

School Land Sale Prospects Dim

LINCOLN—As the legislature this week plunged on toward the end of the bill introduction period, some indications of strength on major issues were becoming clear.

Monday, January 31, will mark the final day on which bills may be introduced by individual members. A great rush of bills similar to the final day's total of 174 in the 1953 session is expected. This would push the bill mark over the 600 reached two years ago.

It is not until after all the bills are introduced that lines start forming on major measures.

But already a breach has opened between the populous counties and those more thinly populated over the split in the part of the state gasoline tax which goes to the counties.

The populous counties like the present formula which uses the latest census and motor vehicle figures. As they keep growing, they keep getting a bigger slice of the revenue.

But the thinly populated counties feel that something must be done to keep from losing ground so steadily. They want to change the formula. Newspaper reporters figured out that 14 senators would probably vote to keep the present formula since it aids their districts.

Another 18 would want it because they are losing money every time new figures are inserted in

the formula. The other 11 would be in the middle because some of their counties gain and others lose. But since about five of those would lose more than they would gain overall, this seemed to indicate there were more than enough wanting a change to muster the 22 votes needed to pass a law.

Sales Tax Possibilities

A reporter in a personal interview poll asked every senator how he felt about the sales tax and also about the proposal to sell the state school lands. These are considered to be two of the hotter proposals before the legislature.

The poll showed that while there is more sales tax strength in the legislature than before, any proposal of this kind will have tough sledding.

Seventeen senators indicate they are opposed to a sales tax. Another two said they were opposed but "with reservations."

On the other side 17 indicated they favored such a tax. But of these, 13 gave "ifs" in their comments. Each said he wanted a sales tax "if" it were the "right kind of bill."

For instance, Sen. John Aufenkeamp of Julian, N. Shultz of Rogers, and Thomas Adams of Lincoln said they thought an income tax should be tied in with the sales tax.

Three other senators feared passing a sales tax as long as there is the new provision in the constitution that this money must first be used to replace the tax on property that goes to support state government. They are Senators Otto Liebers of Lincoln, Glenn Cramer of Albion, and William Metzger of Cedar Creek.

Both Senators Harry Pizer of North Platte and John Beaver of Beemer said they had changed their minds and were coming around to the idea that a sales tax may be necessary.

Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill said that while he opposes a sales tax he is convinced that "if the people keep demanding more services, we may have to pass such a tax."

There were seven who said they were still undecided.

But the hard facts for sales tax advocates were that they had to get their 22 votes out of a maximum number of possibilities of 26 senators.

School Lands Count

Even gloomier was the prospect for those advocating the sale of state school lands. A bill calling for this has been introduced already by Sen. Monroe Bixler of Harrison.

The reportorial poll showed that only eight senators favored the idea of selling the 1,630,000 acres of land grant to the state 80 years ago by the federal government for school purposes. Most of these were from western Nebraska where most of the lands lie.

On the other hand there was a block of 22 votes against the sale. Out of a 43 member legislature that is enough to be the majority and block any bill.

The consolation for western Nebraska is that the present school land situation is that there were 13 senators who listed themselves as undecided.

If enough of these could be wooed, there was a chance that some laws could be passed modifying some of the present practices of administering the land. School land leaseholders have complained most about the methods of leasing and appraising now in operation.

Anderson's Budget

Gov. Victor Anderson presented a budget to the legislature totaling \$193 million, or one million less than outgoing Gov. Robert Crosby recommended before his term ended.

However, the Anderson budget probably will go up to \$214 million if certain taxes and levies are reinstated.

Major new suggestions by the governor was for an "operating reserve fund." This would be an emergency fund to meet needs which come up in the state from time to time. In the past several special sessions of the legislature have had to be called because no such emergency fund was available.

Governor Anderson suggested that the fund could be largely made up of the "unexpended balances" the agencies have at the end of each fiscal biennium. Usually these are reappropriated but because they are so difficult to estimate the agencies often have more left than the legislature intended.

The new governor also suggested a central personnel office for hiring state employees and job classification.

His biggest cuts were \$550,000 from the board of control budget, \$150,000 for a new mansion suggested by Crosby, and \$483,000 from the safety patrol budget (money earmarked for additional patrolmen).

Penitentiary Action

Governor Anderson stepped quietly but firmly into the penitentiary controversy, urging the board of control quickly to hire a penal director over the state's prisons. He also backed up the board in its decision to keep Warden Herbert Hann at the penitentiary lest inmates feel they had won a victory by getting on ouster of prison officials.

Naper Marine in Amphibious Exercise

NAPER—Marine Pfc. Harry N. Helenbolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Helenbolt of Naper, is scheduled to participate in a large scale amphibious training exercise in the Puerto Rican area with the Atlantic fleet marine force training group from January to March, 1955.

Units of the Second marine division from Camp Lejeune, N.C., where Helenbolt is stationed, and units of the Third marine air wing from Miami, Fla., are taking part.

Group Gathers to Prepare for Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelaert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Garwood and Bob Gillogly were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Miller and Vir Jean on Sunday. Sale bills and catalogs were mailed for the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus association show and sale to held at O'Neill Tuesday, February 8.

Write Letters to U. S. Pen Pals

EMMET—Pupils of the Emmet school have written letters to pen pals all over the United States.

Pupils on the honor roll of the third six weeks are Steven Fox, Dennie Richards, Lila Miller, Derald Perry, Art Wells, Madeline Richards, Mary Richards, Jeanie Foreman, Jimmy Newton, David Cole, Bernard Schaaf and Roy Fox.

Different Stitches Are Studied

The Pleasant Brook 4-H club held a recent meeting at district 131 school on Tuesday, January 11. Members learned to make different kinds of stitches. They also judged needle cases.

Demonstration were given by Marcene Schmisser and Margaret Mary Funk. Next meeting will be at the district 46 school.

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'Dude' Hoyer, Boyd Pioneer, Succumbs

LYNCH—Boyd county friends and relatives received word telling of the death of "Dude" Hoyer at his home in Seattle, Wash., on Monday, January 10. Mr. Hoyer and his family were pioneer residents of Lynch and moved to Seattle in the late twenties.

Other Lynch News

Neil Bjornsen is driving a milk route through Lynch.

Arnold Emery of Allen visited at Coach Warren Emery's home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barnes visited relative at Wayne Sunday, January 16.

Wallace Courtney, Ornd Picking, William Stouffer and Ed Johns were in Sioux City Wednesday, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Carson have moved to the Carson farm in Holt county.

Mrs. Nata Bjornsen was a supper guest at the Alvin Carson home in Holt county on Sunday, January 16.

Warren Prescott was a Sioux City visitor last week.

Mrs. Dennis Kube visited at the Vince Jehokre home last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Havranek visited friends in Belden last week.

Wesley Lundvall returned to his home in Oakland Monday, January 17, after a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. Margie Dix visited relatives in Butte on Tuesday, January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elasser and children visited relatives in Burke, S.D., last week.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood. All colors.—J. M. McDonalds.

Mrs. Mary Fusch returned home Sunday, January 16, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Hansel, and family in Sioux City the past two weeks. The Hansels brought her home and visited here during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiley of Dorsey were business visitors here Wednesday, January 19.

Charles Gillespie of Norfolk visited with Mrs. Hannah Streit and family here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barta visited at the Gordon Barta home last Thursday.

John Hurd of Iowa came Saturday evening for an extended stay here with friends and relatives.

Merle Sieler of Butte visited friends here Sunday.

Frank Weeder and family motored to Norfolk Sunday.

Mrs. M. P. Stenger and daughters visited at the Frank Kayl home Saturday afternoon.

Plans of marriage were read for the second time for John Hurd of Onawa, Ia., and Mrs. Nora Pinkerman of Lynch at the Assumption BVM church here. The marriage will take place Monday, January 31.

Banns of marriage were read for the first time for Dale Audiss of Butte and Miss Joyce Haselhorst of Lynch at the Assumption BVM church here. The marriage will take place February 12.

Peter Mulhair and Chester Miller were Monday visitors in Sioux City.

Church Notices

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN (Chambers)
Rev. Howard E. Claycombe, pastor

Thursday, January 27: Senior Walther league, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 29: Confirmation class, 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school and adult Bible class, 10 a.m.; divine worship, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 1: Sunday-school teachers' training, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2: Adult Bible class, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 3: Junior Walther league, 7:30 p.m. This will be a social meeting and party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaPe Lenz.

Elections were held at the voter's meeting held Sunday evening, January 9. Results of this election were: William Rieck, elder; Merlin Grossnicklaus, Sunday-school superintendent; Henry Walter, financial secretary; Arthur Grossnicklaus, congregational chairman; Don Dankert, secretary; Arnold Zuehke and William Jutte, delegates to laymen's conference; Eric Retzlaff, delegate, and William Rieck, alternate to the north Nebraska district convention.

Other business at this meeting included the reduction of the age of voting members from 21 to 18 years. A stewardship committee is to be organized in the near future. Lights are to be installed on the church grounds where needed.

A vote of thanks was given to the anonymous donor of the neon blue and white cross light which has been mounted atop the church spire. The light has an automatic timer which turns the light on and off at specified times.

Acting on the suggestion of the nomination committee, the voters approved the organization of a staff of organists who would alternate regularly in playing the organ. Those on the staff include: Mrs. J. W. Walter, Mrs. Richard Fees, Mrs. Vernon Harley, Mrs. Donald Hoffman and Mrs. Howard Claycombe. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. J. W. Walter for her many years of faithful service in carrying the burden alone.

METHODIST (Page-Inman)
Rev. Lisle E. Mewmaw, pastor

Thursday, January 27: Inman WSCS meeting at 2:30 p.m.; Page choir practice at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 30: Inman worship service at 9:45 a.m., with special fifth Sunday offering for world service followed by church school at 10:45 a.m.; Page church school at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; final session of school of missions at 7 p.m. Don't miss this final session!

Tuesday, February 1: General meeting of Page WSCS with King's Daughters at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2: Inman choir practice at 7:30 p.m., followed by MPF. Also, Inman commission on missions meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the L. R. Tompkins home.

Thursday, February 3: Page WSCS meeting.

Remember our church attendance crusade. We welcome you.

WESLEYAN METHODIST (O'Neill)
Rev. Duane Lauber, pastor

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; Carl Colfack, superintendent; worship, 11 a.m.; youth meeting, 7:30 p.m.; worship, 8 p.m.

Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Special youth services on February 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. K. Cunningham of Lynch, conference youth president, will be the guest speaker.

Saturday, February 5, the Elk-horn Valley Holiness association will hold its monthly prayer conference in our church. Services at 10:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., with basket dinner at noon.

The public is invited to all services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)
Corner of Sixth and Grant
John Thomas, minister

Sunday, January 30: Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.; inspiration and special music, 2:30 p.m.; sermon by John Casey of Anthony, Ia., 3:30 p.m.; fellowship supper, 5:30 p.m.; youth rally, 6:30 p.m.; sermon by H. B. Milliken of Nebraska Christian college at Norfolk, 7 p.m.; evening evangelistic rally, 7:30 p.m.; sermon by Russ Rogers of Sioux City, 8 p.m.

Bible study and prayer session Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

In the name of Jesus Christ we bid you a sincere welcome to attend these services.

CENTER UNION (O'Neill)
Rev. C. P. Turner, pastor

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service at 11 a.m.; young people's meeting at 7:30 p.m.; preaching service following the young people's meeting.

Midweek prayer meeting and mission study will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lorenz on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend any and all of these meetings.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN (RFD, Ewing)
Rev. J. Olen Kennel, pastor

Sunday, January 30: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10:30 a.m.; evening fellowship hour, 7:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 2: The Women's association meets, 2 p.m.

from Springfield, Mo., at a youth rally in Ainsworth at 8 o'clock.

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; boys' and girls' story time, 7:30 p.m.; evening service, 8 o'clock.

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1 and 2: Rev. Otto Nelson, a cousin of the Lindbergs, will be speaking at the church at 8 p.m. Brother Nelson has served as a missionary in South America for more than 30 years and will have much of interest to bring to all.

We will be having our annual workers' training course the week of February 7-11. The text to be studied is "And He Gave Teachers" by D. V. Hurst. Rev. F. D. McClellan, pastor of the Assembly of God church at Milford, will be teaching the course. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." II Tim. 2:15.

COMMUNITY (Stuart)
Rev. D. D. Su, pastor

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.

Junior youth fellowship each Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The Women's society will meet this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock in the church basement.

Men's council will meet tonight at 7 o'clock. The newly-elected officers will be installed.

Choir practice tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

METHODIST (Chambers)
Rev. J. M. Hodgkin, pastor

Sunday, January 30: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; Eugene Baker, superintendent; worship, 11 a.m.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
QCD—Lawrence E Root, et al to Ethel M Root 1-8-55 \$1-SE ¼ 13-31-15 and NW ¼ 7-31-14

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WD—Eunice I Gallagher to Patrick Jerome & James Edward Gallagher 6-4-54 \$1- Lot 16 Blk 12- O'Neill

WD—Dorance Crabb to Austa Crabb 10-2-50- \$1- S ½ lot 1 & So 70 ft lot 2 Blk 30- O'Neill

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bazelman spent Sunday in Ainsworth visiting friends.

NOTICE

Poultry film and discussion on feed management at the music room of the—
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—at 7:30 P.M.—
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Consumers Begins Nuclear Power Study

Officials of the Consumers Public Power district of Columbus have confirmed the announcement of the atomic energy commission that a study of nuclear power is being undertaken by the district.

President Earl I. Mead of Scottsbluff stated the board of directors had approved the study agreement because of the rapid strides being made in the development of nuclear power for the generation of electricity in large plants.

The Nebraska resources division has also been interested for some time in the possibilities of nuclear power for Nebraska, and it is contemplated that the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska resources division will assist Consumers in studying the various aspects as related to Nebraska.

3 Young Men Enlist in Army

David Eby, Gary Buckmaster of Fremont, formerly of O'Neill, and Robert Sorensen of Page have enlisted in the army for two years. The group left Wednesday for Omaha and Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Tex.

David and Sharon Hancock visited Sunday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Alma Eby, in Ainsworth. David is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eby.

December E and H Bond Sales \$65,244

Lyle P. Dierks of Ewing, Holt county chairman of the U.S. treasury's savings bond division, reported that purchases of series E and H savings bonds in this county during December amounted to \$65,244. For the 12-month period ending December 31, 1954, sales of these securities in this county totaled \$1,090,052, which represents 115.5 percent of the year's quota.

4 Holt Countyaans to Sail Today

Pvt. Wayne Donohoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donohoe, called Sunday from Camp Kilmer, N.J. He will leave today (Thursday) for Germany, Mike London of O'Neill, Richard White of Atkinson and John Osborne of Atkinson are at Camp Kilmer and will also sail today with Wayne for Europe.

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