

LEGISLATORS PASS GAS TAX MEASURE PRIOR TO RECESS

Legislators Expected To Shy At Political Questions Following Court Resolution.

By the Lowell Service
 Lincoln, Neb.—After a short excursion into the bypaths of partisan politics the unicameral legislature finally settled down to earnest business. One little task requested by Governor Cochran was the passage of the gas tax measure before the recess so that the old age pensioners would be protected. The old law ends March 1.

When the members adopted a mild resolution objecting to the President's supreme court plan, they were already just a trifle alarmed over the introduction of the subject into the legislature. The vote was 26 to 17. During the debate the veteran Dick Regan tongue-lashed Haycock and other democrats for their stand against the administration.

From the state at large came complaints. The advocates of unicameral theories were particularly displeased.

"The old legislature was put out of business," a western Nebraska farmer wrote his legislator, "because it attended to everyone's business except its own. You fellows get down to business. No one has asked you to attend to the affairs of congress."

Enclosed was a memorandum listing a dozen bills in which the farmer was interested.

It is believed the unicameral will be somewhat leery of resolutions with a political slant hereafter.

However, one National Committeeman Hugh Butler of the republican organization used the incident to store political hay. The work of organization has proceeded with the supreme court resolution as an energizing incident. When March 1 comes, it is believed that the canny Hugh Butler will have an entire slate of new faces ready for officers and committees for Founders day. As for the republican state committee the gossip is that Lyle Jackson will remain at the helm until the proper time. Then the committee will be entirely reorganized for the campaign of 1938.

It is inevitable that the unicameral will become the training ground for future Nebraska statesmen. The lines now are tightening on the governorship with Speaker Warner and John Norton as the main contestants. Warner won a victory at the beginning of the legislature and secured the installation of the "double check" system. The rules committee has now backtracked. The committee of the whole and the "double check" are slated for thorough overhauling. The kick-back is really a score for Norton.

The primary act and its revision will be the center of a terrific legislative combat. The two old parties are determined to introduce some form of the convention system.

The bipartisan primary committee presents a united front so far. A former attempt to restore convention features failed at a referendum.

Nebraska will have some G-men all its own, if a bill introduced by Robert M. Armstrong of Auburn passes the Nebraska legislature. The measure provides for a separate department of criminal investigation consisting of a chief of division and five investigators. All research facilities of the state would be left entirely to the office of the state sheriff. County attorneys have suggested most of the provisions of the bill which resembles the Minnesota law. An appropriation of \$60,000 is asked.

Strong opposition to the fire and police salary increase bill is coming from Omaha, several speakers from that city appearing before the revenue and taxation committee of the legislature during the last year. Among those speaking in opposition to the bill were Alfred C. Kennedy of the Omaha Real Estate board, T. F. Naughtin, representing the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, W. A. Ellis of the Omaha

Manufacturers' association, and A. W. Gordon of the Association of Omaha Taxpayers. They insisted that the people of Omaha, not the legislature should decide the matter, and declared that a six-mill increase in Omaha city taxes would be possible under the provisions of the bill. Attention was called to the fact that the total bonded indebtedness of Omaha exceeds 23 million dollars.

Among the bills introduced by John N. Norton of Polk, on the last day for the introduction of bills in the Nebraska legislature were three pertaining to the legislature itself, which will meet annually if LB394 becomes a law. It provides for annual sessions of the unicameral legislature and provides for alternative methods of calling special sessions. LB395 also by Mr. Norton, aims to establish a permanent legislative council of ten legislators and the speakers, whose duty it shall be to prepare a legislative program. LB396, by the same author, will, if passed, create the office of revisor of statutes, who will serve six years at a salary of \$4,800 per year and will be appointed by the legislative council.

With the aim of effecting savings somewhere in state and local government, a bill has been introduced in the legislature providing for a commission of five members to make a special study of state and local government with the idea of eliminating unnecessary duplications and expenditures. It is suggested that a research staff might work under the direction of the commission, and an appropriation of \$15,000 is requested. Amos Thomas of Omaha, heads the list of first year legislators introducing the measure. Mr. Thomas, in speaking of the bill, said: "We feel that a commission working for the next two years might be able to produce some information that would show us where to begin in reducing expenditures in a sensible manner. That would be worth much more to the state than the \$15,000 we suggest for financing it."

The longer the chain of stores the bigger the license, according to a bill introduced in the legislature by John Knickrehm of Grand Island, W. H. Diers of Gresham, and Lester L. Dunn of Lincoln. It is called a revenue measure, and it provides that every store selling general mercantile lines pay an annual state license before it is allowed to operate. A store operating as one unit in one location is to pay a license fee of only fifty cents. When one person or corporation operates more than one store in different locations, the annual license fees shall be as follows: two stores, \$3 each; three to five stores, \$10 each; five to ten stores, \$25 each; ten to fifteen stores, \$50 each; fifteen to twenty stores, \$150 each; and more than twenty stores, \$250 each.

The following bills have been passed and sent to Governor Cochran for signature: LB22 by Lester Dunn, a bill to remove tax liens from bulk sales of personal property when sold under distress warrants; LB32 by Charles A. Dafeo, reducing from \$10,000 to \$1,000 the bonds required of public power and irrigation district directors; LB46 by W. E. Worthing, to permit cash bonds on appeals from justice and municipal courts to district courts; and LB47 by W. E. Worthing, to give county courts concurrent jurisdiction with district courts in criminal cases where penalty does not exceed \$500 fine, six months in jail, or both.

Hearings on motions by the Tri-county public power and irrigation district and by objectors to water rights granted the district will be heard by the Nebraska supreme court during the week of March 1. Objectors have been seeking an extension of time to file briefs until April. The district had asked the court to dismiss appeals.

The Nebraska legislature will adjourn Friday, Feb. 26, until Wednesday, March 3. Farmer legislators protested against taking any spring vacation, but they were outvoted.

R. M. Howard of Flats is the sponsor of a bill which has been reported upon favorably by the legislative committee on agriculture.

The Weather

Last week several of the industrious of the city were seriously thinking of getting ready to plant their gardens, but they have since changed their minds. It has been real chilly all week, while not touching zero, it got to three above last night. The wind has blown quite strong most of the week and has been raw and cold.

	High	Low
Feb. 18	61	28
Feb. 19	52	20
Feb. 20	35	25
Feb. 21	34	15
Feb. 22	28	16
Feb. 23	26	14
Feb. 24	23	10
Feb. 25		3

Dorsey Youth Awarded Sears Scholarship For The Second Semester

Roger Rosenkrans of Dorsey, a junior in the college of agriculture, has been selected as one of the thirty-eight outstanding men students to be awarded a Sears, Roebuck & Co., scholarship the second semester of the present school year the college scholarship committee has announced. Mr. Rosenkrans is one of the twenty-six of the group granted awards at the beginning of the year whose record has warranted continuance of the scholarship for the second semester.

The scholarships are divided into two payments, half paid the first semester, and the other half the second, if the student's record warrants. A faculty committee has charge of the scholarship and selects the recipients. The students eligible for the second semester grant were required to have an average of eighty or above, have earned at least twelve college hours the preceding semester, have no incompletes, failures or conditions, and were allowed to have not more than one grade between sixty and seventy.

Michael A. O'Brien Dies At Sioux City

Michael A. O'Brien, 72, veteran railway conductor and well known in this city during his over a quarter of a century as a conductor on the Burlington between Sioux City and O'Neill, died at his home in Sioux City last Wednesday.

Michael O'Brien was a native of Portland, Maine, and moved to Sioux City, Iowa, 57 years ago as a brakeman for the M. & O. railroad and later with the Burlington. Mike O'Brien was a genial and companionable man and had a host of friends all along the Burlington system. He retired on pension Feb. 1, 1934.

His survivors include two sons, two sisters and a brother. His wife died three years ago. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Railway Conductors.

A local philosopher says that a smart man never tells all he knows when he gets into an argument. This is only half of it. A smart man never gets into an argument.

George Bressler, for many years a resident of this city but now of Neligh, was a business visitor in this city this morning.

It provides for the licensing and regulation of about 200 live stock sales rings in Nebraska, the state department of agriculture to license each sales barn at \$100 per year. A bond of at least \$5,000 per year will be required from each barn to protect buyers and sellers, and barns must maintain veterinarian inspection of animals sold in the ring. It is possible that the \$100 license fee may be lowered after argument on the floor of the legislature.

John N. Norton of Polk, has submitted to the legislature a proposal to abolish the "double check" system inserted in the rules by Speaker Charles Warner of Waverly. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed at the delays entailed by the present rules. Norton claims that his plan, which eliminates the legislative file and makes the committee of the whole procedure optional, will expedite matters, though "hasty legislation" is guarded against by a provision that no bill can be considered on select file until three legislative days after it has been considered on general file.

PNEUMONIA KILLS RANDALL, HIS OWN ATTEMPT FAILING

Had Been Getting Along Nicely From Wounds but Contracted Pneumonia Sunday.

Lafe Randall died at the local hospital Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock, at the age of 72 years and 9 months. Mr. Randall was getting along nicely from his self-inflicted injuries and it was believed by attending physicians that he would recover, unless complications set in. He suffered an attack of pneumonia the first of the week, which was the cause of his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. A. J. May officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. Deceased was born at Fremont, Neb., on May 14, 1864. He came to this county in 1914 and ever since had been a resident of the county. He leaves a brother, Grant Randall, formerly of this community, now living at Norfolk. Lafe Randall was a bachelor.

Dramatic Club Biggest In Recreation Ass'n.

The Dramatic Club met Monday night. Two casts were chosen for each of the two one act plays now being worked up. After the casting of plays the club put on a mock trial. Joe Curran was accused and tried for the murder of John Doe. Just as conviction seemed certain Wilfred Kubitschek and Ruth Harris confessed to the crime. This of course put an end to the trial.

The new members are as follows: Lorraine Murray, Maxine Harrington, Nadine Kilpatrick, Gerry Yarnall, Maybelle Osenbaugh, Leonard Bergstrom, Leroy Grandorf, Leo Lewis, Bob Williams, Dean Dorothy, Gene Rummel and Charles Yarnall. This brings the total enrollment to forty-one members.

The Art club meets on Tuesday nights. The first lesson in pencil drawing was the location of the features in drawing faces. The few simple rules to follow and the good results obtained made the class interesting to everyone. Next week will be spent on additional work on outline and the first principles of shading. New members are: Rita Wilkinson, Lucille Warford, Vivian Wyant, Dorothy Ross, Geo. Dahlsten, and Owen Hiatt. This brings total enrollment to thirty-one members.

The Boxing club meets at 8:30 Wednesday evening at the high school gym. The last meeting produced a few stiff joints but no serious damage was done. Roy Carroll showed that he has not forgotten where to put his right and left hands to do the most damage in case of serious argument. Some exhibition bouts are being planned for an evening inside of the next two weeks.

The Kite and Archery club meets Wednesday night at 7:30 in the court room. Due to the high winds this week there have not been many kites in the air. The kite flying contest will be held two blocks east of the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon if the weather will permit.

The Handcraft club meets Thursday nights. This week they will start work on articles to be used in an exhibit which will be held to show the type of work that is done in the club. Many useful articles can easily be made from scrap material.

The benefit show put on by the Royal Theater will be next Tuesday night. There will also be a matinee in the afternoon at 4 o'clock for the school children. This fund deserves your support. The money will be spent in this town for the purchase of materials to be used by the people of this town. There are now over a hundred of the towns young people who are taking an active part in the recreation clubs.

State 4-H Champion For Past Year Named

Francis Rehmeier, Cass county; Gladys Weitkamp, Washington county; Miles Cadwallader, Furnas county, and Joe Carter, Hitchcock county, are Nebraska's 1936 4-H champions and receive a trip to the annual National Club Camp held in Washington, D. C. That an-

nouncement has just been made from the Nebraska college of agriculture.

The four Nebraskans will represent some 23,000 rural Cornhusker youths, including several hundred Holt county boys and girls, participating in the 4-H movement. The Washington trip award is the highest honor that can come to any 4-H club member.

Prices Up In Heavy Run of Livestock At Atkinson Sale Ring

Atkinson, Neb.—Four hundred and fifty head of cattle, 220 head of hogs and 60 head of horses were sold at Tuesday's auction. Starting at 12 o'clock and continuing to sell at a rapid rate the auction was not concluded until nearly 8 p. m. With plenty of buyers on hand the demand was equal to the heavy supply and the market remained firm to the very last, with the better quality stocker and feeders fully 25 cents a hundred higher than a week ago. Feeder pigs were fully 50 to 75 cents a hundred higher. The horse market looked unchanged with perhaps some improvement in the better kind.

Representative sales on cattle: good to choice yearlings 7:00 to 7:90; fair to good yearlings 6:00 to 6:90; common to fair yearlings 4:00 to 5:50; best steer calves 7:00 to 7:50; best heifer calves 5:75 to 6:25; common calves down to 5:00; best stock cows at \$45 to \$50 a head; fat cows at 5:00 to 6:00; fair to good cows 4:00 to 5:00; canners and cutters 3:00 to 4:00; bulls 4:25 to 5:50. Fat hogs 9:35 to 9:40; feeder pigs at 7:50 to 9:00.

Top pair of horses \$310 on span of 3-year-olds males.
 Next auction Tuesday, March 2, at 11 a. m., starting with hogs.

Emergency Crop And Feed Loans Available

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at the County Agents office by J. O. Walker, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank or other concern. As in the past the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crops financed if the loan is for the production of crops, and if for the purchase of feed for livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Landlords, or others having an interest in the crops or livestock to be fed, will have to waive their claims in favor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is paid.

Former Supervisor J. W. Walters of Chambers, was in the city last Saturday completing the purchase of 440 acres of southern Holt county's fertile soil. The farm is only a couple of miles from Chambers and is one of the best in that section of the county. Mr. Walters recently returned from a visit to Texas and other southern states and came home more firmly convinced than ever that southern Holt was one of the garden spots of the nation.

Richard Murray, for over a half century a resident of this county, celebrated his eighty-first birthday last Monday. Those of his children who live in this section had a birthday dinner in his honor last Sunday at his home in east O'Neill.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess returned last Friday night from Chicago where they had spent the week attending the Annual mid-winter meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. This has grown to be one of the largest dental meetings in the country, the registration each year increasing until this year when 9,000 dentists were registered for the meeting, coming from practically every state in the union, even from foreign countries.

Court House Accepted And Moving In Will Begin Next Monday

The new court house was accepted by the County Board at a meeting last Saturday and the county officials are now getting ready for moving day. Judge Dickson will probably be the first tenant of the new building as some of his office equipment was moved to the new building Wednesday. The balance will probably be moved this week or next Monday. Most of the other officials are preparing to move into their new quarters the first of next week.

Mrs. Claude Hull Dies In Valentine Hospital. Funeral Held Monday

Edith Opal Hull was born in Boone, Iowa, in 1900, and died at the Cherry county hospital at Valentine, Neb., at the age of 36 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Edith Opal Haynes was born at Boone, Iowa in 1900. She moved with her parents to Nebraska in 1902 and settled in northern Holt county near Redbird, where she grew to womanhood. On Feb. 9, 1921, she was united in marriage to Claude F. Hull. To this union seven children were born. They are: Duane, Delphine, Velma, Donna Dee, Harold, Claude Jr., and Fay.

They resided in the Meek vicinity until 1929 when they moved to Valentine, living there until Spet., 1936, when they moved to Wood Lake, Neb., where she had her residence at the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, three sons, four daughters, her mother, Mrs. Wm. Haynes, Dustin; one sister, Mrs. C. C. Orr, Dustin; six brothers, Melvin and Clifford, Dustin; Cecil, Parmalee, S. D.; Roy, Saco, Mont.; William, Nevada, Ia., and Raymond of Dorsey, Neb. Also other relatives and a host of friends. Her father and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at Marquette Chapel, Monday, Feb. 22, Rev. Clark of Wood Lake delivering the sermon. Burial was in Marquette Chapel cemetery.

Seed Show Will Be Held At Stuart On March 13

With the cooperation of the Stuart Commercial club, F. M. Reece, Agricultural Agent, has definitely scheduled the Stuart seed show for Saturday, March 13. Anyone having seed may bring it to the show and awards will be given for the best in several classes. These awards are to be given by the Commercial club and will be very worth while. Next week we will announce the different classes that may be entered, the amount of seed to be brought in, and the time and place of the show. The Commercial club and Holt County Farm Bureau hope to make this a real success and with the cooperation of producers it should be one of the biggest days the community has ever had.

Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Park ranger, \$1,860 a year, National Park service.
 Senior educationist (senior specialist in elementary education), \$4,600 a year, office of education, department of Interior.
 Principal, Indian community and boarding schools, \$2,000, \$2,600 and \$3,200 a year, Indian field service (including Alaska), department of Interior.
 Junior warden (female), \$1,320 a year, Federal industrial institution for women, department of Justice, Alderson, West Virginia.
 Medical technician (tissue culture), \$1,620 a year, National Institute of Health, U. S. Public Health service.
 Chief accountant \$5,600 a year, assistant chief accountant \$4,600 a year, principal accountant \$3,800 a year, accountant and auditor \$3,200 a year, Commodity Exchange Administration, department of Agriculture.
 Full information may be obtained from Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in O'Neill.

Miss Florence Malone of Omaha, arrived in O'Neill Saturday night and remained until Monday night visiting at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. J. Malone.

MUST USE ADAPTED SEED TO GET SOIL BENEFIT PAYMENT

Plan Labeled As Nebraska Seed Protector, Does Not Exclude Canadian Seed.

Holt county farmers intending to cooperate in the 1937 agricultural conservation program were warned this week by Fred Beckwith, county chairman, to use only adapted alfalfa and red clover seed in their plantings. No soil building payment will be made where unadapted seed is used.

The soil building payment of \$2.50 per acre for the seeding of alfalfa in a workmanlike manner will be paid only if a farmer can prove to his county association that he sowed Nebraska certified seed, imported Canadian seed or seed grown in Nebraska or northern states and of a verified origin, he said. The action was necessary to protect good Nebraska seed now grown.

The \$2.50 payment, farmers were told, is more than the difference in price between good and poor seed. In many cases alfalfa seed can be found in the immediate neighborhood as thousands of bushels were produced in the state last year.

P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the Nebraska college of agriculture has advised the Holt county agricultural conservation association of the various strains used under the Federal Seed Act on imported seed. Imported seed from Canada is stained violet and is adapted to Nebraska. Alfalfa seed grown in Africa is stained 10 per cent red. That grown in Turkey is stained 10 per cent purple red; that grown in South America is stained 10 per cent organ-red, and that of unknown origin is stained 10 per cent red.

Ainsworth Man Will Open Bakery Here

Last Tuesday afternoon a lease was signed by A. E. Kiehl of Ainsworth, and W. H. Stein of this city, according to the terms of which Mr. Stein leases his building on Douglas street where he has been operating an automobile shop, to Mr. Kiehl and the latter will install therein a modern up-to-date bakery. Mr. Stein will renovate the building and have it ready for Mr. Kiehl by April 1, when the latter expects to open for business. At the present time Mr. Kiehl is operating a bakery at Ainsworth where he has been in business for several years with signal success. Mr. Stein, who has operated a garage and automobile repair shop in this city for twenty-one years, intends to get out of that business and devote his time to electrical work. He is also planning on installing a one-stop service station in the city, providing his present plans materialize.

ALPHA CLUB

The Alpha club met at the home of Mrs. Esther Robertson Monday, Feb. 22. There were ten members present. In answer to roll call each member was to donate a book to the club giving the name of the book and its author. These books are to be sent to an orphanage in Omaha. The club having missed the January meeting, elected the following officers for 1937 at this meeting: Evelyn Simonson, president; Nellie Boshart, vice president; Marie Lansworth, secretary; Pearl Widtfeldt, treasurer, and La Verne Robertson, reporter. Several plans for the coming year were discussed, one of which is to materialize soon. A food sale of country products only is to be held at Grady's store on March 27. After the meeting Mrs. Robertson served a delicious lunch.

BABBLING BROOK CLUB

The Babbling Brook 4-H club met Saturday at the Sam Robertson home. All members were present. The month's report was filled out by all members with help of the leaders. Each member received their new lesson and expect to purchase their sheep in the near future. Next meeting March 5 at the A. L. Borg home.

Mrs. Bernard Matthews came up from Norfolk last Saturday and attended a birthday dinner for her father, R. H. Murray on Sunday, returning home Sunday evening.