

WEAVER SIGNS GUARANTY BILL

Provides for Vote in Nebraska on Amendment Permitting Payment

LINCOLN—(UP)—A senate bill that permits the people to vote on whether a future legislature shall appropriate \$8,000,000 to aid in paying the bank guaranty fund deficit was approved Monday by Governor Weaver.

The measure was one of 18 approved Monday by Weaver. Six were house measures and 13 were senate bills. The bank appropriation measure would have the people vote in November, 1930 on whether an amendment should be added to the constitution to permit the state to appropriate \$8,000,000 for the deficit.

H. R. 327, the big road bill which adds more than 1,200 miles of new roads to the present state highway system and creates approximately 50 new highways, was among the bills approved by the governor.

Approximately a score of bills remain in the governor's hands for action.

NEBRASKA HAS OIL STRUCTURE

Sioux City Drilling Company Representative Prepared to Sink Wells

ALLIANCE, NEB.—Upon invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of Alliance, Harry T. Osborn, president of the North Central Development and Drilling company of Sioux City, Ia., has spent two weeks in this territory making an aerial survey of physical conditions as defined by geodetic surveys of the department of interior at Washington. The survey extended from the Pine Ridge uplift, near Chadron, Neb., south to Lakeside, Neb., and west as far as Scottsbluff, Neb.

As a result of this survey a regional high was located, which is an extension of the agate anticline, which is a faulted condition of the strata which will permit of the trapping of oil and gas. Definite and detailed geology will be done at a later date and location for development determined from this.

Mr. Osborn has drilling equipment at Bassett, Neb., and is making definite location for the first well there. A crew of men is getting the equipment ready for an early start. Representatives from Alliance got in touch with Mr. Osborn at Bassett and persuaded him to come here to investigate possibilities for oil and gas in this section. He also is handling the work near O'Neill, Neb.

Mr. Osborn was impressed by the physical conditions existing here and is contracting to run the detailed geology here at his own expense and select the best locations for the drilling of a test well. The matter is being handled strictly as a lease proposition, with no stock selling connected with the deal in any way. This method was insisted upon by Mr. Osborn who declared that he would countenance no stock selling or promotion scheme offering wild cat stock to the public. His chief aim is to locate oil and gas and build the communities wherein he operates.

Mr. Osborn met with the Chamber of Commerce recently and explained new methods of determining the location of mineral or oil deposits. Local business men have closed a contract with Mr. Osborn for the drilling of a test well providing favorable structural conditions are encountered in the geo-physical survey which Mr. Osborn plans to run immediately.

Expressing confidence in the magnetometer survey which Mr. Osborn has agreed to make here, he said:

"State lines do not define oil territories. There are very promising prospects in the states of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa, but owing to the heavy tertiary beds and sedimentary deposits it is very hard to run structural geology. We have not had any way or means of locating structural conditions which will permit of the trapping of oil or gas so as to be produced in commercial quantities until recently. We now have an instrument perfected and known as the magnetometer, which is manufactured in Germany and works off of a known magnetic intensity and defines subsurface structural conditions but does not locate oil or gas. This instrument is used in mid-continent areas by major oil companies and has recognized possibilities where structural geology is impossible or impractical to run. This instrument has checked known structural conditions in existing oil fields and defined a magnetometer high or favorable condition over the same area."

SETS NEW VETO RECORD

LINCOLN—(UP)—How many vetoes can Governor Weaver claim in the puzzling question.

Up to his action on the appropriation bill and the claims and deficiencies measure, the count stood at 25. This is more bills than have been rejected by all the governors that have preceded Weaver in the last 30 years.

But how to consider the action of the governor on the appropriation bills has confused those keeping count of the vetoes. Some claim his action can be regarded as only two more vetoes, making a total of 27. Others insist each rejected item is a veto and the grand total should be 40.

The total number of bills passed by the legislature that became law is 200. Of this number, 198 were signed by Governor Weaver while he disposed of the last two bills in his hands—the appropriation measure—by permitting them to become law without his signature.

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**LUTHERANS LAY PLANS
FOR GREAT CELEBRATION**

PIPESTONE—At a recent meeting held in Pipestone, attended by representatives from Lutheran churches located at Jasper, Woodstock, Holland, Edgerton, Trotsky and Pipestone, plans for a celebration were considered. It was arranged for all Missouri Synod Lutheran church of Pipestone county to join in a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's small catechism. The celebration will be held in July and the place will be the Pipestone high school auditorium. Rev. H. Meyer of Lakefield, Minn.; president of the Minnesota district of the Missouri Synod has been selected as the speaker for the German services in the morning, and the English speaker for the evening services will be selected by the local pastors.

VETO LOOPS OFF HALF MILLION

**Governor of Nebraska Then
Permits Appropriation Bill
to Become Law**

LINCOLN, NEB.—Governor Weaver late Tuesday night returned to Secretary of State Marsh without his signature the general appropriation bill passed by the legislature. The measure becomes a law without his approval, with the exception of 14 items which the governor vetoed and which total \$495,000.

Although the bill was passed as a whole, the governor contends he is within his rights in his veto of certain items not included in his budget estimates.

Midnight was the time limit for the governor to approve or veto acts of the legislature, which adjourned last Wednesday.

Fourteen specific items that he vetoed in the budget bill total \$470,000 of taxation funds and \$25,000 of fish and game fees, making a total of \$495,000 stricken from the budget by the governor.

He trimmed the claims measure also by eliminating the appropriation to be given banks and trust companies as refund of taxes during the years 1924, 1925 and 1926. The amount of the appropriation was not specifically stated in the measure although it is understood to be approximately \$80,000.

Increases that the legislature made in building funds especially felt the veto ax, the governor's contention being that the legislative records do not show that legislators had an opportunity to vote upon the increase over his budget recommendations separate and distinct from the remainder of the bill. The legislature had made a net increase over the governor's budget of \$1,056,750.

The largest item stricken by Weaver was \$145,000 increased maintenance for the University of Nebraska. Funds for the Grand Island soldiers' home were cut from \$100,000 to \$60,000 and the cost of the Boys' and Girls' club building to be erected on the fair grounds was cut from \$150,000 to \$75,000, the amount in the original budget.

The \$10,000 increase in general repairs and replacements at the Hospital state hospital also was vetoed. Other items vetoed are: \$58,000 for a new manual training school building and landscaping of grounds at the Nebraska school for the deaf at Omaha; \$25,000 increase for the new building at the Norfolk State hospital; \$25,000 increase for a new building at the feeble-minded institution at Beatrice; \$10,000 for a tunnel at the Girls' Industrial school at Geneva; \$40,000 for equipment at the college of medicine at Omaha, which was included in the University of Nebraska budget, the governor said in his veto message; \$9,000 for a reservoir and \$3,000 for a pump and well at the state penitentiary; the item of \$10,000 from fish and game receipts for the establishing of a fish nursery at Alexandria; \$15,000 for the purchase of land adjoining the Chadron State park for a wild game reserve; \$20,000 for the maintenance of the capitol building under the custodian; \$10,000 for the construction of a building in Bridgeport to house records of the bureau of irrigation

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CAPITOL INVESTIGATORS TO MAKE REPORT FRIDAY

LINCOLN, NEB.—May 2—(UP)—Preparatory to filing its report with the governor and the legislators, the joint legislative committee investigating charges of fraud and faulty construction in the building of the capitol will meet here Friday.

DEATH PENALTY INSISTED UPON

**Dawes County People to
Oppose Clemency for Man
Who Murdered Three**

CHADRON, NEB.—(Special) Petitions are being circulated here by Vet Canfield, sheriff of Dawes county, protesting against a commutation of sentence for Henry Sherman. Sherman is to have a hearing before the state board of pardons, May 10.

The young man murdered three members of the Roger Pochon family near Rushville last year, tried to kill the baby and then assaulted the 13-year-old daughter, Nellie.

The Sheridan county attorney has written the board of pardons vigorously protesting any commutation.

Sherman was tried, convicted and sentenced to be executed. He appealed to the state supreme court which upheld the sentence.

Sherman had been hired man for Pochons and was infatuated with the young daughter.

WEAVER VETOES HELD ILLEGAL

**Nebraska Legislators Assert
Governor Exceeded Pow-
er in Recent Act**

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Organized by Representatives Karl Kehm, of Omaha and Harvey Essam of Beatrice, a move was under way to resist the action of Governor Weaver in vetoing 15 specific items in the budget and claims and deficiencies bill.

Appropriations for buildings for state institutions were stricken out especially by Governor Weaver and Kehm said that letters had gone out to cities having state institutions that lost as a result of the vetoes.

One way to test the constitutionality of the governor's vetoes is to file a claim for funds under the vetoed items and if payment is refused, a suit can be filed, Kehm suggested.

Several state officials who were visited by the two representatives in an attempt to interest them in filing such a suit, were told that 10 attorneys had declared the constitution does not permit the vetoing of items in a bill which as a whole has received a three-fifths vote of each house.

Governor Weaver contends that since the items that provided increases over what he recommended in the budget were not voted on separately in order to receive a three-fifths vote, he had authority to veto the items.

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GOES TO TEACH AT MANILA P. I.

**Pastor of Hastings, Neb.
Church Resigns for Work
in the Orient**

HASTINGS, NEB.—(UP)—Rev. Harold E. Fey, pastor of the Christian church here, has resigned to become a member of the faculty of the Union Theological seminary in Manila, P. I. He will serve, also as pastor of the Taft Avenue Student church, which serves the University of the Philippines with its 6,000 students.

Rev. Mr. Fey is a graduate of Cornell University, of Lincoln, and the Yale Divinity school. He is a former University of Nebraska student pastor.

**CARROLL, NEB., HOME
DESTROYED BY FIRE**

CARROLL—(Special)—The residence property of Hans Peterson burned, Tuesday. It was occupied by J. Street. The furniture was removed. The cause of the fire is not known, though a defective chimney is blamed.

**CARROLL SCHOOLS TO HAVE
CLASS OF EVEN DOZEN**

CARROLL—(Special)—The Carroll high school will graduate a class of 12, May 17.

BISHOPS MEET IN CONFERENCE

**Dignitaries of Methodist
Episcopal Church in Ses-
sion at Lincoln**

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—A week of discussion of church problems and forming of religious policies opened here Thursday with approximately 30 bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church meeting in their annual session.

Bishop W. F. McDowell, of Washington, D. C., senior bishop, presided at the opening business session Thursday morning. All of the business sessions of the bishops' will be given Thursday night.

A midnight supper will be served by the local Rebekah lodge.