CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN — The legislature apparently is willing to go along with the national trend of higher assistance payments to the needy. But it is not as as openhanded as its public health committee.

This week the unicameral gave tentative approval to bills raising maximum grants to the aged from $50 a month to $55, and to the blind, from $50 to $60. The committee had recommended a $60 ceiling on the old age grants, and $70 for assistance to the blind.

Sen. Norris Schroeder, a Hoskins farmer, led the fight against the proposed boosts. He scored the argument that the present $50 ceiling leaves 19 percent of the aged on the assistance rolls with unmet needs.

Schroeder said the state and counties, on a 75-25 percent formula, team up to provide money needed over the ceiling. He warned against falling in step "with the national trend of more and more social legislation (which) stifles initiative and cuts deep into resourcefulness."

Other opposition to the higher ceilings was based on the contention that they would not benefit the large majority of the state's wards who, it was said, have a hard time getting along on the budgets allowed by the state assistance department.

After more than two weeks of debate, and amendments to amendments, the anti-fireworks bill was killed.

Sen. O. H. Person, of Wahoo, abandoned his proposal measure after Sen. John McKnight, of Auburn, amended it past his liking. Person wanted to ban sale of all fireworks, which now may be sold only in muncipalities specifically permitting this.

McKnight thought the blanket ban was excessive, and succeeded in amending the bill to permit the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks during the week before July 5. Person labeled his orphan bill "deplorable and assinine."

"I don't," he said, "want any part of being responsible for injury to any child, or the destruction of property."

He then offered the motion to kill the bill, and the legislature agreed, 21-17.

Opponents of the proposed new law argued frequently during the fortnight the bill bobbed up and down on general file, that July 4 patriotism called for the noise and color of fireworks, at least in the opinion of youngsters.

The attorney general and then the governer canceled out Sen. Don Hanna's plan to require life termers in the penitentiary to serve at least 20 years before applying to the pardon board for clemency.

The measure was enacted by a rare majority, and sent to the governor. Then Sen. Clyde Cretsinger, of Paxton, paged Atty.-Gen. James H. Anderson for his opinion on the constitutionality of the act.

Anderson held it was unconstitutional, since it infringed on the powers vested in the pardon board. This was enough for Gov. Val Peterson. He vetoed the measure.

Hanna, of Valentine, did not try to override Peterson's veto. But he predicted the widespread discussion of the bill during its embattled progress through the legislature would prompt the board to scrutinize clemency applications more carefully, and requlre longer terms of the "lifers."

The familiar battle between sparsely populated counties and urban areas for a change in the allocation of the counties' share of the five-cent gasoline tax is due to be waged in the 1949 legislature.

The counties now share in the money on a formula of 45 percent based upon motor vehicle registration, 45 percent on rural population, and 10 percent on non-farm population.

Shroeder last month introduced a bill to eliminate the 10 percent non-farm population proportion. He would have this money distributed on the basis of the proportion of road mileage in each county, exclusive of the state highway system, to the entire road mileage in the state.

Now Sens. William Metzger, of Cedar Creek, and John McKnight, of Auburn, have announced a second proposed change, in preference to the Schroeder bill. They would earmark one-third the counties' funds for allocation on the number of feet of bridges in each county, not maintained by the state.

Metzger and McKnight said they were confident their plan would win legislature approval, since 47 counties represented by 26 senators would stand to gain, compared to their present cuts of the revenue pie.

The counties are: Blaine, Boone, Buffalo, Burt, Cass, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dawson, Dixon, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage Gosper, Greeley, Harlan, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Merrich, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Theyer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, and Webster.

Another bill likely to produce bitter debate is the proposed compulsory retirement act for municipal employees. At a hearing on the bill, supporters argued the act must be mandatory since too few cities and towns are willing to vote in thee additional expense.

Employees would contribute four percent of their wages, and the local government, six percent. Spokesmen said salaries probably would have to be hiked if the compulsory pension plan is enacted, since the workers cannot afford a cut in their take-home pay.

GIT GOIN', MYRTLE . . . Myrtle, the slow-moving sea turtle, doesn't hustle quite fast enough to suit these funsters on the beach at Sosua, Dominican Republic, West Indies. The children are residents of a Jewish displaced persons settlement at Sosua.

Mrs. Sageser, Mrs. Ott Lead Lesson —

AMELIA — WSCS of the Methodist church met Wednesday, February 23, at the home of Mrs. Frank Backaus. There were 11 members present.

Mrs. Blanche Sageser and Mrs. Hazel Ott were lesson leaders.

Mrs. George Fullerton and Mrs. Sageser served a luncheon of ice cream, cup cakes and coffee. The next meeting will be on March 23 with Mrs. Rose Backaus.

Other Amelia News

Mrs. Ray Andersen returned Saturday evening from Lincoln where she attended capping exercises at Bryan Memorial hospital. Her daughter, Miss Ardene Andersen, was one of the nurses to receive her cap.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Malley returned Saturday evening from a visit with their son, Joe and wife, in California, and their daughter, Edna Marie, and her family in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Ott and Gloria were dinner Sunday on Sunday at the Asa Watson's. The occasion was in honor of Charol Jean and Nancy Watson's birthday anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Forbes visited Tuesday and Wednesday, February 22 and 23, at the Roy Forbes home near Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Fix took Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes to Inman Wednesday, February 23, returning that evening. Mrs. Barnes stayed to visit her mother for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Krutz and Linda, of Stanton, came on Wednesday, February 23, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Frahm, and help them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

The Julius Belews and son, Marlin, of Hoskins, visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Clemens, and other relatives and friends. They are planning to move in the Spring.

Marvin Stauffer Leads Laymen

PAGE — Sunday was layman's day at the Methodist church. The following had charge of the services during the morning worship hour: Marvin Stauffer, leader; Leonard Heiss, prayer; Harold Tegeler, scripture.

Topics: Raymond Heiss, layman's work; Lavon Albright, Youth Fellowship; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, temperance; Mrs. Raymond Heiss, WSCS work; Carl Mark, missions.

March of Dimes Fund At Page Grosses $261.98

PAGE — Money reported for the March of Dimes at Page is the following: letters — $202.15; schools (Page and rural) — $25.43; organizations — $19.50; jars — $8.40, and theatre — $6.50. Total $261.98.

Mail on Schedule First Time 3 Months

DELOIT — The mail came "straight through" on Wednesday, February 23—the first time on full schedule in over three months.

The mail carrier reaches the Deloit community and continues on West.

Other Deloit News

Tuesday was moving day. There were a number of changes.

Mrs. Max Cross and little daughter, Connie Kay, of Corning, Ia., were guests at the Ray Mooney home where her husband was working as a 'dozer operator. They returned home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harpster and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and son were recent visitors at the L. W. Reimer home in O'Neill.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coulter and daughter, Florence, of Randolph, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mooney and son, Skipper, of Petersburg, were visitors at Ray Mooney's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sohi were Norfolk visitors on Wednesday, February 23.

Donnie Larson, Marvin Werkmeister, Marlene Reimer and Bonnie and Lois Rossom spent the weekend at home. Marlene and Don had not been home for six weeks.

Mrs. S. Venteicher and Mary Elizabeth returned home from Orchard last week. Visitors at the Venteichers were the James Wiegands and H. Werkmeisters.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer and daughters visited Sunday at the Minnie Reimer home in Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiegand and family were Neligh visitors on Wednesday, February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reimers spent the weekend at St. Edward with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bauer had their three-year-old grandson over the weekend. He returned to his mother, Mrs. Rose Baues, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sehi, of Elgin, visited at the Mark Sehi home last week.

AMELIA NEWS

Robert Adair went to Nenzel last week where he will work on a ranch near there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and Marilyn, of Gering, visited their son, Vernon, and family last week. They also visited at the Paul Fisher home and old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Will Dierks, of Scottsbluff, accompanied them and visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Doolittle, and Dixie Jean.

Glenn White and Clifford Olson are the owners of new 1949 Chevrolet cars, both purchased in O'Neill.

Mrs. Lou Backaus is visiting her brother near Venus. He will have a farm sale soon and Mrs. Backhaus is helping get ready for it.

Mrs. Viola Travers accompanied Mrs. Floyd Adams to O'Neill Saturday. She will stay at the Darrel Baker home to help with the work.

Donna Rae Peterson, student at Wayne, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coe and family recently moved to Omaha. Mr. Coe had been working for Guy Blake.

EMMET NEWS

Swede Wilson and Raymond Porath, of Waverly, Ia., visited at the Paul Newton home Sunday evening.

Fred Perry, of O'Neill, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Perry and family.

Mrs. George Skopec and sons left on Monday for Lincoln where they will visit Mrs. Skopec's mother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Abart and Mrs. Kubichek, of O'Neill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abart on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clouse, of O'Neill, visited at the William Newton home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman and daughter, Jeanie Kay, visited at the Jack Bailey home in O'Neill on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brainard and family, of O'Neill, spent Sunday at the Charles Fox home.

Mrs. William Serck and daughter, Linda, visited Mrs. Serck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reimer, at Inman, Monday evening, February 21.

Melvin Fox, of Atkinson, and Dick Fox, made a business trip to Waverly, Ia., on Sunday.

Mrs. Wallace O'Connell, of O'Neill, was a supper guest at the William Serck home Sunday. The occasion also being Leah's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. William Newton and Mardell Hagelstein visited at the Dean Perry home on Saturday.

Leonard Winkler, of Omaha, and Ed Winkler, of Butte, spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler, and family.

Mrs. Agnes Gaffney, Mrs. Charles Abart and Mrs. Henry Benze visited Mrs. Paul Newton on Wednesday, February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banks and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and family, all of O'Neill, were Sunday dinner guests at the William Grothe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Regal and daughter, of Atkinson, visited at the James Regal farm Sunday afternoon.

Auxiliary Meeting Slated —

CHAMBERS — The American Legion auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Hattie Tibbetts for its next meeting, probably Friday evening.

The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Honeywell and the members worked on quilt piecing.

Resides with Granddaughter —

CHAMBERS — Harry C. Stewart, who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Paul Roth, is now residing with his granddaughter, Mrs. Elwyn Robertson, who lives on a farm near Chambers.

Arrive from Sioux City —

CHAMBERS — Mrs. Ben Medcalf and baby, of Sioux City, arrived in Chambers last Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Carpenter. Mr. Medcalf will come later.

Returns from Ceresco —

CHAMBERS — James Cavenaugh, who has been working at Ceresco, arrived in Chambers Friday night. His brother, Gene, who is working in O'Neill, also attended the basketball game here on Friday.

Revive Constitution —

CHAMBERS — The Lutheran Ladies Aid met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Victor Harley. The main topic of the session was "Revival of the Aid Constitution."

Club Holds Meeting —

AMELIA—The Helping Hand club will meet Thursday, March 10, with Mrs. Ralph Rees.

3 OES Members Are Initiated

STUART—In a regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, held here Tuesday night, three new members were initiated.

A special meeting will be held today (Thursday)—one session at 2 p. m. and one at 8 p. m.

The past matrons are giving a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of the district supervisor at the home of Mrs. Fred Zink.

Ladies Aid Sells All but Cups —

STUART — When it comes to sales, the Cleveland Ladies Aid can compete with any. They said, "Never have we been so busy trying to keep enough coffee for a crowd as we did at the Wefso sale on Friday, February 25. We sold everything we had but our cups."

Aid Serves 25 Seed Corn Men —

STUART — The Presbyterian Aid served 25 men at the church basement Tuesday, February 22. Occasion was a hybrid seed corn convention.

Other Stuart News

Walter Gill, manager of Gill Motor Co., and wife left for Florida on Friday, February 25.

Miss Nelle Newman, R. N., supervisor of hospital at Winner, S. D., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Newman, over the weekend.

Mrs. John Strode entertained the Birthday club at bingo on Thursday, February 24. Eleven members were present. A unique lunch was served, carried out in George Washington style.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carlisle, of Atkinson, took Sunday dinner at his parents home, the R. V. Carlisles.

Mark Nelson, manager of the Gallagher Lumber Co., and wife returned Monday from Omaha. They had been attending a lumberman's convention.

The Wm. Wefso sale held Friday, February 25, was well attended by many buyers. Stock and all items listed "sold well." The real estate of 920-acres remains unsold.

Ora Yargas and Charles Mulford made a business trip to O'Neill Tuesday.

Mrs. Carlisle Hostess —

STUART — Mrs. Ray Carlisle entertained three tables at High Five Friday, February 25. Lunch was served.

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