

State Capitol News—

# Carpenter Probe Hits Snag

LINCOLN — The tax probe by the Sen. Terry Carpenter committee has hit some snags. One can be dealt with; the other can't. On the solvable side is a rift that has appeared between Carpenter, energetic chairman, and members of the committee: Sens. Fay Wood of Seward, David Tews of Norfolk, August Wagner of Columbus and John Munnelly of Omaha.

The other matter is funds. The committee has about \$2,500 for expenses. It has been using resources of State Tax Commissioner Fred Herrington's office. But, about the first of the year, the tax commissioner is going to have to channel energy of his field force to regular tax problems.

The committee was commissioned by the legislature to make a study of whether present tax laws work and incidence and kind of violations. When the Herrington staff turns to other problems, the practical force of the committee will be dampened. It will have no state money to hire assistance for a job that requires experienced aid.

The argument involving Carpenter and committee members is that he has been reportedly proceeding with major decisions without consulting the committee. Liebers and Carpenter exchanged letters but neither will say anything other than they wrote each other. But some of the trouble is known to center around Carpenter scheduling a series of public hearings next month for oil companies, pipeline firms and chain stores.

This, according to observers, was done without committee authorization. The Liebers letter is said to have raised also the question of finances.

Liebers is chairman of the legislative council—the research arm of the legislature, which actually is state senators forming into study groups in off-session years. Saunders county was the first

selected by the committee. Hall is next, according to Carpenter. Herrington was to report to the group at its meeting this week.

The tax commissioner's findings were to be on Saunders county.

The investigation committee, with subpoena power, is a new idea in the Nebraska legislature. Normally, subjects undertaken for study have been of the type handled by the committee, where subpoena could be used for prosecution purposes, eventually, in court.

There has never been, according to statehouse observers, a similar between-session survey of the type now being carried on by Carpenter's group.

Violations have been found in Saunders county. The aim of the study, statehouse lawyers believe, was to find tax law loopholes and what legislation could be used to plug them, not basically to "witch hunt" in what most people believe to be a fertile field.

The committee, through directions to Herrington, can obtain copies of a federal income tax return filed by any businessman in the state.

This is one of the reasons for considerable interest, state-wide in activities of the committee.

**Cigarette Take—** Nebraska's October cigarette tax collections took a nose dive. H. L. Wichman, cigarette tax division chief, says the reason is that retailers stocked up on the smokes before the extra penny per pack state tax took effect.

The law increasing the levy became effective in the middle of September. It went to four cents. Atty.-Gen. C. S. Beck's office ruled the way the law was written meant stocks held by retailers on September 20—effective date of the law—would be taxed at three cents. Wholesalers had to pay the added cent.

In October, revenue amounted to \$299,763, compared with \$25,369 for the same month last year under a three-cent levy. By the same token, retailers stocking up in September raised the revenues for that month to \$395,498. Next month, Wichman reported, the collections should level off.

**Rescue Missions**  
State Maintenance Engineer John McMeekin says anyone caught in Nebraska's winter weather will get rescue aid if that is possible.

State equipment will continue to be used in such missions on the highways, he said. He commented after a letter to Gov. Victor Anderson from Keith County Sheriff Wayne Elliott.

Elliott said he was informed the Ogallala maintenance foreman had received orders not to expect highway department equipment in case of emergencies on U. S. 26 north and west of Ogallala this winter.

But, says McMeekin, "he didn't get the order out of my office or from anybody in Lincoln to that effect. It is our intention and always has been to make rescue missions on the highways."

**Ice Cream Down—** Nebraskans ate less ice cream in 1956 but consumed a record amount of ice milk.

That's the report from the state-federal division of agricultural statistics.

The division said the state produced a larger volume of nearly all major dairy products last year, except ice cream—which, at 5.8 million gallons, was down nine percent.

Creamery butter was up two percent and at 76 million pounds still ranked Nebraska fourth in the nation in this category.

Curd cottage cheese production was up one million pounds and creamed cottage cheese climbed 16 percent.

**Parking Problems—** There's hardly a motorist who hasn't lost his temper trying to find a place to park.

State Engineer L. N. Ress said as far as he can see a solution to city traffic and parking problems in many areas is "nearly impossible."

The reason, according to Ress, is that businessmen and city engineers are unable to agree on a workable plan.

"The problem is often so complex that serious thinking about its solution is postponed year after year until an agreement is virtually out of reach," Ress commented.

While a solution is in the making, or not, as the case may be, more traffic begins piling up in cities so that the engineer said a city so situated faces a long fight for survival as an economic unit.

**Pay Hikes—** There have been some pay hikes in the state health department.

The state board of health voted a \$40 per month boost to Dr. E. A. Rogers, state health director, to put his pay at \$1,000 per month. Smaller monthly hikes went to other officials.

The bigger paychecks are the first for department officials since November 1, 1955.

In other action, Freda Theis was named director of the department's vital statistics bureau, replacing Clair Chism who resigned to enter private business at Hastings.

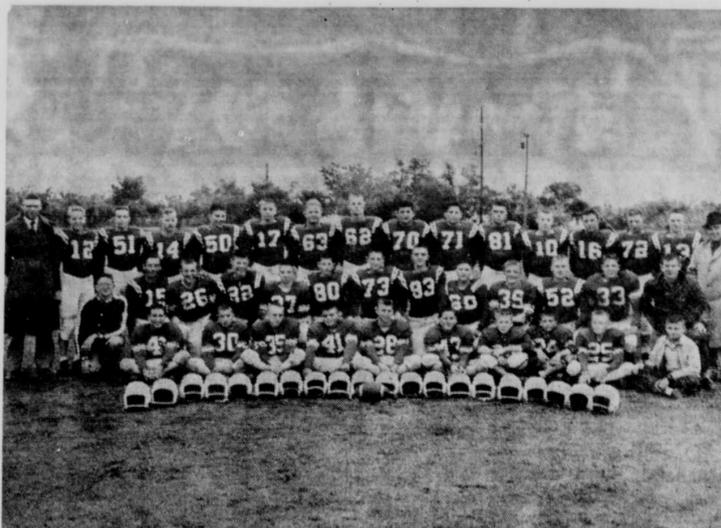
**Hospital Insurance—** A touchy problem was discussed by the state hospital advisory council—when is a chronically ill person labeled as one who is acutely ill?

Involved is the matter of insurance. Joseph Burger, of Omaha, executive of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance in Nebraska, discussed the problem with the council.

He said if long-term care, or chronically ill, hospital units were brought under the same license as general hospitals, insurance companies would be liable for persons not now covered.

The result, he said, could be disastrous, forcing prohibitive payments on younger people and virtually "bankrupting" insurance firms.

The council took no action. A person acutely ill is eligible for insurance benefits, but not if chronically ill. Council members say it may be that the final decision will have to rest with the individual physician.



## Eagles to Close Against Atkinson

The O'Neill high Eagles will close the 1957 campaign here Friday night, entertaining the Atkinson high Balers. Seated left-to-right: Larry Godel (40), Jerry Dexter (30), Jerry Smith (35), Nicky Hammerlin (41), Norman Graves (28), Gary Devall (43), Dean Larson, Ronnie Schmeichel, John Harder (25), Gerald Reynolds. Second row: Gary Gillespie, Darold Ermer (15), Richard Ernst (26), Larry Lewis (82), Bob Eby, Larry Otter (80), Gary Stowell (73), Gary Jeffrey (83),

Emerson Steele (60), Dennis Tomlinson (39), Bill Fricke (52), John Kurtz (33), Dick Laursen. Third row: Bill Edwards, Assistant Coach, Bob Williamson (12), Perry Daves (51), Ronnie Smith (14), Keith McKim (50), Darrel Dexter (17), Gale Holcomb (63), Mike Liddy (62), Edward Pierson (70), Robert Wheeler (71), Merle Pease (81), Jim Larson (10), Melvin Luben (16), Veldon Tomlinson (72), Bill Eby (13), Coach Marvin Miller.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## Committee Dissolved—

Forty-three county redistricting committees for school district reorganization were dissolved October 8, by the state committee for school district reorganization.

Acting under a 1955 law, the state committee ordered that present redistricting committees be dissolved and new committees be selected in each of the 43 counties.

Committees dissolved were in the following counties: Arthur, Burt, Dundy, Garfield, Keya Paha, Morrill, Saunders, Wheeler, Blaine, Cheyenne, Deuel, Hall, Kimball, Nance, Sherman, Boone, Colfax, Fillmore, Harlan, Lancaster, Nuckolls, Sioux, Box Butte, Cumming, Franklin, Hitchcock, Lincoln, Otoe, Stanton, Boyd, Custer, Gage, Howard, Loup, Polk, Thomas, Buffalo, Dawes, Garden, Keith, Merriek, Rock and Thurston.

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## O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Wecker and family returned recently from their vacation in San Diego, Calif., where they visited her mother, Mrs. Bessie Kudara, and other relatives. Mrs. Kudara moved from Osmond to California in February.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Pat Sullivan were her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John McGill. Her son, Gene of Pierre, S.D., same Sunday and visited until Tuesday.

Ed Schmit and son, Mike, and Jack Dailey got two deer while hunting from Thursday until Sunday at Neuzel. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmit, while there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schmit and son of Omaha are spending their week's vacation visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bahl and Mr. and Mrs. John B.

## Schmitz and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pierson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek and family went to Norfolk Friday to meet their son, Greg, who had spent the past two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hie in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Nutter and family ent to Ord Friday, October 25, to see her brother and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Leshler and new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worth and family will be moving to Omaha soon, where Mr. Worth will be employed in the post-office. He reports to work November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh spent Sunday in Burwell visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Osenbaugh and children.

Among those attending the Meadow Gold banquet in Norfolk Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harmon.

## Use of School Tax Money Is Explained

About 40 parents, teachers and friends gathered Monday evening, November 4, in the band room of the public school for the November meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association.

The group enjoyed two musical numbers—a French horn solo by Marion Moseman, accompanied by Sharon Nelson, and a vocal solo by Joyce Harmon, who was accompanied by Miss Esther Kinnier.

Grant Peacock presided at the business meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Vernon Lorenz. Fathers were urged to attend the meetings because their presence counts two points for their child's room.

A talk on school administration was given by Supt. M. J. Baack. He explained school tax money, how the funds are used, the duties of the school board and many other functions of the school.

A film entitled, "They Grow Up So Fast", was presented by William Edwards. This film dealt with physical education programs in public schools and pointed out what parents can do to encourage physical education.

Pie and coffee were served by the fourth grade mothers.

## Page Man Hurt in Hunting Accident

PAGE—Al Anson, Page trucker, was shot in the foot accidentally while deer hunting in the Pine Ridge area.

While helping move a deer, he rested his rifle on his foot. The gun discharged, and the bullet went between his toes.

Anson is in the Bassett hospital where he will be confined until Friday.

Richard Trowbridge was the only member of the party succeeding in getting his deer.

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