

State Capitol News

Water Rights Issue Explosive

LINCOLN—Even as the legislature this week was busy closing up shop, over the horizon came a problem that promises to haunt the state in coming years.

The Loup River Public Power district announced it was going to assert its "senior rights" on water from the Loup river. This meant that about 50 farmers upriver would have to quit irrigating.

The district contended it needs the water for generating electricity. It holds rights that are senior—that is, of an earlier date—than the farmers involved.

It developed that the district would agree to allow the farmers to use the water if they pay for it.

Under the Nebraska constitution agriculture gets priority over the use of water for other purposes. But if the farmer has junior rights he must pay for the water.

The affected irrigators immediately began forming organizations to stave off the threat to their farming plans. They came to Lincoln for a meeting with Gov. Victor Anderson and to buttonhole their legislators.

John Evans, Broken Bow attorney representing one group, said there was no reason why other power plants with senior right on Loup water couldn't demand payment. For instance the town of

Spalding apparently is considering it.

Evans said the price asked by the Loup district, \$1.25 an acre foot could make a lot of irrigation "absolutely prohibitive."

The state irrigation department had no other recourse under the laws of the state. All it can do is follow the system of priorities which has been strictly on a "first come, first served" basis.

There was little doubt but what there would be some court suits out of the affair. Also, the legislative council, which will be studying the ground water situation, probably will look into this question.

The national magazine in an article forecasting the next 25 years of political life in the United States listed 11 major areas of conflict. Water led the list.

Nebraska has been considered blessed because of its abundant water supply running out of the sandhills areas. But the Loup river difficulty shows that "it can happen here."

Watersheds—

Along this same line, one of the bills passed in the closing days of the session amends the watershed development passed by the 1953 session.

In practice it has been found that the 1953 law was so restrictive that it was difficult to form districts. The law was amended under LB 384, allowing districts to be formed under petitions signed by five landowners in a majority of the precincts within the proposed district.

After petitions are signed, they must be approved by the county commissioners and a vote of the landowners held. Approval is 55 percent of the voters under LB 384, as against a 60 percent requirement before.

Purpose of watershed districts is to build structures and dams to keep the water on the land, saving floods that spoil land and endanger towns. The term "watershed" refers to all the land drained by a given stream or group of streams.

Studies—

This legislature proved anything but bashful about lining up studies for itself in the time between now and the next session. These studies are made by the legislative council, which is composed of the same 43 senators in the regular legislature.

Already scheduled are studies of schools, highways, county highway laws, tax laws, the board of control, and the state game commission. In all, about 16 studies are planned. While this is less than the 22 studies inaugurated by the last session, they are on broader subjects this time.

Most of the studies by council committees result in suggestions for legislation. These have had rather good success in past sessions, saving time, wear and tear in the sessions themselves.

Big Budget—

As the legislature went into its final week, there was a good chance that the final total state budget might soar as high as \$225 million. The increase over the \$219 million figure when the bill was first advanced in the legislature might come if certain truck revenue bills passed. These would provide more money to spend on highways and thus hike the total budget.

That might mean that the budget would be \$30 million higher than the previous record breaker of \$194 million, passed by the 1953 legislature.

The 1955 session was well on its way to smashing some other records, too. It promised to be the longest, in state history, lasting past the previous latest adjournment date of June 13, set in 1953. It also appeared it would be the longest session so far as legislative days were concerned, cracking the 1953 record of 113 legislative days.

State Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill advised several of his constituents this week the session should come to a close on "Friday, possibly Saturday." The senators became quite restless at this stage, following a long and hard session, and they're in the mood to close shop and go home.

Investigation—

The final days of the session were made tense by the investigation by a special committee on alleged "improper practices" on the part of certain senators.

The hearings by the committee were culminated by Sen. Sam Klaver of Omaha himself going on the stand and under oath denying any allegations that he had ever received any fees in connection with legislation.

The testimony offered in five days of hearings fell into four main categories.

One group concerned a bill to tax coin machines—drafted but never introduced by Senator Klaver.

Another concerned a bill to regulate trailer courts—which was killed in the government committee of which Klaver is chairman.

The third concerned letters on legislative stationery, soliciting advertising for Klaver's newspaper, The Omaha Public Ledger.

Tuesday a censure recommendation was made.



Atkinson Bride

Miss Theresa Laible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Laible of Atkinson, and William Krysl, son of Mrs. V. J. Krysl of Stuart and the late Mr. Krysl, were married Monday, June 6, in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson. Rev. William Kelligar performed the double-ring ceremony.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Man, Son-in-Law Feted on Birthdays

DELOIT — A birthday dinner was held at the Roy Johnson home in Neligh Sunday in honor of Roy Johnson and his son-in-law, Ray Ward, who were celebrating birthday anniversaries.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Scot Clow of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr., and son and Judge and Mrs. L. W. Reimer, all of O'Neill, Anita Lee and Virtue Sehi, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and sons, Mrs. Fred Harpster and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer and Elayne.

In the afternoon, Louis Reimer, Mr. and Mrs. Scot Clow, Anita Lee Sehi and Henry and Elayne Reimer called on Frank Wulf and Rosa Coimer at their home in Neligh.

Mrs. Ward, formerly Zella Johnson, has made the round trip from New York City to her home in Clearwater and Neligh 22 times, which is probably a record. She made the trip recently by air, requiring a half day to make the trip from New York to Omaha.

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George McCarthy, Barbara Kay and Jimmy went to Omaha Friday to get Mrs. McCarthy and daughter, Lynn, who had spent the last two weeks there visiting Miss Beverly McCarthy and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Moseman went to Pender Sunday and visited the parlor of Mrs. Moseman and family. Paul and Russell are brother-in-law. Lt. Chauncey Porter arrived on Monday morning from Grand View air base near Kansas City, Kans., by plane in Columbus. While in Columbus he visited with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Porter, and four children. Chauncey, accompanied by Mrs. Ned Porter and children, came to O'Neill Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Robertson took Barbara and Joan Robertson to Kearney Sunday where they were met by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shelhamer, Alvey Washecek and Mrs. J. A. Shelhamer went to Sioux City on Sunday. Mrs. J. A. Shelhamer remained for a visit with her son, Melvin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stanton and children of Sioux Falls, S.D., came Friday to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stanton. They returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burks and family left Thursday for their home in San Diego, Calif., after spending two weeks visiting friends and relatives in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Kraft of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Guldorf of Page spent Friday at Ft. Randall dam.

Roy Mauding of Kennewick, Wash., and Art Taylor of Granite Falls, Wash., nephews of Charles Mauding, spent the weekend in Clearwater visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Tarr and family of Colome, S.D., spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike London.

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26 Members Belong to Golden Gleaners—

EWING—The Golden Gleaners 4-H club met Friday evening at the parlors of the First Methodist church with 15 members present and two guests, Linda Barton of Orchard and Bobbie Mosel. Ann Rotherham joined the club, making a total of 26 members. Mrs. Robert Tams, leader, and Mrs. H. R. Harris, assistant, were also present.

At the business session, conducted by the president, Carolyn Tams, June 25 was set as the date for a bake sale, each member to bring some baked goods and a plate of candy, also a 10-cent article for the grab bag. The following committees were appointed: Place — Sharon Kropp, Janet Noffke, Ann Rotherham; display and arrangement of goods — Ruby Carl, cashiers — Alvera and Dollie Shilousky, Tamzam Peterson; grab bag — Karen Tuttle, Betty Wright, Karen Mnarik, poster — Carolyn Tams, Maryetta Peterson, Florine Black, Marie Davis and Kay Bergstrom; tables — Jim Tams, Larry Mnarik. The sale will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Project materials were given to each member. The beginning meal planning was popular. It was chosen by 15 boys and girls. In sewing, Bertha Harris and Janet Noffke, the skirt and blouse project; Carolyn Tams, Maryetta Peterson, Alvera and Dollie Shilousky, the school clothes project. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, June 24.

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Other Deloit News

The cutworms are taking the corn. It was planted two or three weeks later than usual due to the dry weather. Farmers are now replanting some of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Clow were breakfast guests Monday morning at the Henry Reimer home en route to their home in Denver, Colo. They came Saturday evening after work to be present at the Johnson home in Neligh on Sunday. They spent Sunday night at the home of her mother in Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bartak received word from their son, Bob, that he had arrived at Ft. Eustis, Va. He left Omaha Friday by plane after spending a 10-day leave with home folks. The Bartaks also heard from their son, Jack, in Bermuda. He was en route to El Paso, Tex., after spending some time with the air force in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bartak spent June 4 and 5 with relatives in Minnesota. Their nephew accompanied them home for the summer. He will assist with the work on the ranch.

Mary Miller was an overnight guest of Nancy Paul Tuesday, June 7.

Elayne Reimer and Don Larson are attending college at Wayne this summer. Don is working on his master's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Bartak attended the alumni banquet in Ewing at the high school Tuesday evening, June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christon and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson were dinner guests Saturday at the H. Reimer home.

Mrs. Henry Reimer attended a sub-district judging day at Albion last Thursday. It was for 4-H club members and leaders. Five specialists from the University of Nebraska were in charge.

Mary Miller and Judy Werkmeister visited Nancy Paul last Thursday afternoon.

HEO club met at the Werkmeister home last Thursday afternoon. Next meeting will be July 14 at the Clarence Schmisser home.

Duane Filsinger, Joan Swanz and Beverly Rossow are attending Wayne State college this summer.

Farm bureau met Tuesday evening, June 7, at the Adolph Bartak home. There will be no meeting in July or August. Next meeting will be September 6 at Bowers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson visited relatives near Sioux Falls, S.D. June 4 and 5. They attended the wedding of a niece June 4.

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