

Power Crisis Faces State

LINCOLN—Nebraska citizens this week were being told that an electrical power shortage may be developing in the next few years.

Gov. Victor Anderson has expressed concern at the situation, declaring, "Unless further facilities are provided, we are sure to have a brownout, resulting in disastrous conditions."

The governor held a meeting of representatives of the leading public power districts in the state but had little success in getting an agreement. Everybody agreed there is a problem but there were about as many suggestions of a solution as there were men present.

A "citizens committee" was suggested by Gov. Anderson himself as one way to break the deadlock over who is to build the additional generating plants.

Probably nothing concrete will come until after September 9 when Judge Emerson Koker is expected to make a ruling in Platte county district court on a suit brought by a number of power districts on this very subject.

The Problem—
Even if everything had been sweetness and light among the power districts in recent years, there would have been a growing need for power.

This is illustrated by the fact that when controversies started about two years ago over which agency should build new generating facilities, the talk was about one 75,000 kilowatt plant.

Now the talk is about two 100,000 kilowatt plants.

Why?
Nebraska has new industries and the older ones are using more and more electricity.

Pump irrigation by electric motor is making a new drain on present facilities.

Farmers are using more and more electric equipment.

City-dwellers are not only using electric devices but are adding such power-consuming appliances as air-conditioning.

All of these are making electricity requirements in the immediate future which the most optimistic planners thought would be years away.

Squabble—
But a fight among the chief public power districts has made the situation more acute.

Basically the trouble arose this way. In the past all generation of electricity has been done by two public power districts, known as the "hydros," Platte Valley Public Power district and Loup River Public Power district. These districts insisted that if any new facilities were

built, they should have the right.
But Consumers Public Power district, which has the largest grid of customers in the state, suggested that because it has a better credit rating it should have the right. Officials of this district argued that its good credit rating would bring a lower interest rate and save electricity-users of Nebraska millions of dollars over the years.

Some rural public power districts, fearful that this would make Consumers a dominating "colossus" in the state, fought the latter idea. Others fought for it and the split has continually widened.

It was to heal this wound that Gov. Anderson has suggested a committee of disinterested citizens who could study the question and decide what should be done. He said that competent engineers could be made available for the committee's use.

Atomic Power—
For a time there was a hope that establishment of an atomic plant in Nebraska might solve much of the problem. But this has been stymied in the Atomic Energy Commission, reportedly because Consumers—which initiated the plan—wouldn't pay a big enough slice of the cost.

But at the conference called by Gov. Anderson the president of Consumers, Earl I. Mead of Scottsbluff, said the state can't afford to build an atomic energy generating plant. He said a conventional plant must be built first.

Penal Trouble—
Nebraska's penal situation boiled along like a teakettle, with lots of noise and an occasional blowing off the lid. On August 16 the Penitentiary was wracked by a 300 prisoner 13-hour arson riot. The men were finally subdued by a "shoot to kill" order issued by Gov. Anderson to state troopers advancing into the cells with loaded weapons.

On August 20 a group of the inmates who had been charged in Lancaster County District Court with crimes in connection with the earlier riot began tearing up the segregation cells in which they were imprisoned.

Then on August 22 a riot of 75 inmates broke out at the state reformatory for men. By this time the affair was taking on the proportions of a nightmare.

The Nebraska public became aroused over the situation. But it was difficult to know which way to turn.

Some praised the "tough policy" enunciated by Governor Anderson. But others pointed out this could lead to a massacre which would disturb Nebraska's conscience for years.

Many demanded action. But the state board of control seemed to feel that it has been on the right track and that its strengthening of the parole and classification system will weed the good from the bad prisoners and bring improvements.

But perhaps the greatest confusion was caused by George Morris, superintendent of the men's reformatory. Morris, an able but outspoken person, blasted State Penal Director B. B. Albert and Penitentiary Warden Joseph Bovey and even included Governor Anderson in his criticisms of "top brass."

This presented the unusual circumstance of a man who depends upon authority to keep peace in his own institution flouting authority above him. Nevertheless, public opinion seemed to be with Morris in his criticism of bumbling on the part of officials.

Some of his public backing may have been lost when the August 22 riot occurred at his institution and was put down by jamming naked men into crowded segregation cells.

The board of control made no attempt to muzzle Morris and apparently had no intentions of firing him. Morris seemed to have no fears of being fired, pointing out he would demand a public hearing.

Interstate Road—
The state advisory highway commission turned down a request by the State Highway 92 association to designate that route as the interstate across Nebraska.

The commission pointed out that congress as long as 1914 in laying out the interstate system designated it must go past Omaha and Lincoln and then on US 30 to Wyoming.

Meanwhile, Governor Anderson after a conference with other governors indicated the state will not really start on the interstate system until Congress sets up a more favorable matching ratio on road funds. The exceptions will be at Kimball and Ogallala and any other places where reconstruction is so urgent that a link in the interstate route might as well be built now.

1,000 Exhibits Fill New 4-H Building

Home Ec Winners at Holt Fair Named

Nearly a thousand exhibits of unusually good quality filled the new 4-H building August 17-20 at the Holt county fair at Chambers. Demonstration and judging contests were also a part of the activities centered in that area. The style revue was held on the dance floor to enable the public to more readily see the garments modeled by the 4-H clothing club girls.

Participants in the various home economics activities received awards as follows:

JUDGING
Food preparation: Donna Cleary, Atkinson, first; Delores Schaaf, Atkinson, second; Annette Givens, Stuart, third, and Connie Riege, Page, fourth.

Food preservation: Donna Crumly, page, first.
Clothing: Bonnie Burival, O'Neill, first; Karen Garwood, Amelia, second; Faye Irene Ballantyne, Page, third, and Laurine Schmitz, O'Neill, fourth.

Homemaking: Mary Clare Gilg, Atkinson, first; Dorene Glead, Chambers, second, and Debby Eisenhauer, Chambers, third.

DEMONSTRATIONS
Blue: Dorene Glead and Edythe Grimes, Chambers; Connie Riege and Kay Nissen, Page; Janet Krugman and Janet Clifford, Redbird; Judy Sanders, O'Neill; Sharon Moeller, Atkinson; Janice Crumly, Page; Laurine Schmitz, O'Neill.

Red: Barbara Wayman and Velda Ernst, O'Neill; Susan Tenborg and Ellen Havranek, Atkinson; Diana Cork and Dixie Nissen,

Page; Annette Givens and Lois Givens, Stuart; Lura Ann Crumly and Sharon Crumly, Page; Ruth Osborn and Doris Halstead, Redbird; Betty Curran, O'Neill; Vincent Ernst, O'Neill; Annette Givens, Stuart; Donna Crumly, Page; Margie Gilg, Atkinson; Betty Miles, O'Neill.

White: Patricia Schneider and Micaela Lee, Atkinson; Connie Moeller and Helen Grof, Atkinson; Catherine Schmitz, Atkinson; Karen Weichman and Carman Givens, Stuart; Barbara Ziska, Stuart; Elaine Miller, O'Neill.

STYLE REVUE
Lois Puckett, Atkinson, first; Bonnie Burival, O'Neill, second; Lois Jean Strong, Chambers, third, and Joanne Lansworth, O'Neill, fourth.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Boys over 14: Gene O'Neill, O'Neill, first.
Girls over 14: Lois Jean Strong, Chambers, first, and Mary Clare Gilg, Atkinson, second.

Boys under 14: Gary Fick, Inman, first; Perry Dawes, O'Neill, second; Gary Gillespie, O'Neill, third.
Girls under 14: Diana Gillespie, O'Neill, first.

AG DEMONSTRATION
Purple: Mary Clare Gilg and Jim Gilg, Atkinson.
Blue: Perry Dawes and Gary Gillespie, O'Neill; Harry Bellin, O'Neill; Lyle Heiss, Page.

Red: Karen Nutter and Diana Gillespie, O'Neill; Jack Gilg, Atkinson; Larry Dawes, O'Neill; Richard Ernst, O'Neill; Darryl Swanson, Amelia.

White: Roger Wolfe, Amelia; Gordon Vanek, Amelia.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING
Dennis Burival, O'Neill, first; Robert Klambenes, Ewing, second; Gary Fick, Inman, third.

CROPS JUDGING
Pat Gokie, O'Neill, first; Larry Dawes, O'Neill, second, and Gary Holcomb, Chambers, third.

DAIRY JUDGING

James Gilg, Atkinson, first; Ronald Chippis, Ewing, second, and Perry Dawes, O'Neill, third.

O'Neill News

Mrs. D. C. Larson and sons left Saturday for their home in Northbrook, Ill., after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher.

Mrs. Dever Fox of Lexington and daughter, Mrs. Merna Ortwig and children of Kearney came Thursday to visit kin. Mrs. Ortwig returned home that evening, leaving Mrs. Fox to visit for a longer time.

The Misses Hilda and Helen Gallagher returned Saturday night from LaCrosse, Wisc., after spending a month visiting their brother, Dr. F. J. Gallagher, and their uncle, Dr. E. E. Gallagher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Nutter went to Broken Bow Friday to attend the wedding of his sister, Joyce Nutter to Duane Molly. The wedding took place on Sunday.

Mrs. P. J. Donohue of Bone-steel, S.D., and Mrs. E. S. Donohue and daughter, Kelly, of Sioux City, are visiting at the Dr. E. M. Gleeson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hamik spent Sunday in Inman visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher.

Miss Jeanne Head left Tuesday for Omaha where she will be employed at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad of Hastings spent Sunday at the W. C. Whited home.

Mrs. Ralph Barnes and family of Amelia were Sunday dinner guests at the Don Hopkins home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Grenier were Sunday dinner guests at the Hattie Grenier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Larson returned Sunday from a two

week's vacation in the northwest states.

Carroll Grenier left Monday for the navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Grenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyons and son, LeRoy, returned Saturday after spending a month in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, sr., spent the weekend at the home of their son in Wood Lake. They attended a community rodeo held there Sunday.

Mrs. William Matten returned Thursday from Lincoln where she had spent the past week.

Mrs. William Murphy, jr., spent

a few days at Rushville visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCarville and family returned Monday from Ellsworth, Minn., after spending 10 days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain took their son, Pvt. William D. McElvain, to Omaha from where he took a plane for Chicago, Ill. He is a radar operator at nearby Maywood. He was home on a week's leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goree of Long Pine stopped to visit relatives in O'Neill Saturday. They were enroute to their home from Lincoln.

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