan

Nebraska's Senator George W. Norris advocated an inheritance tax "share the wealth" program when he spoke at the University of Nebraska charter day celebration, more than four months before President Roosevelt's message to congress last week. Senator Norris favored progressive inheritance taxes levied by the federal government as a benefit to society.

"Today, there is but little doubt in the minds of thinking people that the redistribution of wealth is a necessity, if we wish to preserve our civilization," said the Senator in his Nebraska address. "I do not claim that our troubles are all due to this cause. I do claim, however, that if we are to secure a permanent remedy for our difficulties as a people, it is an absolute necessity that one of the things which a complete recovery must have in view is the redistribution of wealth."

### Gives Money to All People.

"This does not mean we should take the property of A and give it to B," Senator Norris continued. "It only means the taking of the money from the estates of the very wealthy, where it can perform no real service for humanity, and the giving of it, in the form of taxes, to all the people, from whom it was originally taken, and under whose laws it was accumulated."

Progressive taxation, with the excess on estates over ten million dollars taxed at ninety percent, was advocated by the Nebraska senator. He said in his address that such a tax could bring no possible injury to any beneficiary or individual, and that such a levy would relieve society of some of the injury and dangers of wealth accumulation.

### One-Third People in Want.

"We have the wealthiest country in the world, and yet one-third of our people are in beggary and want," said the Nebraskan in his charter day address. "We have millions of starving who must be fed. Whether we like it or not, we must raise billions in taxes. Are we, in this dire predicament, so foolish as to think that the money can be raised by taxing the beggar?"

Senator Norris told his university audience that while millions

of "our people" were starving, and millions of children were suffering during 1933, twenty-six more millionaires were created in the United States. At the same time, he pointed out, small incomes declined to the lowest level in eighteen years."

### Ends Dramatically.

As he closed his long oration, the senator spoke in dramatic language. "It will do no good to heap abuse upon the heads of those who have the courage to tell the truth. The cry of socialism, anarchy, communism, heaped upon the heads of those who are moved by the love they have for their fellow men to raise the danger signal will not stay the disaster which must follow, unless heed is taken of nature's warning sign."

"Anarchy cannot survive in a land of contented people," said Senator Norris. "Communism is the result of oppression and injustice. Governments are destroyed and civilizations are overthrown, when the accumulation of wealth in a few hands has brought starvation and misery into the land."

## DR. SENNING TELLS HOW REDISTRIBUTING STATE FOR LEGISLATURE ACCOMPLISHED

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division."

He found that a prime consideration in the forming of districts was to secure a favorable balance of votes between the urban and rural districts. For example, in Dodge county, Fremont would dominate the rural population. By including Washington county in this district, however, the rural voters were given an opportunity and a fair chance of electing a representative.

In the plan accepted for a forty-three member house no gerrymandering is possible with county lines serving as boundaries. By dividing the state into this number of districts, the western portion has the most favorable ratio of representation with the eastern and more populous section of Nebraska.

### State Divided in Two.

By drawing an arbitrary line, based to a large extent on population figures of past years, the state was divided into an eastern well peopled area and the west into a much larger but more sparsely settled region. Under this plan devised by Dr. Senning the east has thirteen more representatives than the west, and this point lay most of the contention between the members and groups of the legislature.

An interesting fact was discovered by Dr. Senning in the assembling of the material covering the ratios between eastern and western representation. In the fifty house legislature the eastern section would have the advantage of the west to the extent of eighteen members. As this was a decided advantage for the eastern urban area, the west vigorously objected.

As the number of members of the house decreased, the surplus representatives from the east fell off until a hypothetical assembly of forty-four members was reached, when peculiarly enough

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the advantage of the east in number of representatives again began to rise, Senning showed by means of a large map and ratio table.

### 43 Member House Chosen.

"When the legislators from the western part of the state discovered their advantage in a forty-three house body," Dr. Senning recalled with a smile, "they began to fight for a house this size, although previously the house had wanted a larger number and the senate had hoped for an even smaller group. The bill, Senning added, was finally settled in a compromise committee, and in the future forty-three men will make the laws for the state."

Several cardinal points were taken into consideration in laying out the districts. An equal distribution of population per district was perhaps the most important guide. A fair distribution of votes between urban and rural sections of the district was also important for the security of voters in agricultural or sparsely settled sections. Too, no county was to be divided unless it could warrant more than one representative by its population.

In pointing out the fact that only Dodge and Lancaster counties will have one or more representatives, Senning recalled the old bicameral plan under which several counties of the state were entitled to representatives and were made districts in themselves. Under the suggested fifty house assembly, he continued, the counties of Gage, Dodge, Madison, Adams, Custer, Lincoln, and Scottsbluff would have received a representative.

"It may seem strange," said Dr. Senning, "that the largest district, including Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson county, was not divided or allotted a larger representation. This district, however, is surrounded by the populous counties of Douglas, Lancaster, and Gage which should not be enlarged by the apending of any other county. Under these circumstances, this area in the southeast corner of the state was left with a population of 389,245, now the largest district in Nebraska."

## Movie Directory

### STUART—

"Oil for the Lamps of China" — Pat O'Brien, Josephine Hutchinson, Jean Muir, Lyle Talbot.

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### SUN—

"FOOTLIGHT PARADE" & "SCARLET EMPRESS." (Sunday) "BRIGHT EYES" and "THE WORLD CHANGES."

## CONCLAVE EXPECTED TO DRAW 250 SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS

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Wednesday morning session on "Experiments in the Learning of Apes" and will conduct a round table conference of psychologists and graduate students in educational psychology.

### First Address by Dr. Hopkins.

Dr. L. Thomas Hopkins, professor of education and curriculum expert at Columbia university, will give the first address of the session Tuesday morning on "Educational Adequacy." He will present the last word in curriculum building for both elementary and educational schools. He will speak again at the afternoon session on "Planning a Social Studies Program."

Dr. Howard E. Wilson, professor of education at the graduate school of education at Harvard university, will address the conclave on the subject, "The New Material Needed in the Social Studies Curriculum."

Prof. James Ambrose Moyer, director of the division of university extension at Boston and an authority in the field of adult education, will speak on "Adult Education" or "The Enrichment of Adult Life." Thursday morning "The Public Schools and Social Security" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of schools at Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Norma V. Scheidemann, former lecturer at King's College, London, Helsingfor, Finland, and Jena, Germany, will speak on

"Problems of the Curriculum Due to Individual Defects." Dr. Scheidemann is the author of "The Psychology of Exceptional Children." Dr. Horace B. English, professor of educational psychology at Ohio State university, will speak on "Why Stop Learning?" Dr. H. H. Linn, business manager and assistant superintendent of schools at Muskegon, Mich., will talk on "Public Forum Discussions in Our Public Schools."

### Prominent Nebraskans Speak.

Prominent Nebraska educators who will appear on the program are Charles W. Taylor, state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. F. E. Henzlik, dean of the university teachers college; Mr. E. L. Novotny, superintendent of schools at Beatrice; Dr. D. A. Worcester, professor of educational psychology at the university; Charles A. Bowers, secretary of the Nebraska State Teachers Association; H. L. Cushing, deputy state superintendent of public instruction; Dr. C. A. Fulmer, state director of vocational education; and M. C. Lefler, superintendent of the Lincoln schools.

The complete convention program appears elsewhere in this issue of the Nebraskan.

Professor Rosenlof stated that open discussions will be encouraged in each session and that members of the student body are invited to attend.

### Dinner Open to Public.

A dinner will be given Wednesday night at 6:30 at the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of Pi Lambda Theta and Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational organizations. Dr. Willis A. Sutton will be the speaker and will talk on "New Responsibilities in Public Education." Dr. and Mrs. Koehler will be honored guests at the affair, which is open to the public. Tickets, priced at 75 cents, may be purchased in the offices of Director Moritz and Dean F. E. Henzlik at teachers college.

The conference will close Thursday afternoon with a general discussion at 4 o'clock.

Committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Professor Rosenlof, chairman; Herbert L. Cushing, W. H. S. Morton, Charles A. Bowers, and Miss Clara O. Wilson.

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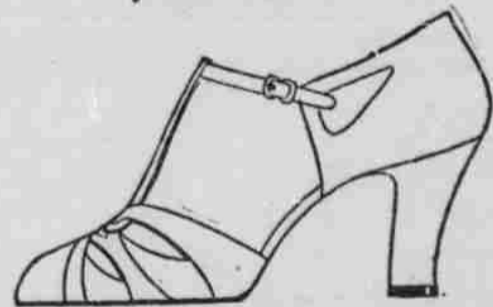
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