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## Seek to Eliminate Tax Dodging

(Guest Editorial from Hastings Daily Tribune)

The objective of the Nebraska Motor Dealers association in attempting to amend the state constitution is to bring about a fairer, less cumbersome and more efficient method of collecting taxes on passenger cars, trucks and buses.

The association is now circulating petitions and expects to have the necessary signatures to place the proposal on the November general election ballot. More than 47-thousand signatures will be needed. The amendment, as explained by the sponsors, would exempt all motor vehicles from personal property taxes and empower the state legislature to impose a "use tax" which all car owners would pay at the time the vehicle is registered.

Under the present method of assessment and taxing, motor vehicles are assessed on March 10 but the tax is not due until the following December. In the meantime many of these leave the state and the tax is never collected.

This is the strongest point in the association's program. It seeks to plug a leak that has existed for many years and now amounts to several millions of dollars. The legislative council research body, for the state legislature, and also the legislature, have known of the condition and have attempted to work out a solution but have always run into a constitutional prohibition. If the voters approve the amendment this bar will be removed.

Figures from the state auditor's office submitted by the association reveal that in the eight years prior to 1945, the counties of the state, omitting the two largest—Lancaster and Douglas—failed to collect \$801,854 in motor vehicle personal taxes. This fact was presented the legislature by State Auditor Ray C. Johnson but it was prevented from making any correction because of the state constitution.

According to the auditor's report, Adams county during this period had 2,942 delinquent motor vehicle tax accounts totaling \$34,892. It is probably even greater now because no doubt many of the people employed at the Naval Depot during the war left without paying the taxes on their cars.

Yet the county must continue to carry this on the books although there is very little chance that any of it will be collected. Not only do the county, school, city and state suffer from the loss of revenue but it also creates an accounting problem for the county.

The proposed amendment provides for a uniform fee which will be charged at the time the vehicle is registered. The fee is not to be uniform, as some have said, as between makes and models of cars and trucks but as between geographical location. That is a car in Hastings would pay the same fee as a car of the same make and model that is registered in Omaha or Lincoln.

It is further proposed in the amendment that the state legislature or any local taxing agency not be permitted to impose or collect a personal property tax, sales tax or any other type of tax from the owner of a motor vehicle. This would prevent a government subdivision from levying a wheel tax or some other tax. The state would fix the fee and that would be it.

The amendment would make it certain that everyone would pay his tax and it would eliminate present tax dodging.

### LEGAL NOTICE

(First pub. June 15, 1950)  
John R. Gallagher, Attorney  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
OF WILL

Estate No. 3677  
In the County Court of Holt  
County, Nebraska, June 12th,  
1950.

In the matter of the estate of  
Claude A. Hamilton, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a  
petition has been filed in said

Court for the probate of a written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Claude A. Hamilton, Deceased, and for the appointment of Minnie Hamilton, as executrix thereof, that July 6th, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., has been set for hearing said petition and proving said instrument in said Court when all persons concerned may appear and contest the probate thereof.

LOUIS W. REIMER,  
County Judge.  
(County Court Seal) 6-3c

### Visit Grand Island—

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy went to Grand Island to spend the June 10-11, weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Layton, and family. David Layton returned with them for a week's visit.

## Just Won't Stay Buried



### Prairieland Talk —

## Holt's Population Now Perhaps Has Reached Its Stable Level

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — In the event the census takers missed none of the Holt county patriots, the population has shrunk the past decade by 1,685. Some 10 or 12 have disappeared from the community out on prairie land where I formerly lived that have not been replaced by others. Death took some but they are buried under Holt county sod.

War has taken out of the population its grim tribute in human lives, while others were lured by the flutter of U. S. Treasury notes to fields afar.

The population loss in the great empire of Holt is not such as to be at all alarming and may be all to the good. The lines of covered wagons rolling eastward at an earlier period marked a much greater decline in population. It is now perhaps at a stable level, resulting from present trends to enlarge farm and ranch holdings.

While the county as such affords a little more elbow room, the countyseat is crowding building upon building and house upon house.

Nebraska, too, as a whole has lost in population. There are 2 counties in the state where there is plenty of room.

If you are fed up on just people, go down to McPherson county where there are only 828 of the genus homo all told, or on to Arthur county where there are more cattle than men and take your chances with the 799 patriots of that southwest county. Maybe in this business of counting noses the towns could claim all within their trade territory. And who knows whether there has been a full count? Here comes a town, North Bend, in Dodge county with the claim that they have been misrepresented in the census by more than 100 citizens. Names and addresses have been submitted to show that they are still in the city class in place of being reduced to the status of village as the official census would place them.

Any community not satisfied has the same privilege to make their own count.

Two gents were caught in the judicial net for fishing without a license. I recall some of the old boys who came to the community from king-and-emporer-riding Europe happy in their freedom to fish and hunt and travel about without an official functionary hailing them into the king's court and sentenced to jail. Should the ghost of Bill Fallon float into police court when luckless chaps were fined for fishing there would be a ghostly murmur, "Has it come to this in O'Neill?" His honor probably has no choice but to assess the fine. Are the bull-headers worth a \$10 fine or the cost of a license?

Young America from 10-year-olds into the teen age group comes in for a lot of critical comment—on their way to the dogs. I wonder.

The other day an adult picked up a \$10 bill on a city bus and stuck it in his pocket. A lady who had just preceded him in boarding the bus probably dropped it when she drew from her purse a dollar bill to hand to the bus driver. Had one of the 2,200,000 Boy Scouts or one of the million and a half Girl Scouts, a Camp Fire youth or a 4-H member found that \$10 bill it would have been handed the bus driver and inquiry made if someone on board had lost some money.

A 13-year-old lad found \$1,300 on the streets of Los Angeles, Calif., a pagan city, and turned it in to the police. Through the honesty of a child the life's savings were restored to the rightful owner. There are some little devils, always have been, plenty in my day of supposed innocence, but the kids for the most part are alright, ready and anxious to do things.

The story is told of a white-haired widow living in a slum area of a city who gets a police widow's pension. Confined to a wheel chair she would have a tough time of it but for the neighborhood boys who get her pension check cashed for her and buy her household supplies.

Youngsters are responsive. They want things. They must learn there is a right way and a wrong way to gratify legitimate desires. At 10 years of age another kid and I proposed a raid on a widow's apple trees. Just as we got there the gracious, kindly woman came through her door, stepped out on the porch, saw us and cheerfully called out, "Hello boys—want some apples? Climb over the fence and help yourselves!" Well, from wouldbe thieves

we were transformed in a moment into guardians of that widow's premises. One friend of Young America says: "Never before has this country been able to muster so many intelligent, courageous, resourceful and clean-living boys and girls." Adults of O'Neill are doing grandly by the youth of the community in providing a center for their use.

The north side of O street here in Lincoln is undergoing much building changes in the business district, which will mean the shifting of locations of some long established mercantile establishments. Building of houses has slumped to some extent. GI loans are not

so readily available as in the past and there has come a tendency to a little less liberal spending.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Wayne O. Reed has been named to head the Peru normal school. He had filed as a candidate in the August primary for a third try for superintendent, and in accepting the new post Mr. Reed may feel it is an opportunity to get out from under some undesirable features of his present job.

At 91, Edgar Howard is still a Democrat. Old enough to know better, but he was on the Platte county delegation to

the Democratic state convention.

A line of the Declaration of Independence reads: "For imposing taxes on us without our consent." It is still being done by our own guys.

It's alright to follow a leader if he's going in your direction.

### SALE GROSSES \$188

The Parent-Teachers' association food sale at Shelhamer's store on Saturday grossed \$188. Proceeds will be used to help finance improvement and supervision in Ford's park.

# Hurry! A

## Superb SALE

### at COUNCIL OAK



3 No. 2 1/2 CANS \$1



No. 2 CAN ... 29c



4 No. 2 CANS 59c



Sliced or Halves  
2 No. 2 1/2 CANS 51c

- ★ SUPERB BARTLETT PEARS Limit 2 Cans Please 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 69c
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- ★ SUPERB FANCY WHOLE TOMATOES Solid Pack 2 No. 2 Cans 43c
- ★ SUPERB SMALL EARLY JUNE PEAS Garden Fresh Flavor 2 No. 2 Cans 49c
- ★ SUPERB FANCY CUT GREEN BEANS Tender Stringless 2 No. 2 Cans 39c
- ★ SUPERB SAUERKRAUT Long Silver Thread 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 29c
- ★ SUPERB WHITE TUNA FISH Solid Pack No. 1/2 Can 37c
- FOR COLD DRINKS
- ★ SUM-R-AID Assorted Flavors 4 Pkg. 19c
- Pineapple, Butterscotch, Strawberry
- ★ Ice Cream Topping 2 7 1/2-oz. Tins 33c
- Towhee Price
- ★ RED DOT POTATO CHIPS Fresh, Crisp, 4 1/2-oz. Pkg. 25c
- ★ ROBB-ROSS PEANUT BUTTER Plain or Chunky, 16-oz. Jar 35c

- ### FRUITS & VEGETABLES
- BANANAS 2-lbs. 29c
  - CANTALOUPE lb. 10c
  - ORANGES 2 doz. 65c
  - WATERMELON lb. 5c
  - CABBAGE 3-lbs. 11c
  - LETTUCE 2 heads 23c
  - POTATOES 10-lbs. 33c
- NUCOA, Colored Oleo Foil Wrapped 1/4's. lb. 35c
  - TOILET TISSUE 4-roll pack 31c

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- LONG LIVER SAUSAGE Pickle-Pimento Flavor, Pound 39c
- BIG BOLOGNA Piece or Sliced, Pound 39c

PURITAN READY-TO-EAT

- HAMS WHOLE OR BUTT END, LB. 59c
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