

Capitol News -

State Planes Fly, Why Can't You And I? Old Refrain at Capitol

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LINCOLN—A ruckus over use of the state plane is now new in Nebraska politics. It has come up with every governor who has been in office since 1941, some to a bigger degree than others.

Twice Gov. Dwight Burney has been involved in a political fight in pre-election maneuvering about the plane. Once, he fired State Aeronautics Director Jack Obbink for taking Robert Kennedy, brother of John Kennedy, to Kansas City without telling him.

Democrats then said Burney himself used the plane in 1953 while a state senator to make a trip to South Dakota to sell lots he owned there.

Burney said that was right but he had the permission of the then governor, Robert Crosby, and the plane was on state business anyway.

State departments own and operate nine aircraft, not including National Guard planes. Titles to seven are held by the Aeronautics Department, including three helicopters. The Game Commission and the Highway Department own planes additionally. Other departments rent aircraft for special work.

It may be the fighting may bring legislation to better spell out who may use the state airplanes, under what conditions,

and who has final authority in such matters. Now, the governor by law can direct usage of planes owned by the Aeronautics department but it is not clear as to his jurisdiction over craft operated by other departments. The game and highway departments, however, said they report to the chief executive on their use of planes.

Graveled Roads
Nebraska, by the end of the current two-year period, will have converted 800 miles of gravelled highways to dustless surfacing. That's the picture painted by Acting State Engineer John Hossack.

Hossack says every mile of gravel improved to hard surfacing saves the state \$300 in maintenance costs. The 800 miles will represent a savings of \$240,000. Hossack said, which can be used for surfacing of more roads.

In 1952, there were 5,000 miles of gravel highways on the state highway system, Hossack said. At the end of the current two-year program the mileage will be cut to 2,450, he added.

"We have come a long way with the revenues we have had available to use," the acting engineer commented.

Hossack said one of the reasons the state is hesitant to add new roads to the state system is the cost of maintaining the new mileage "which may set us back a number of years in getting a gravel free state system."

Ziegenbein says this is despite the fact there have been a lot of diseased feeder pigs imported into Nebraska by bootleg methods. But he adds, "Our field men have been on guard at many ports of entry and have made it so miserable for the bootleggers that they had to change methods." Ziegenbein continues though that "we are nearly helpless to completely stop the illicit importation of swine and livestock under our present law." The veterinarian also noted that hog raisers have been "somewhat negligent" in the vaccination of their animals for hog cholera.

"Should we have a general outbreak," he said, "I question if we would have enough vaccine to supply the demand."

Ziegenbein commented that erysipelas in swine, however, is no longer a major factor in the production of pork and although there are products for prevention of this disease, as well as cholera, the hog raiser has not immunized to the extent he should for this disease either.

Cigaretts
Nebraskans smoked a lot of cigarettes during the first 10 months of this year. At four cents tax per pack at the state level, they have paid \$5.7 million in taxes to the state so far this year, at a rate of about a half million dollars per month.

Since the enactment of the cigarette tax in 1947, Nebraskans have paid \$55.6 million to the state as tax on their smokes. The rate was three cents per pack until 1957 when the Legislature upped the levy to four cents.

Orchard News

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Bridge Club
The Bridgettes Bridge club met with Mrs. Duard Dempster Nov. 1st. Mrs. Neal Henry was a guest. Mrs. Archie Walton and Mrs. Clifford Erb won prizes.

Young Couples Club
Young Couples picnic club met with Mr. and Mrs. Duard Dempster Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mittels were guests. Clifford Erb, Mrs. Bill Mittels, Allison Henry and Archie Walton won prizes.

Royal Neighbors
Royal Neighbors Lodge met in the home of Mrs. Carl Nelson. Following the business meeting and recreation hour lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bob Odom November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Larsen of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox of Weebau, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. Emory Buxton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wurtz of Sioux City, Ia. visited in the Delbert Hill home Saturday.

children Sunday evening. The evening was spent playing cards. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison bridge of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tressie of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howard of Creighton, Mr. Marvin Howard of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Haswell and family of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bridge and family of Royal were guests.

The Orchard high school and victory post 136 of the American Legion are sponsoring a Veterans Day program in the high school auditorium Friday afternoon.

Honored on Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Berry were honored with a surprise dinner given in their honor by their daughter, Mrs. Bud Grose, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. St. Berry.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grose and family of Beatrice, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown of Neligh, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson of Albion, Mr. and Mrs. Hale and family of Tilden and Henry Grabowski.

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The American Legion Auxiliary gave a Halloween party for the girl scouts Friday at the Legion Hall.

Mrs. Roy Hill and Mrs. John Auman were in charge of the party and Mrs. Glen Miller was in charge of the games.

Chambers News

By Mrs. E. R. Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Grossnicklaus drove to Columbus Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Gladys Fittje.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stevens and family at Atkinson Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Young of Meridian, Ida., arrived here Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Francis Young and family of Kearney brought her to Chambers Sunday and visited in the Laverne Hoerle home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Young and family of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young and son of Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Hoerle and family to Mr. Young to Beldin Sunday where she remained with her mother, Mrs. John Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Loeske, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilkinson and Mrs. Bessie Fluckey spent Sunday evening, Nov. 6 with Mrs. John Blair and mother, Mrs. Rose Weiden.

Mrs. Leon Hertel and Mrs. Harry Scott called on Mrs. Bessie Fluckey Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Covey of Chambers and Mrs. Ida Coffin of Columbus were supper guests

Thursday in the Leon Hertel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blair and daughter visited in the Edwin Nachtman home Sunday. Mr. Claude Blair of Colorado was also a guest. Mr. Blair who came to attend the funeral of his brother, Ralph, left Tuesday for his home.

Herman and William Schipman Anna Schipman, Mrs. Bessie Fluckey were at dinner guests in the Wilkinson

home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nachtman and children took Mrs. John Nachtman to Grand Island Friday where she took the train to Denver, Colo. to visit her daughter, Genevieve. They were accompanied by Mrs. Joe Kutecher and Randy, who left by train for their home in Sedro Woolley Wash., after attending the funeral of her father, Ralph Blair.

Mrs. Rose Widden returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs.

John Blair, after spending 10 days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Klans at Spencer.

Mrs. Lyman Covey of Chambers and Mrs. Ida Coffin of Columbus visited Mrs. Bessie Fluckey Friday.

Mrs. Margie Sammons came up from Sioux City, Ia., Sunday and called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Alderson before going to the home of her son, Bill Alderson at Amelia.

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