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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Irrigation developments in the state. The Nebraska Power company in negotiating for 42 per cent of the output of the Loup River Public Power district. The Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company sells 125 million kilowatt annually and generates 79 million. It is expected that this company will buy about 50 million kilowatts of the hydros.

Total settlements by insurance companies for fire losses in Nebraska during the first quarter of 1939 were \$454,579, as shown by a report from State Fire Marshal Horace Davis. Farm fire losses settled by insurance companies during March amounted to \$76,413, and this is \$4,000 more than the total adjustments for February of both city and rural losses.

State WPA rolls have been cut to 26,270 persons, according to State Administrator Dwight F. Fulton. This is a reduction of about 2,200 persons, and more than half of these were from Lancaster and Douglas counties. About 900 were dropped in Douglas county, and more than 200 were from Lincoln.

Regular twice-a-day sessions have been voted by the legislature, beginning last Monday. A unanimous voice vote was given Senator Gutoski's motion to this effect. Senator E. M. Von Seggern of West Point urged the action, saying, "We are getting close to corruption time, and I want to go home."

A \$9,000 increase in the biennial budget of the State Historical Society was earnestly recommended to the appropriation committee last week by former Governor A. J. Weaver of Falls City, president of the society; A. E. Sheldon, superintendent; and J. E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star and one of the directors of the society. It was urged that the society is the poorest paid agency in the state, and the committee was asked not to lose sight of the value of keeping the records up to date.

During March, a total gasoline tax of \$755,114.15 was collected in Nebraska, State Treasurer Bass reports, and \$207,486.07 was distributed among the counties of the state. Of this, \$69,162.03 went toward assistance; \$425,699.36 toward road construction; and \$32,766.69 went to dealers in the form of refunds.

State Engineer A. C. Tilly last

week announced highway bids totaling \$467,137 on state projects and federal concurrence recommended on federal supported jobs. The highest contract let was that to the Inland Construction company of Omaha for 10.3 miles of stabilized base and prime armor coat between York and Osceola. The Abel Construction company of Omaha received a contract of \$17,959 for armor coat work on 19.4 miles on Highway 77, between Lincoln and Wahoo.

Praise was given by State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith last week to Walter Loescher, assessor in Hall county, for his method designed to get more property on the tax rolls. Smith said: "Loescher has instructed his local assessors to administer the oath to all persons before the tax schedule is made out. The practice adopted by Mr. Loescher is a very commendable one."

A new bill has been introduced by the legislative finance committee which provides that all state-owned cars shall be plainly marked with the words "State of Nebraska," in letters two inches high, together with the name of the department to which the car is assigned. The action was taken as a result of reports that state-owned cars were being used for weekend recreation trips and shopping trips from Lincoln to Omaha.

LB 2, the amendatory truck regulation bill, which has been more discussed and more bitterly fought than perhaps any other measure on the legislative calendar, has at last received the approval of the banking, commerce and insurance committee and has been placed on the select file. An effort at the last moment to kill the bill, a move which would have left the 1937 trucking law in force, received only four votes. Among the most important amendments, as the bill now stands, are those exempting all livestock and agricultural products from rate regulation; exempting local trucks from regulation when operating exclusively within 20 miles of their headquarters; and the consideration of a tractor and a semi-trailer as one unit for licensing purposes, the fee to be \$5 instead of the former \$10 fee.

Governor Cochran has signed LB 75, ostensibly to permit a Nebraska insurance company to do business in Massachusetts. Insurance experts claim it will weaken the protection for policyholders in assessment companies. The governor evidently recognized the faults in the act for he stated:

"It may create what might prove a serious fault or weakness in our insurance laws. It apparently tends to project assessment companies into the mutual insurance companies that now applies by law to the mutual insurance companies." The governor said that he expected the insurance investigating committee of the legislature to present a bill to close the breach opened up by the passage of LB 78.

The barbers of Nebraska have demonstrated their political strength for a second time. Although the legislature has frowned on all the little NRA or price-fixing bills at this session, the barbers, championed by Senator Westley, won approval of a price-fixing bill. Several years ago the barbers of Lancaster county, resenting a remark made by a district judge, in a banquet speech, sailed into the



Adjournment Guesses
Guesses are being made as to when congress will adjourn. Most guesses run from July 1 to 15. Some optimists say around June 15th.

"Making Hay" at Washington
About 279 railroad trains and thousands of autos and busses came to town bringing crowds to see cherry blossoms. More thousands are being booked to visit the town on their way to and from the fair in New York. Hotels here are getting ready for a record-breaking crowd this summer. The guide and tourist people say they are beginning to add to their staffs. That business is a big one here.

Former Congressmen Are Busy
Former congressmen from Nebraska continue active here. Henry Luckey of Lincoln is writing a book which he tells friends will be of most interest to his own family. Charles Binderup is continuing his money program and is writing almost every week to members to work for the bill he introduced in the last session.

Nebraska "Royal" Events Best
They are crowning more queens around here. The apple blossom queen, the garden week queen, and queens of a lot of other events are going to get crowned. They play these events up in all the society pages and while they draw a lot of crowds, none of them seem to be crowds with so much real good feeling and wholesome spirit as the crowds which attend the Scribner livestock fair and other fairs in Nebraska. Believe it or not the girl who was crowned Cherry Blossom Queen the other day, was as cold as the girl who was crowned queen at Scribner last year. The girl here had to wear an overcoat and furs. It was that cold.

Washington Racial Problem
A tremendous crowd listened to Marian Anderson, the Negro contralto. However, certain racial controversies that go as far back as the Civil War have been aroused. On the House side members are being asked to sign the petition to get a hearing on the anti-lynching bill. Those against the bill are quietly asking members not to sign. On the Senate side, some criticism was offered because the singer was allowed to sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Nebraska people who come here to stay for a few months quickly learn that Washington is in the atmosphere of the South. They learn too, that the colored race is treated more tolerantly here than generally south of the Mason-Dixon line

political arena and defeated him. Declaring that towns served by private utilities were centers of propaganda and disturbance, directors of the Eastern Nebraska Public Power district passed a resolution at the last board meeting, setting about a dozen towns outside the district. Nebraska City was eliminated, thereby eventually removing from the board, Wm. Bischof, Jr., who resides there.

and that many colored people come here to get the feeling of equality and freedom. With over 200,000 colored people in Washington and with a dual school system in operation, the negro question pops up frequently.

America's "Boom Town"
Store sales are up more than 11% here. Building permits ran over half a million dollars during the last week. Home building has reached a peak since 1929. In spite of all that Washington merchants are kicking because a few people are moving out of town and building their homes in nearby Maryland and Virginia. A fireman tells this office that he owns a \$9,000 home here. His real estate taxes amount to \$90.00. He believes the taxes are low enough. Everybody here knows that Washington is a boom town. The people here want to keep it that way.

Capitol City Busy Place
The President and Mrs. Roosevelt are mighty busy people these days. In spite of their many complex and rushing activities they appear in excellent health. The President especially shows healthful benefits from his vacation. The Presidential family had a great time with thousands of children at the annual Easter Monday egg-rolling program on the White House lawn. On Tuesday the First Lady has a garden full of congressional ladies at her annual garden party. The President has his hands full of foreign and domestic troubles.

While all of this executive department activity is going on the legislative branch is just as active. With a brief pause for funeral ceremonies for the late Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, the Senate and its committees are busy on bills sent to them by the House. The House, too, is working on new legislation and listening in between bills to members who are letting off an unusual amount of steam on questions both foreign and domestic.

Under cover party politics are in the making. One general statement is being made behind the scenes, that, if there is a war, the present occupant of the White House will become a "third term"—otherwise those working for their favorite sons can continue their labors. Indiana delegation has opened its campaign in support of the candidacy of Commissioner McNutt who is expected here soon from the Philippines. No less a member, than the peace advocate, Louis Ludlow, has joined the Indiana members in boosting McNutt for President.

Churches Crowded on Easter
Washington churches were over-crowded for Easter services. It was impossible to get into some churches without a ticket which was issued in advance. Usually there's plenty of room in churches here on Sundays. Prayers for peace were featured in most of the sermons and church programs on Easter Sunday in this nation's capital.

House Opposed to War
The President is back in the White House after vacationing at Warm Springs. In the House lobby members are discussing the chief executive's remark about "war"

NEBR. ACCIDENT SURVEY

mixup each contributed one injury to the list. Two children were hurt when the horse they were riding lunged into the side of a passing car, three more sustained arm and hand injuries because of cars, and a man was cut when a pheasant flew through the windshield of his car.

One intoxicated driver was responsible for an injury this week.

Public Accidents Continue Downward Trend

Public mishaps continued to drop as the total moved down from fifty-six to forty-two and the casualty list dropped from forty to thirty-eight. Two people died as the result of falls, a man was found dead from exposure, and a boy died after streptococcal infection developed in his leg from an old injury.

Sixteen were hurt in play or sports this week with three of that number occurring at school. Two others sustained injuries when guns accidentally discharged, seven fell and were hurt, and three were cut. Three suffered arm and hand injuries, another was hit on the head by a falling brick, a spectator suf-

fered a broken leg when an animal in a sales yard attacked him, and a blind, deaf man was severely injured when a tree fell on him. Four fires occurred in public places.

House Uses Loud Speaking System

The loud speaking system in the House of Representatives has become a reality. After four years of campaign the speakers are installed, tested and in use and only the House passed the bill paying for them. Only a handful of members who have very loud voices objected.

The Speaker of the House has told members that he has had many compliments on the new installation which in no way changes the architectural appearance of the House. The interior appearance of the Chamber is about the same as it was upon completion just before the Civil War. The only other alteration in the house chamber since that time was the changing of the seating arrangement. Once each member had a desk. Now he has an ordinary seat and can sit in any seat he chooses, ordinarily.

Democrats sit on one side of the main aisle and republicans sit on the other side, but frequently democrats sit with republicans and vice versa. The Wisconsin progressive sit on the outer edge of the republican side, commonly known as the "Cherokee Strip."

EMMET ITEMS

A pinocle party was held at the Leon Beckwith home Friday night. Sixteen were present. A delicious lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conard went to Norfolk on business Monday afternoon. They returned home Tuesday.

The seventh and eighth grade examinations were held Thursday and Friday. Those taking them were: Merle Foreman, Roy Kenberg, Bud Cole, Lavern Jergunsmier, Bobby Cole, Darly Hanks, Merna Fox, Gilbert Fox, Charles Fox, Nadine Kee, Zane Livingston, Dorothy Barrett, Vernon Beckwith, Marva McNally, John McNally, Orva Jean McRoberts, Helen O'Connor.

Rev. Green went to Ord, Nebr., Monday to attend the district conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allan and son, Stanley Hugh, and daughter,

Virginia, drove to Norfolk Saturday.

The Emmet Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Harold Givens Thursday night. Mrs. Frank Foreman won high score, Mrs. Martha Wills, low score, Mrs. John Conard, traveling and Mrs. Guy Cole, cut prize. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. James O'Donnell and children visited at the Anthony O'Donnell home Sunday afternoon. June, Dorothy and Jim Fox were dinner guests at the home of Wayne and Shirley Bates Sunday.

Mrs. John Conard and daughter, Mary Lou, and Mrs. John Lowery visited at the home of Mrs. Charles Luben in O'Neill Thursday afternoon.

The South Side Improvement club met at the home of Mrs. Dewey Schaffer on April 12. It was an all-day meeting. Thirteen members and their husbands and four visitors were present. New officers were chosen. They are Mrs. L. B. Price, president; Mrs. Walter Puckett, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Robert Fox, music leader; Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, reading leader and Mrs. Alex McConnell, news reporter.

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