

# No State Tax Reform? Good Indications

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The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN. There are indications the Legislature may try to shape a tax reform program after all.

Signs early in the session were that the solons would snub Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff in his efforts to reform tax laws.

Reaction against Carpenter is strong in the Legislature. Rarely has it shown up in speeches, but in casual conversation it is there.

Voting records seemed to indicate that the fiery lawmaker from Scottsbluff would get turned down cold via the voting machine on any type of a try at changing tax laws.

But the tide appeared to turn when the senator got one of his key bills, to change the property tax assessment date from March 1 to Jan. 1 advanced after a kill motion was beaten down by 28-3 margin.

This is an unusual vote spread for the senator in view of sentiments of many of the lawmakers about the motives of Carpenter.

Gov. Ralph G. Brooks has gone on record for a group of the Carpenter bills, although he has singled out only a few that he especially favors.

Brooks says he did not have any tax bills introduced this session as yet because in a field of 61 that were offered he found enough to back his desires for a strong central assessing authority in the Capitol that would result in enforcement of laws.

**Charles Moon**  
Resignation of Charles Moon as state athletic commissioner ended the Lincoln man's 18 years in the post.

At 66, Moon, who also is administrative assistant to Dr. E. A. Rogers, state health director, said he wanted to have more time to devote to his duties with the health department.

As commissioner, Moon headed a small division of government that licensed boxing and wrestling matches in the state and collected a tax on gross receipts.

Moon's resignation is effective March 1. The job is part-time and pays \$3,000 per year.

Beginning with the late Gov. Dwight Griswold, Moon also has been a trouble shooter for the chief executive's office.

**Governor's Recount**  
Counting of ballots in the contested governor's race is not expected to run longer than two weeks.

That's the guess of the chairman of the recount committee, Sen. A. A. Fenske of Sunol.

Lawmakers went on record for a recount 26-16 and directed Fenske's committee to make an interim report to the Legislature after first tabulating Douglas, Lancaster and Scotts Bluff counties.

This was interpreted as a move to permit the Republican party, which is contesting the election of Democratic governor Ralph G. Brooks, an opportunity to drop the recount if no change is shown in totals of the State Canvassing Board.

Democratic officials generally criticized action of the Legislature, which although it has its members elected on non-political tickets, is predominantly composed of Republicans.

**School Redistricting**  
There are several phrases that appear in legislative bills that are sure-fire to bring out droves of citizens for public hearings.

One is "school redistricting." At one public hearing last week the small lounge in the statehouse was jammed with persons interested in the subject.

The reason they turned out is that a bill designed to correct a situation in Hooker county dealt with the main school redistricting law.

That was enough to bring out the citizens.

Another is mourning doves. Whether or not to permit shooting of this bird provides some of the levity of a legislative session and some very strong debates.

Included in the arguments are recipes for cooking them and the nesting and feeding habits of the birds.

Other standard crowd-drawers are sales taxes of any kind, trading stamp legislation which produces hundreds of housewives, bingo or fireworks laws changes.

As a rule, one of the most important subjects—that of changes in tax laws that affect every Nebraskan—produces none of the droves of citizens that can kill a bill often in a committee by sheer weight of numbers.

One thing that gets to a legislative committee fast is average citizens of the non-professional lobbying kind, especially if they are from the district of the solon.

**News Conferences**  
Gov. Ralph G. Brooks plans to hold at least one, and possibly two regular news conferences weekly.

The new governor has been extremely busy making speeches and seeing well-wishers and job hunters that come with the change of any administration—but especially if the switch also brings a new party into power.

Because of his schedule it had been difficult for Statehouse newsmen to get in to see the governor. The weekly conferences were the solution.

## Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinnison accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cihlar attended the funeral Monday of Ed Moravac, age 58, at Verdel.

Many friends and relatives of the Oscar Moser family attended the wedding dance of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moser of Norfolk Friday evening. The couple were married Sunday, January 18. Mrs. Moser is the former Carol Sproul of Norfolk. The dance was at King's in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butterfield

were Monday evening visitors at the Harry Caskey home. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter were Sunday dinner guests at the Ora Caskey home. Robert Scott of O'Neill was sawing wood Monday at the Ralph Brookhouser farm.

## Rock Falls News

By MRS. FLOYD JOHNSON

### Omaha Visitor At Parents Home Here

Don (Bud) Vequist came from Omaha on Thursday afternoon to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vequist, but hearing the prediction of considerable snow on the weather forecast Monday, caused him to make a hasty decision and head back for the City.

Tommy Vequist spent Monday evening with his grandparents while the rest of the family attended the basketball game and a party in town. Tom would much rather be snowed in with Grandma and Grandpa than in town. Mrs. Lou Brown, Terry and Cinda

accompanied Mrs. Doris Hynes to Osceola on Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tangeman. Mrs. Tangeman is the former Regina Hynes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and girls were Friday evening visitors at the Sam Derickson home. Gwendolyn, Trudy and Debbie Schultz were Thursday afternoon and supper guests at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

The John Schultz family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kersbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Carpenter and family were also guests there.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Derickson and boys were Thursday evening visitors at the Don Hynes home.

On Tuesday of last week, Edwin Grutsch and Albert and Don Sterns helped James and Ardell Curran dehorn calves. Mrs. Albert Sterns spent the day with Mrs. Curran.

Peggy and Randy Curran of O'Neill spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Curran.

Leo Snyder and "Slim" Hansen enjoyed an evening of TV last Friday at the James Curran home. Prize fights seems to have been the evening highlight.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and girls spent Sunday at the George Calkins home.

Little Debbie Yantzi of O'Neill visited her grandmother, Mrs. Kathryn Yantzi, Sunday through Monday of this week.

The Don Hynes family attended the basketball game in O'Neill on Monday evening.

Monday evening visitors at the John Schultz home were Francis Sterns and Linda Johnson.

Supper and evening guests of the Albert Sterns family on February 10 were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and children and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sterns and children.

## Only Unshorn Lambs Eligible for Program

Lamb producers should keep in mind that only unshorn lambs will be eligible under the wool program, Homer Ernst, Chairman of the Holt County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee advised today.

The program, which was set up under the National Wool Act, provides incentive payments on unshorn lambs made on per-hundred weight basis. The payment is calculated on the basis of the average weight of wool per hundred pounds of lamb, and the value of lamb wool in relation to shorn wool.

Payments on lambs sold between April 1, 1958 and March 31, 1959 will be made this summer.

when the average yearly prices received by growers can be determined. Lambs sold after March 31, 1959 will be eligible for payment under the 1959 program which runs from April 1, 1959 through March 31, 1960.

Chairman Ernst explained that the lamb payment is made under the wool program in order to encourage the normal marketing of lambs with the wool on. Without this payment, there might be unusual shearing of lambs in order to obtain the incentive payment on shorn wool.

Lamb producers are urged to keep full sales contracts and other records pertaining to the purchase and sale of unshorn lambs, since these records are required in the application for payment.

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## Royalty Chosen at Heart Benefit



Elected king and queen of hearts by popular vote at a benefit heart fund dance were Larry Wansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wansen of Ewing, and Carolyn Schmeichel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schmeichel. The event constituted the teenagers' contribution (admission was charged) to the heart fund. Runnersup were James Larson and Ellen Lohaus. The affair was held at the youth center and students from both O'Neill high school and St. Mary's academy participated in the balloting. Wansen and Lohaus are both from St. Mary's Schmeichel and Larson are from O'Neill high.

The Frontier Photo

# PUBLIC AUCTION

We have sold our farm and since we have other plans for the coming season we will sell at public auction the following described personal property at the place located 5 miles east, 3 miles south and 1/4 mile east of Chambers. . . OR . . . 5 miles north and 1/4 east of Hoerles Service Station. . . OR . . . 20 miles south of O'Neill on 281 and 1/4 east on

## Tues., February 24th

Sale Starts at 12.30 p.m.

Bethany's Ladies will serve lunch

## 36 -- Head Shorthorn & Guernsey Cattle -- 36

- 2 Guernsey cows, 1 just fresh, other fresh soon
  - 7 milking Shorthorn cows, 4 fresh now, others to freshen soon
  - 4 Holstein and 1 Guernsey heifer, to freshen
  - 3 coming 2 year-old Shorthorn heifers
  - 2 yearling Shorthorn heifers
  - 1 Shorthorn Bull from Wisconsin dairy herd
  - 2 yearling Guernsey heifers
  - 2 yearling steers
  - 3 coming yearling steer calves
  - 1 small calf and 8 mixed hand-fed calves
- These are Wisconsin bred dairy cattle: They have a good record and are the large type

## Machinery & Equipment

- 1946 IHC tractor, 9 speed transmission
  - 1952 IHC tractor, set of tractor chains
  - IHC tractor cultivator with fertilizer attachments
  - 18 foot John Deere disc
  - 290 John Deere 2-row corn planter
  - 7 ft. JD No. 5 mower, hay stacker and cage
  - Du-al loader, one year old with stacker head, bucket and manure fork
  - John Deere side delivery rake on rubber
  - IHC 12 foot hay rake
  - John Deere tractor plow, 3-14
  - John Deere manure spreader
  - IHC 10 inch Hammermill, portable PTO
  - 1-row Woods corn picker on rubber
  - 2 complete barge trailers
  - 2 hay racks, one on rubber
  - Five-row universal weed sprayer
  - All metal branding and dehorning chute
  - 3 steel work shop tables
  - IHC 3S Cream separator with electric motor
  - Cream cans, milk pails and egg cases
  - Two wood and coal stoves
  - Oil burning heating stove
  - 4 section harrow
  - Electric post drill
  - 3 feed bunks
  - Hudson sprayer
  - Hog troughs
  - Tractor hay sweep
  - 300 gal. fuel tank
  - 3-100 gal. fuel barrels
  - Electric welder
  - Gas Welder
  - Air Compressor
  - Cottonwood lumber
  - Used Lumber
  - Hog waterers
  - 8 steel stanchions
  - Cement mixer
  - Shop tools
  - Forks and scoops
  - Shovels
  - Electric Fencer
  - Household furniture
- Four-room dwelling to be moved. Insulated and REA wired.

## Hay, Alfalfa & Grain

- 25 tons of prairie hay
- 55 tons of Alfalfa
- 350 bales mixed Alfalfa and Brome
- 200 bushels ear corn: corn ventilators
- Stack of oat straw

## Poultry & Poultry Equip.

About 150 Hens. Chicken waterers, feeders, water heater, 5 metal feeding troughs, electric brooder stove, 500 chick size

- ALSO AT THIS SALE -

### 10 Head of Registered Hereford Cows and Heifers

Cow with calf at side  
6 cows to calf this spring  
Advance Domino, Pioneer and Pioneer Shadow: Two of these cows were shown in 4-H as heifers and were grand champions in their respective years—1954, 1955.  
3 coming 2 year-old open heifers. (Grand-daughters of Double Reo 3rd).  
Pedigree will be furnished with all these registered cattle  
There also may be a bull, a coming 3-year-old, at this sale. Sired by Double Reo 3rd: Dam, Proud Mixer

Kenneth Hoerle, owner

TERMS: Strictly Cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

# Mr. & Mrs. William Kolm, Owners

Col. Ed Thorin, O'Neill, and LeRoy Kirwan, Butte, auctioneers

Chambers State Bank, clerk

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