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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln—The legal assault on the law creating a state advertising board has been organized and was expected to be launched before the measure became operative, Sept. 8. A flying squadron of men interested in transporting gasoline sponsored the lawsuit as predicted in this column almost two months ago.

In the petition attacking the constitutionality of the law, it is alleged that the \$50,000 set aside for advertising the resources of the state was paid into the state treasury for the purpose of defraying the expenses of testing gasoline. The plaintiffs complain that the money was collected to pay for inspecting gasoline, and that this protection for the consumer should be given for exact cost. Instead, the fees collected greatly exceeded the expense of gasoline testing and the fees were not reduced to the transporters. The department of agriculture administered the funds and used gasoline money to inspect bed sheets, annihilate bed bugs, and other purposes, including the latest diversion—\$50,000 to advertise the state's resources.

Evidently the allegations in the petition are to be used in a later campaign against gasoline tax diversion. It is expected that an effort will be made to place on the ballot at the next election a proposal for a constitutional amendment to limit gasoline tax proceeds to building roads.

Governor Cochran has appointed five members of the non-salaried commission to administer the \$50,000 advertising appropriation. Harry Miller of Stanton, Keith Neville of North Platte, Wade Martin of Stratton, Frank Bell, Jr. of Omaha and Grove Porter of Nebraska City are the members representing the five congressional districts. Governor Cochran is ex-officio member and J. A. Ainley of the motor fuels division is secretary.

The enactment of the automobile-title-registration act has caused considerable outcry out in the state, according to letters and reports received at the state house. Critics assert the law is unnecessary and is another obnoxious tax on the motorist.

The question of hydro power and the matter of irrigation will be emphasized in late September and mid-October.

Senator H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire will visit Nebraska with the avowed purpose of criticizing the developments in the state. Senator Bridges champions private power ownership and declares that the projects in the Tennessee Valley have brought about sudden and serious industrial readjustments in New England, huge industrials going to the regions of cheap power and low-scale living conditions. He has introduced a resolution in the United States senate to investigate the Nebraska hydros. In his visit to Nebraska he hopes to gain additional information to use in the investigation when his resolution is approved.

Senator Norris is coming into the state early in October. He will speak at Columbus, October 12. When the Bridges resolution comes up in the senate, Norris will attach an amendment, asking that the activities of the power companies in Nebraska be probed. Incidents that occurred at the last session of the legislature may be included. Policies pursued by attorneys and agents of the diesel engine firms are other angles. Some evidence in the Bridges portfolio and the men who furnished it may be discussed by Senator Norris at Columbus.

Another echo of the power fight was heard last week in Mississippi. There Senator Theodore G. Bilbo worsted Senator Pat Harrison in a

party primary. Bilbo aided in the nomination of Paul B. Johnson for governor over the Harrison candidate, Martin Sennett Conner. Bilbo must seek election in 1940 and needed the friendship of the candidate for governor to aid in the fight.

Bilbo championed the idea of four great laboratories for the utilization of the waste products of agriculture. One of the laboratories was located in New Orleans. As a result of cheap power from the Tennessee Valley and the information disseminated by the laboratory experts, Mississippi has made wonderful advances in manufacturing. The industrial products for the last year exceeded the value of agricultural production by thousands of dollars.

Senator Harrison, a conservative, opposed the innovations. Bilbo championed progress. In the senate, Harrison has frequently voted with the "coalition" of which Senator Bridges is a vociferous member.

During the last week there have been several elements of strength added to the Johnson political line.

L. B. Johnson of Omaha has filed for the republican nomination for state treasurer. Lieutenant Governor W. E. Johnson, who during the last legislative session claimed to be the "titular head of the republican party," will file for re-nomination. Attorney General Walter Johnson will file; State Auditor Ray Johnson is in the race for another term. Richard Olaf Johnson of Lincoln may seek the republican nomination for governor, contesting with Charles J. Warner of Waverly, who has filed and with Dwight Griswold of Gordon who is to announce his gubernatorial candidacy in October.

Peter Johnson of Murray may file for secretary of state to compete with A. C. Bass, brother of the late State Treasurer Bass. J. A. (Just Another) Johnson, living near Otoe, may run for railway commissioner.

At one time the Johnsons, the Bases, the Marshes and the Swansons dominated state politics, now Duane Swanson is railway commissioner. He is a republican. Harry Swanson, democrat, is secretary of state and will be a candidate for re-election. However, the Marshes have disappeared from the republican filing lists; the Swansons have dwindled to two incumbents and the Bases to one contestant. On the non-partisan ballot, Harvey Johnson has filed for the supreme court from the Second district. He was appointed by Governor Cochran to fill a vacancy.

For the republican post of national committeeman, there probably will be three contestants—Kenneth Wherry of Pawnee City, Lysle Jackson of Neligh and Mac Baldrige of Omaha. Wherry has let it be known that he may be interested in the senatorial fight in 1942.

For state chairman, the republicans seem to have centered on Assistant Attorney General John Riddell of York.

During the legion convention, former State Senator Robert Armstrong was suggested for state chairman. He was dropped from

the list of prospects when vigorous objections were made by the rural electrification proponents and the truckers organizations.

For the control of the democratic machinery, there will be a spirited fight. Friends of Governor Cochran were jubilant over the appointment of John Havekost of Hooper for state treasurer. They declared that this selection would put a crimp in the Burke organization in the Third District. Democratic party workers are pretty much up in the air at the state house. State employees must, of course, support Cochran for the senate and pick a lucky number in the democratic melee for governor. At the outset many of the state house people lined up for Terry Carpenter. Editor James E. Lawrence is regarded as the leader in matters needing contacts with Washington.

Confusion was caused in the state house cohorts when it was stated that Ed Morehead of Falls City, son of the ex-Governor and ex-Congressman John H. Morehead, would be a democratic candidate for governor on an economy platform.

Omaha forces and interests opposed to the unicameral legislature are scouting for sentiment to support a movement to return the two house plan. Ralph S. Moseley, Lincoln lawyer and former member of the legislature, has conferred with the secretary of state's office, regarding the form of petition and the number of signers. It will require about 50,000 signatures to place the proposal on the ballot. Signers must be secured from two-fifths of the counties of the state. Petitions must be filed with the secretary of state about July 1, 1940.

The state house war between Governor Cochran and Atty. Gen. Johnson goes merrily on. The row was precipitated by the refusal of the governor and Secretary of State Swanson to pay the salary claims of three attaches of the state legal dept. who have been advising executive departments under control of the governor.

The appointment of John Havekost to succeed the late State Treasurer Bass broke the tie that existed in the state board of educational lands and funds. The claim for the salary of Assistant Attorney General Robert Nelson was pending there. Now the claim has been definitely rejected.

Atty Gen. Walter Johnson asked the supreme court for an alternative writ of mandamus requiring State Engineer Tilley to approve salary vouchers of C. A. Beck and Don Kelley, assistants in the legal department. The two assistants did not receive their July salary warrants. Attorney John Logan of the insurance department and Att. Robt. H. Dowling, counsel for the banking department, prepared an answer on behalf of Tilley.

Efforts have been made to secure participation by Nebraska in the campaign of the army and navy for industrial preparedness. A number of Nebraska factories have been studied and sketched. Aeroplane plants may be located at Lincoln and Omaha. Some information has been released as to discussions concerning hydroplane-

aeroplane bases at South Bend and Lake Kingsley.

For more than ten years the military has been training officers to direct industrial mobilization. Acting under the direction of the general staff, these men have examined and blue-printed between 15,000 and 18,000 of the nation's factories and from this vast group of potential producers have selected between 9,000 and 10,000 key plants. These have been warned that in wartime they will be called on for war supplies and methods, requirements for expansion of plant and even manufacturing contracts have been discussed. An executive order will start activity in any line. The recent appropriations by congress provided the funds. The South Bend plan was blue printed in 1931 by army engineers, acting under directions of President Hoover.

Errors and confusion in the state board of control have imperilled the PWA assistance funds for the building program at the state institutions, according to word from Washington.

Certain papers and documents, according to information from federal sources, were not made out and submitted previous to the transfer of funds from the old PWA to WPA under the new set up on July 8th. Chairman Eubank of the board of control went to Washington and there found out that necessary documents had not been sent from Nebraska. He telegraphed the employees of the board to forward the papers. Under the provisions of the former bill the board was entitled to a supplementary grant of about \$30,000 for the state institutions.

MEEK AND VICINITY

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Emmet Slate Wednesday afternoon. Quite a large crowd attended, although several members were absent. Mrs. Slate also had invited the little folks and had a party for her small daughter, Gloria. Mrs. Slate served a delicious lunch. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wadsworth, of Spicer, Minn., spent several days last week with Miss May McGowan. The young couple were recently married and are on their honeymoon. They expect to go to Sacramento Calif., and on to Canada and other places before returning home.

Delbert Rouse spent Tuesday afternoon with the Borg boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wadsworth, of Spicer, Minn., were guests of Mrs. E. H. Rouse on Saturday evening.

Jane and Marion McElhaney and LaVerne and Helen Borg were over-night guests of Lois Jean and Ilene Robertson on Friday.

School opened Monday, Sept. 4, at Meek with Miss Mabel Jones as teacher and in District 225, Mrs. Dorothy Kearns.

Arthur Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Griffith and Cecil and Miss Maude Rouse were dinner guests at the Herbert Rouse home at Inman on Sunday. Miss Thelma Young, who had been visiting them for several days returned home with them.

Leonie School opened on Monday with Mr. Price as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wadsworth and Miss May McGowan were dinner guests at the Eric Borg home on Monday.

Melvin Johring was a dinner guest at Elmer Devall's on Monday.

Prologue TO LOVE by MARTHA OSTENSO

To her childhood home in the beautiful mountains of British Columbia comes lovely Autumn Dean, seeking happiness and love.

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IN EVERY ISSUE

Two Girl Cousins' Lives Recall Days of Napoleon

Two girl cousins who grew up together in Martinique are highly revered in this island in the French West Indies. They are Josephine de Beauharnais, who married Napoleon and thus became empress of the French, and Aimee Debuc de Rivery, who, after being captured at sea by Algerian pirates and carried off to the Mediterranean, married the sultan of Turkey and became his favorite wife.

The beautiful Josephine de Beauharnais was born on a plantation at Trois Ilets. A white marble status erected in her honor in Fort de France is considered the loveliest creation of its kind in the West Indies.

The other beautiful Martinican, Aimee Debuc de Rivery, had an exciting time before she became the sultana of Turkey. On her way home from school in France in 1784 the ship on which she was a passenger was captured by Algerian pirates. She was so lovely that the captain placed her in special quarters, and upon arriving at Algiers presented her as a gift to the dey. The dey, who owed the sultan a large sum of money for munitions and other necessities of piracy, turned the beauty over to the sultan as payment in full for his debt. Aimee then became the sultan's favorite wife and the power behind the Turkish throne.

There is a story to the effect that when she heard that Napoleon had divorced Josephine she was so angry that she sought a way to injure him. As the legend goes, she had a detachment of her army march through southwestern Russia while Napoleon was retreating from Moscow, helping to block the return of the French soldiers near the Polish line and causing great suffering and many deaths.

MARQUETTE, IOWA.—Traffic on the Mississippi river has increased tremendously during the last shipping season.

The Milwaukee railroad's pontoon bridge here, which has to be open for an average of 15 minutes to allow passage of a boat, has been open for time equaling seven full days since last March 28, when the first tugboat went downstream.

In 1937 a total of 408 boats passed the 276-foot pontoon. This year the figure is expected to be exceeded by almost 300. By mid-November, approximately 675 boats had passed. In 1936 the number of boats was only 349.

The number of barges plying the river also has increased, with 273 going through during October alone.

Creation of a new channel and locks is credited with increasing the use of the Mississippi for freight shipping. Most of the barges carry oil, coal, machinery or grain.

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September 1st

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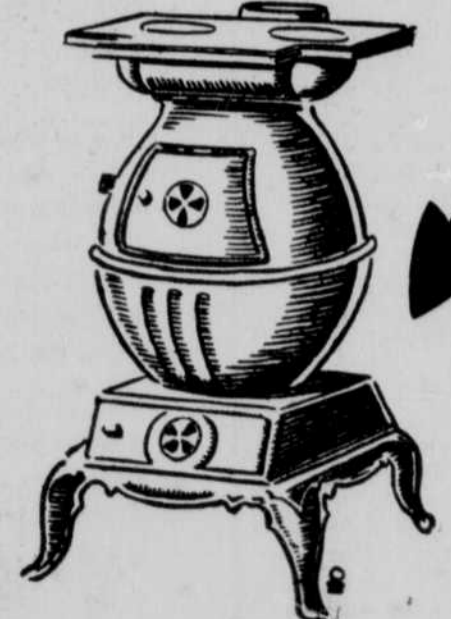


Times like this no one means to be wasteful and yet the most flagrant form of wastefulness is to withdraw from use things that can still render service and economy to some one. When you do so you forego the cash you can obtain from them by re-sale and you deny others of the practice of thrift that arises from making use of things they can buy and utilize without paying the "first hand" price.

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