

Prairieland Talk

"Hole Up Now"

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A midwinter morning in prairieland's Capitol City. After a few days of drizzling rain and clouded gloom, yesterday it came direct from the North Pole. This morning the sun glows in golden glory out of heaven's blue upon a landscape white and beautiful...

Judge Crites of Chadron is a candidate for reelection as district judge in the 16th judicial district. Who will take on the race for district judge in the O'Neill community this election...

The story of American railroads is given in a recently published book. My grandsire did not "draw a good bow at the battle of Hastings..."

A critical note in a state paper calling attention to the lamentable, or commendable, just as you like it, fact that our state's center of higher learning, the University of Nebraska, wins no honors at sports...

So The Frontier is no more at the old stand where it started 80 years ago to tell the story of the wonders of God's Country. And before the vision now rises the memory of those connected with its publication and stood at the cases by the window in that old building and set the type by hand...

Two weeks left in January. Blowed in, snowed in; no schools today in the Capitol City and throughout much of southeast Nebraska...

In former years assessors went from door to door in the green robed springtime, listed your belongings for taxation. Now in the winter month of January you are invited to see the assessor in person...

A Thought for Today—"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."—Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The Green Valley coasting club has thoroughly organized with the exception of the election of officers. That part was postponed until it could be ascertained who could slide downhill the most without being thrown from their snow shoes...

25 YEARS AGO

Last Thursday afternoon W. G. Beha received word from Washington that the government had accepted his offer, and that of the Episcopal church, for the ground on which to erect the new post office building in this city...

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Meusch and their daughter, Evelyn, 19 and Carmon, 8, and their son, Donald, 16, were named as Nebraska winners in radio station WNAX's farmstead improvement contest here Monday night...

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Reimers of Saturday evening to charrivari Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens... C. Vincent Jones, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones of O'Neill, has been named outstanding young man of 1949 at Columbus...

5 YEARS AGO

Maj.-Gen. Guy N. Hennings, Nebraska adjutant-general, head of the state's air and army national guards and also chief of Nebraska's selective service system...

Sen. Hruska Leads Dimes Drive



Sen. Roman L. Hruska, of Nebraska, leads off the 1960 New March of Dimes with his contribution to Mary Park, 3 1/2, in Washington, D. C. Mary was born with an open spine, one of the birth defects which March of Dimes funds are fighting as well as arthritis and polio.

Management opposed such a law in no uncertain terms, Labor favored the proposal. Those representing management argued that a state labor act would attract outside organizers to come into Nebraska and give labor a tool to force unionization of business...

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Headed by Sen. John Munnely of Omaha, the committee already has taken testimony from labor and management on the need for a state law on the subject of labor relations.

not expected to diminish appreciably in coming months and there are indications some candidates for office may campaign on the matter.

Nursing Homes: The State Fire Marshal's office has again been confronted with the controversial problem of a fire regulation concerning nursing homes. This is the regulation that there be an automatic fire detection system in the homes, connected to a fire station...

Civil Defense: The question of new laws providing emergency government powers in time of a civil defense disaster has been highly controversial.

A proposed Constitutional amendment will be on the November ballot which, if passed, would activate a set of laws dealing with emergency government procedures.

Deputy State Civil Defense Director Austin Bacon has been the main proponent of the legislation. Meyer claims powers granted by the proposals would be too broad and it is not clear how they could be terminated...

School Districts: The number of school districts in Nebraska, which once had the largest total in the nation, continues to decline.

The State Department of Education says there now are about 3,800 as compared with some 7,200 in about 1920. By the end of this year, the department expects the

Deloit News

By Mrs. Henry Reimer: Due to the blocked roads and frigid weather news is scarce. Part of the mail route road is open. We get our mail at the county line. Our county road was opened Friday afternoon, Jan. 22. The road from the county line to Ewing was opened Wednesday...

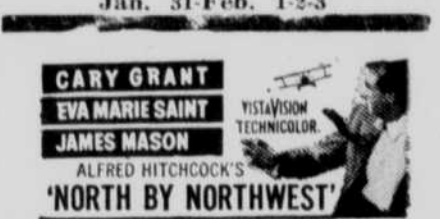
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vandersnick of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ego Vandersnick of Montana and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bauer and family were Sunday dinner guests Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. G. A. Bauer.

MILLER THEATER

ATKINSON One Show Nightly 8 o'clock



Sun.-Mon.-Tues.-Wed. Jan. 31-Feb. 1-2-3



CAPITOL NEWS Management Battle May Break Out In Lincoln

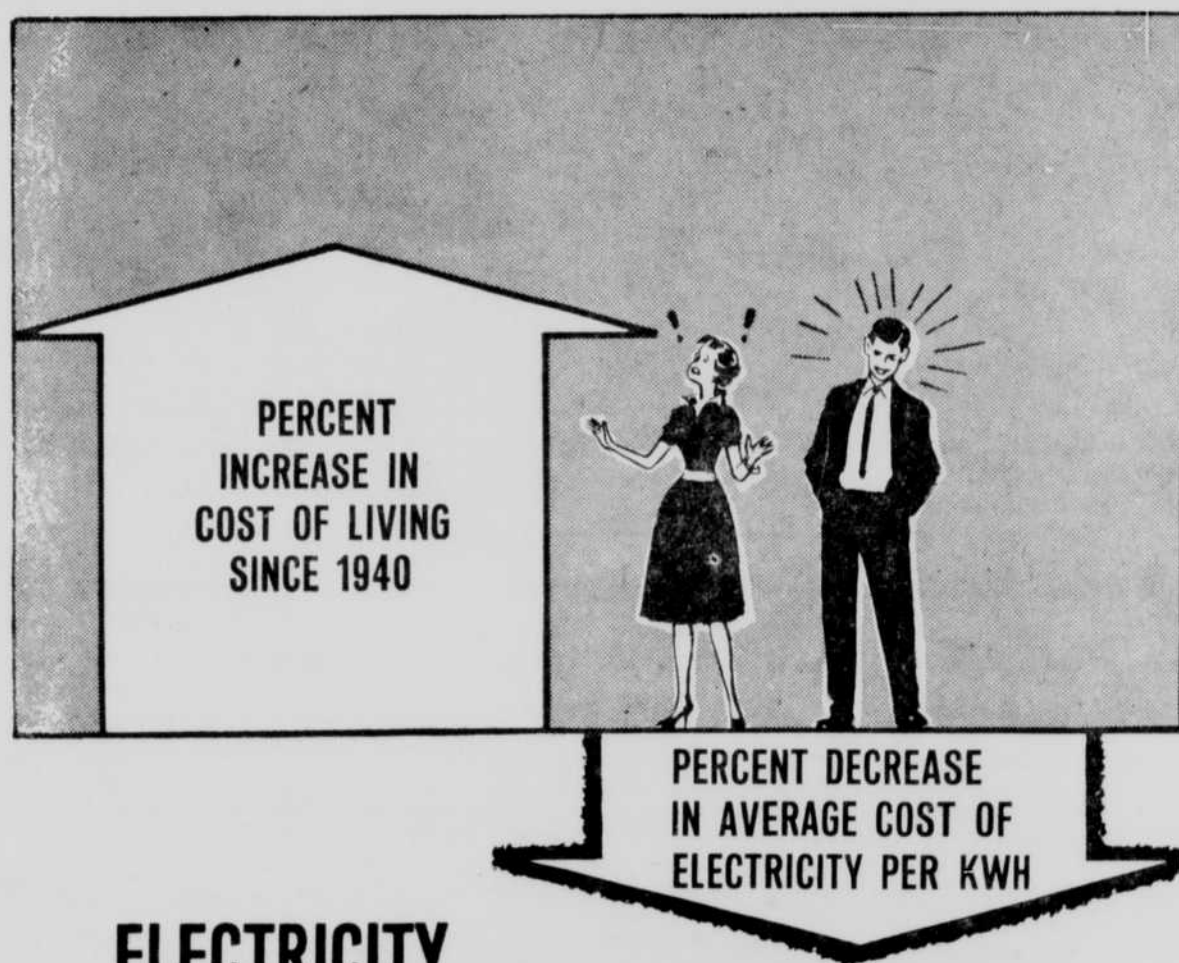
By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent: The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—There is every indication that a battle between management and labor which broke out in the 1959 Legislature will continue in the 1961 meeting.

Hearings have begun by a committee of the Legislative Council, which is studying labor relations. The committee is an outgrowth of scrapping in the last Unicameral over a State Labor Relations law.

Interstate Highways: Acting State Engineer John Hossack has outlined his version of the purpose of the Interstate Highway. This was done in his first major policy pronouncement since temporarily assuming duties of the state engineer.

Hossack says the Interstate needs to go into metropolitan areas because it must take traffic where it wants to go. He did not make any pronouncements on the controversial matter of determining priorities for the Interstate.

There has been considerable controversy over which segments of the Interstate should be constructed first.



ELECTRICITY... the one cost of living item that hasn't increased in price!

Everyone knows that the cost of living has skyrocketed in the last two decades. But do you realize that during this period the cost of electricity has actually gone down?

Meanwhile, the average cost of a kilowatt-hour of electricity to residential customers of Consumers Public Power District has dropped from 4.5 cents in 1940 to 2.56 cents in 1959.

It's true that the power bill you pay today may be larger than it was 20 years ago, but that's because you are enjoying so many more electrical conveniences. Nebraska families are using three times as much electricity as they did 10 years ago... five times as much as they did 20 years ago.

So, the dollar you spend for electricity today buys almost twice as much as it did 20 years ago, enabling everyone to

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CONSUMERS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT



Editorial

More On Drug Prices

Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, continues to kick up a ruckus in his investigation of drug prices and drug firm policies.

We are glad that this hearing is being held, even though denials and counter-charges are coming thick and fast. And, certain things are obvious, even at this stage—even though the final picture is not all in place.

For example, one of the things which has been proven is that a large drug firm offered one military service a certain drug for arthritis at less than \$65 a thousand tablets. This was only about 30-plus percent of the price druggists were being charged.

But, the eye-opening thing is the fact that a small drug firm was selling the same drug for \$20 per thousand tablets—or one-third of the price the big drug firm was quoting to the military service—which, in turn, was one-third of the price this drug firm was charging druggists.

It all gets around to the same picture. Recently it was revealed that a popular tranquilizer was selling for about 49c a bottle in South America, while it sold for anywhere from \$3.50 to \$5.00 a bottle in the United States. Something is obviously wrong, somewhere, when U. S. citizens must pay a price which is so much out of line with prices elsewhere.

Of course, the Kefauver group has charged that some drug firms made a profit of as much as 1000 percent, or more, on certain drugs. In short, a good airing of this situation is in order, and cannot do any harm as far as the American people are concerned, and might accomplish much good.

Unless there is confidence among the American people—that drug firms are doing a good job and pricing their products as cheaply as is reasonable in the free enterprise system, consistent with normal profits—then eventually the people will demand some sort of supervision in this field.

Those who enjoy the free enterprise system, who believe in it, and who are for private rather than public control in such matters, should put their houses in order, and the only way this can be made evident is for drug firms to reduce prices of some of their unjustifiably high-priced products. The drug companies can do it now, or the people, through government intervention, will do it for them at a later date.

Farm Subsidy Is Secret

Ord Quiz

For the best part of a year now we have been sitting in our little ivory tower at the Quiz reading countless articles in slick paper magazines about how the farmer is getting sleek and fat on government subsidy.

Well, we know a few farmers, maybe quite a few, and to the best of our knowledge none is sleek, few even well rounded. In fact we might go a little further and say that some are less than fat and in cases are downright gaunt.

We stand this barrage of bull for a mighty long while, then when the load becomes a little too much we have to sound off.

Perhaps much the same has happened in Lin-

coln where surfeit editorialist on the Journal-Star labored under these words:

"Even the most casual newspaper reader must have noticed the lead of a wire service story from Washington: 'Living costs have crept upward to another all-time high in November.'"

"But far fewer probably caught the inference of the 5th paragraph: 'A continued downtrend in food prices helped check the November rise in the index.'"

"And who do you suppose was responsible for this continued downtrend in food prices which was the only bulwark against far greater increases in living costs?"

"Obviously it was not the processors and distributors of food whose stockholders' profits and employes' wages were as high or higher than ever. It was, of course, the farmer—solely and entirely—who gave the consumers of the nation this year-round Christmas present."

"And how many people in the cities do you suppose are aware of this windfall they get from the farmers? Pitifully few, we imagine. Because all they hear from the metropolitan press and administration spokesmen is how the farmers are living off fat subsidies from the taxpayers."

"In reality, as shown by the news of living costs, farmers have been subsidizing the consumers of the nation."

If farm prices had gone up at the same rate as other cost-of-living items between 1952 and 1957, U.S. consumers would have paid some 52% more for food and clothing. They would, during that period, have paid some more than \$15 billion a year more for these necessities than was actually the case, it has been estimated by competent economists.

"Yet this is the great untold story of the farm problem. Until the farm organizations, Farm Belt business interests and governmental representatives of the agricultural area make a determined effort to get this point across, it will remain one of the nation's best kept secrets."



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