

Sports Group Applauds Attorney's Position

A newly-formed group of sportsmen, representing Holt, Knox, Boyd and Rock counties, Friday night applauded Knox County Attorney Merrit C. Warren's stand for refusing to prosecute Knox County Assessor George Skogan of Center on a game law charge.

The group, which formed into the North-Central Nebraskas Game Conservation association, in resolutions also allied for the resignation of Donald Robertson of North Platte, game commission member.

Skogan allegedly was shooting from a county road when he was encountered by Game Warden Fred Salak of O'Neill. Salak went to Warren, who was reluctant to take action pending the outcome of a similar case in Johnson county in which Robertson was caught shooting from a highway.

State Game Commissioner Mel Steen of Lincoln sometime

ago ordered the charges against Robertson dropped. Steen said the evidence did not justify the filing of a charge in the first place.

The 50 sportsmen meeting at O'Neill's Golden hotel reasoned that the process of justice should have been carried out in the Robertson matter and a hearing should have been held.

Knox county was strongly represented at Friday's session here.

"Mr. Warren was morally right," the Knox delegation declared, "in refusing to take action against Skogan until something is done about the Robertson case."

Said Jack Luckert of Center: "I doubt if you can find 12 men in Knox county who would convict Skogan in view of the fact that charges against Robertson were dropped."

Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve was named temporary chairman of the sporting group Arthur J. Noecker, temporary secretary.

Resolutions were forwarded to Gov. Victor Anderson.

Anderson and Atty.-Gen. Clarence Beck earlier had made press announcements concerning a complete investigation of the Knox county incident. Initially there was talk of ousting Warren for failure to press charges against Skogan. On the heels of the O'Neill meeting, however, the ouster possibilities began to diminish.

Eight community representatives were appointed: Creighton—J. W. Hengstler, Niobrara—A. J. Ryan, O'Neill—Guy F. Cole, Stuart—Ira M. Ready, Bloomfield—Lowell Fleming, Center—Jack Luckert, Butte—Warren Jordan, Spencer—Lloyd Klassen. Others will be appointed.

Hengstler declared four or



Community representatives named for four-county game conservation group: Seated—A. W. Hengstler of Creighton, A. J. Ryan of Niobrara, Guy Cole of O'Neill; standing—Ira M. Ready of Stuart, Lowell Fleming of Bloomfield, Jack Luckert of Center, Warren Jordan of Butte and Lloyd Klassen of Spencer.—The Frontier Photo.

five hundred sportsmen would move on Lincoln in behalf of Mr. Warren's stand, if necessary. Groups from other counties pledged support.

Appointed to the resolutions committee were: Joe Dobry of Center, Arthur Runnels of Stuart, Warren Jordan of Butte.

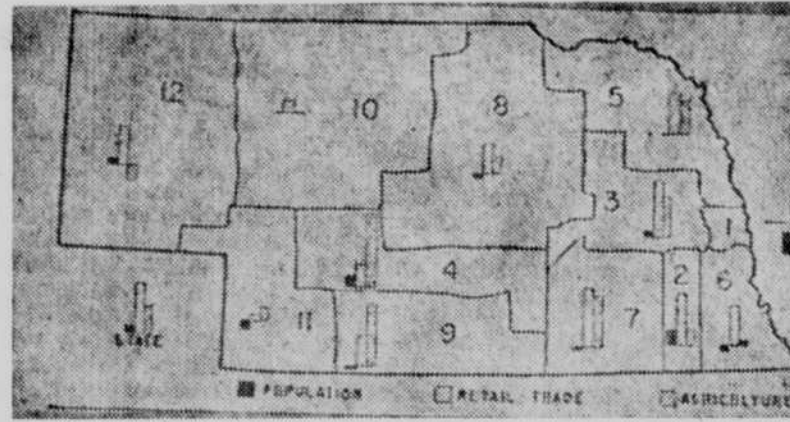
Resolutions upholding Warren and calling for Robertson's resignation were unanimously adopted.

The group also talked about elimination of the Niobrara game preserve, hunting and fishing fees, pleasant and unpleasant experiences with game warden.

Turkey Day Guests—Additional guests of the Fox family for Thanksgiving dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Belzer were the Misses Evelyn Davis, Lorna Marcellus and Hilda DeSteen of Emmet.

Family Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie entertained at a family dinner Sunday at the M&M in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Notes Birthday—Mrs. Clyde McKenzie entertained eight girls Sunday at a birthday anniversary party for her daughter, Patricia.



Area	Pop. 1950	Rtl. Tr. 1948	Agri. 1949	Mfg. 1947
1954 as per cent of:				
The State	103.1	121.3	113.3	153.6
1. Omaha	108.5	128.8	133.1	131.1
2. Lincoln	106.7	122.4	106.9	180.7
3. Lower Platte	103.2	124.4	117.8	345.9
4. Middle Platte	106.2	112.0	133.4	192.2
5. Northeast	99.6	118.2	115.6	306.9
6. Southeast	97.4	118.9	102.5	179.5
7. Southeast Central	98.2	125.7	122.6	160.5
8. North Central	97.6	113.2	107.7	—
9. Southwest Central	97.7	114.7	126.5	—
10. Sandhills	99.9	105.3	99.6	—
11. Southwest	96.3	102.7	106.7	—
12. Panhandle	102.5	116.2	92.3	129.3

1—Estimates by the Department of Business Research, University of Nebraska, BUSINESS IN NEBRASKA, August 1955.
2—Total retail sales, Census of Business.
3—Value of products sold from farms, Census of Agriculture.
4—Value added by manufacture, Census of Manufactures. For each area, only those counties were included for which data were disclosed by the census report.

Central Portion of State Shows Gains East Nebraska Also Reports Rise

(Illustration below.)

The different areas of Nebraska have registered diverse and opposite economic progress in the last five years with the eastern and central divisions of the state faring the best.

This is the report of Business in Nebraska published by Edgar Z. Palmer, department of business research of the University of Nebraska college of business administration.

According to Palmer's figures, the best judged on four criteria of population, retail sales, agriculture and industry.

The Lincoln-Beatrice area has fared second best (see map) along with the lower Platte area of Fremont, Norfolk and Central City.

Economic growth and progress was also strong in the irrigated areas along the middle Platte (North Platte, Kearney, Grand Island and Hastings), Southeast Central (York, Superior and Fairbury) and Southwestern Central (McCook, Holdrege, Minden).

The Sandhills area showed slight declines in two factors. Western Nebraska panhandle, Southwest (Imperial), north-central (Ord, Albion), northeast (South Sioux City) showed declines in one factor.

Increases in all four phases of the economy analyzed—population, retail trade, agriculture and manufacturing—were recorded in the Omaha, Lincoln and Lower and Middle Platte river areas.

Population increased in the four "healthiest" areas and in the Panhandle. Greatest loss was in the southwest.

Part of the agriculture loss in the area was due to poor rainfall and low cattle prices in 1954 as compared with 1949, the report said. (See table.)

Based on the dollar value of products, the greatest increases in manufacturing came in the Fremont-Norfolk-Central City area.

"The area has jumped to three and a half times what it was a few years ago," Palmer said.

"The northeast area (South Sioux City to Blair) has increased three times since 1947," he also noted.

Palmer noted an increase in the Omaha area greater in terms of dollars but less percentage-wise. Omaha manufacturing grew over \$50 million in the seven years.

The southwest area shows up well because crop and prices of wheat were good in 1954 and not so good in the earlier year.

Entertain at Bridge—

Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek entertained friends at a bridge party Sunday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. William Mattern.

Pinochle Club Meets—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier were hosts to the Pinochle club Sunday evening at their home. Mrs. Roy Lowry was high score winner, Mrs. Bob Cook, low and Mrs. George Hansen won the traveling prize.

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Mrs. LaVern Warriner

Christ Lutheran church was the scene of the Sunday, November 25, wedding of Miss Sharon Boelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter of Page, and LaVern Warriner, son of Mrs. Johanna Warriner of Center. The couple is residing on a farm northwest of Center.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Missionary Gibbs to Preach—

INMAN—Missionary Arthur F. Gibbs will be the speaker at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Inman at the 11 o'clock services Sunday, December 9, and December 16.

Marks 4th Birthday—

Little Linda Marie Hamik celebrated her fourth birthday anniversary Friday at a party for 13 little guests. Birthday cake and jello were served. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hamik.

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