

State Capitol News

Anderson, Ritchie Have Goal Set

LINCOLN—As state agencies began working on their next biennial budgets this week, chances were the 1955 legislature would be asked to spend well over \$200 million.

The budget now being prepared for the period July 1, 1955, to June 30, 1957.

The total budget for the current two year period is \$197,402,441, an all time record. It wouldn't take too many increased requests to boost the total over the \$200 million mark.

The board of control is almost certain to need more money, according to the indications. Pressure for increased salaries for workers in state institutions is continual.

If some kind of stepped up mental health program is approved by the next legislature, that will take increased spending.

The University of Nebraska may ask anywhere from \$1 million to \$3 million more. Some of this will go for salaries. The university's current budget includes \$15 million from the general property tax levy.

The state highway department

is anticipating about \$300,000 increase in the income from the gasoline tax—that is, if the sixth cent of the gas tax is renewed. That will be that much more to go on the roads—and to swell the budget.

The game commission plans to ask another \$253,000 above its current biennial budget of \$277,000. Reason is that some improvements are needed at the state parks. Included in the plans are new swimming pools at the Ponca and Niobrara state parks, and a group camp at the Chadron state park.

It will take \$135,000 to handle the drivers license examination program. Actually, this may be a decrease in overall spending. But it marks the amount that will be needed by the state motor vehicle department, now that it has taken this task over from the state safety patrol.

These budgets are being submitted to Gov. Robert Crosby who will hold hearings on them this fall. He will then submit a proposed budget to the 1955 legislature.

So will the winner of the gubernatorial election this fall. Interestingly, both republican candidate Victor Anderson of Lincoln and democratic nominee William Ritchie of Omaha have promised to cut taxes and the budget. It appears their work will be cut out for them.

Democrats Elect—The path to be taken by the democrats in the election campaign just ahead may largely depend on Lawrence Brock, 48, Wakefield cattle feeder, whom the democrats have elected as state chairman.

Brock defeated Jesse Tepner of Creighton, an automobile dealer, for the nomination. The post became open as William Meier of Minden, chairman the past four years, resigned since he is the party's nominee for the U. S. senate short term.

The new chairman pledged to work for unity in the party and a successful fall campaign. But this is the usual political talk. The fortunes of the party may depend on how Brock carries out these intentions.

After it became clear that Meier would not be running again, party leaders began a search for a chairman. Ritchie, winner of the gubernatorial race over opposition from the regular party leaders, let it be known he intends to have some say-so on the matter. The insurgents or "outs" of the party swung behind him on this effort.

Both sides—the party "ins" and

the "outs"—pretty generally agreed on Frank Reed of Verdigris, former state PMA chairman. But Reed wouldn't accept.

Then Ritchie and his forces swung behind Tepner. This appeared to be the probable choice right into the party's state post-primary convention at Hastings where the new chairman was picked.

Brock's name was then introduced by the forces of National Committeeman Bernard Boyle of Omaha, chief of the present party leadership. This came during a session of the 14-member committee designated by the convention to pick out a nominee.

Despite the fact that Brock had been outstate chairman for Pat Heaton of Sidney, whom Ritchie defeated in the primary, Ritchie said he would go along with the committee wanted Brock. The committee split 7 to 7, and finally the matter was taken to the convention floor. There Brock got 168 votes to Tepner's 107.

The "outs" tried to get some assurances that they wouldn't be "left out in the cold" as they feel they have under Meier and Boyle. Indications were that Brock would give them a share in the sun. Just how tied to the present party leadership he is remains to be seen.

Brock suggested the party hire a full time executive secretary who could travel around setting up county organizations. The "outs" who have complained that the regular party organization was doing nothing could find little to complain about if Brock carries out such activities.

That the democrats think they have a real campaign issue in the Eisenhower administration's farm program was illustrated by speeches by the candidates at the convention in which Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson and his policies were raked from stem to stern.

For Whose Benefit—How much should the interests of Nebraska as a whole count in locating a highway?

This came up in an unusual fashion in a public hearing before the state advisory highway commission of a proposed relocation of U.S. 281 in Boyd county. The relocation is necessary because the highway has been rerouted in South Dakota to go around the new Ft. Randall reservoir.

Citizens from the little town of Bristow gave spirited arguments in favor of having the highway take an easterly route past their town and straight into South Dakota. They pointed out that this was the shortest route to the Ft. Randall dam.

But the citizens of Spencer wanted a westerly route, which happens to go through their town. However, they presented a large array of witnesses—including the Highway 20 association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. Gist of their remarks was that it was best to take the highway at the northwest angle—even if it was a little farther to Ft. Randall for the northbound tourist—because it would divert more South Dakota traffic into Nebraska. The Bristow route would drive traffic to and from the Black Hills into crossing South Dakota without dipping into Nebraska.

The commission decided it had better make a personal inspection trip of the area before deciding this hot one.

Campaign Costs—Nebraskans had an opportunity to see the high cost of modern political campaigning as reports from the recent primary election were filed with the secretary of state. For example, in the race for the republican nomination for governor (a \$10,000 a year post) the winner, Victor Anderson of Lincoln, and his forces spent \$19,609.26. His closest competitor, Frederick Wagener of Lincoln, and his forces spent \$18,609.26. The winner of the GOP long term Senate nomination, Carl Curtis of Minden, turned in a report for \$16,322. A man he defeated, David Martin of Kearney, reported \$17,875 spent in his campaign. (The senate pays \$15,000 a year all told.)

The high cost of television is said to be one of the major reasons for the sky high expense.

Closing Schools—State Supt. F. B. Decker, acting under an amended law, closed seven school districts in Cuming county. Under the law the county superintendent is supposed to do this when school has not been held in that district for a certain length of time. But the 1953 legislature tacked on an amendment to allow the state superintendent to take this action if the county superintendent doesn't. School had not been held in one district for more than 30 years. Decker's office said some other districts across the state are scheduled to get this action, also, where county superintendents have failed to close them out.

Tax Assessments—Although tax officials had



Airman Dale L. Strong and bride... wed in quiet church ceremony.—The Frontier Photo.

Edith Mae Rowlett
Bride of Airman

(Photo at left)

Miss Edith Mae Rowlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowlett of Norfolk, and A/3c Dale L. Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strong of O'Neill, were united in marriage at 7 p.m., Monday, September 6, at the Assembly of God church in O'Neill. Rev. Wayne Hall, church pastor, officiated in the quiet candlelight ceremony, witnessed only by a few friends and relatives.

Miss Hazel Schaffer of Norfolk was the maid-of-honor and Chester Hicks of O'Neill was the bestman.

The bride wore a pink suit with white accessories and carried red and white roses on a white Bible. Miss Schaffer chose a pink dress of nylon.

Mrs. Bernice Jenkins of O'Neill sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by the organ by Mrs. Floyd Spindler of Atkinson.

Mrs. Strong was graduated from Madison high school in 1952 and attended Norfolk Junior college for two years.

Airman Strong was graduated from O'Neill high in 1952. He enlisted in the air force November 18, 1953, for four years.

Airman Strong left Tuesday for Camp Parks, Calif., from where he will leave for Japan in the near future.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. Wayne A. Hall, pastor
Thursday, September 9: Sectional fellowship meeting. Services at the following hours: 2:30 p.m., in the church; 7 p.m., vesper hour in the tent, and 8 p.m., evangelistic service with Evangelist Alber ministering the Word. Supper will be served in the basement of the church at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit any of these services.

Friday, September 10: Revival service in tent.
Saturday, September 11: Street meeting at the traffic light corner at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 12: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. (Reverend Alber ministering); evangelistic service at 8 p.m. (final message by Evangelist Alber).

Wednesday, September 15: Missionary service and election of Sunday-school officers at 8 p.m.

METHODIST (Page-Inman)

Rev. Lisle E. Mewmaw, pastor
Thursday, September 9: Inman WSCS meeting at 2:30 p.m.; choir practice in each church this evening followed by MYF at Inman; also Inman official board meeting in the Ray Siders home.
Friday, September 10: Page

Church

Notices

METHODIST (O'Neill)

Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor
Thursday, September 9: C. Lemon meets with church school leaders in the church basement. 10 a.m.; WSCS prayer cell, 10 a.m.; WSCS, 2 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.; MYF, 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 12: Junior choir practice, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lit. clinic at Neligh, 3 p.m.; membership and evangelism committee, 4 p.m.

Monday, September 13: Coaching conference at Lexington.
Tuesday, September 14: Workers' conference: coaching conference continued.

Wednesday, September 15: Coaching conference concludes; finance commission, 8 p.m.; church school, 10 a.m.; choir, 7 p.m.; MYF, 8 p.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN (O'Neill)

Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor
"The church of the Lutheran hour."
Sunday, September 12: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; morning service, 11 o'clock.

This Sunday is Sunday-school rally day. Our entire Sunday-school will attend the church service in a group. Rev. Howard Claycombe will be installed, as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran church in Chambers Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Our Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, September 16, at 2 p.m.

METHODIST (Emmet)

Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor
Sunday, September 12: Church school worship, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult church school, 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, September 16: WSCS, 2 p.m.

hoped for a clearer situation on tax assessments, there were indications that the picture is still fogged. In its recent action the state board of equalization appeared to accept scientific reappraisals made in some counties, but changed those in others. Although supposedly stillbound by the state supreme court ruling that actual value means "market value," the state board seemed to be allowing the use of other factors. This was bound to bring a variance of "yardstick" by counties next year. A step backward to the old chaotic assessment situation that existed before the 1953 statewide equalization.

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MYF council meeting in the Ivan Reiss home.
Sunday, September 12: Inman worship service at 9:45 a.m., followed by church school at 10:45 o'clock. Karl Keyes, superintendent; Page church school at 10 a.m.; Dale Stauffer, superintendent; Page worship service at 11 o'clock; Page MYF at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15: Page first quarterly conference at 8 p.m. All official board members please plan to attend.
Thursday, September 16: Page WSCS meeting at 2:30 p.m.

METHODIST (Chambers)

Rev. J. M. Hodgkin, pastor
Sunday, September 12: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; Eugene Baker, superintendent; worship, 11 a.m.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stevens of Oakland, Miss Effie Stevens and Maurice Grutsch returned Monday from the Black Hills, where they had spent four days vaca-

tioning.
Miss Evelyn Davis of Inman visited Sunday and Monday at the Leo Brown home in Chambers.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hansen and son of Lincoln visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Flood.

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