

State Capitol News

Bob Has Experts Guessing

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LINCOLN—Speculation was rife this week at the statehouse as to what Gov. Robert Crosby might have in mind when he promises "a startling announcement" to be made at a special meeting on taxation he has called.

Crosby told reporters of the special meeting on the same morning he mailed invitations to more than 40 statewide organizations. The governor said he planned to tell representatives of these groups at a Friday, Novem-

ber 20, meeting something on taxes "which Nebraskans have never heard the like of before."

The governor then parried all questions by reporters eager to learn more of the nature of his plans.

Best guess seems to be that the governor has planned to call for a campaign of honesty in tax assessment returns by Nebraskans. This might fit the description of "stairling" and at the same time explain why he wants a large group present when he divulges his plans.

Presumably this campaign would be backed up by vigorous prosecutions of those who turned in particularly low assessment schedules in 1953.

This interpretation of Crosby's move met with considerable skepticism in certain statehouse circles. The catch is that no one can come up with a better prediction.

One line of thought had it that it might call for a special session. But Crosby has consistently said he can see no point in calling the legislature back into session unless he has a solid program to offer it.

Another is that he might have switched to the sales tax. This sounds unlikely because Crosby has said from time to time that he didn't think it offered the "magic solution" some of its proponents claim. Just recently his tax commissioner, Norris Anderson, resigned to join the farm bureau staff where he reportedly

wanted to work for a sales tax plank.

Some thought Crosby might be going out on a limb in promising something startling in a field where practically everything has been said already.

Others pointed out that if the group of assembled representatives pushed hard for a certain course of action—such as a special session—Crosby could take the easy way out in "bowing to the will of the people." This would take him off the hook of any previous stands he had taken on such subjects.

Tax Appointment—The governor will have good help in any vigorous tax effort in his new assistant state tax commissioner, Wilbur Houtchens of Kearney, has been named to the post of tax commissioner held by Norris Anderson. As Buffalo county assessor, Houtchens has established an enviable record of being a hardhitting assessor. After the recent assessment season ended, Houtchens, in cooperation with his board, "dug up" several hundred thousand dollars worth of assessed values which Buffalo county businessmen had "neglected" to list on their personal property returns. And Houtchens told the state board of equalization quite frankly that many business owners consistently turn in low inventories for tax purposes.

Liquor Probe—Hard-hitting action of another kind may be forthcoming from the state liquor control commission which is making a "spot audit" of liquor dealers over the state.

The commission suspects that a couple of laws are being violated. One is that no wholesaler shall grant a retailer more than 30 days of credit. The other is that no retailer liquor firm may have as a stockholder anyone connected with a wholesale liquor firm. That was written into the original liquor laws so that wholesale firms wouldn't have "retail outlets," explains Commissioner Chairman Tal Conrad of Sargeant.

One of the first cases to be uncovered by the audits involved the Ace Liquor Store, Inc., of Fremont. That firm has been cited for infractions of both laws mentioned above, according to commission records. Involved also is James Sutton of Omaha, a salesman for the biggest liquor wholesale distributor in the state. Statehouse observers point out that "some big toes are being trod upon here."

One commission employee said that the current auditing campaign could bring serious political "backwash" from powerful interests "unless the press lets the people know and the people back us up on it."

Drought Aid Fizzle—But on another front Nebraska state government didn't look so good.

Hitchcock county farmers asked for drought aid in the form of cheaper feed. They said they needed it so they could keep their foundation herds. Farmers there have lost crops two years in a row.

Governor Crosby sent a telegram to President Eisenhower requesting federal aid. About a month later a turndown of the request came.

There were no available state funds. Crosby called a conference of state and federal officials. The federal officials agreed to make a survey—with federal funds.

When the survey was completed and on Crosby's desk, he said that it showed that only 18 of 52 farmers interviewed said they would be unable to get through the winter on their financial resources.

Pointing out that several federal agencies were available to grant help, Crosby concluded that the Hitchcock county farmers would just have "to make it through the winter without any help other than from the established agencies."

Just where the fault, if any, lies is difficult to say. Legislatures have been leary of putting emergency funds into the hands of governors. But in the past such emergencies have brought calls to the federal government for help so it didn't matter.

Human Relations—Governor Crosby has appointed a committee to study areas where Nebraskans lose out because of race, color, or religion. He told the group he hoped they would make a "temperate" report of the kind he could present to the legislature for action. Members of the committee seemed to think it was a good idea in the fight against prejudice.

Crosby also said he wanted to enlarge the committee to include areas of the state rather than just around Lincoln and Omaha. He said that too often the Negro is thought of in this connection. But the governor, a western Nebraskan himself, pointed out that prejudice against Spanish-Americans or Mexicans in his part of the state is often serious. Also, the Indians come in for their share, he added.

A new problem along the line comes with displaced persons from Europe who meet prejudice of various kinds.

Mrs. Ruby Emerson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Neligh spent Sunday with the Derickson family.

Donna Mae Shower Honored—The Elkhorn Project club met with Mrs. M. A. Scheikopf on Tuesday evening, November 10. Two members were absent.

Each member present brought a quart jar of canned goods to be boxed and presented to the family of Donna Mae Fuhrer, a polio shuttin friend.

The lesson was given by Mrs. Robert Cook and Hattie Kindlund, on personalizing Christmas cards, and on slick tricks for housekeeping.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party with a 7 o'clock dinner at the M&M cafe and the balance of the evening to be spent at the home of Mrs. Roy Lowry.

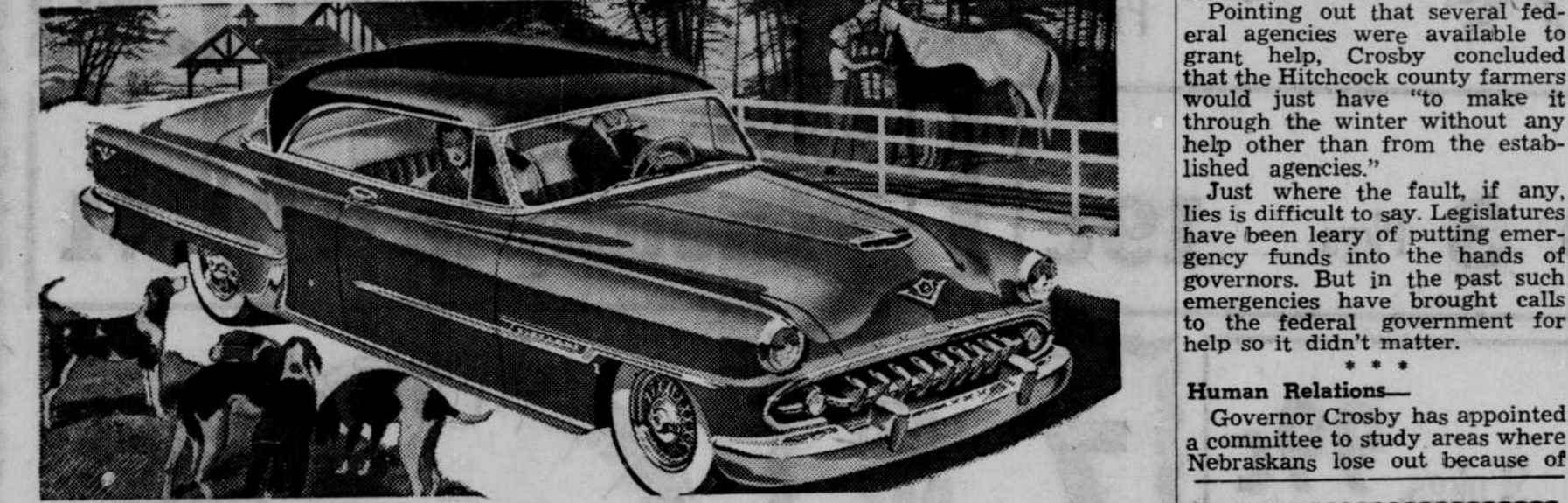
Lunch was served by Mrs. John Protvinsky and Mrs. William Kraft, hostesses.

Mrs. Lawrence Hoy and daughter of Lynch were Monday visitors of the Derickson family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elsbury and end guests at the home of her family of Atkinson were week-ends, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grenier and son, Carroll, Harvey Sawyer and son, Harlan, returned home Tuesday, November 10, after a few days of deer hunting. They stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens of Rapid City, S. D. The men got their deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan of Omaha spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

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