State Capitol News

# New Equalization Scheme Talked

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### The Frontier's Statehouse Correspondent

LINCOLN-The rumblings of Nathon Pont of Stanton, helped discontent from one of Nebraska's pass the rule and have stood by most heavily regulated industries it since. They say it has cut out -the liquor business-continued many abuses of the past when wholesalers gave big discounts to this week some dealers and not to others.

The matter was brought out into the open when the Nebraska This amounted to subsidizing some dealers at the expense of Beer Wholesalers association had an informal meeting with the the others, they explain. state liquor control commission at the statehouse.

Although the 53 wholesale dealors who showed up said they wanted to know how they could increase their prices, it soon developed that they were also interested in talking about commission rule 46.

That rule was passed last November and has been the subject of controversy ever since. It did two things: set up a regulation so that only a small discount can be given by wholesalers and retailers and required wholesalers to post their prices with the commis-

Two members of the commission, Carl Linn of Hastings and ing against the wholesalers.



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# Rally Day Rites

at Hillside Church

CELIA — Hillside chapel, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, pastor, held rally day services Sunday with an all-day meeting. There was a basket lunch at noon. A large

Other Celia News

Alex Forsythe left Friday eve-

ing for Villisca, Ia., to visit rel-

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doster,

merberg, left Monday morning

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobias

and sons were Sunday dinner

visitors at the D. F. Scott home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammer-berg and Mr. and Mrs. W. E.

Doster of Kalamazoo, Mich.,

spent Saturday at Lake Andes

and Randali dam, S.D., and came

home by way of Spencer and O'-

Mrs. H. R. Rouse and son, Marvin, and Miss Mildred Keyes

of Inman helped Darrel McKath-

nie celebrate his second birthday

and two sons of Royai were Sun-

day visitors at the home of her

brother, Roy Fullerton. Earl Schlotfeld was a Sunday

visitor at the O. A. Hammerberg

were last Thursday afternono visitors at the Mark Hendricks

Alex Forsythe and Eddie Wal-nofer cabled in hay for . O. A. Hammerberg Monday and Tues-

Frank Kilmurry and daughter,

Mrs. D. F. Scott was a Friday

Cpl and Mrs. Gene Livingston

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry

and daughters were Sunday din-ner guests at the P. W. Kilmurry

home. Theresa Kilmurry, small

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Kilmurry, celebrated her first

birthday anniversary at the P.

W. Kilmurry home.

left Sunday morning for Hastings where he will be stationed for a

Patricia, were Friday morning visitors at the O. A. Hammerberg

morning visitor at Butte

Mrs. Joe Hendricks and Nina

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Maple

anniversary Sunday.

for their home in Kalamazoo

Here's what has happened: crowd was in attendance. Reverend and Mrs. Phipps and A few of the major breweries three sons of Atkinson attended the afternoon "singspiration"

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have increased the price of beer by 14 to 16 cents a case. Naturally this is going to be passed all the way along the service. The Phipps' sons were supper guests that evening at the Joe line to the eventual consumer.

Hendricks home. But the beer retailers say they The newest member of the are going to charge a nickel a bottle more for the beer. The sion Chairman Tal Coonrad of Sargent, who was appoint-ed only last February, has voiced wholesalers fear this is going to cut down volume. So they figure atives there and in several other his opposition to the rule. He has called it a "wholesaler's rule" they need more of an increase Iowa towns. Clarence and Bill Focken are doing chores while than just the plain 14 to 16 cents a case extra that the brewers are because it fixes things so the he is gone. He plans to be gone a wholesaler doesn't have to give charging them. Already several applications have been sent in asking for 25 to anyone a bargain rate. He has

argued it is futile to control prices who have spent the past 10 days this way because the retailer and 30 cent increases. visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Ham-

But the commission put out the brewer or manufacturer isn't word that these increases So when Jack Devoe of Linwouldn't be granted unless the coln, attorney for the association, wholesale dealers "justify" the told the commission that his extra increase they are asking. group wanted the rule repealed The wholesalers at the meeting as far as the beer industry in contold the commission that freight cerned, he could have set off a rates are higher, that the increasfirecracker. Reason for this sud-den opposition is because for the ed price will cut volume and that the tax situation is uncertain. first time rule 46 may be work-But they maintained that the

ssion has no business asking them for "justification". They

claim that rule 46 doesn't give them this power. Then they launched into an attack on rule 46.

But Coonrad, who doesn't like the rule himself, quickly shut off the debate. He said it would take a public hearing to do any-thing about the rule and that this wasn't the time and place. He said that the commission might be divided on the worth of the rule but that it certainly wasn't divided on how to apply

The meeting ended with the necessity for "justification" firm-ly established despite the mutterings of the beer men.

#### Tax Suggestions-

New answers to the tax question were being sought as the problem looms as perhaps the major issue of the coming elec-tion year. Gov. Robert Crosby, taking a tour of state institutions paused to tell courthouse audiences that while he wasn't necessarily against a sales tax, he didn't think it would answer all the problems as some seem to think it would.

He also blamed businessmen who failed to turn in correct inventories for tax puposes for some of the "shift" of the tax ourden to real estate this year.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammer-At the statehouse there was berg and Mr. and Mrs. W. some talk of a scheme to adjust Doster of Kalamazoo, Mich., were last Thursday visitors at the state tax levy from countyto-county instead of demanding equalized assessments. Thus a the Jim Deming and Merrill

few months

# Frank Kilmurry home. Mr. and Mrs. Louie Lauridsen Regional Scouts and family and Mr. and Mrs.

Hans Lauridsen and sons went to Lincoln Friday for a weekend visit. They were expected home Monday.

Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg and Mrs. W. E. Doster were Tuesday, September 29, visitors in O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heiser and son, Gerald, were Saturday visitors at the Duane Beck home.

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to Participate in Fair Here

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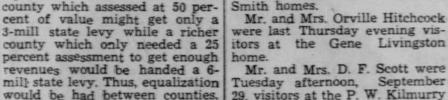
ments from the factory to the consumer. - Emmet Crabb, O'-

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would be had between counties, 29, visitors at the P. W. Kilmurry it was contended. home in Atkinson Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fullerton Opponents charged this would spent Sunday, September 27, in Neligh with his parents, Mr. and be only a subterfuge to cover up the need for equalization, would

solve nothing, and would require Mrs. Oscar Fullerton. a constitutional amendment. Mrs. D. F. Scott was a Tuesday morning, September 29, vis-

itor at the O. A. Hammerberg

Governor Crosby announced Mr. and Mrs. August Troshynthat James Diesing, young Omaha lawyer, will be his administrative ski were Wednesday evening, assistant, replacing Max Denney. Denny is returning to Fairbury September 30, visitors at the

to work in the family law firm. Some observers found in the Diesing appointment a move to mend political fences with Omaha which reportedly felt Crosby hasn't handed enough appointments its way.

Diesing is state chairman of the Young Republican organization.

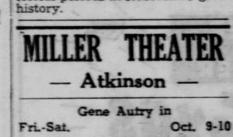
## Drought-

Appointment-

Aletter to President Dwight Eisenhower concerning drought conditions in Hitchcock county brought a quick reply to Crosby. The governor was informed that his predecessor, Val Peterson, has been assigned to make an investigation of conditions. Peterson is now federal civil defense administrator in Washington, D.C.

## Museum-

A former part of the statehouse, the State Historical Society museum, now has a home of its own. A fine new building at 15th and R, on the edge of the University campus, was dedicated with ceremonies and opened to the public. Dr. James Olson, museum director, says the new museum is arranged in the most up-to-date fashion to help visitors get a graphic picture of the various his-torical periods in Nebraska's great



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