

To Arrive Home— Gary Waller, of Wayne State Teachers college will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller.

State Capitol News

'Hard Tack' Search Goes On

LINCOLN—Gov. Victor Anderson is continuing without letup his "hard tack" search into every nook and cranny of state government.

The governor is looking for ways of trimming state spending, to help reduce the tax load. His theory is that because of the drought in Nebraska, a "hard tack" state budget for 1957-59 must be presented to the legislature.

Latest statements of the governor are that he is thinking about recommending a two-year reduction in the half-mill property tax levy for the teachers retirement fund, and a reduced institutional building fund levy.

With a special levy reduction, the governor said, it might be possible to grant necessary general fund increases sought by state agencies without raising the overall tax levy.

The state property tax levy now is \$8.09 for each \$1,000 worth of property value. Of that amount, \$1.85 is in special levies.

The teachers' retirement levy is 50 cents, the institutional building fund \$1.10 and the University of Nebraska medical college building fund 25 cents.

Anderson has emphasized he is not in favor of eliminating the special levies but might favor temporarily restricting one or more.

The teacher retirement levy will raise \$1,477,832 this tax year. About 2/3 of the proceeds go into the fund reserve, which now totals \$4,500,000.

A legislative committee has recommended the building levy be reduced to 75 cents per \$1,000. The 10-year levy will expire next year.

With the current level on property value in Nebraska the 75-cent assessment would produce \$2,216,748 per year.

The medical college levy will raise \$738,916 this tax year and is to continue until a total of \$6,000,000 is received.

Gov. Anderson's comment on the teachers levy drew sharp, immediate fire from the executive secretary of the Nebraska state education association.

The secretary, Donald Kline, said if the levy is tampered with, he does not know how teachers can be kept from a "mass exodus" from the profession or state.

Anderson said on July 1, 1957 there would be about \$5.2 million in the teachers reserve fund. Any reduction, he said, would merely stop adding money to the reserve fund for a temporary period, but still pay current expenses.

Current expenses, the governor explained, run about \$485,000 per year.

Commented the governor: "During this drought emergency, we still should pay our obligations, but we don't want to put money in the bank when we have no money."

Kline said the governor's suggestion on reducing the fund would be false economy.

The secretary said it is difficult now to keep teachers in Nebraska without cutting the retirement fund and giving them a feeling of insecurity.

Actuaries have recommended the present level be continued to build up the fund.

getting increased attention in this pre-legislature period.

The reason the question of road financing has come up again is because of accelerated amounts for federal money now available to the states for matching purposes.

Nebraska, for the first time in history next July 1, won't have to worry about losing federal funds due for matching by that date.

State Engineer L. N. Ress says the state will be able to match all the federal money available by that date. But, he said, from there on, the shoe will be on the other foot.

Nebraska will be short \$3 million for the interstate highway during the next three years. In addition, if counties and cities don't mushroom their use of federal funds that will have to be matched by July 1, 1959, or they will go to other states.

There has been considerable talk of road revenue measures likely to come up in the next session of the legislature. They include higher gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, and stiffer fees for licensing cars and trucks.

Behind some of these measures undoubtedly will be the Better Nebraska association, which for years has backed proposals it feels would better the state's highway system.

On the other side probably will be familiar people also—petroleum, farm and truck groups which generally oppose increased road revenue.

Roads— Along with taxes, roads are

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg of O'Neill announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marilyn Marie (above), to Rodney E. Wilmoth, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilmoth, jr., of Omaha.



Engagement Told

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Mystery Sisters in Exchange of Gifts

ROCK FALLS — The Pleasant Day club met Wednesday, December 12, at the home of Mrs. Sam Derickson with all except two members present. Roll call was answered with, "What I'd like most for Christmas?"

Following a noon day luncheon and a short business meeting, there was an exchange of gifts between mystery sisters.

Place and date of the next meeting will be decided later.

Other Rock Falls News Mr. and Mrs. Norm Oberle entertained the Eagle Valley Card club at their home on December 15. Besides the original members those present were Norm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oberle, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Druke and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Druke and daughter, Danita. High scores were won by Floyd Johnson and Mrs. John Schultz and lows by Linda Johnson and Mr. Druke, with the traveling prize going to Lou Brown.

Refreshments of candy and nuts were served during the evening with a lunch at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and girls were supper guests on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Schultz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Druke and family spent Thursday evening, December 13, at the Lou Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lang and children were evening visitors at the Lou Brown home Wednesday, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes served a venison steak supper on Thursday, December 13. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Derickson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Lieb and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Laurson of Venus and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Laursen and children of O'Neill.

Supper guests at the James Curran home on Friday, December 14, included Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and children and Cheryl Donlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Lieb and children were supper guests on Monday evening at the Sam Derickson home. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Lynda called later in the evening.

John Schultz had an unfortunate bit of luck on Sunday. While trying to win his pickup from a

precarious position on an icy side-hill, a chain broke letting the machine go nose-down into a 25-foot ditch. The pickup was badly broken and twisted. There was no one in the truck at the time.

Mrs. Kathryn Yantzi had dinner at the home of her son, Fritz, and family on Sunday.

Francis Curran had Saturday dinner with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Curran and Ardell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Benson and daughter, Chris, of Spencer were Sunday dinner guests of the Blake Benson family.

Lou Brown was an evening caller at the Don Hynes home on Tuesday, December 11.

The Eagle Creek 4-H club had its Christmas party at the Lyle Vequist home on Sunday with all members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns and Mr. and Mrs. Don Stearns were Sunday evening guests at the James Curran home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson and Stanley visited relatives in Spencer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Oberle and children were evening guests of the Floyd Johnsons on Tuesday, December 11.

Linda Johnson and Francis Stearns were visitors of the John Schultz family Tuesday evening, December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Price and John Nachtman were Friday visitors at the Blake Benson home.

Francis Johnson and Elmer Stearns had a cup of coffee at the Floyd Johnson home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and Mrs. Floyd Johnson called on Theresa Breiner and Lonnie on Sunday evening.

George B. German, the inquiring farm reporter of Yankton, S.D., spent Friday at the Floyd Johnson home and made several interviews which will be on the air from WNAX, Yankton, 12:50 p.m., December 20 and 27.

Before another press day rolls around the Christmas holiday will have come and gone, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone, who reads my column, a very merry Christmas. — MRS. FLOYD JOHNSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sorenson of Page, visited Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy.

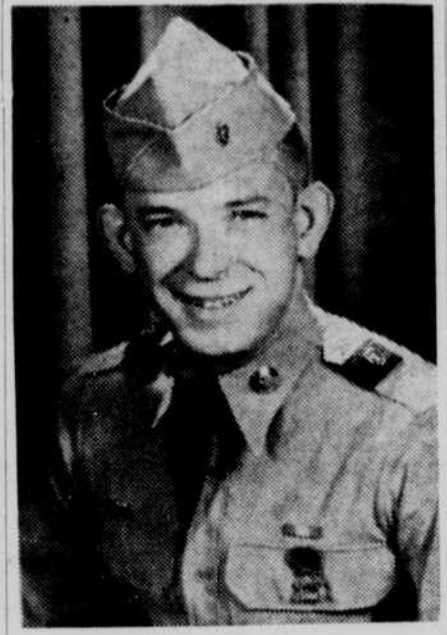
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Now in Hawaii Harold Johnson (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, is now a specialist third-class in the army and is stationed in Hawaii. His address is SP3/c Harold L. Johnson, RA17428751, 25th Quartermaster Co., APO 25, San Francisco, Calif.

Draft Office Closes For Holidays Mrs. W. H. Harty left Tuesday evening for Denver, Colo., to visit her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Harty and children for Christmas.

She expects to be back in the office at the courthouse annex Monday, December 31.

Hold Yule Party— INMAN—The RLDS Daughters of Zion held the annual Christmas party at the Henry Pruss home in O'Neill Friday evening, December 14. Their families were guests.

Gift Exchange— Members of the Chez a Mari club held a gift exchange at the home of Mrs. J. L. McCarville, jr., Monday evening. The annual Christmas affair followed a dinner at the M&M cafe.

Merrymix Meets— A gift exchange was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. L. Lindberg by members of the Merrymix club. A dessert luncheon at the M & M cafe preceded the exchange.

Ted Lindberg of the University of Nebraska and Miss Marilyn of Nebraska Wesleyan university of Lincoln, will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg.

Miss Elizabeth ("B's") Schaffer will arrive Friday from the University of Nebraska to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Schaffer.

Joyous GREETINGS May happiness be with you and yours at this Christmastime. IDEAL CLEANERS Mr. and Mrs. George Morlang

Real Estate Transfers WD—Peter Bonenberger to Tom Malloy 11-16-56 \$10,000-SW 1/4 13-29-14. WD—Wayne Cuatt to Claude Liermann 12-6-56 \$23,360-N 1/2 NE 1/4 6-25-15 S 1/2 NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 NW 1/4 & NE 1/4 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 SW 1/4 31 - W 1/2 NW 1/4 & W 1/2 SW 1/4 32-26-15. WD—Joseph P. Shanher to Neal G. Chase 11-10-56 \$7200-N 1/2 NE 1/4 11-28-10. WD—Hyacinth F. Nightengale to Francis Nightengale -11-30-56 \$1 -SE 1/4 NW 1/4 7-29-14. QCD—Alex Frickel, et al to Herman Frickel 8-31-56 \$1-and exchange of land-All Sec 12-NE 1/4 13-31-14. WD—George F. Brainard to Leonard Wedge & wf 11-21-56 \$800—SE 1/4 9-29-13. WD—Lynn Doty to Thomas A. O'Connell 12-4-56 \$12,875-Lot 1 in Sec 7 - Lots 1 & 2 & S 1/2 NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 SW 1/4 17-Lot 1 & S 1/2 NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 SE 1/4 18-N 1/2 NW 1/4 20-39-13, 88&S 27adn of Ineb.8 Arr. IN 1/2. WD—Carrie Hubby Borg to Lloyd A. Rouse 12-10-56 \$10-1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 34-32-11. QCD—Edward Ferguson to Anna Savidge 12-6-56 \$1 -Lot 3 & part lot 4 Blk 6 -Ewing. WD—Lloyd Raymond Vequist to Henry Vequist & wf 12-8-56 \$1-part of SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and part of NE 1/4 SW 1/4 25-29-12 containing 2 acres and Lots 3-4 & 5 Blk 2 O'Sullivan's Add-O'Neill. WD—Leo T. Adams to Celia Christiansen 9-5-56 \$3200 - East 90 ft. lots 17-18-19 & 20 Blk 1 Cooke's Add-Chambers. WD—Mary Wallace to Gordon Johnson & wf 12-4-56 \$11,000-Lot 4 and E 1/2 lot 5 Blk 19-O'Neill. WD—Henry Sturek to Eugene A. Hoerle & wf 11-9-56 \$8000-NE 1/4 and 2 E 1/2 NW 1/4 30-Lot 4-E 1/2 NW 1/4-E 1/2 SW 1/4 19-25-12. WD—Veral McDermott, et al to George Ward 9-11-56 \$600-Lots 9 & 10 Blk 1 Cooke's Add-Chambers. WD—Katheryn Donohoe to Joseph P. Shanher 11-26-56 \$4500-Lots 11 & 12 Blk L-Fahy's Park Add-O'Neill. WD—Charlotte E. Honeywell to John B. Honeywell 11-7-56 \$1-Lot 4 Blk 6 Cooke's Add-Chambers-Grantor reserves a life estate.

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