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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service
 Lincoln, Nebraska—The primary campaign for the democratic nomination for United States Senator is now in full swing. Unless the unicameral legislature sets another date, the primary will be held in April, 1940.
 Senator Burke led off with a delicate exchange of political bushwah with National Committeeman Quigley over the appointment of George Proudfit as United States Marshall. Burke punted this selection into the department of justice in Washington and then apprehensively awaited action on the part of Senator Norris.
 Governor Cochran retaliated by sending Secretary of State Swanson before the microphone. Swanson attested the popularity of Cochran in the rural districts. He asserted that the governor carried 43 counties, as compared with the fifty captured by Charley Warner.
 Then Burke claimed the patronage in the First and Fourth congressional districts. He declared that he had been making the appointments in the Third. Burke asserted that 75 postmasters and the rural mail carriers in each district would be named by the junior senator.
 In the meantime, H. G. Keeney, republican, went before the taxpayer's league with an oration against freight rate discrimination.
 Into the office of Charles W. Bryan, have assembled from time to time many citizens, more or less enveloped in the aura of mystery. Some of the visitors are known in political circles in Omaha. Several have intimate knowledge with voting conditions in Council Bluffs.
 From the Kresge building, comes the report that Charles J. Warner, of Waverly, republican candidate for governor at the last election, was present at one or more of these conferences.
 Neither Bryan nor Warner will admit that an election contest is contemplated or that an investigation of Cochran's Omaha vote will be demanded at the next session of the legislature.
 Admission of Chairman W. W. Carmichael the \$270,000 had been spent during the last biennium, caused agitation to break out in favor of adding the liquor commission to the list of bureaus slated for abolition. Carmichael thought that a revolving fund of about \$300,000 should be set aside. The commission is supported by fees. Increase in bootlegging in Lincoln and other cities is one of the causes for the increase, said Carmichael. Another is the mushroom growth in the number of road houses.
 State Treasurer Jensen recommended in his biennial report that suits be instituted to recover losses resulting from "various transactions" covering separately the years of 1927-31, 1931-33, and 1933-37.
 "Of all the losses suffered by the state, based on careful study and analyses in this office," he said in the report, "the greatest loss is possible through the exchange of good bonds for poor bonds." He endorsed the two following recommendations of his auditors: "1. That the legislature reimburse the school fund in the sum of \$43,825 which has been lost in the principal by chargeoffs, and which principal sum by law must not be impaired. 2. That a sufficient fund be appropriated to provide for frequent audits of all public offices in which state funds are received and handled."
 The promise to provide an adequate setting for the state capitol, made by the city of Lincoln twenty years ago, is recalled by the purchase of a lot on Fifteenth street between Q and R for \$7,800. This lot is now municipal property and may point the way for the opening

of Fifteenth to the state university campus.
 Before the legislature voted to erect a new capitol, the Lincoln city fathers promised a "vista" to each end of Fifteenth street. Promoters, alleged to be connected with Chamber of Commerce, spoke soothingly of an "artistic setting." The plan was to remove all buildings for a block in each direction around the capitol. This land was to be landscaped. The purchase of the Fifteenth street lot is the first move toward improving the surroundings near the state house.
 When the university removal agitation was smothered, the legislature was assured that a half block surrounding the university campus would be landscaped and made into a park. This pledge was never kept.
 Congressman-elect Heinke, of Nebraska City ran the gauntlet with relief workers in Lincoln, last week. Addressing a large assembly of the unemployed, Mr. Heinke bravely recited his platform pledges. He declared that spending must be curtailed, and that he would never vote to give any president a blank check.
 Then Mr. Heinke's tones became sweeter, more honeyed. Of course, human distress must be relieved, and the needy must have assistance. When he asserted that he would protect Lancaster County against "discrimination" he was vigorously applauded. The meeting adjourned with unemployed and the discharged WPA workers feeling that more and better spending would be the order of the day when Heinke and his private secretary, J. Hyde Sweet, trekked to Washington.
 State Superintendent Taylor is preparing for another tussle with the bankers and trust companies that are trying to get legislative sanction for the investment of school funds in state fair grandstand debentures. This question has bobbed up many times. It has been announced that the state superintendent has planned a counter barrage by attacking the pari-mutuel betting system. It is believed that he will seek to have the race track betting banned at the state fair grounds.
 The Nebraska unemployment compensation division last week announced the appointment of nine additional claims deputies as follows: John R. Deming, Claude R. Golding, and Wilson A. Gaylord, all of Lincoln; James P. Bowden, Omaha; Lewis C. Westwood, Tecumseh; Ray Cottingham, North Platte; LeRoy E. Taylor, Meadow Grove; William P. Nolan, Papillion; and Raymond P. McNamara, Hartington. These deputies, each of whom will receive \$140 a month for the probationary period, will assist in handling benefit claims.
 The repeal of the double liability of stockholders in state banks, voted by the people of Nebraska at the recent election, is now in full force and effect and a part of the constitution of the state, following an official proclamation issued last Thursday by Governor Cochran.
 At a meeting of the delegate assembly of the Nebraska State Teachers association, held in Lincoln, December 10, Dr. J. T. Anderson, president of Wayne State Teacher's college, was elected president, succeeding W. C. Bloom, of Lexington, and Dr. Paul Harnley, principal of the Grand Island high school, vice-president succeeding R. M. Marrs, of Omaha. Archer L. Burnham, of Lincoln is still under contract as executive secretary-treasurer.
 Among the resolutions adopted were the following: The announcement of the teachers' retirement bill as the paramount legislative objective of the association; commendation of the Nebraska legislative council for its "scientific approach" to problems of state government and public finance, and recommendation of the same method to other public welfare groups; support of submission to voters in 1940 the recently defeated amendment proposal providing for membership on the state board of education lands and funds of the state superintendent; commendation of the Nebraska American Legion for its stand in favor of adequate state financial program for schools; and citation of "vital need" for curriculum development in elementary and secondary schools.
 A ten per cent dividend amounting to \$17,879.47 was paid Dec. 8 to depositors of the Farmers Security Bank of Maywood by State Bank Director Ben N. Saunders, as liquidating agent. This bank had the first failure to come under the Federal Deposit Insurance Law.

The total paid to date is 70 per cent, of \$125,156.10.
 In answer to a query from County Attorney Edwin Moran, of Nebraska City in regard to two defeated county officers, Attorney General Hunter has issued an opinion that the salary of county officers is fixed by statute, and outgoing officials must be paid the full four years' salary, with no deduction for any brief difference of time between the date of taking office and that of retirement.
 Ray C. Johnson, state auditor-elect, who recently appointed Van I. Taylor, of Lincoln as his deputy has just announced the appointment of Cecil R. Hough, of Omaha to the auditing staff. Hough was a member of the auditing staff of the Omaha Loan and Building Association before he became deputy state land commissioner, a post he held during the last four years.
 Ten counties have already applied for a unit in the \$19,000 pheasant-rearing project which is to be set up in 25 Nebraska counties, according to Frank B. O'Connell, secretary of the state game commission. A congressional appropriation will furnish 75 per cent and the commission will supply 25 per cent of the funds for the project, which will be carried on during a ten-year period. Plans for this project were outlined at the regular meeting of the commission last week. It was also decided to ask the legislature for an increase of \$8,000 for park maintenance for the next biennium, the money to be derived from fees, not from tax funds. The state park system has been increased by two parks from the federal government during the last two years.
 If the University of Nebraska is to continue to keep its membership in the Association of American Universities, a very small group of the best universities in the country, it will have to have a larger appropriation for the next biennium than it had the last two years, according to a letter from the board of regents which accompanied a request made Monday by Chancellor C. S. Boucher, accompanied by Finance Secretary L. E. Gunderson at a hearing before Governor Cochran and State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith. An increase in cash funds was also asked from \$2,000,000 to \$2,084,709.
 In order to finance the fight of the department of animal husbandry on the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, glanders, and anthrax, and the treatment of scabies, Louis Buchholz, director of the department of agriculture, has asked that the legislature increase the appropriation of tax funds for his department from \$168,201.87, as it was during the last biennium, to \$262,500 for the coming two years. The increase will also cover \$1,471.70 for bee inspection. The bindweed eradication request has not been raised from the \$50,000 appropriation of the last biennium.
 Claiming that individual rights are endangered a committee of the Nebraska State Bar Association has condemned the various state boards, bureaus and commissions, and the numerous Federal agencies. "These bodies," declares the committee, "are vested with the power of prosecutor, judge, jury and executioner. The rights of an individual should never be determined

by vesting in an administrative or quasi-judicial body the right to make a conclusive determination of either facts or law." Max Begthol of Lincoln is the committee chairman and a report will be made to the state bar association at the annual meeting December 28th.
 The Farm Bureau federation appeared to be satisfied with their officers at the annual convention last week, as the following were re-elected: C. Y. Thompson, of West Point, president; Phil Kenfield, of Brule, vice president and director; and Mrs. R. L. Haskins, Republican City, director. The following new district representatives in the women's program of the Farm Bureau were chosen: Mrs. L. E. Rupp, Aurora; Mrs. Charles E. Blumquist, Valley; Mrs. D. Brown, Overton; Mrs. W. E. Jones, Benkelman; and Mrs. Ray Norris, Weeping Water, who acted as secretary of the women's meeting. The Farm Bureau federation passed resolutions opposing exemption from payment of income tax of salaries paid federal, state and other public officials and demanded that any federal farm program be democratically administered and by cooperating farmers themselves. Other resolutions favored exemption from tax all gasoline not used for propelling motor vehicles on streets, said gas tax to be used only for road purposes; closing of state serum plant, and efforts leading to greater use of farm products.
 J. A. McEachen, chairman of the state liquor commission, reports that "considering conditions—the fact that there was an increase in tax the preceding year—the 1937-8 receipts compare very favorably with previous collections," this in spite of the fact that state liquor receipts decreased some \$40,000 during the year which ended December

1. The net receipts amounted to \$1,684,944.71, as compared with \$1,725,608.09 in 1936-7. The chairman reported the total operating expense of the state commission for the year at \$134,599.64. A shift from beer and light wines to stronger beverages was indicated.
 Fred W. Andersen, comptroller for the state board of control, has announced that the low bidder on the general contract for the construction of the faculty residence building at the Chadron normal school was C. E. Atwater, of Grand Island, who bid \$20,201. George W. Fisher, of Chadron secured the contract for the plumbing and heating, and the A. B. C. Electric Co., of Chadron secured that for the electrical work. Since plans for the faculty-student building at Wayne normal were not completed, bids could not be called for that at the board meeting last week.
 Does a county have the right to buy existing interstate bridges? The Nebraska Supreme court took this question under consideration last week when it heard an appeal made by officials of Dakota county from a decision in which District Judge Mark J. Ryan held that they had no right to purchase the Missouri river toll bridge at Sioux City. Cancellation of a bond issue of \$1,800,000 by Judge Ryan also figured in the appeal.
 The state planning board, created by an act of the last legislature to outline the procedure for the orderly construction of buildings, has failed to make any arrangements for building on the university camps or elsewhere. Governor Cochran opposed the proposed levy for state university buildings. It was lost by a single vote. The argument was used that a state body should be created for

"orderly planning." After the legislature had adjourned, it was discovered that the regents of the state university had authority over such matters, and that the state planning board was a duplication.
 The same situation exists in regard to the state board of control. Several members of the legislature are preparing measures to abolish the planning body.
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Superb Sifted Peas 2 No. 2 Cans 29c
 The Superb Brand is your assurance of peas that are sweet and tender. These small peas have a real fresh from the garden flavor.

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 For a cocktail that spurs appetites serve Campbell's Tomato Juice. The juice with the garden fresh flavor of sun-ripened tomatoes.

Dill Pickles Gedneys Quart Jar 16c
 Crisp, brittle pickles of uniform size. Have small seeds and that real dill flavor.

Crisco 3 Pound Can 49c
 Pure vegetable shortening for fine pastries and for deep fat frying.

Council Oak Coffee Pound 23c 3 Pounds For 67c
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Apples Extra Fancy Delicious Dozen 25c

Oranges California Navels Dozen 17c

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