

State Capitol News—

13 New Lawmakers at Lincoln

LINCOLN—Forty-two men and one woman gathered here last week to write laws governing a host of subjects. They are not expected to finish the task until late in June, after what could be a record length on deliberations and on number of bills proposed.

The persons comprise the unicameral legislature—the only such body in the United States. In Nebraska the legislature meets in odd-numbered years only, unless summoned for special session, which can be held any time. Pay is low—\$372 per year—and work is hard. Pressure from home and professional lobbyists often is heavy. There probably will again be two lobbyists for every senator.

Lobbyists register with the secretary of state, stating whom they represent, what they are interested in and how much they spend. The range of problems this session will be wider than normal, including two contested legislative seats and the race for governor; taxation, labor problems, and virtually the entire range of governmental functions. There are 13 brand new senators, out of the 43 lawmakers, nearly a third.

Presiding officer will be Lt. Gov. Dwight Burney of Hartington a veteran lawmaker and in his second term as lieutenant governor.

Local Chief—
An "old chief" of the democratic party, former governor Roy Cochran, has one of the top jobs in the new democratic administration.

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Cochran was appointed by Gov. Ralph G. Brooks as state engineer, succeeding N. Bess. The 72-year-old Cochran was elected governor in 1934 and served until republican Dwight Griswold took over in 1941 to start 18 years of GOP rule in the statehouse.

For 12 years before being governor, Cochran served as a state engineer. Before that he was a deputy and a district engineer. Number two man in the highway department will be Deputy Henry Schlitt, who has been with the department some 30 years, since 1923 as deputy.

Cochran retired from 44 years of public service in January, 1956, but said he had been urged by Brooks to take the engineer's post which he did because he wanted to do something for Nebraska which had been "kind to me".

As governor, Cochran was a supporter of the "White Spot" philosophy for Nebraska, opposing new taxes and known as an ultra conservative democrat. Cochran served under the late Griswold in this country's aid to Greece program in 1947. He was born in a sod house near Avoca. In 1941-42, he commanded Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He held the rank of colonel, and during 1944-45 worked with the military department for United Nations relief work in North Africa and Italy.

State Taxes—
Local property taxes in Nebraska are lower than in any of the six neighboring states, the Nebraska Citizens council reported.

The council also said: State and local taxes combined are the lowest in the region. State property taxes are second highest. State taxes other than property are substantially higher in the surrounding states.

Per capita, Nebraska has a state property tax of \$17.28, local taxes totaling \$87.73, with overall total of \$146.10, including \$41.09 in state taxes other than on property.

Nebraska's overall per capita tax compares with the high of \$205.23 for Wyoming and \$202.34 for Minnesota.

Senator Nelson on Two Committees—

State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill has been appointed to two committees in connection with the 1959 unicameral legislative session. He is a member of the public works and legislative committees.

Otto H. Liebers of Lincoln, chief spokesman for increased appropriations for the University of Nebraska in past sessions, was selected chairman of the all-powerful budget committee.

Other appointments of interest: Budget committee—David Tollen of Norfolk; judiciary—Earl Hollenbeck of Long Pine; education—John Donner of Elgin; education—Fern Hubbard Orme of Lincoln (formerly of O'Neill).

Hospital Notes

ATKINSON MEMORIAL

ADMITTED: January 5—Albert Lemmer of Atkinson, medical; Mrs. Tom Slattery of Atkinson, medical; Elvone Chace of Atkinson, medical; Zane Rowse of Atkinson, medical; Earl Hoatson of Stuart, surgery, January 6—Mrs. Max Weichman of Stuart, surgical; Mrs. Anna Humphrys of Newport, medical; Margaret Nighthale of Atkinson, medical; Mrs. Alfred Schaaf of Atkinson, surgical, January 7—Harry Mitchell of Atkinson, medical, January 8—Robert Newcomb of Long Pine, surgical; Mrs. Frank Kaup of Stuart, surgical; Ray Cearns of Atkinson, medical, January 9—Mrs. Larry Cobb of Stuart, OB; Arthur Schrotlin of Butte, medical; Marion Davis of Stuart, medical; Harold Frickel of Atkinson, medical; Mrs. Francis Weller of Atkinson, surgical, January 10—Mrs. Theresa Deermor of Atkinson, medical, January 11—Mrs. Ray Timmerman of Atkinson, OB; Clara Pettijohn of Atkinson, medical.

DISMISSED: January 5—Bertha Mitchell of Butte; Frank Sicheneder of Atkinson; Mrs. Jessie Melor of Atkinson, January 6—Mrs. Earl Hoatson of Stuart; Albert Lemmer of Atkinson; Lloyd Thurlow of Stuart; Mrs. Maude Hansen of Atkinson; Mrs. Vic Thompson of Newport; Fred Krysl of Stuart, January 7—Mrs. Tom Slattery of Atkinson; J. D. Barkheimer of Long Pine, January 8—Mrs. August Kramer of Stuart, January 9—Elvone Chace of Atkinson; Mrs. Donald Dowling and son of Atkinson; Zane Rowse of Chambers, January 10—Harold Frickel of Atkinson; Margaret Nighthale of Atkinson; Harry Mitchell of Atkinson; Mrs. Charles Kohle of Granite City, Ill.; Arthur Schrotlin of Butte.

HOSPITALIZED: William G. Bern of Stuart; Mrs. Theresa Deermor of Atkinson; Ray Cearns of Atkinson; Egea Monday of Atkinson; Mrs. Francis Weller of Atkinson; Mrs. Alfred Schrotlin of Atkinson; Marion Davis of Stuart; Mrs. Max Weichman of Stuart; Mrs. Frank Kaup of Atkinson; Julia Samples of Newport; Anna Humphrys of Long Pine; Robert Newcomb of Stuart; Mrs. Larry Cobb of Atkinson; Mrs. Ray Timmerman of Atkinson; Clara Pettijohn of Stuart.

LUNDBERG MEMORIAL (Creighton)
ADMITTED: William Wilmes of Creighton; Henry Erbebo of Center; Mrs. Joe Fuchtmann of Creigh-

ton; Keith Groeling of Verdigris; Mrs. Alphonse Macke of Creighton; Herbert Suhr of Creighton; Mrs. Larry Smith of Creighton; Mrs. Vernon Emory of Creighton; Mrs. Kenneth Haack of Center; Frank Carder of Creighton. DISMISSED: Mrs. Art Neuhas of Orchard; Roger Ruzicka of Verdigris; Henry Erbebo of Center; Keith Groeling of Verdigris. Death: George Reynolds of Creighton.

Moved Back to O'Neill—
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stowell of Atkinson moved back to O'Neill recently. They are living in the same house they occupied formerly. Mrs. Francis Schoenle, who lived there, moved to Illinois to join her husband.

O'Neill News

Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Oakes and daughter and Mrs. Moses of Ainsworth. They lived formerly in Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Benmie Dryak and girls, Shirley, Ellen and Jean, of Verdigris and Mr. and Mrs. George Mott were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Ethel Frisch and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dexter and son, Lawrence, Jr., of Burlington, visited his mother, Mrs. Dick West, guests from Friday until Saturday and Sunday. Other Sunday guests were Mrs. Lawrence Rothchild and son, Vernon of Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stanton and family of Sioux Falls, S.D., were guests from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton, and with the former's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Stowell and family.

Miss Lu Ann Fritton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fritton, is home for a month's vacation from St. Catherine's School of Nursing. She arrived Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmoor.

Wednesday, January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson were guests of relatives in Plainview.

Emil Schulz of Ogallala visited his cousin, Mrs. Ed Schmit and Mr. Schmit Sunday. He also visited Mrs. Lodi Janousek.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Reynolds went to Albion Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Salstrand, and sister, Miss Russell, and his fiancée, Mrs. Kenneth Jones and daughter, Larry Allen, of Bonesteel, S. D., and her father, Henry Lampman, also of Bonesteel, are visiting Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Bernadine Schmitz and Mr. Schmitz for a couple of days. Mrs. Jones and Larry were dismissed from St. Anthony's hospital Monday.

Mrs. John Schleuser of Orchard visited her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siveind, for a few days this week.

New Year's guests of Mrs. and Mrs. C. G. Shellhase were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shellhase and girls of Atkinson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller and Glen attended a New Year's family dinner for the Miller relatives at the Arnold Stewart home in Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waldo and daughters, Barbara and Judy, of Arvada, Colo., were overnight guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner and Connie, Tuesday, December 30. Barbara Waldo had spent several days with the Werners earlier.

Kenneth Werner took his brother, Wayne, to Grand Island Monday, January 5, where he left for his home at Capolis Beach, Wash., after a week's visit here and at Atkinson and Emmet a few days last week with friends at Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibson returned Saturday, January 3, from Phoenix, Ariz., where they had visited the former son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams and family and the latter son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Walling and family. Mrs. Anna Albers returned Wednesday, December 31, from Grand Island where she had visited with her son and daughter-in-law and boys since Sunday, December 28.

Mrs. Sarah Adams accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Salstrand, and son home to Turlock, Calif., Friday, January 2, where she plans to spend the remainder of the winter. The Salstrands had visited in Chambers since December 23.

Pvt. Russell, Miner of Camp Sam Houston, Tex., and his fiancée, Miss Ethel O'Brien of Palmer visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whittaker, one evening last week. Russell left Friday, January 2, for Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Seger of Atkinson were also callers the same evening.

Pvt. Dewayne Walter of Camp Hood, Tex., and sister, Miss Marilyn Walter of Sioux City, Ia., visited relatives and friends at Chambers a day last week before going on to DeWitt to see their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Walter.

Attending the golden wedding anniversary open house for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Russell at Long Pine Sunday, January 4, were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beed and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beed and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grimes, Bernard, Edith and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grimes and Jim.

E. R. Baker recently purchased the T. V. business of the Chambers Independent Telephone Co. and has opened a T V sales and service shop in the former Cham-

bers bakery building. Rev. Charles Cox Monday, January 5, attended a ministerial meeting at Atkinson.

Attending the funeral services for Mrs. Ed Opperman at Lincoln Wednesday, December 31, from here were Mr. and Mrs. John Honeywell, Mrs. Charlotte Honeywell, Mrs. Ethel Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Rubek and Kathy of Chambers and Mrs. Mae Urban of Ewing.

The John Honeywells and Mrs. Charlotte Honeywell left Tuesday, December 30, and were overnight guests of his brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Honeywell at Western.

En route home they had dinner near year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ott at Columbus, returning that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Rubek were also guests of the Ott and remained there until Sunday.

FHA to Bartlett—

The members of the O'Neill chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended a dinner and meeting Monday night, January 12, at Bartlett. They were guests of the Wheeler County FHA Chapter at Bartlett. Mrs. Harold Seger, FHA sponsor, and Mrs. Robert Young, chapter mother, accompanied the group.

Schindler Reports on Grubbs—

EWING—The St. John's Purple Prospects 4-H club met at the Clarence Schindler home Sunday, January 11.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Coralee Schindler, with all but two members present. Joe John Schindler gave a report on grubs. There are two

new members. It was decided that each member would pay dues of 10 cents at each meeting. Each member told what he feeds his 4-H calves. Each member told how many 4-H calves he has.

Next meeting will be held at the Alva Parks home February 8. Lunch was served by the mothers. By Marcene Schindler, club reporter.

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