

LEGAL NOTICES

(First pub. May 1, 1952)
William W. Griffin, Att'y
LEGAL NOTICE
TO: Pacific Townsite Company, a Corporation:
You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of April, 1952, Jennie Holloway, as plaintiff, filed her petition and commenced an action against you in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to have the plaintiff decreed to be the absolute owner in fee simple of the real estate described as Lot 15 in Block 19 of the original town of Page, Holt County, Nebraska; to have the title to and possession of said real estate quieted and confirmed in the plaintiff and to have you adjudged and decreed to have no title to, lien upon, right or interest in said real estate. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 9th day of June, 1952, otherwise judgment will be rendered against you accordingly.
JENNIE HOLLOWAY,
Plaintiff.
52-3

(First pub. May 8, 1952)
Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 3821
In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, May 1st, 1952, in the matter of the Estate of Asa R. Baker, Deceased.
CREDITORS or said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is August 29th, 1952, and for the payment of debts is May 1st, 1953 and that on May 29th, 1952, and on August 30th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A.M., each day I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
LOUIS W. REIMER,
County Judge.
(COUNTY COURT SEAL) 1-3

(First pub. May 8, 1952.)
Julius D. Cronin, Attorney
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 3820
In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, May 1st, 1952, in the matter of the Estate of Agatha Heeb, Deceased.
CREDITORS or said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is August 29th, 1952, and for the payment of debts is May 1st, 1953 and that on May 29th, 1952, and on August 30th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A.M., each day I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
LOUIS W. REIMER,
County Judge.
(COUNTY COURT SEAL) 1-3

(First pub. May 15, 1952.)
John R. Gallagher, Attorney
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 3822
In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, May 8th, 1952, in the matter of the Estate of Chester G. Carsten, Deceased.
CREDITORS or said estate are hereby notified that the time limited for presenting claims against said estate is September 5th, 1952, and for the payment of debts is May 8th, 1953 and that on June 5th, 1952, and on September 6th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A.M., each day I will be at the County Court Room in said County to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
LOUIS W. REIMER,
County Judge.
(COUNTY COURT SEAL) 2-4c



State Capitol News . . .

Committee Opposes Selling School Land or Changing Rental Formula

Watersheds—

Another committee of the legislative council which is nearly ready to submit its report is the watershed committee, now headed by Sen. Otto Kotouc, of Humboldt, who was appointed after the resignation of Sen. John P. McKnight, of Auburn.
The group met in Lincoln last weekend to polish the language of its model bill and a committee member said the measure would be ready for release within several days.
The object of the committee was to get its study completed as early as possible in order that a maximum amount of public discussion could be had before the 1953 legislature. The defeat of LB 455, the watershed bill of the last session, was due largely to ignorance of the proposal by the members, its sponsors felt.
There was some discussion at the time Gov. Val Peterson called the special flood relief session of the legislature about asking him to include a watershed bill in his call. But backers of the proposal decided against it on the basis that the lawmakers would resent its being pushed upon them and the bill is given a good chance of passage in 1953 since most of its opposition appears to have been overcome.

School Land Leases—

Sen. Robert McNutt's committee studying school land legislation is ready to digest the suggestions handed it during public hearings in western Nebraska.
McNutt told reporters the group's thinking is not yet crystallized but that generally the members opposed selling the lands or changing the rental formula from its present six percent of the assessed valuation.
Changes likely to get the committee's approval involve elimination of the procedure whereby the high bidder at an auction may lose the lease because another bidder has submitted a certified check for a higher amount to the board of educational lands and funds and the hiring of a top-flight land administrator as the executive director for the board.
Another matter getting serious consideration from the committee is a proposal that the bonus bids go into the permanent school fund making only the interest immediately available for distribution to the districts. Legislators fear the sudden flush of dollars, in the three million dollars distributed recently, sound financial practices may not be observed.

Apportionment—

In 1874 there were 72,991 children in Nebraska schools and on the basis of \$3.07 per pupil, \$228,369 was distributed from state funds.
This year, with 318,023 pupils, a total of \$2,934,602 was apportioned, or \$6.20 per child.
Those facts are contained in a survey by State Superintendent Freeman B. Decker of apportionment of state school funds since 1874.
Highlights of the study:
The peak school census was in the dust bowl year of 1933 when 410,907 youngsters were enrolled.
This year's record divvy of \$103.87 for each district was caused by the unexpected income from school land lease sales caused by the 1951 supreme court decision.
The lowest per pupil apportionment was in 1937 when the split was only 98 cents per child.
The total number of districts was at its highest in 1917 when 7,116 were in operation. Lowest was in 1925 when only 5,805 were eligible for slicing the state melon.

Bank Tax —

The state supreme court has taken under advisement an action challenging the validity of the 1949 blanket mill school levy tax.
Charley W. Peterson, a Holt county taxpayer, brought the appeal to the supreme court after the district court at O'Neill upheld the act.
Counsel for Peterson contended the tax is not levied uniformly and proportionately as to school districts having fewer than five pupils, since the funds derived from blanket levy on property in these districts is given to other districts for local school purposes without any participation by districts having less than five pupils.
Some critics of the act have referred to it as a "socialistic scheme." The act was intended to reach certain districts which had levied no school tax for years because they had too few pupils to maintain a school.

Deputy Attorney General William Gleason argued that in spite of epithets applied to legislation of this sort, it does not violate the constitution, but does encourage larger and better districts, to the benefit of the pupils affected.

He Likes Ike —

Val likes Ike.
In fact, Nebraska's governor likes Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower so well, he's virtually staking his political future on the NATO commander's nomination for president of the republican national convention in Chicago in July.
Peterson is filling all the speaking engagements he can to thump the tubs for Eisenhower and is sporting a fancy Ike pin in his lapel.
Capitol know-it-alls say that the governor is gunning for no less a job than secretary of interior if Eisenhower makes it all the way to the white house.
If that spot isn't forthcoming, his friends say, Peterson would be available for a top civilian post

in the air force, where he holds a reserve colonelcy.

Research Starts—

Two research committees of the Nebraska legislature began the final work on their reports to the 1953 session. . . . The state superintendent of public instruction took a look at the apportionment of state funds to local school districts for the past 79 years. . . . The statehouse buzzed with speculation over the political ambitions of Gov. Val Peterson. . . . The supreme court heard oral arguments in the case challenging the constitutionality of the blanket tax school levy law. . . . That was the week's news from Lincoln.

Urges Sales Tax—

The biennial campaign for state aid to education was launched in Lincoln recently at a meeting of the structure and support committee of the Nebraska State Education association.
Dr. Francis Cornell, of the University of Illinois, told the committee and a handful of specially

invited guests that better schools are bound to cost more money but Nebraska can afford them if a proper tax program is set up.
Later, Doctor Cornell indicated his idea of a proper tax program includes a state sales and or income tax. He called them the "best bets."

"I suggest," he said, "that if you don't take advantage of the state sales tax idea the federal government may beat you to it with one they've got in the mill now."

Bad News —

The highway department had a double dose of bad news last week.
The first came from the state department of agriculture which collects the nickel-a-gallon state tax on gasoline. It reported that Nebraska took in \$1,523,501 from this source during April, a five percent drop from March. The figure this year compares with \$1,632,361 for April, 1951.

Since the department's share of the gas tax represents one of its major sources of revenue the announcement caused some headaches in an agency already beset with one of its most extensive maintenance chores in years.

The other half of the pincers move was the announcement that engineering and maintenance workers in the department will get pay increases ranging from \$5 to \$30 a month.

State Engineering Harold Aitken said the raises were an "attempt to keep the loyal employees the department now has." Even with the increases, he said, the department will be unable to attract qualified highway employees. In the past two years, he said, 160 engineering employees have left the department for jobs with better pay.

Flood Funds—

Gov. Val Peterson, in Washington recently to probe the Lincoln air base deadlock, took time out to talk with Rep. Clarence Cannon, chairman of the house appropriations committee, about restoration of cuts in the budget of the army engineers for flood control work.

The governor is expected to ask other flood-state governors meeting at Pierre, S.D., this week to name a committee to go to Washington and discuss the problem with Representative Cannon and members of the senate-house conference committee.

ference committee.
In passing the army civil functions bill last month, the house voted 492-million-dollars for flood control and navigation projects. This is 29 percent less than the amount asked by President Truman.

When he was in the flood area a couple of weeks ago, Truman said he would ask the senate to restore the cut. If it does, members of the two houses will have to meet to reconcile the two measures. It is this joint committee which Peterson hopes to have hear the flood-state governors.

Upstairs —

Herbert F. Thies, Nebraska's director of civil defense, has moved upstairs to a federal CD post. Starting May 15, Thies, a former editor of the Scottsbluff Star-Herald, will be liaison officer of the six-state region VII, with headquarters at Denver, Colo.

A. C. Tilley, former Nebraska state engineer, is the regional director and R. F. ("Bud") Weller, until recently number 2 man in the Nebraska highway department, is the regional engineer for the civil defense agency.

Thies, who met with other state CD directors during the recent atomic bomb tests in Nevada, pronounced Nebraska's organization "as good as any."

The Vote —

More voters marked ballots in the April 1 election than in any Nebraska primary since 1934.

The final tabulation by the state canvassing board showed that 366,954 persons picked up ballots. In 1934, the figure was 408,328. There were no particular surprises in the official figures except that 48 republicans voted for Democrat Robert S. Kerr and that Republican Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower received 2,705 votes in the presidential races.

Mrs. Christine Williams spent the weekend at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNally, and daughter.

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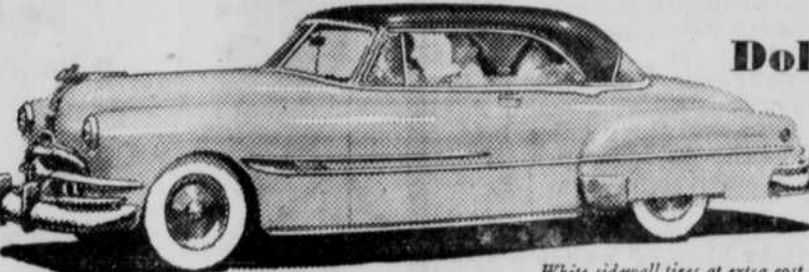
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