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## Corn-Hog Farmer Must Be Protected Against Substitutes

If the Corn-hog farmer is not protected from the competition of substitute commodities some farm district members fear that the corn farmer may face the same predicament as that now faced by the cotton growers. The 1938 production was over two billion bushels and the forecast on July 1, 1939, was over two and a half billion bushels. That is why members from corn and hog states have organized to fight against substitutes before the situation grows too critical. In the meantime, many farmers from the Third District write about grasshopper damage to corn.

## Chain Store Fight Next Session

Scores of congressmen went on a boat ride Sunday and discussed the chain stores, and the plight of the independent merchants. Many speeches were made on behalf of the Pat-man Anti-Chain store bill. There will be nothing further done about that bill this session but next session, beginning early in January, the organized sponsor and supporters of the measure plan to start a real campaign that will again bring to the front the arguments pro and con on this much debated bill.

## Organize to Protect Lard Producers

Bacon sells for 15c a pound here Lard has dropped to two pounds for 15c. A group of farm district members went around to the retail stores to investigate. They have decided that the hog and lard producers of the country are faced with the greatest carry over of hog lard in our history and they want to do something about it, because lard substitutes are selling for 21c a pound in this city while lard hits the lowest price in many years. Normal exports of lard, upwards of 900,000,000 pounds, have shrunk to a fraction of that amount. This group of members now numbering about twenty have called on every farm district member to hold regular meetings to discuss ways and means of protecting American producers and do something about the flood of foreign fats and oils coming here and driving down the price of domestic products.

## Congressman Stefan Charged With New Responsibilities

The Third district office was honored by an appointment as official delegate from the Congress of the United States to the Interparliamentary Union which meets at Oslo, Norway, on August 14th. At the same time an appointment came from the Appropriations committee for the Third District member to make congressional inspection of several important American missions abroad. Since it is apparent that the work of the House of Representatives for the current session has been substantially completed, the Third District member has decided to accept these official appointments.

Three members of the House subcommittee which handles appropriations for the Department of State, one of whom is the Third District member, will make a real investigation into how eighteen and a half million dollars of American taxpayers money is being spent, annually, by that department and its employees in our foreign missions. The appropriations for this department for the fiscal year of 1940 amounts to \$18,517,700. The State Department acquired the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce this year with resultant increase in its administrative expense. These sub-committee members will have to make new appropriations for the Department of State early next year.  
Notwithstanding the fact that the

State Department is America's first line of defense, members of the committee believe they can find places where there should be some savings. They believe they can hold down demands for further increases if they see first-hand what the money is being spent for. Large amounts spent in foreign countries for the rehabilitation of foreign political refugees, and other items, are among those to be investigated. All three members have been selected as official delegates to the Interparliamentary Union in Oslo, Norway and during their absence will be on official business for Uncle Sam.

## Nebraskans Oppose Wheeler-Lea Bill

A deluge of telegrams has arrived from Nebraska urging members to vote against the Wheeler-Lea bill for the reason that the proposed legislation, if enacted, would eliminate competition in the field of transportation. The legislation provides for the regulation of inland water transportation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Farm organizations have also communicated their opposition to this bill.

## Session Labors Appear Over

The spend-lead legislation suggested by the President has been introduced in the House. Because of much opposition, the item of a half billion dollars for loans to foreign countries has been eliminated. Sentiment for the early passage of this legislation has not yet generated much momentum. If the Senate does nothing further about the neutrality bill, consideration of which has been postponed by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and if nothing is done about the new spending program, there is little more that this Congress can expect to do until next session. Amendments to the wage and hour act, are approaching agreement. Agreements have been reached on other controversial items and it is now a sort of clean-up period here. Many are the indications that this session will wind up the last of July or early August. Many members have already gone home and others have left town, to carry out special assignments.

## Washington Office To Remain Open

The Third District office will remain open in Washington at least through the month of September and there will be no interruption to the transaction of Congressional business. Congressional mail should be addressed to the Washington office until contrary notice is given.

## To Establish Roosevelt Library

Although not by unanimous consent, the House passed the bill for the Franklin D. Roosevelt library to be established in New York state. The President contributes fifteen acres of land and his collection of books and papers. Funds with which to construct the building will be raised by public subscription, and the Federal Government will maintain the establishment at public expense. An attempt to limit the annual expenditures to \$12,000 a year, failed, but an amendment to eliminate admission fees to the grounds and building, went into the bill. The latter may be eliminated in conference. While some opposed this measure on entirely partisan grounds, others voted against it because the Government recently constructed an annex to the Library of Congress at a cost of many millions of dollars and they thought there was sufficient room in this new building for the President's books and papers.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service  
Lincoln—Stalwart republicans of Omaha will have none of Thomas E. Dewey. Such outspoken partisans as Clint Brome, and the galaxy of party workers who consort with Amos Thomas, Bob Smith, et al. are looking toward Ohio for "youth, energy, and upstanding leadership."  
"We do not care for a colorful candidate," declared Mr. Brome. "The opposition has a cinch on the color, the glamour, and the romance. What we want is a careful, hard-headed executive."  
Republicans out in the state have been unkind enough to comment forcibly on Omaha's unwillingness to accept Dewey.  
"Racket smashing, gang busting, and attacks on the underworld evidently do not appeal to the GOP in the metropolis," said an out-state man. "A president with a flair for cleaning up municipal govern-

ment, however, certainly does attract the people at large."

County Chairman Robert A. Nelson of Lancaster seems to have the Dewey movement well in hand.

Since Editor James E. Lawrence of the Lincoln Star took a fall out of Frank Arnold of the Nebraska Federation of Taxpayer's Leagues, there has been considerable comment. The talk about a special session of the legislature to make changes in the old-age assistance law, to conform to recent federal legislation on old-age pensions, has caused suggestions that the senators give the Taxpayer's league a casual working over.

Criticisms of county government, Mr. Lawrence insisted, were inaccurate. Attacks were made on education, particularly on struggling rural school districts. The sources of the money that keeps the League going should be disclosed, it was urged.

Mr. Arnold has never criticized state expenditures, the creation of bureaus, private checking accounts by state officers, or the valuations adopted by the state board of equalization.

In suggesting that there be a special session, Neil C. Vandemoer, state assistance director, stated that the United States senate had adopted an amendment which would require Nebraska to appropriate \$10 more a month for each old-age pension recipient. The state would have to raise \$380,000 more to match grants starting January 1, 1941. Instead of receiving \$15.40 a month, as at present, for the average grant, the old people would each receive a minimum of \$25 monthly.

For delegates at large to the Democratic national convention, Sterling Morton, great tree planter and great Nebraskan, it seems likely that it is going to be revealed now. His son, Mark Morton, has given free access, at his home at Wheaton, Ill., to his three house guests to eleven large boxes of source material made up of letters, clippings, articles, diaries, and reports, all bearing on his father and his work. The three guests are Ned C. Abbott, head of the school for the blind at Nebraska City, who is writing a book on "Those Abner Moston Folks"; Dr. J. L. Sellers, chairman of the department of history at the University of Nebraska; and James C. Olsen, the Morton scholar, who is planning a thesis on "The Great Part J. Sterling Morton Had in the Development of Nebraska."

Ninety-five contractors submitted 459 bids, of which 40 were accepted, at the big road project letting at the state capitol last week. State Engineer A. C. Tilley says that more bids were made at this letting than at any time since January, 1937. The 40 bids accepted totaled \$1,128,167, which is \$80,499 less than the engineer's cost estimate of \$1,208,666. Among the bids was one of 7.7 cents per cubic yard for excavation, a bid which was the lowest that has been received for a long time for this type of work. It was given in connection with four miles of grading in Lincoln county, east of Wellfleet.

A new recreation site, near Ayr, ten miles south of Hastings, was

dedicated July 16 by Governor R. L. Cochran. This brings the number of state recreation grounds up to 28. Among the attractions of the new site, according to Frank O'Connell, secretary of the state game and conservation commission, is a 27 acre lake, well stocked with fish. The American Legion helped obtain the site, and the WPA helped to develop it.

The Nebraska Supreme Court has been asked by Wm. J. Ritter and other Otho county landowners to nollify the decision of the district court which would dissolve Drainage District No. 1 of Otho and Johnson counties. The high court is also asked to order the drainage district to improve the ditches and dykes so as to prevent flooding of farm land by overflow from the Little Nemaha river.

Federal funds, amounting to \$30,100 have been allotted to the Nebraska child welfare program and approval of the program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, has been given by the federal child welfare bureau, it has been announced by State Assistance Director Neil C. Vandemoer. The federal funds will supplement a \$50,000 state appropriation for this work. Director Vandemoer stated that \$20,000 more in federal funds might be available later.

Federal Judge Thomas C. Munger has issued an order cutting the attorney fees in the reorganization of Woods Bros. Corporation, now the Lancaster Corporation, by less than one-third of the amounts asked. A total of \$199,759 had been asked in 27 claims for attorney fees; the total granted was \$60,884.

That fewer persons have asked for employment and that more private jobs were filled in June, 1939, than in June 1938, was shown by a report from the state employment service last week. Fourteen per cent fewer persons asked for work, and 11 per cent more jobs were filled. During the first half of 1939, 7,289 men and women obtained private employment, while during the same period in 1938, the number was 5,936.

Aid for drouth-stricken farmers in Boone and southern Antelope counties was asked of officials of the farm security administration last week by a delegation of Boone county officials and State Senator Edwin Schultz of Elgin. State Administrator L. A. White promised that everything possible would be done to relieve the critical situation caused by failure of the small grain crop and great damage done to the corn crop by grasshoppers. Boone county was represented by County

Attorney Wm. Keeshan and Commissioners Ed Atwater, Arthur Freeburg, and L. A. Green.

State Engineer A. C. Tilley, who was to have addressed the annual convention of the Nebr. Rural Letter Carriers' association at Fremont last week, was detained in Lincoln, and his address was read by M. B. Jones, construction engineer for the state highway department. In it, the interest of the letter carriers in an adequate highway system was stressed, since the R.F.D. systems in Nebraska

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