

State Capitol News . . .  
**Anguish Comes  
with Tax Bills**

By MELVIN PAUL  
LANCOLN — Taxpayers over Nebraska were beginning to receive their 1953 tax bills this week and officials at the statehouse were nervously awaiting the response.

More than usual state officers have their ears to the ground to hear whatever rumblings may come from the citizenry in the wake of the great equalization effort this year. To officials who have lived with the problem since the Supreme Court mandate of January 9, the possible political consequences are bringing plenty of worry.

A group of county assessors met at the statehouse to talk over revision of tax schedules for next year.

Several of them told reporters that a majority of taxpayers in their counties weren't going to find their tax bills very much changed from last year.

Henry Brees, Pierce county assessor, remarked, "A lot of people are hollering before they are hurt."

Cuming County Assessor P. Emerson Graunke of West Point said he had added up the 1953 tax bills for five farms in his county and compared them against the difference. Some bills were a little total for 1952. There was 90 cents higher, others lower, Graunke said.

Even a western county assessor, Clyde Suddarth in Keith county, said that tax bills in many cases wouldn't be to much different from last year.

State officials were quick to point out that this is what they've maintained all along: higher as-

sessments don't mean higher taxes. Assessments just determine the sharing of the load.

**Good Deal—**  
The assessors seemed to think the equalization will turn out to be a good deal for businessmen—a surprise in view of the fact that many of the loudest complaints have come from merchants.

That's because their business inventories in many cases will be taxed less because of the 50 percent law. This, in most cases will more than offset the increased real estate on their business locations.

The farmer, too, will benefit. Surveys by the state tax commissioner have showed that the farmer's property has been continually assessed higher than comparable town property. That meant he paid more taxes on the same value of property. The farmer also got helped when the 50 percent law cut the assessment on his livestock, grain, and farm equipment.

But even the average city won't be hit too hard. The decrease in taxes on his automobile and personal goods should equal the boost on his home.

**Hard Hit—**  
But it's pretty obvious that some people will be hurt. These include people with most of their money tied up in real estate.

And unfortunately, this often means an elderly couple who put all their life's earnings in a small town home or in an acreage on the edge of town. Particularly if they don't have a car, these people are going to catch the brunt of the equalization effort. It is an effect which causes unhappiness among sympathetic officials.

Gov. Robert Crosby touched on this in a recent speech in which he suggested that maybe there ought to be a homestead exemption law. This way people's homes wouldn't be taxed as heavily as other property.

**Whistling in Dark—**  
Despite these encouraging signs, there was still hand wringing on the county level. Many county officials, both republicans and democrats, have been shaken to have good friends tell them, "I'll get you over this tax mess yet." They fear action on the state level may cost them their jobs.

However, Governor Crosby reported that in his visits to court-houses he didn't hear much complaint. And he flatly told reporters that he didn't think the republican party was going to be hurt. He predicted that if the democratic party tried to make capital out of the situation, it would boomerang.

He said the tax situation is "a non-political problem."

**Pre-Primary Conventions—**  
The republicans and the democrats parted company on whether they will have preprimary conventions next year. The 1953 legislature repealed a law which has made these mandatory in the past.

Democratic State Chairman William Meier said that his party, respecting the wishes of the legislature, will not hold one.

But Dave Martin, republican state chairman, said he thought his party should have one. At a recent meeting at Fremont, the state central committee went along. No one is exactly sure what the pre-primary convention will be for, but the republicans are having one anyway.

The reason behind this republican move is said to be one of personalities. The introducer of the bill to abolish the conventions was Sen. Lefty Williams. Both Martin and Williams are from Kearney and it is generally known that no love is lost between them.

**Silver Lining—**  
The state highway department is the only group which is finding any good in the current dry spell over Nebraska. It is enabling the department to build roads far later into the autumn season than had been anticipated.

It has meant hurry-up efforts in the design divisions as projects slated for next spring are suddenly made possible this fall. The department had to call off a school for its junior engineers, planned for this month, because it was delayed foolishly to pull engineers in from the field when they could continue working because of the dry weather.

**Fire Warning—**  
But the drought brought warnings from the state game department, worried about fires from cigarettes as hunters spread into the fields when hunting season starts. Paul Gilbert, secretary of the state game commission, asked hunters not to smoke while out in the dry fields. Carelessness during this type of weather could mean destruction to game country, animals, and even farm crops and livestock.

Guests at the Robert Larson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and daughters, Mrs. Dan Snyder and children of Atkinson, Judy Curran and Doug Laursen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purdy of Otis, Colo., left Friday, October 9, after a week's visit with Miss Maude Rouse and other relatives.

**Newman Interment  
in Stuart Cemetery**

STUART — Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 7, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the late Herbert E. Newman, 69, at the Community church.

Rev. D. D. Su and Rev. F. E. Anderson officiated at the church services.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. Robert Brayton, Mrs. Harry Cowles, Ora Yarges and Mark Nelson with Mrs. Nelson at the piano. Honorary pallbearers were members I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 153 of Newport, of which lodge Mr. Newman had been a member since 1927.

Acting pallbearers were nephews of Mr. Newman: Adrian Wagner, Victor Vifquian, Jerry Vifquian, Donald Kenaston, Harry Kenaston and Frank Kenaston.

Graveside rites were conducted by the I.O.O.F. lodge of Newport and interment was made in the Stuart cemetery.

Herbert Earl Newman, born July 21, 1894 at Imley City, Mich., a son of John Jasper and Lydia Ogden Newman died October 4, 1953.

On October 5, 1904 he was united in marriage to Myra Guderman of Lum, Mich., and to this union a daughter, was born May 24, 1906 at which time his wife died in death and on July 7, 1906 the infant daughter died.

On October 7, 1906 he enlisted in the army at Columbus Barracks, O., and served until October 26, 1907 when he received an honorable discharge. Mr. Newman went to Gregory, S. D., in 1908 and filed on a homestead three miles west of Wewela, S.D.

On November 7, 1909 he was united in marriage with Grace Kenaston. To this union seven children were born. They were: Stuart, William, Grace, Edna, Russell (May) Jackson of Lincoln; Mrs. Arthur (Grace) Wilch of North Bend, Ore.; Miss Nellie Newman of Des Moines, Ia.; sons—John W., James K., and Herbert E., all of Stuart.

Mr. Newman was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include: Widow—Grace; daughters—Mrs. James (Elsaine) Williams of Pierre, S.D.; Mrs. Russell (May) Jackson of Lincoln; Mrs. Arthur (Grace) Wilch of North Bend, Ore.; Miss Nellie Newman of Des Moines, Ia.; sons—John W., James K., and Herbert E., all of Stuart.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Grace Wagner of Dryden, Mich.

**Singing on Victory  
4-H Program**

The Victory boys' and girls' 4-H club recently met for its general meeting. The session was also our local achievement day. Members, their families and friends met for a covered dish dinner at noon.

The lunch committee for the Monday, October 12, meeting was Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders.

After the meeting a program was given. The girls in the beginning baking, meal planning and gardening projects sang "John Brown's Body"; the boys' beginning baking project group gave a musical reading, "Hats"; Douglas Jackson and Bob Reimers sang "Mountain Dew."

County Agent Neil Dawes, his wife and family were present for the program. By Linelle Tompkins, news reporter.

**Deloit News**

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Bartak were supper guests Wednesday evening, October 7, at the Jim Bartak home near Middlebranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Temple and Twila spent the weekend at the Henry Reimer home. They attended the Rossow - Schruink wedding Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Paul and Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Bartak attended a birthday party in Norfolk Tuesday evening, October 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson attended parents' day at Wayne Saturday. Don returned home with them.

Jack Bartak, who is stationed at an airbase near Topeka, Kans., visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bartak, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Tomjack, Florence Butler and Anna Van Zandt were supper guests at O'Neill Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests at the H. Reimer home were Mr. and Mrs. H. Temple and Twila, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Christon and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pahl and Mary of Oakland.

Farm bureau met Tuesday evening, October 6, at the H. Werkmeister home. LeRoy Hansen, manager of REA, showed an interesting film.

Don Spahn left last week after a two weeks' leave at home before going to Europe. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Pofahl and son arrived home last week from camp in California. Max has finished his training and will move to the Pofahl home near Norfolk.

Anna Savage is staying at the Knapp and Gokke farm home.

The HEO club met last Thursday at the Fred Stearns home. A dessert lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be November 12 at the Maynard Stearns home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eby at O'Neill.

Mrs. Catherine Buzholts and children of Plainview spent Sunday at the Clarence Dobbins home. Mrs. Buzholts is a niece of Mrs. Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and Linda were Sunday dinner and supper guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Smith, at Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith and family left for their home at El Monte, Calif., Monday.

Eight ladies spent last Thursday with Mrs. Charles Cronk quitting for the WSCS of the Methodist church. A lunch of doughnuts and coffee was served. The next quilting will be Thursday, October 22, at the home of Mrs. William Neubauer.

The Royal Neighbor lodge met Wednesday evening, October 7, for a regular session with 16 members present. Serving committee included Evelyn Gray and Mrs. Ray Snell. At the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, members will have a Halloween dress up party in connection with the birthday party.

Mrs. Jennie Farnsworth of Lincoln is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge and Judith and Mrs. E. A. Stevens were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mrs. Anna Smith at Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spann of Atkinson spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart were evening guests.

Mrs. C. A. Townsend and her house guests, Mrs. Jessie Swain of Rapid City, S.D., and Mrs. Nona Rew of Osage, Wyo., spent Tuesday afternoon, October 6, at the Rolfe Snell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Juracek and family. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are the parents of Mrs. Juracek.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lashpore of Polk spent from Wednesday, October 7, until Friday with Mrs. Lashpore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell.

Mrs. Doris Townsend went to Hartington Thursday, October 8, to spend some time with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir. Mr. and Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Townsend spent Monday afternoon in Page.

Mrs. Jessie Swain of Rapid City, S.D., was a dinner guest at the Ray Snell home last Thursday. The evening Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Nona Rew of Osage, Wyo., were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Parsons and Jerry Terrill of Miltonvale, Kans., spent the weekend with Mrs. Parsons and Jerry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Terrill.

The Methodist youth fellowship met Sunday evening at the church parlors. Judy Simmons led the devotions. Bette French and Marian Heiss served a lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Taylor and daughter of North Platte spent from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grass grove to Taylor Sunday to bring Mrs. Anna Thompson to her home here after she had spent two weeks with her father, John Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Palmer of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Palmer of Lincoln visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Taylor.

Pvt. Richard Buxton came from Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Sunday to spend 13 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Buxton. He will report to Ft. Louis, Wash., October 23.

**THE FRONTIER**

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Mr. and Mrs. William Obermire and family of Atkinson were Sunday evening, October 11, dinner guests of the G. L. Obermire family.

Miss Vesta Mitchell came from Bloomfield on Saturday and is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell, and family.

Miss Marge Chaney of Omaha spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Earl Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Goodwin of Amarillo, Tex., came Saturday, October 10, to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moses, and family. Mrs. Goodwin will be remembered here as Eurice Moses.

Miss Doris Pettijohn came from Omaha Friday, October 9, and spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Clara Pettijohn.

Mrs. Stanley Cobb, Mrs. Ethel Stracke, Douglas Cobb and Beverly Wallinger went to Hastings Friday, October 9, and spent the weekend with Miss Jane Cobb, who is attending Hastings college.

Stanley Cobb attended the laymen's retreat at Niobrara on Sunday.

**DANCE  
SUMMERLAND  
at Ewing  
Friday, Oct. 16  
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter and daughter, Zona, of Burwell were Sunday evening dinner guests of the Berlin Mitchell family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coffman returned Friday from Little Rock, Ark., where they attended a stock show.

Mrs. Alberta Hoffman returned Wednesday, October 7, from Gordon where she had been working for two months.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nachtman and son went to Verdigris Sunday to visit the Joe Jerman home. Mrs. Nachtman and Mrs. Jerman are sisters.

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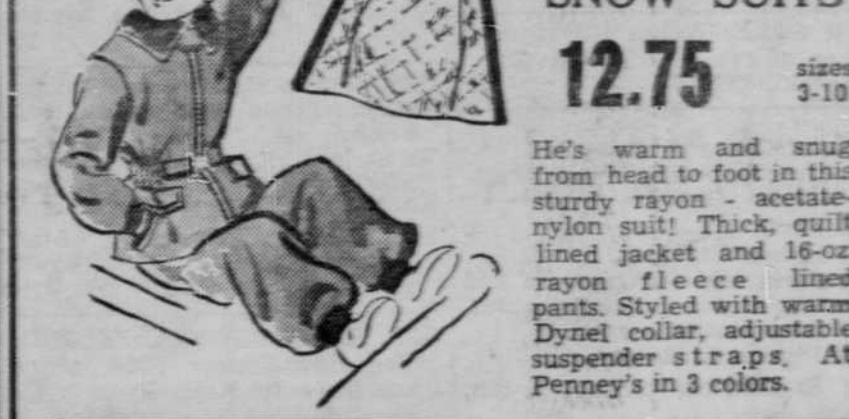
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**Mission Work Meet  
Next Thursday**

STUART—The Women's Society of the Community church met Thursday, October 8, at the home of Mrs. Stanley Cobb with 19 members and three visitors present. The devotional program and lesson was given by Mrs. Enis Olday and Mrs. John Strode. One hundred and fifty dollars was pledged to the mission fund for the next four years for mission work in India.

A delicatessen food sale was planned for Saturday, October 17, to be held in the Scout hall. Sale will start at 10 a.m.

A mission work meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Keidel on Thursday, October 22.

Following the business meeting lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Stanley Cobb, Mrs. Wesley Cobb and Mrs. Wilbur Moon.

**Rep. Miller to Speak  
to Young Republicans**

The Young Republican club of Holt county will hold a dinner meeting on Saturday, October 24, at 5:30 p.m., at Slat's cafe in O'Neill, with Rep. A. L. Miller as guest speaker.

An election will be held at this meeting for the office of assistant secretary, which has been vacated by the resignation of Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve.

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