

FIVE CENT GAS TAX BILL IS PASSED AND GOVERNOR SIGNS IT

Agriculture Committee Advances Bindweed Eradication Bill To General File.

By the Lowell Service
Lincoln, Neb.—The unicameral legislature has now entered the production stage. Its legislation can now be checked and compared with the records of other sessions.

It is now apparent that fewer and better bills are being passed. The legislature is more conservative than bicameral.

Legislation costs the taxpayer less. There is definite responsibility for every legislative step.

As regards the ability of the members, all previous records have been broken.

Among the faults and weaknesses are the following:

The committees are ill balanced as to membership and duties.

Judiciary and government have two-fifths of the bills. Other committees have few or none.

The appropriations committee should meet every day.

The members should be paid at least \$2,400 a year, the figure originally fixed by Senator Norris.

The members still submit to the annoyances of a paid lobby.

By a vote of 29 to 9 the legislature has passed the bill for licensing engineers and architects. By its provisions the governor must within 60 days appoint a five-member board composed of two architects and three engineers, to whom engineers and architects now practicing may make application, and by the payment of a fee of \$15 may obtain a license to continue in practice. Those not already in practice must take an examination under supervision of the board. License renewal fees of from \$3 to \$5, as directed by the board, must be paid each year.

The agriculture committee has advanced the bindweed eradication bill, LB225, to the general file. Action was postponed on the soil conservation bill introduced by J. N. Norton because of the vigorous protests of many farmers, and an effort will be made to change its objectionable features. Both bills call for the creation of districts, but under the soil conservation bill tenants would have the same rights to vote as landowners. The state soil conservation committee, as proposed, would have no farmers on it, but be composed of four members from the state agricultural college and one federal soil conservation officer. This aroused protest. The introducers of the bindweed bill are P. L. Cady and Robert Armstrong.

The child labor amendment has been defeated in the unicameral without a roll call. Legislator John Adams, Jr., spoke in behalf of the bill. John Peterson made the motion to kill, and it was adopted with much disorder and shouting.

One of the biggest industries of Nebraska was placed under state regulation when the legislature passed the livestock sales ring licensing bill by a vote of 31 to 8. A minimum bond of \$2,500 must be posted by sales rings if they wish to be eligible for a license, unless they have already been bonded under the federal packers' stock act. Any sales rings desiring to operate after August 1, 1937, must obtain a \$50 annual license from the state department of agriculture. Fines of from \$100 to \$1,000 for violations are provided, or a maximum jail sentence of not more than a year.

Public treasurers are not going to be made to pay a 1 per cent service charge on public funds deposited in Nebraska banks. The government committee has killed LB 358, despite the pleas made by numerous bankers that they were entitled to this service charge.

Banks and loan companies are authorized to make loans which are insured by the national housing administration, by the provisions of LB52, which has been passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.

April 7 and April 9 have been set by the irrigation committee as the dates on which hearings will be held on the last five irrigation bills. Among these is LB522, by Charles A. Dafeo of Tecumseh,

which aims to make a number of needed amendments to S. F. 310, the public power district enabling act passed in 1933.

The teachers' tenure bill, which would prevent school boards from discharging teachers merely by allowing the contract to lapse, and a bill revising certification requirements for teachers have both been advanced to general file. The teachers' pension bill was once reported to general file, then was reconsidered and a sub-committee of the education committee was appointed to work further on it.

Governor Cochran has signed the bill, passed by the legislature which gives to the State of Nebraska thirteen observation planes which will comprise the National Guard aerial squadron. An appropriation of \$10,000 has been made for the establishment of the unit.

All Nebraskans between the ages of 21 and 65 must pay a head tax of \$2 per year, the revenue therefrom to go toward the state assistance fund, if John B. Peterson's bill passes the legislature. This is the only tax measure which survived the last meeting of the revenue committee. It increases the age limit from the present 50 years to 65. The bills killed included a slot machine tax; an income tax on rentals of motion picture films; and a ten per cent tax on all tickets sold for amusements, such as football games, theaters and the like.

Reluctantly, because he considered that he was signing a million-dollar compromise, Governor Cochran signed the long-discussed gasoline tax bill soon after its final passage by the legislature by a vote of 34 to 9. It provides for a five-cent tax on gasoline, a half-cent of which will go toward state assistance and 4 1/2 cents toward highways. The bill carried the emergency clause, and the five cent tax went into effect immediately.

Many persons who have been in the habit of smoking in restaurants will be surprised to learn that since 1919 it has been illegal to do so in Nebraska. However, they may be relieved to learn that they may now smoke legally in public eating places. The legislature has passed a bill repealing the 1919 law, and the governor has signed it.

The state railway commission is not to be given additional authority in the regulation of state telephone companies, and it cannot fix the maximum fee to be assessed against these companies nor order immediate reduction of rates, before holding a hearing. This was decided when the commerce committee killed the bill which would have given the commission such power. The bill, which followed the provisions of the federal communications act, would not fit conditions in Nebraska, claimed Hugh Lamaster, attorney for the Nebraska Telephone association.

The long-debated health district bill, introduced by Dr. A. L. Miller of Kimball, has been placed on general file. This is an enabling act permitting governmental subdivisions to consolidate and co-ordinate public health facilities for the care of indigent patients. The measure, though approved by the State Medical society, has been bitterly opposed by some doctors and some city officials.

By the passage by the legislature of LB193, introduced by Lester Dunn of Lincoln, trustees, guardians, executors and administrators may invest in fiduciary trust in corporate bonds.

At any rate, a revolving beacon is not to be placed between the feet of the Sower on the state capitol tower. The amendment which would have accomplished this atrocity was defeated in the legislature, and the bill for properly floodlighting the tower has been advanced. This measure permits the expenditures of up to \$10,000 to be obtained from the state aeronautics commission fund, instead of from the general fund, as first planned.

BUSY HOUR CLUB
The Busy Hour club met Thursday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. Henry Wayman. All members were present except three. Mrs. Clyde Hershiser was present as a visitor. The afternoon was spent in working on games and doing embroidery work. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of May Johnson, Thursday, April 29.

The Weather

	High	Low
March 26	19	12
March 27	22	7
March 28	30	23
March 29	38	19
March 30	43	25
March 31	53	30
April 1	49	31

Car Crashes Thru Plate Glass Window

There was a little excitement on Fourth street this morning about 11:30. E. E. Emminger had his car parked near the alley, just north of Biglin's store, and thinking it too close to the alley got in, backed out and pulled into the curb in front of Anton Toy's. As he came to the curb he put his foot on the gas instead of the brake and the car climbed the curb and hit the front of Toy's store, smashing the south window and tearing out the frame work under the window. No one was injured and the car was not badly damaged, but the window was a wreck.

Postoffice Building Nearing Completion

The finishing work on the new postoffice is progressing rapidly and local employees expect to be able to move into the new building some time between the 15th and 30th of April. Those who have inspected the building lately say that the employees of Uncle Sam in this city will have a nice and commodious place to work after they are located in the new building.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

This office received a letter the latter part of the week from Frank Froelich ordering his copy of The Frontier changed from Ravenna, Neb., to Kearney, as he had been transferred to that city. Frank is an employee of the Central Power company, one of the largest power companies in the Central portion of the state, and his transfer from Ravenna is undoubtedly a promotion for Frank. His many O'Neill and Holt county friends will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

Irving Johnson, of the Johnson Drug store, went to Omaha last Saturday morning where on Sunday he was best man at the wedding of his brother, Lysle C. Johnson, to Mary L. Masters, one of Omaha's prominent young women. He returned home Monday night. Mr. Johnson says that Omaha business men are complaining about business being very quiet in the metropolis.

Archie Bowen is making some further improvements in his Ben Franklin store. He is cutting a doorway in the rear of the original store, connecting a back room 10x12 with the store proper and is fitting it up as a Cotton Shoppe where he will carry a complete line of wash dresses of a well known and established line.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman, Mrs. F. N. Cornin and Mrs. P. B. Harty drove down to Sioux City Wednesday morning, spent the day returning home that evening. Sister Eugene came back with them and will visit for a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. O. F. Biglin and with other relatives here.

John H. Daily, of Winner, S. D., who has been visiting relatives and friends here the past three weeks while recuperating from a severe attack of pneumonia, left Wednesday morning for Farnsville, Va., where he will spend several weeks visiting his two sons who are engaged in business in that city.

Tony Asmus and R. R. Morrison left Sunday morning for Rochester, Minn., where the former will go thru the Mayo Clinic and the latter will have his sore arm looked after. They expected to return home the latter part of this week.

Owen McPharlin stopped in the city last night on his way to his home in Omaha on a business trip to the western part of the state, and visited over Thursday at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. H. McPharlin.

W. J. Froelich came out from Chicago last Friday and spent Easter with his family in this city.

TWENTY-FIVE MORE BOYS TO GO TO CCC CAMPS FROM HERE

Boys Who Are Interested Can Get Full Information At County Assistance Office.

A quota of twenty-five boys will be sent to Civilian Conservation camps from Holt county during the enrollment which is to take place the first week of April, 1937, according to an announcement received today from Ernest F. Witte, state administrator of Nebraska Emergency Relief Administration.

The boys selected will fill vacancies caused by discharges of enrollees during the past three months and to bring the corps up to its full strength. Large numbers of the boys who have withdrawn from camp during this period have done so in order to accept employment according to Mr. Witte.

Boys who go to camp are expected to remain in camp for a period of at least six months. They must be between 17 and 28 years of age and are paid \$30 per month plus clothing, food and lodging. In order that the CCC program may have the maximum effect in clearing the public relief rolls, boys who go to camp are required to allot \$25 per month to a needy dependent who is eligible to receive some kind of public assistance such as county direct relief, an old age assistance grant, a mother's pension, PWA, or rural resettlement work.

In Holt county the enrollment work is now being handled by Robert Arbuthnot, NERA representative. Boys interested in CCC work may make application at the county assistance office.

Inability To Finance Feed and Seed Leaves Farm Lands Vacant

In the Randolph vicinity a number of farms north of town are without tenants at this time, in other parts of the county the same situation exists. In Knox county a survey shows farms vacant as does Wayne and other counties. A reported estimate of 104,000 acres without tenants in some 8 to 10 counties may be too high, yet the situation is one that is the primary cause of mass meetings of farmers.

Farmers in close touch with the farmers' condition in each of these counties when asked the causes for the vacant farms assert that the chief reason is the inability of the man who wants to farm or to remain on the farm, to get the money for crop operations and feed requirements to carry their livestock through until another crop can be raised.

The main obstacle facing these farmers is the government requirement that the landlord, mortgagee or other lien holder must sign waivers, making the government seed and feed loan a prior claim. The only income of many land owners is their crop rent and they refuse to sign waivers. It is authoritatively stated that 60 per cent of the Indian lands in Thurston county are idle because the government itself refuses to sign the same waivers it requires of private owners.

As a result of this situation in which no letting down of the bars seems likely at this time scores of northeast Nebraska farmers have simply left the country and moved to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. This situation is not a healthy one. It is a direct blow to farmers and farming and the blame is laid directly to the federal set-ups designed in a half-hearted and inadequate way to help the farmer over a hard place. Instead it is putting the farmer, who needs a little help, in a hard place. So tough in fact that he can no longer carry on, and against his will is placed on the unemployed list.—Randolph Times-Enterprise.

Changes Made In Soil Conservation Program

Payment for non-grazing plowable pasture, under the agricultural conservation program, will not be a fixed rate of 40 cents per acre but will vary according to appraised capacity of each pasture. Cane for forage may now be used like sudan and millet as a neutral forage crop to fill up the conserving base. Cane for forage will be

interpreted as juicy stalked sorghums and sorghos when used for forage. All forage crops in Holt county must be either close drilled or broadcast.

Summer fallow will not draw the \$1.50 and \$2.00 practice payment, as originally stated. This practice payment applies only to summer tillage. For further information on this matter, get in touch with the county agricultural committee or the county office.



Few Signers on Discharge Petition

There are only an even twenty signatures on the petition to discharge the committee which is holding the Lemke farm refinancing bill. Members are being canvassed and asked to sign the petition so that the bill can be brought up for a vote during this session of congress.

Recalls Nebraska Bush Leagues

Congressman Arthur Anderson of Missouri wants to know if the bush leagues are still active in north Nebraska. He used to play third base with the Spencer, Nebraska team before the war. He asks about Rabbit Rondeau, Roy Carter, Runt Marr, Red Lucas at Winer, and other baseball players and baseball fans. The former Spencer baseball player is now a member of the powerful military affairs committee. His home is at Lemay, Missouri.

HOLC Foreclosures Pending

Speeches about the Home Owners Loan Corporation are coming thick and fast in Congress these days. One reason is that a petition has been placed on the clerk's desk to get out the bill to refinance the HOLC loans. The HOLC has made about a million mortgage loans. It now indicates that about 160,000 foreclosure proceedings are pending or will be started. That means about sixteen out of every 100 homeowners may be sold out of their homes.

Muskat A Washington Delicacy

When they want something special on dinner tables here they advertise "marsh rabbits." Investigation shows that these "marsh-rabbits" are common, ordinary muskrats like those trapped in Nebraska. But the fancy people here eat them and say they are good. Guinea hen breasts are the "real goods" here. "Guinea hen" breast was the main course at the hundred dollar a plate victory dinner here. It was the main course at a dinner given for the Philippine President and also at dinners for other notables. Common chicken and turkey and duck etc., are put in the background for "marsh rabbits" and "guinea hens."

Congressmen Don't Like Fellow Member's Speeches

Friday was another "field day" in the House. This field day is a day when the house has nothing to do and the members have reserved it to make their speeches. At one time Friday there were less than forty members in their seats and there was only one newspaper man in the press gallery. The visitors gallery, however, was pretty well filled but the people up there could not hear very much of what the speakers were saying to a practically empty house.

One new member making inquiries asked what would happen if some congressman made the point of order that there was no order quorum present. The answer was that the speaker would have to order a call of the House and the Sergeant at Arms would have to round up enough members to make a quorum which is 220 in the House.

Sit Down Strikes Not Handled Firmly Enough At Start

Congressmen are told by some members of the Michigan delegation that the sit-down strikes in Michigan are no longer a local problem and that the strikes have become a national issue. Representatives of some labor groups who are here as national representatives from home towns, say the labor fight is a family fight within the labor circles and a compromise will have to come from within the ranks. These laboring men feel that if the "family" doesn't settle its differences, union labor will be

set back many years so far as public opinion is concerned.

Some criticism has been brought against Lewis for using half a million dollars of membership money to give to a political campaign fund. It is felt that is too much power for one labor leader to have without a vote of the membership. Some folks here blame Governor Murphy of Michigan for not stopping the sit-down strikes at the beginning. They feel that if he had been friendly and firm with the strikers, he could have forced them to follow the letter of the law and today we would not have a nationwide campaign of sit-down strikes.

Philippine Independence Affects Nebraska Farmer

Folks at home may not know it but the statement of President Quezon that he now wants immediate independence for the Filipinos has stirred up a hornets nest in Washington and has caused great excitement in the Philippines. Behind the scenes is the old Spanish diplomacy.

Cattle Continue Steady To Higher In Heavy Run At Atkinson

Atkinson, Neb., March 30.—Over 900 cattle, including a lot of choice feeders and light stock cattle, found ready sale at prices that ranged anywhere from steady to as much as 25 cents higher and even more on some of the more desirable kinds.

A load of well bred yearlings went to George Smith of Wisner, Neb., at 8.70. Other good light cattle brought up to 8.50 with several loads selling at 8.00 to 8.40. Plain quality light stockers sold down to 6.00; odd lots of yearling heifers and heifer calves sold at 6.00 to 6.75 while some heavy fleshy heifers sold up to 7.50; plain and common heifers at 5.00 to 5.25; best fat cows at 6.00 to 7.50; good butcher kinds at 5.00 to 5.75, while canners and cutters sold at 3.35 to 4.75; bulls at 5.00 to 6.10. Prominent feeders of northeast Nebraska were the most liberal buyers.

BRIEFLY STATED

Editor Ralph Kelly was looking after business matters in this city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kesterbrook and children spent Easter visiting relatives at Osmond.

Mary Lois Hammond, who is attending the Wayne normal, came home last Thursday night for the Easter vacation.

Mary Jean Hammond, who is attending Creighton University in Omaha, came home last Thursday night for the Easter vacation.

Miss Mary Ryan came up from Sioux City the latter part of last week for a few days visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Nancy Dickson, who is teaching in the Norfolk public schools, came up last Thursday night to spend the Easter vacation with the home folks.

Mary Joe Finley, who is attending Creighton University, came from Omaha last Thursday night to spend the Easter vacation with the home folks.

Ralph Oppen came up from Omaha last Thursday night to spend the Easter vacation with the home folks, returning to Omaha Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy came up from Hastings last Saturday and spent Easter with the home folks, returning to Hastings Monday morning.

The Agricultural Agent's office, together with the Farm Bureau and Agricultural Conservation office, have been moved to the old court house building. The main office is in the old assessor's office.

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASS'N SELECTS D. C. SCHAFFER AS HEAD

Sixty-nine Stockholders Attend Meeting. Dix and Gribble On Board of Directors.

Sixty-nine stockholders of the O'Neill Production Credit Association met in the K. C. hall at O'Neill Thursday, March 25, for their annual meeting, during which A. U. Dix of Butte, and M. F. Gribble of O'Neill were elected as directors of the association. Other directors of the association are D. C. Schaffer of Emmet, Frank Kaiser of Spalding and E. W. Moss of Burwell.

In addition to the sixty-nine stockholders, ninety-four guests were present at the various sessions, which included a report of the board of directors by President A. U. Dix, and report of financial condition presented by Secretary James W. Rooney.

Short talks were given by L. A. Roberts of Stuart, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer of Emmet, S. E. Dexter of Amelia, Inspector K. A. Clifton of Fairfax, S. D., J. E. Kirkwood of Long Pine, and Director Frank Kaiser of Spalding.

A sumptuous dinner was served to all guests of the association at noon. Entertainment features included tap dancing number by Misses Corinne and Helen Dorothy Kubitschek, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, a saxophone solo by Miss Ruth Harris, and a trumpet selection by Howard Graves, accompanied by their instructor, Professor L. M. Durham.

In a session immediately following the stockholders' meeting directors chose D. C. Schaffer as president, A. U. Dix vice president, and reelected James W. Rooney secretary-treasurer for the coming year. This association serves farmers and ranchers in Boyd, Holt, Wheeler and Garfield counties.

Lions Club Meetings To Be Held On Thursdays

On Monday, March 29, the O'Neill Lion's club met in regular session at the Golden Hotel with a very good attendance. All members were invited by the Valentine Lions club to attend their Charter night celebration April 6.

A resolution was passed at the meeting urging the club to give all possible encouragement and assistance to the Mayor and other organizations in sponsoring a Clean-Up Week.

The club also voted to change the meeting day from Monday to Thursday and the next meeting will be Thursday, April 8.

4-H Club Members To Go To Columbus

Several Holt county 4-H club members will go to Columbus, Neb., Monday, April 5, to attend a 4-H club judging contest in connection with the state Aberdeen Angus show and sale. The experience of a judging contest will help many members who will compete for the first time. Members who will make the trip will be one representative from each of the eight livestock clubs now organized.

High School Band Entered In Contest

The O'Neill High School Band will go to Albion Saturday morning where on Saturday evening they will compete in a district school band concert. Several high school bands will take part in this contest and the local band is looked for to give a good account of itself.

HAPPY HOUR PROJECT CLUB

The Happy Hour Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Arthur O'Neill Thursday, March 25. The leaders discussed the important topic of the day. A delicious dinner was served at noon. We had one visitor. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. L. Moler.

The Presbyterian church of this city is sponsoring a play to be given at that church Sunday evening, April 4. A free-will offering will be taken to help with the expense of bringing the play cast here. The play is to be presented by an out-of-town group of amateurs who have extraordinary talent and training, and it will be a valuable experience for all who attend.