

Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Knapp entertained the following guests at a Christmas eve party at their home: Pvt. Robert Knapp of Ft. Bliss, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shaw of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tomjack and daughter, Kathie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack, all of Ewing.

Henry Baum, jr., of Lincoln came home Wednesday, December 22, to remain over Christmas. His sister, Miss Christine Baum, arrived in Ewing Thursday. Both are guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baum, sr.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woepel on Christmas day were their son, Russell, of Grand Island; their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Burke and children of Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fleming and family of Omaha. Others present were Mrs. Edith McClenahan of Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McClenahan of O'Neill and Mrs. G. A. Hall of North Platte.

Miss Fern Pruden of Ewing, Mrs. Della Recroft, Mrs. Velma Forbes, Miss Phyllis Kirk enjoyed a Christmas party on Thursday evening at Norfolk.

Henry Baum, jr., Diana and David went to O'Neill on Thursday where they kept an appointment with a dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hobbs were hosts for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas day. Guests were their children: Mr. and Mrs. John Turay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yellie and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Hobbs and family, Dorrence and Bob Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Roudybush, Mr. Hobbs's parents, all of Ewing; Mrs. Rose Harding, mother of Mrs. Hobbs, and Mrs. Lois Hartman and daughter, Sharon, all of O'Neill.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck on Christmas day were his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Iness of Lincoln, and also his brother, Harry Hahlbeck of Neligh.

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Women's—
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Selection—
MILLINERY — 2.00

Cannon—
MINIATURE TOWELS — 6 for 1.25

Boys'—
WINTER JACKETS — 6.00

All Wool—
BLANKETS, 72x84 — 9.00

State Capitol News

Stormy Session Looms

LINCOLN—The statehouse this was in the calm before the storm of what may be one of the stormiest legislative sessions in recent Nebraska history.

Gov. Robert Crosby predicted that the legislature may face more knotty problems than ever before.

Some of the same old issues will show up—taxes, roads and schools. New problems—such as oil and gas laws—will also be on the agenda. In all likelihood the budget will be bigger.

Here are some of the problems that will face the legislature when it convenes January 4:

Taxes—The legislature will have to implement the two constitutional amendments on tax reform passed by the voters in November. One allows partial or complete exemption of household goods. Another allows changing the methods of assessing tangible property, including real estate. Many ideas on each of these have already cropped up and the legislature will have to hew out a program.

Sales tax—This one is bound to come up as usual. Some will argue that the voters in approving the so-called "replacement amendment" want a sales tax. Others will say it means just the opposite. The replacement amendment provides that if the legislature ever passes a sales or income tax the proceeds must first be used to replace that part of the property tax which supports state government.

Roads—Major effort will be to re-enact the sixth cent of state gasoline tax, due to expire May 10, 1955. This cent goes to the state highway department and has furnished the backbone of

the \$35 million program of highway improvements of the past two years. Best guess is that this will be re-enacted without too much difficulty.

However some road groups would like another cent of tax. This seventh cent would be split with a half-cent going to the state highway department and the other half-cent to the cities.

The hassle over the distribution of the gas tax to the counties undoubtedly will bring an effort in the legislature to cut down the share that goes to Douglas (Omaha) and Lancaster (Lincoln) counties. This may bring retaliatory action by senators from those counties who may try to block all highway revenue measures.

Schools—The major battle here may be over whether or not to sell the state school lands. Legislators from western Nebraska, where the bulk of the 1,650,000 acres of school land is located, are expected to push legislation to get the lands sold. School groups will fight it on the basis that the lands should be held in trust.

This fight could be dovetailed with a battle over the composition of the new state board of educational lands and funds. This board will be appointive, thanks to the passage of a constitutional amendment by the voters in November. School groups are expected to push for stiffer re-districting laws, higher teacher certification (this one may get somewhere), and for severance tax on gas and oil. This would provide revenues for the schools.

Institutions—The recent controversy over the state penitentiary

may bring some careful surveys by the legislature of the entire state board of control set-up. A full-fledged mental health program will be asked.

Budget—With some of the above requests being added to the budget, an increased total above the current biennium's \$195 million probably will result. On top of these requests will be the problem of paying high enough salaries to keep state officials. This is true not only at the statehouse but at the University of Nebraska.

Toll Road—Another issue before the legislature shaped up as the state turnpike authority decided to ask for a "loan" of \$150,000 to make engineering surveys as to whether a toll road between Omaha and North Platte would pay off.

This was done on the basis that such a survey would cost \$500 a mile. It is hoped that revenue bonds could be sold on the strength of this survey. The state could then be paid back from money received on sale of these bonds.

But what if the survey should show that a toll road isn't feasible? Gov-elect Victor Anderson seemed to think that a toll road was inevitable in Nebraska. He said he planned to work for one, believing it could mean as much to the state "as building the railroad did in the early years of the state."

He said he was sure a toll road would be built as far west as North Platte within 10 years after construction began.

The request for \$150,000 would put the matter squarely up to the legislature. Some oil and motel in-

terests are expected to fight the proposal. They fear that a turnpike would grant franchises for its filling station and other accommodations to only one company. This would leave all other firms out in the cold.

Also, some groups believe it would be better to build free roads. Many state highway department officials feel this way, although they don't say so out loud. They expect the federal government to initiate a large scale program of furnishing money for free super-highways.

Upcoming Events—Not only will next week bring the opening of the legislature, but it will mark the January 6 inaugural of Gov. Anderson and the swearing in of all new state officials.

It will also mean the start of the new state board of education, a six-member group which will replace the present office of state superintendent. The man who has been state superintendent the past four years, Freeman Decker, is expected to be named commissioner of education by the new board.

In 1952 the voters changed the constitution to allow setting up this board. The office of state superintendent has existed since 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belzer and family of Norfolk were Christmas afternoon guests at the Francis Belzer home.

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Boyd KC's Treat Children

LYNCH — The Boyd county council 3720 of the Knights of Columbus treated all Boyd county Catholic children to a show and treats and a dance for the teenagers on Monday, December 20, at 7 p.m., at the Spencer Community hall. It was voted to make the affair an annual event.

St. Nick made his appearance and entertained the little folks before the treats were distributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turay of Newcastle, Wyo., spent the holiday weekend with Mr. Turay's mother, Mrs. Josephine Turay. The Wyomingites also called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunningham.

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District Manager

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