

State Capitol News

Salaries Cause Lots of Wrangle

LINCOLN—As the legislature reached the "quarter post" mark of the session this week, one of the outstanding features seemed to be the part played by the new legislators.

Ordinarily newly-elected "freshman" senators are seen and not heard. Only occasionally does a colorful newcomer—such as Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff two years ago—break the rule.

But this session finds many of the new senators energetically working with new legislation, taking an active part in committee work and floor discussion, and making an unusual impression.

More than one veteran senator has called this group an unusually astute "class of senators."

For instance, Sen. Donald Mc-

Ginley of Ogallala has been right in the front ranks in the fight to move the state school for the blind away from Nebraska City. He favors Kearney as a new site for the school.

McGinley has worked closely with a group of parents of blind children across the state.

On this same matter another newcomer, Sen. Norman Otto of Kearney, has made a name for himself in a different way.

Otto was widely quoted recently for a statement in which he said the matter should be thoroughly studied first. He said that while Kearney would welcome the school "with wide open arms," shthere shoul ondeb isTg-oA there should not be a forcible removal.

This brought favorable comment from newspaper editors across the state as a "statesmanlike" statement.

The farmers of the state have picked up an able group of senators in "freshmen" Arnold Ruhnke of Plymouth, LeRoy Bahensky of Palmer and Don Thompson of McCook.

Ruhnke and Bahensky were in the forefront of the fight made by the less populous counties to see that they didn't lose their share of the state gasoline tax.

Morrison and Thompson bring first-hand knowledge of irrigation problems to the legislature.

Dr. George Hoffmeister, new senator from Imperial, is quietly making himself felt in matters pertaining to health and safety.

And, of course, the only feminine member of the legislature, Mrs. Frank Foote of Axtell, has come in for her share of publicity. Mrs. Foote has followed the policy that a woman should weigh her words carefully in an assembly of men.

However, on one occasion when she vigorously opposed a bill she got action. That was a measure to have women have equal responsibilities for contracts as men. Mrs. Foote said she was opposed to this bill until her measure asking for "equal work" for women is given a chance. The legislature agreed with her and killed the bill.

Salaries—Causing a lot of wrangling in these early weeks of the session has been the problem of salary increase bills.

These range all the way from salary increase requests for state supreme court judges on down to higher salaries for city and village officials.

All of these have been referred to the miscellaneous appropriations committee of which Sen. John Aufenkamp of Julian is chairman. Aufenkamp has stated that he thinks it is time to "hold the line."

On at least one bill he commented, "I want to be reasonable but I don't want to be Santa Claus either."

A number of senators agree with him that since the economy of the state is holding level that salaries shouldn't be increased at this time.

On the other hand, other senators argue that if good men are to be retained and attracted into government, higher salaries must be paid to compete with private industry.

For instance, in speaking for a bill to increase salaries of supreme court and district judges, Sen. Robert Brower of Fullerton pointed out that many younger attorneys are making far more than the judges. If good young men are to be attracted to take these important jobs, more money will

have to be offered, Brower asserted.

Fair Employment—

A surprising development in this legislature may be that a bill for fair employment practices may go to the floor of the legislature.

Such bills have been killed regularly in the labor committee in past sessions.

This time there was again a well-attended hearing at which church, Negro, Jewish and Indian leaders spoke. The only difference was that the bill appeared to have a chance to stay alive.

Nobody was very enthusiastic about the particular bill, LB 7, that was heard. They felt it was too vague and might seriously hurt some employers.

But there appeared to be a feeling among a number of members of the labor committee that something should be done to make sure that in Nebraska members of minority races are not discriminated against when it comes to getting jobs.

The matter is being held to see if a more satisfactory bill can be drawn.

No Turnpike?

The question of whether Nebraska will have a toll road appeared to hang in the balance at week's end.

A surprising amount of opposition developed to a proposal to "loan" the Nebraska Turnpike authority \$150,000 with which to make an engineering survey on the feasibility of a toll road across the state.

Observers predicted the bill would be killed by the legislature banking committee.

Still to be heard is a measure that would abolish the authority altogether.

All of this might indicate that the idea of a free interstate highway across the state is gaining ground. However, even this is expected to bring opposition from groups which don't like the "controlled access" idea.

Controlled access means that the state highway department would have the right to tell anyone where their entrance road to the superhighway would be. Purpose is to get greater safety without the danger of side roads coming into the highway at too frequent intervals.

All of this will be hashed over by the legislature when it considers a bill proposing a complete reorganization of the state highway laws. One of these would give the highway department the "controlled access" power it would need on these superhighways.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Albion attended the funeral services for Mrs. Elmer Smith Wednesday, February 9, and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. William Smith to Omaha on Thursday to visit Elmer Smith, who is critically ill at University hospital. They were guests from Tuesday, February 8, until Saturday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Nell McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conner entertained the Pinochle club Saturday night. Mrs. Will Wattermann and Leland Finley had high scores. The hostess served lunch.

Mrs. A. O. Weber entertained the Forrest Henderson, Elmer Trowbridge and Jesse Kelly families honoring the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Trowbridge and Mr. Kelly. Mrs. Jerry Summers and son were also present.

William Leo Neubauer arrived in Long Beach, Calif., Sunday, February 6, from Korean duty and will be stationed there until March 5, when his unit will go out on experimental maneuvers for three months. Mrs. Neubauer was at Long Beach to meet him. Leo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Neubauer. He is in field artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heiss and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Asher went to Grand Island Saturday and were guests in the George Fink home. The Heiss' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fink, and daughter were there also. Mr. Fink, who was operated on for goniter recently, is reported in a "satisfactory" condition.

Mrs. W. E. Snyder returned to her home at Ainsworth Friday after a week spent visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Larson, and with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clasey and son, LeRoy, were Sunday dinner guests at the Melvin Held home.

The EMC card club members were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen Friday evening. The hostess served lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat will entertain the club February 25.

Mrs. Elsie Cork left for Iowa Monday morning where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Olive Thompson at Castana and with other relatives at Onawa and Turin.

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Broiler Cookery Lesson Is Next

LYNCH—Mrs. Harry Mulhair was the hostess to the Excello Project club Monday evening, February 14, with Mrs. Ernest Sixta as hostess.

Mrs. Albert Kalkowski presided at the meeting and Mrs. Ray Counts gave the secretary's and treasurer's reports. Mrs. Harry Mulhair read the creed and Mrs. Fred King led the singing with Mrs. Ernest Darnell at the piano.

A report on the last council meeting was given. Mrs. Don Allen and Mrs. Leland Moody gave the lesson on "The Care of Fabrics of Today."

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. L. Mulhair with Elizabeth Peklo as hostess. Mrs. Joseph David and Mrs. Fred King will present the lesson on "Broiler Cookery."

Other Lynch News
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haselhorst and family of Spencer were Lynch visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hammon and family were dinner guests at

the Ed Johns home Saturday, February 12.

Maxine Jehorek of Omaha spent last weekend at the parental Martin Jehorek home, returning to her work Monday morning via bus from O'Neill.

The Sunshine Extension club was held at the Harlan Holtz home with Mrs. Gerald Lee as hostess. The second half of the "Care of Fabrics of Today" was given by Mrs. Fred Spencer. Mrs. Lloyd Spencer and Mrs. Glen Davy were appointed leaders for the "Broiler" lesson to be held at Spencer, February 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pinkerman and Larry returned to their home in Big Springs on Tuesday. They attended the funeral of Marion Borall held at Butte Monday. They also visited relatives at Lynch and in Holt county.

Ted Schissler of Sioux City accompanied Veldon Pinkerman of O'Neill to Lynch Monday.

Dr. R. E. Kriz was in Omaha Tuesday, February 8, to attend the auto races. L. W. Gibson accompanied Dr. Kriz.

Rev. Anna Nelson motored to Bristow on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Versele of Monowi visited at the Jerry Sixta home Saturday.

A large number of Lynchites attended the Hazelhorst—Auddis wedding dance held at Butte Saturday evening, February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rossmeyer and family of Sidney spent several days here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johns received an announcement of the wedding of their niece, Miss Cleo Nelson, to Mark Kohlios at Grand Island Sunday, February 13, at 2 p.m., at the Messiah Lutheran church there. Cleo is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, former Lynchites.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harley and family were Sunday evening supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beckwith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Redlinger and family of Page were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wetzel.

Miss Jauernig Is Feted—

STUART—Miss Beatrice Jauernig of O'Neill was guest of honor at a prenatal shower given at the home of Mrs. Dale Henderson on Friday afternoon February 11.

Miss Jauernig received many gifts and a lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Dale Henderson, Mrs. L. H. Steinhauser, Mrs. Dwayne Lockman and Miss Ruth Rhodes.

Other Stuart News
Miss Lorraine Coats, music instructor in Omaha, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shald returned home last Thursday after spending two weeks at St. Onge, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shald went to Omaha Friday, February 11, where they visited over the weekend with their son and wife, Mr.

and Mrs. Don Shald, and their daughter, Miss Shirley Shald. Fred Mitchell visited Tuesday, February 10, in Norfolk with Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Kramer and Marvin Mitchell.

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