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**THE NEBRASKA SCENE**

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln, Nebraska—Republicans, gathered at the Founder's Day celebration, listened to Senator H. Styles Bridges and dreamed of victory in 1940. It became apparent during the ceremonies that the campaign for places on the GOP ticket in the spring of 1940 is now actually under way.

The names of Hugh Brown of Kearney, Kenneth Wheery of Pawnee City and Dwight Griswold of Gordon were mentioned as possible candidates for governor. Charley Warner, standard bearer in the last campaign, figured as a possibility for either the governorship or the senatorship.

Former Governor A. J. Weaver of Falls City, H. G. Keeney of Cowles, and Supreme Justice Robert G. Simmons of Lincoln figured as republican senatorial candidates.

"An evenly balanced ticket made up of new faces," said Eddie Ryan of Grand Island, "will just about bring victory in 1940."

Activity in the democratic ranks was also apparent. National Committeeman J. C. Quigley, it is stated, may enter the contest for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. G. W. O'Malley, former speaker of the house and now internal revenue collector, is talked of for both governor and senator. J. N. Norton of Polk, is expected to be candidate for governor or senator. Senator Burke has already announced his desire to succeed himself and the World-Herald has served notice on Governor Cochran to "lay off" the senatorship in 1940.

It is expected that both Congressman Coffee and Congressman McLaughlin will be candidates for reelection. Ex-Congressman Luckey, who is spending the winter in Washington, is expected to try for the democratic nomination in the First district in 1940.

"Take it or leave it," was the summary made by the special legislative committee after listening to three social security workers from Washington. The officials were Peter Kasius, Washington associate director of the public assistance bureau, and Helen Dart and Louis Schneider of the Minneapolis regional office. They insisted that the Nebraska legislature must place allocations on a basis of permanent need rather than of population.

Senators Edwin Schultz of Elgin, L. B. Murphy of Scottsbluff and J. B. Rossiter of Walthill were the members of the special committee. The federal workers had been invited to Lincoln to express their views.

From the county board members, who came to Lincoln to discuss relief problems, there are many expressions of approval of the policy of Dwight Felton, WPA administrator, in his handling of assistance matters. Mr. Felton, they declare, has a sympathetic attitude toward outlying communities that have been scourged by drought and the consequent inability of the people to make prompt payment of taxes. These situations he has reflected to the Chicago and Washington offices of WPA.

For several months Mr. Felton has been operating almost 2,000 above the load quota authorized by WPA. Nearly all the excess is outstate. Last week peremptory orders came to cut down the load. Administrator Felton insisted that at least 1,863 of the persons employed by WPA must be retained because of local conditions. Prospects seemed favorable that the WPA officials would grant his request.

"This is your university, and we'll do our best to run it the way you wish." With these words, Chancellor C. S. Boucher neatly placed the responsibility for the progress or retrogression of the University of Nebraska squarely upon the legislature. The chan-

cellor and members of the board of regents presented arguments to the appropriations committee for the budget request of \$3,377,103, and the following three choices were outlined: (1) The budget request is necessary if the slow but steady loss of relative and actual standing of the university is to be checked. (2) An appropriation of \$3,017,440, the same as for the last biennium, would make possible operation on the present basis with only such acceleration of loss of standing as may be occasioned by the forecasted increase in enrollment without additional funds to meet the added instructional budget less than that of 1937-39. This would mean a grave situation, and the university officials indicated that they would in such case favor limiting enrollment to the number of students for whom resources are available.

Without a single opposing vote the legislature passed and sent to the governor on Monday a bill which outlaws walkathons and similar endurance competitions, declaring them to be public nuisances. Provisions for violation includes a fine of from \$100 to \$500, and jail sentence from ten days to six months, or both. The bill was introduced by Senator Richard Johnson.

Governor Cochran last Monday signed his eleventh bill LB 52 which will exempt from taxation wine sold for non-beverage use.

The State of Nebraska is justified in insisting that commercial feed stuffs be registered and taxes on it be paid, according to a recent opinion given by Attorney General Walter R. Johnson in response to a query from R. B. Willard, state chemist. It was explained that considerable study had been given to the constitutional questions involved, "because this law was passed for the benefit of the farmers and livestock raisers of this state, and the benefits contemplated by the act can only be real-

"A wolf bill in sheep's clothing," was the euphonious term applied by a minority of the legislative government committee to Dr. A. L. Miller's bill for consolidation of the legislative council and the clerk's office and abolishment of the legislative reference bureau. The bill was approved by a majority of the committee last week. Senators Doyle, Hastings, Schultz and Sorrell signed the minority report, which declared that: "Hereafter the lobby and the special interests will write bills, as well as try either to kill them or to project them after they are written."

A coalition between the hydros, the rural electrification districts and the Nebraska League of Municipalities has been indicated by recent debates in the legislature. An effort to bring the bill to tax public power districts out of the public works committee failed dismally last Thursday. Several legislators predict that few changes will be made in Senate File 310, the basic enabling act that authorizes public power districts.

ized by universal application of the registration and inspection features."

Lively boosting for a \$50,000 appropriation for Nebraska publicity was heard by the legislative appropriations committee last week. Among those appearing for the measure was Grove Porter, president of the Nebraska apple growers, who graphically pictured a string of billboards advertising Nebraska fruit. Thousands of booklets advertising the state were advocated by Secretary Ryan of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce. Advertising for the Nebraska potato was the theme of Walter White, Lincoln newspaper executive, and Nebraska exhibits at World's fairs were urged by Amos Thomas. Advertising campaigns used by other states were shown.

Duck hunters are going to be happy over a bill approved by the

legislature's agriculture committee last Wednesday and recommended it for passage. It would close the Platte to hunters from Lincoln county east to the Missouri river. Ten rods on each side of the Platte would be designated as a bird refuge, but fishing would be permitted.

A storage cellar for scientific supplies with one mile of shelf space for chemical supplies and equipment will be completed by the middle of May, according to recent announcement by L. F. Seaton, operating superintendent. The cellar, which was designed by O. A. Ellis, university construction engineer, is located entirely underground and just west of the Avery laboratory. Its roof is designed to furnish additional parking space between the chemistry building and the football practice field. Already have been completed, a burglar and fireproof vault and two constant temperature rooms, in which valuable chemicals and equipment fluids that deteriorate easily are to be kept.

The right to land from which the Missouri river has receded lies with the river-bank proprietor, according to a recent decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court, which affirms a decision of the Dakota county district court.

Albert Molenaar of the state agricultural college stated recently that Nebraska soil from Ogallala east is drier than for several years, but that irrigation now will give roots a better chance for normal development. He urged all Nebraska farmers who live east of the panhandle area and who have access to irrigation water to put water on their land as early as possible this spring.

Governor Cochran signed the tax leniency bill, LB 14, last week. It provides for one year of grace, so that Nebraskans who owe taxes due before March 19, 1937, will be relieved of interest if they pay these taxes by December 31st next.

A letter from home, The Frontier

H. B. Hubbard came up from Lincoln Tuesday to look after his business interests in this city and county.

Billy Butler, of Ewing, one of the old time settlers in the eastern part of the county, was a visitor in O'Neill the fore part of the week.

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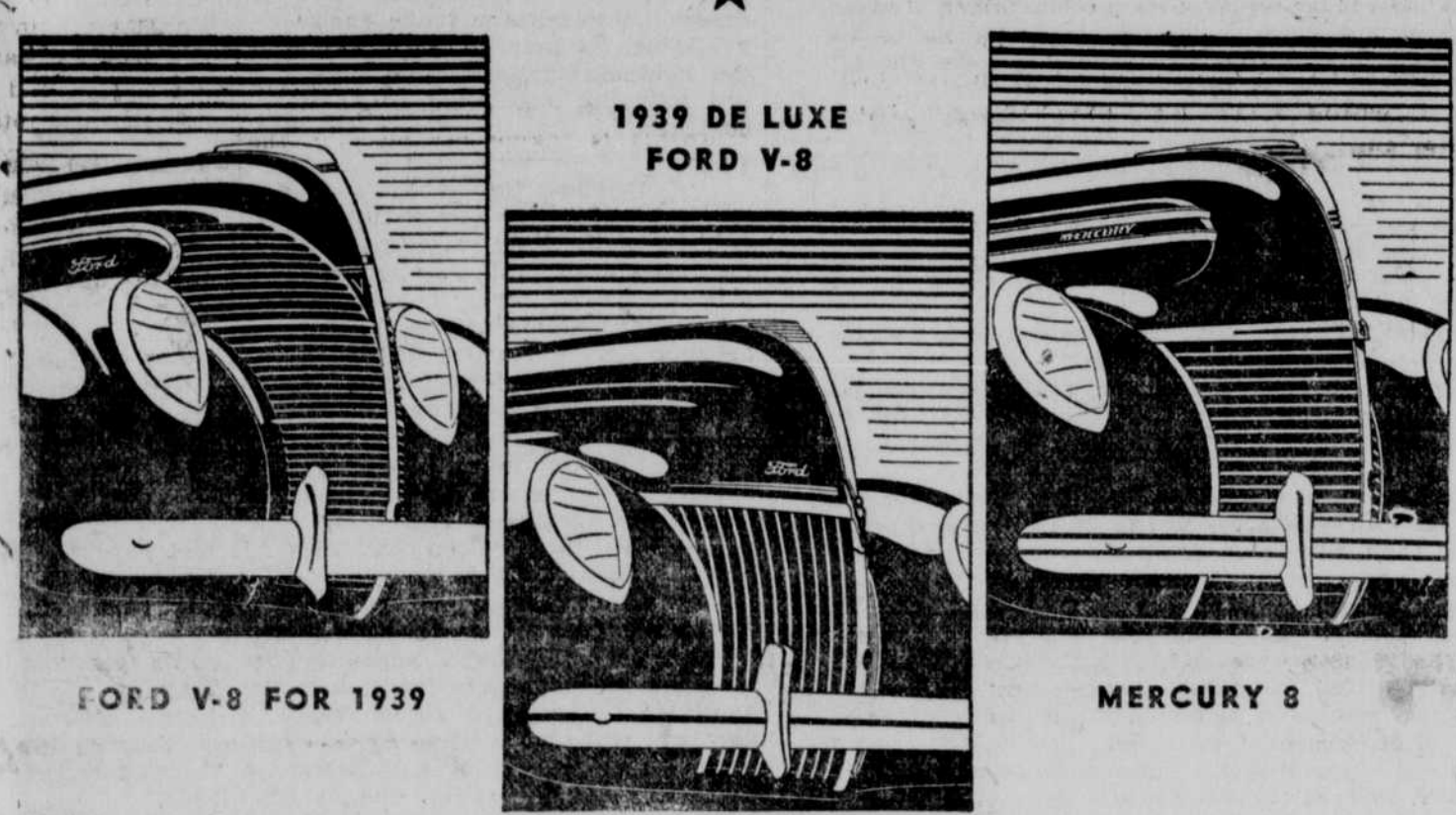
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