

## Ask Federal Probe of Road Expenditures

Labor Leaders and Others Assert Methods Illegal—Says Violations Continue.

Federal investigation of the conduct of the Nebraska state highway department on charges of violating both state and federal laws was asked in letters sent to Washington Friday following a meeting of the Nebraska Better Government committee.

The letters, which went to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Comptroller General John R. McCarl, and Senator Norris, were signed by W. O. Buel of Hickman, Neb., chairman; J. J. McMahon, secretary of the Omaha Central Labor union and president of the executive council of the committee, and C. H. Driscoll of Lincoln, secretary-treasurer and special investigator for the committee.

### Members Attending.

Committee members attending the meeting and the groups they represented were announced by Driscoll as including:

W. P. Ring, Cheney, Neb., and A. R. Wallick, Route 8, Lincoln, Lancaster County Taxpayers League; Mr. Buel, Lancaster County Rural Taxpayers League; A. M. Helmy and A. J. Freehling, Lincoln Central Labor union; H. P. Mitchell and C. I. Lawson of Omaha, electrical workers union.

Driscoll said the committee's activity also had the support of Nebraska State Federation of Labor Leaders, and the Columbus Federated Labor union.

### Says Filed Protests.

Driscoll, a civil engineer, reviewed the work of the committee since its organization in July, 1932. His report asserted:

"During the past three years I have made protests to Governor Bryan, R. L. Cochran, state engineer, and to Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, against the illegal spending of federal aid road funds by the state highway department."

The committee endorsed the report, it was announced early Friday afternoon.

**Asserts Allotment Withheld.** After stating that some of the acts upon which the charges were based had also been called to the attention of Clifford Shoemaker of Omaha, district engineer of the federal bureau, Driscoll made a series of charges. These included assertions that:

"The state highway department has spent and is spending federal aid road funds in places and manner contrary to the laws of Nebraska and, therefore, contrary to the federal aid road act of 1916."

During 26 months of 1931, '32 and '33, 59 counties did not get their allotment in whole or in part, in amounts totaling five million dollars.

### Lists Counties.

Counties which, Driscoll claimed, during this period had received no part of their share of the 11 million dollars of federal funds allotted to Nebraska, were listed as:

Banner, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Chase, Clay, Colfax, Douglas, Fillmore, Frontier, Garden, Hamilton, Hayes, Jefferson, Kearney, Keya Paha, Knox, Loup, McPherson, Nance, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Perkins, Rock, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer.

Counties which, he claimed, had received "only a part of their share," he listed as: Antelope, Arthur, Blaine, Brown, Buffalo, Butler, Cedar, Custer, Deuel, Dundey, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Hitchcock, Kimball, Logan, Polk, Sioux, Thomas, Valley, Wayne and Webster.

### Says "Buried" in State Senate.

The committee, Driscoll reported, was instrumental in "bringing about a partial investigation of the highway department by the state senate in its 1933 session. . . . Members of that senate committee brought out facts so discreditable to the governor and his highway officials that the senate, notoriously under Bryan's domination, refused to permit the reading of the report on the floor of the senate chamber. However, the report was placed on file."

Driscoll also charged that Attorney General Paul F. Good has made no move to correct the matter despite the findings of the senate committee.

### Asserts Violations Continue.

A charge that Governor Bryan "has violated and is violating the national industrial recovery act" also was included. Driscoll asserted that the governor "directly and through his highway department has issued un-

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true statements to the public and to the federal government in regard to work done under PWA." He further added that:

"The governor and his highway officials have nullified the stated purpose of that act by failing to observe the provisions which govern the employment of Nebraska labor; by drawing specifications and awarding contracts in such a manner as to limit and restrict competition and by sponsoring or permitting other unfair competition practices."

The committee reorganized Friday with Mr. Buel being re-elected as chairman, Driscoll as secretary-treasurer, and McMahon as president of the executive council. R. O. Berger of Columbus was named vice-chairman, and Mr. Freehling assistant secretary.

The committee instructed the secretary to express its appreciation to State Senators J. A. Brunst of Fairbury and Henry Pedersen of Guide Rock for their activity in making the investigation and report which was placed on file by the senate.

### Bryan Hits at Motive.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—Governor Bryan today characterized charges made at Omaha by the Nebraska better government committee as "another attempt" by C. H. Driscoll, investigator for the committee, to "get even with State Engineer Cochran."

Driscoll was discharged by the highway department "for serious charges" before Bryan became governor, he said. The 1933 legislature investigated the highway department at Driscoll's instigation, Bryan said, and all his charges were answered then.

### SELLING "BOARDER" COWS

With butterfat prices showing increases during the past month, dairymen in Nebraska are taking an increased interest in testing their cows for accurate checks on production records, E. C. Scheidhelm, extension dairyman at the Nebraska college of agriculture, said in his monthly report.

"Boarder" cows went to market in February in large numbers according to records of dairy herd improvement associations, the report said. Beef prices were higher than the previous month and encouraged the culling out of low producers. Some cows, Scheidhelm said, however, have already been culled to meet the requirements of cow numbers under the corn-hog program.

Best butterfat production record for the month was accomplished by a cow owned by Rose & Dinmore of Hastings. The animal, a registered Holstein, made a record of 117.8 pounds of butterfat.

Elton Newman of York had the second high individual cow. The Cornhusker Testing association of Lancaster county led all similar organizations in production for February with an average of 34.2 pounds. Hamilton-Hall-Merrick was second and Dawson-Buffalo third.

### CLAIMS ARMY OPPOSITION

Washington.—Robert Fechner told congressional investigators the army general staff so opposed some of his ideas that it attempted to obtain his removal as director of the CCC. He added that the staff had "resented" some of the changes ordered by Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of war.

Fechner's statement was made to the Rogers house military subcommittee which is investigating war department expenditures since 1928. Under questioning Fechner conceded the pressure to "get" his job might have originated in the quartermaster corps of the army rather than the general staff.

Ewald Ulrich of Mynard was among those in the city Saturday and while here had his subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the Journal advanced for another year.

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## Movement on in Midwest States for Third Party

Section Looked Upon as a Seat of Insurgency and Situation Ripe for Change.

Chicago.—Many eyes were turned towards that section of the central west known as the "seat of insurgency" to see which way the spring primary winds will blow the political straws. With control of the national house of representatives possibly resting on the fall balloting of the middle west as a whole, importance attaches to the developments on the proving ground of political theorists composed of the Dakotas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

One movement afoot there now involves establishment of a third party designed, according to one of its leading sponsors, Thomas R. Amle, of Elkhorn, Wis., "to attract the progressive elements of all the old parties." Amle, a former progressive-republican congressman, who has been active in stirring up third party sentiment thruout the middlewest, said he found favors for the new group growing fast. "Dissatisfaction with the old parties is most pronounced in the middlewest and north-west," he said. "There is no third party sentiment in the south, little in the east and not much more in the far west."

### Corn Belt Sentiment Uncertain.

The farmer-labor party in Minnesota has announced agreement with the policies of the new movement, Amle said, but the extent of strength it has developed elsewhere in the corn belt is problematical. Amle claims the movement is gaining impetus in Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas and Montana.

At a recent meeting at Madison, Wis., progressive-republican delegates from sixty-one of the state's seventy-one counties were unable to agree upon a proposal to form a third party the purpose of which would be to draw in democrats and socialists, Philip LaFollette, former governor, urged caution "lest we tear down what is built," Robert LaFollette, senator, did not commit himself. Arnold Gilbert, farm holiday leader, strongly favored the proposal.

A vote favored representatives of twenty-three counties favorable, thirteen against and twenty-five divided. Final action was put over until May 15. The Wisconsin primary election is set for Sept. 18.

In Minnesota, where primaries are to be held June 18, Governor Olson, farmer laborite, predicted substantial advances in state and congressional offices for farmer-laborites, but declined to comment concerning the third party movement outside of the state.

The June 27 primary in North Dakota finds contests on the republican ballot between two factions of the nonpartisan league, both professed both professed advocates of "true" progressive principles.

The political situation has not developed outstanding issues as yet for the South Dakota primary May 1, when candidates for governor will be decided.

The Nebraska primary is not to be held until August.

In Iowa, seat of the farm holiday movement, issues will be fought out among republicans and democrats only at the June 4 primaries.

### TRY VITAMIN B FOR GRADES

Chicago.—If Johnny or Mary gets low grades in school, some "vitamin B-complex" may remedy the situation. These are deductions from tests by Dr. Siegfried Maurer, nutritionist, and Dr. Eva Ruth Balke, psychologist, in the Sprague Memorial Institute in the University of Chicago. They announced results of tests with forty-six primary school pupils. Undernourished children were selected for the test. With the school lunch, which was the chief meal of the pupils, they were given vitamin B-complex tablets. The children were tested mentally before receiving the vitamin and again every thirty days. Every child showed a marked improvement in intelligence. The vitamin is obtained in nature in milk, lean meat, yeast, eggs, green leafy vegetables and whole wheat.

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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### SPORTSMEN ADOPT BY-LAWS

Grand Island.—Nearly a hundred sportsmen attended a meeting here Sunday of the Nebraska Game and Fish association. Five more directors were elected, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The association pledged itself to encourage and foster conservation, restoration and promotion of fish and game in the state. Membership is open to all persons regularly licensed to hunt and fish. Dues will be \$1 for the calendar year.

The directors elected, one from each congressional district, completes the directorate of fifteen members, three from each district. The new directors are Arthur Johnson of Falls City, Lewis Hartz of Omaha, Frank Brady of Atkinson, W. B. Darnell of McCook and H. J. Dullinger of Scottsbluff.

The purpose of the organization is to educate the people of the state regarding Nebraska fish, game and parks commission, C. C. Courtwright of Fremont told those attending the meeting. Many people do not know the commission is supported from license fees, he said.

Courtwright urged vigilance of proposed legislation. High type of people will be attracted to the organization, he said, and added a membership of 50,000 persons is possible.

### ARREST DRUNK MAN

Tuesday night Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Officer David Pickrel arrested a stranger here who was booked for intoxication and disturbing the peace. The man was released later when bond was supplied by the foreman of the Farney company under whom the man was engaged. The hearing of the case was set for 8 o'clock this afternoon before Judge C. L. Graves.

### VISITS IN THE CITY

Mrs. H. F. Hendricks of Omaha was in the city over the week-end to visit at the home of her son, Vern Hendricks and wife and enjoy meeting the many friends here. Mrs. Hendricks is housekeeper for the Nu Sigma Nu fraternity at Omaha, composed of medical students of the University of Nebraska, and enjoys the work very much.

### CASS COUNTY STUDENT HONORED

In the honorary awards announced at the University of Nebraska on Tuesday evening Verner F. H. Schoemaker, Nehawka, a member of the senior class was among those honored. Mr. Schoemaker was made a member of Sigma Xi. The award is for scholastic attainment in the field of science, the honor being bestowed on twelve members of the senior class.

### MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Monday afternoon at the Cass county court house occurred the marriage of Harry A. Russell of Council Bluffs and Miss Marguerite Brown, of Moline, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Judge A. H. Duxbury and was witnessed by Mrs. Zella Traudt. Following the wedding the bridal party returned to their home at Omaha.

### SPENDS SUNDAY HERE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline on Marble street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering or relay of a very pleasant gathering of relatives and friends on Sunday afternoon. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bachmann, parents of Mrs. Kline, and John Bachmann of Omaha as well as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pace and family of Nehawka.

### START TUNA IMPORT PROBE

Los Angeles.—Investigation of Japanese tuna importations was started by representatives of the federal tariff commission. L. T. Hopkinson, chief fisheries investigator, said conferences would be held with west coast custom officials, canners and fishermen.

The investigation grew out of complaints by American canners that Japanese had flooded the country with low priced canned and frozen fish. The findings of the investigators will be reported to the United States senate.

### BILL TO AID DEPOSITORS

Washington.—Senator Kean urged a house banking subcommittee to report the McLeod bill to provide payment to depositors in closed national banks in such a form that in disposing of securities to be liquidated allowance be given for present depressed values. McLeod presented petitions which he said were signed by 97,000 depositors in various mid-western states urging passage of the proposed act.

### TWO PILOTS FACE CHARGES

Geneva, Neb.—A complaint was filed by County Attorney J. W. Hammond in county court charging Verle Hedden, Deshler, and Lewis Shetler, Rusk, with operating an aircraft for the purpose of carrying passengers, without first obtaining an aircraft license or permit from the United States government. The two were piloting airplanes here Sunday, taking passengers.

### VISITS IN THE CITY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster Patterson was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of relatives on Sunday, several of the sisters and brother of Mrs. Patterson being here for the day. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Clifford and Ruby Jorgensen, Lincoln; Mrs. Ralph Barr and daughter of Omaha and Miss Marjorie Jorgensen of Tarkio, Missouri.

### JAPANESE KILLED IN ACTION

Tokyo.—Rengo (Japanese) News Agency dispatches from Harbin, Manchukuo, said twenty-four Japanese infantrymen had been killed and sixty wounded Monday in another battle with irregular Chinese troops. The battle, the dispatches said, was in the region east of Hian, where for the last fortnight Chinese have been bitterly resisting the Japanese.

### CHARGE OF JOB BARTERING

Trenton, N. J.—The assembly ordered a sweeping investigation into all alleged political corruption existing in the state with a view to impeaching the civil officers involved. The vote marked the first legislative action in a scandal arising from alleged political job bartering in Passaic county.

### CORN LOAN ESTIMATE REACHES \$21,080,160

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—Railway commission figures on corn loan transactions today showed:

Loan certificates issued today, 239; to date, 34,405.  
Estimated number of bushels now under seal, 46,844,809.  
Amount of federal money to which certificates now in the hands of Nebraska farmers entitle them, \$21,080,160.

### SECOND VICTIM PLANE FALL

Denver.—A pleasure ride in an airplane here Sunday claimed its second victim Monday afternoon when Wilson Reed, of Brule, Neb., pilot of the ship, died in a hospital. Merrill J. Day, Denver junior high school instructor, was killed almost instantly when the plane crashed in a field east of Denver Sunday.

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Herman Martens will be pleased to learn that he is doing very nicely at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where he was operated on a short time ago. It is hoped that Mr. Martens may soon be able to return home and resume his usual activities.

From Monday's Daily  
Searl S. Davis was at Nebraska City today where he was called to look after some matters of business and visiting with his friends in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Myers returned home Sunday evening from Atchison, Kas., where they have been visiting a few days with Mrs. Myers' parents and other relatives and friends.

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## Five Million Paid CWA Workers of State

Federal Government Has Contributed Large Sum to Aid in Emergency Work Since Fall.

With a payroll of \$220,825 for the week ending March 15, the CWA and federal work project funds expended in Nebraska since last fall now totals approximately \$4,999,903. The past week with a state quota of 21,000 there were 20,963 engaged in straight CWA work, earning \$203,651. In addition 1,227 persons on federal work relief projects earned \$17,174. The total of the two classes the previous week was \$242,822. The quota the previous week was 23,000 but there were 24,744 persons on CWA projects, some being laborers making up time lost during the past twenty days.

L. A. White of Lincoln has been appointed state director of rehabilitation work in Nebraska. The appointment was announced by Federal Agent Haynes. White and Haynes will attend a meeting of state directors at Kansas City to meet federal directors of rehabilitation work to be conducted as a part of the federal emergency relief plan. White was formerly connected with the Canadian national colonization program. White, who has had extensive ex-

perience in the land business, will report to Haynes and will head up whatever machinery is established to carry on the government's plan of making it possible for needy persons in rural districts to be provided with facilities so they can permanently be taken off relief.

Haynes said White will confer soon with W. H. Brokaw, state extension director at the university, and probably will call upon aid from Brokaw's county agricultural agents, who are familiar with rural problems.

The institute for relief workers will bring every county relief director and case workers to Lincoln for instructional meetings March 24 to 29, directly under the supervision of Miss Margaret B. Anderson, field supervisor for the federal emergency relief administration in Nebraska.

### PAY ON CWA PROJECTS

The report on the payroll of the CWA projects in Cass county for the past week as shown at the office of County Clerk George R. Styles, shows that there were twenty-one projects in the county which employed 230 persons at a payroll of \$2,030.91.

In this city there were seven projects that employed 129 persons at a cost of \$1,275.26.

In this list is included the many clerical positions that are covered in different projects.

Dr. J. L. Barritt, of Union, spent a few hours in this city Saturday, attending to business matters.