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CONGRESS
As Seen by a Nebraskan

The coconut oil boys opened their first gun of their premeditated campaign today with a brief speech on the floor by a Pennsylvania representative who asks that the excise tax on coconut oil be repealed.

Those people who were lucky enough to get into the Supreme Court of the U. S. yesterday saw real history. It was the last session of the Supreme Court of the United States in the old Supreme Court chamber, which has been used for nearly a century.

Members of congress are being solicited by Virginia farmers to buy hams and bacon. One enterprising farmer has fancy literature about his pork.

Major Logan McBride, of Elgin, Nebraska, came in yesterday to say "Hello" and told us he got here all right. The fact of the matter is he just came from the Philippine Islands, and is now going to do some intensive studying at the United States War College.

Lou Buckendorf and Frank Darling of Norfolk would get a thrill out of the method used by the boosters of Portland Oregon, in advertising the Rose Festival which they hold every year.

the story of Portland's Rose Festival. The Portland representatives were "saying it with flowers," but there was a reason, because only a few minutes after the roses were distributed ten bills of vital interest to Oregon passed without a dissenting vote.

The House of Representatives was very busy yesterday on what they called minor bills, but to some of the new members these bills were not so minor. One bill which was passed was the Commodity Exchange Act, H. R. 6772, which amends the Grain Futures Act to prevent and remove obstructions and burdens upon interstate commerce in grains and other commodities, by regulating transactions on commodity futures exchanges, to limit or abolish shortselling, to curb manipulation, etc.

Another bill which was passed unanimously was the one that came out of the Insular Committee to protect American cordage industry, and over which the Insular Committee has worked for several days. This bill is the result of a compromise between the Philippine Commission and the American cordage industry, and it places a quota of 6,000,000 pounds a year on cordage imported from the Islands.

Stand pat southern democrats are secretly happy over the Supreme Court decision on the NRA. Representative Rankin of Mississippi is authority for that statement. He believes that the supreme court decision makes southerners feel that their old fight to maintain state rights was right.

Farm-to-Market roads was the topic of discussion at the Monday morning session of the sub-committee of the prairie states congressmen. The officers of the Farm Bureau, the Farm Grange and the rural letter carriers were present.

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THE NEBRASKA SCENE
(Political and Otherwise)

by James R. Lowell

Aviation bids fair to attain a new prominence in Nebraska this year, what with a state aeronautics commission being set up in readiness to assume its newly legislated duties two months hence, and a commercial aircraft announcement about to be made which will create a sizeable ripple not only in Nebraska but all over the country.

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The plane was built by the Arrow Aircraft & Motors Corp. at Lincoln which was one of the big producers in the balmy days of 1929 and which occupies one of the largest and most modern airplane plants in the country.

The remarkable thing about this new ship is its power plant. Heretofore motors for even the smallest aircraft have cost from \$500 to \$1,500 and the upkeep on them has been tremendous.

Governor Cochran has appointed the following members to the aeronautical commission: Dr. W. W. Arrasmith, Grand Island, Chairman; C. J. Campbell, Lincoln and W. J. Holtz, Omaha, four year terms; and H. W. Peterson, Omaha, and W. S. Rodman, Jr., Kimball, two year terms.

any kind upon call by the governor, but State Auditor Price hasn't decided whether he'll allow a claim for such purchase. This despite the fact that the expense is to come out of the \$25,000 from gasoline tax paid by aviation companies which is to finance the commission's activities.

Price wants to know more about the upkeep cost of a plane and liability in case of accident before he okays such a purchase.

A fly in the ointment of air-minded Nebraskans is the word coming from Washington that one of the proposed army air bases will not be constructed in this state, despite resolutions passed by the recent legislature and pressure brought to bear in Washington.

Liquor control in Nebraska is getting off to a bad start in the opinion of State Senator Sullivan of Omaha who was one of the big guns behind liquor legislation in the legislature. He thinks that the prevailing policy of demanding large license fees, both locally and by the state, will just set things up nicely for the bootleggers.

The idea expressed by Governor Cochran in his inaugural message was to eliminate bootlegging by making liquor cheaply available to the drinking public.

Sullivan says a \$50 fee is enough for combined off and on sale, whereas the dealer will pay \$500 under the present arrangement. Towns and cities are fixing their occupation fees at the limit allowed by the liquor law, making a package sale license cost \$300 (\$150 state and \$150 local).

"Under the present liquor law, and with the occupation tax added on that, it will be almost impossible to eliminate the persons who are engaged in illegal traffic," laments Sullivan.

Meanwhile Nebraska makes ready to dispense hard liquor under sanction of the law. The first shipment of legal liquor arrived in Omaha last week, amounting to 1,000 cases of whiskey valued at \$35,000. A tax of \$2,120 was paid to the federal government and \$1,500 to the state.

The liquor commission has laid in a supply of liquor stamps and purchased a \$500 cancellation machine. In addition to the beer inspectors that were already on the job, five liquor inspectors have been employed. They began work immediately checking warehouses and wholesale houses to which licenses had been granted.

The commission announced that issuance of retail beer licenses will be the responsibility of local officials, their action being subject to approval of the commission. Beer licenses outside of municipalities will be applied for to the commission which in turn will submit such applications to county boards for recommendations.

Deshler was the first community to provide for sale by the drink. Omaha, Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte and Hastings are expected to qualify for this privilege in the near future.

Kearney and Holdrege have asked that the number of package sale establishments in their environs be limited to three retail and two wholesale, each. The commissioner signified his willingness to abide by the judgment of the municipalities in such cases.

One of the most recent additions to the commission's staff is J. Octave LeBlanc, prominent Hastings democrat, who will keep books for \$200 per month.

An upturn in road and rural electrification in Nebraska is in the offing altho the federal government has not signified just what support it will give electrification under the work-relief program.

The state's allotment of approximately \$7,000,000 of federal works funds for highways is immediately available. Bids were received June 20 on highway construction and maintenance projects to cost an estimated \$360,000, of which only \$45,000 will be for federal improvements. These include .3 of a mile paving in Superior.

Included in the state projects are 26.8 miles of bituminous mat surfacing in Madison, Stanton and Otoe counties.

State Engineer Tilley said road and bridge construction in the Republican valley flood area will total about \$700,000, of which approximately \$300,000 can be taken from federal funds. This emergency work will reduce Nebraska's new road construction program for the coming year, he said.

Tilley has approved formation of the Roosevelt rural public power district in Sioux and Scottsbluff counties, for which federal funds will be asked.

Approval is being sought for the Norris public power district em-

bracing Saline and Jefferson counties. A number of such districts are being planned in southeastern Nebraska, with former Attorney General Sorenson as attorney and guiding light. An exhaustive recheck of engineering features has been made on the southeastern Nebraska public power project, centering upon Beatrice, which seeks PWA funds and was the first such district formed in the state. It contemplates the building of 600 miles of rural electrification lines.

Approximately \$2,000,000 worth of new PWA projects have been applied for recently by Nebraska public officials under the impetus of the new federal aid program which offers outright grants of 45 per cent of the cost of the undertaking. Altho no federal funds quota has been set for Nebraska, a recent survey indicated a demand for about \$80,000,000 worth of new projects.

Applications recently made include \$1,100,000 worth of new city schools at Lincoln; Elkhorn river dam at Neligh, \$25,000; Holt county court house, \$110,000; and bridge at Big Springs, \$50,000.

Flood relief co-ordinator and State FERA Director Haynes recently disclosed that \$434,000 has been made available immediately for rehabilitation and relief work in the flood area. An additional \$194,000 is being allocated at Washington for flood reconstruction.

The Nebraska supreme court is now considering an unusually large number of cases of state-wide importance and interest. They include the state officers' salary law of 1933 legislative vintage, laws enacted by the recent legislature to outlaw suits by a number of counties to recover their alleged share of ancient county road tax levies, and the gasoline-tax-relief law.

Plaintiff attorneys claim the salary reduction law discriminates between members of the supreme court. The act prescribed a reduction in the salaries of the supreme court judges from \$7,500 to \$5,200 a year, along with reductions in the pay of other state officials.

Under the constitution, a public official's pay cannot be changed during his term. However, the three judges elected last fall and taking office in January would be serving for \$5,200 a year while the remaining judges would be drawing the higher figure for the remainder of their term. This, it is contended, constitutes discrimination with a class.

The suit was brought by State Superintendent Taylor whose salary cut is from \$5,000 to \$3,400 annually by the act. The state contends Taylor was not in a position to claim a higher salary after running for office with the knowledge of the legislature's action.

Twenty-three counties are involved in the suit which seeks to declare unconstitutional the act

passed by the 1935 legislature appropriating \$4,000,000 mainly from a 1-cent increase in the gas tax, to augment federal funds given for relief to counties coming under the federal-county agreement.

The petition filed with the supreme court asks the court to adjudicate the rights of the 23 counties to share in the relief fund, without regard to their financial status, should the act be upheld. Briefly, the counties declare that as long as they contribute to the raising of the \$4,000,000 state assistance fund, they should be entitled to proportionate benefits.

Of the counties involved in the suit, five receive money from federal funds for relief administration expense, federal commodities and rehabilitation assistance. They are Saunders, Wayne, Stanton, Colfax and Gosper.

The 18 counties which are eligible to no federal funds are Sioux, Hooker, Arthur, Banner, Butler, Cass, Cuming, Dawson, Grant, Keith, Kimball, Merrick, Nemaha, Phelps, Saline, Sarpy, Seward and Antelope.

Supervisors' Proceedings

(Continued from last week)

Table listing supervisors' proceedings with names and amounts: Farmers Union, Pege 13.60; Wm. Clark & Sons 18.70; Council Oak, Atkinson 71.00; The Fair Store 1.80; W. H. Chicken 17.80; Frank Froelich 9.00; Chase & Chase 8.00; Chase & Chase 37.00; Cowles Store 25.95; W. S. Goree 7.80; Council Oak, O'Neill 98.90; Council Oak, O'Neill 33.00; John Brau 3.00; Ballin Bros. 6.60; Thomas Brennan 9.90; S. E. Adrian 3.00; A. E. Bucklin 2.40; Ballin Bros. 42.60; Atkinson Lumber Co. 4.50; Atkinson General Hospital 45.00; Alder Bros. 10.65; Alder Bros. 3.00; William Roth 2.40; Ferris Abdalla 6.00; Gail Burdick 6.60; Thomas Salem 10.80; George Syfe 93.15; Gail Burdick 10.80.

Art Marquardt of Ewing, appeared before the Board relative to the purchase of some property owned by the County in the City of Ewing, Nebraska.

Board spent some time in auditing Road and Bridge claims now on file.

At 5:00 P. M., on motion, Board adjourned until May 28, 1935, at 9:00 A. M.

John Sullivan, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk.

O'Neill, Nebraska, May 28, 1935, 9 A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion

were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the Road Fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts: John Nickle \$ 4.40; Leo Auxier 1.75; A. J. Staples 7.20; Miller Hasselbach 13.38; Paul Bittner 39.00; Lynn Hanna 3.25; Dens Oil Co. 15.03; Dens Oil Co. 41.92; C. E. Tibbetts 56.72; Porter's Filling Station 6.90; David Rahn 15.60; Roy Lowery 24.00; John Fundus 18.00; Charles Lofquist 21.60; Leslie Leiswald 16.00; A. A. Walter 16.50; Frank Sligieski 14.40; Clarence Whaley 1.50; Sam Killham 23.50; Cecil McMillan 21.60; John Hawk 13.90; Mary Laney 50.00; W. L. Cuatt 18.00.

John J. Grutsch 4.80; C. C. Orr 33.30; Theo Baumeister 20.40

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SATURDAY SPECIAL
Growing Mash, 100-Lbs. \$2.15
Go-Getter Lay Mash 2.29
Bon-Ton Flour 1.70
Sunshine Flour 1.65
Rye Shorts 1.50
Motor Oil, 2-gal. .99
Can included and Good Oil
Baby Chicks on June 24 and 29. Our Last Hatches
O'Neill Hatchery

COUNCIL OAK STORES
YOUR FRIEND AT MEALTIME
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AND JUNE 22
Fresh Baked Cookies
Added variety on the table and in the picnic lunch and less home baking in hot weather.
GINGER SNAPS Pound, 10c; FANCY COOKIES Pound, 15c; FANCY ASSORTED Pound, 25c
POST TOASTIES, 2 large pkgs. 19c
GRAPE-NUTS, per package 17c
Council Oak Peaches
Most desirable table peaches on sale this week end. "Mid-summer" clingstones in good syrup. Sliced or halves.
2 Large No. 2 1/2 Cans 35c
TROPICAL ICED TEA BLEND, jar 19c
EVERGREEN CORN, No. 2 can 9c
Frute-Gel The Ideal hot weather gelatin dessert—always jellies. Package . . . 5c; Delicia Sandwich Spread 6 Ounce Can 9c; Clabber Girl Baking Powder 32 Oz. Can. . . 23c
Coffee Santos Peaberry, Pound, 18c—3 pounds 50c
Morning Light Spaghetti Preferred by many because it contains no garlic. Simply heat in the can and it's ready to serve. 20-Ounce Can 9c
Kellogg's Whole Wheat Biscuit 2 Pkgs. . . 21c
Kirk's Hardwater Castile 2 Large Cakes. . . 9c; P & G Laundry Soap 5 Giant Bars . . . 21c; Argo Gloss Starch 3 Pound Carton . . . 22c

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