

Capitol News -

**Constitutional Convention Asked
By Senators Orme, Waldo, Vosoba**

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LINCOLN—What is the function of the governor's mansion? Is it a home for the chief executive, or a place for state functions, or both? This question has been posed by Gov. Frank Morrison. It came up with regard to statements over the amount of money required to pay certain expenses at the mansion for the next two years.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Dwight B. Durney recommended \$30,000 for the mansion and ex-

penses of operating the governor's office.

Morrison, a Democrat, said he asked former State Sen. Otto Liebers and Tax Commissioner Forrest Johnson to come up with the figure they felt was adequate. They recommended \$106,000.

To avoid any controversy Morrison told Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings, chairman of the Legislature's budget committee to disregard all previous figures and arrive at its own. As guide lines to the committee, Morrison noted that his wife, Maxine, has always done her own housework and cooking and can con-

tinue to do so if it is felt by the Legislature that the mansion is to be the home for the governor. If that is the case, the chief executive continued, the staff provided for the mansion is "far in excess of the needs of my personal family."

The staff consists of a housekeeper, assistant housekeeper, cook and a student who waits on tables and does other jobs around the house. But, noted the governor, the very size of the staff itself indicates the Legislature wanted the mansion to be the center of official entertainment in Nebraska and "be put to full use for the people of Nebraska."

If that is so, he continued, then the staff is more than adequate for the job. The mansion and the capitol, Morrison believes, should be on exhibit "as part of a program to stimulate state pride."

Spending Pressing.

The problem of state spending and its relation to where the state can get added revenue that will be needed for the 1961-63 period, daily is becoming more urgent in the Legislature.

As the lawmakers get deeper into the maze of 670 plus bills that have been introduced, the enigma becomes more intense. The head of the budget committee, Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings, urged committee chairman to report out of committee as soon as possible all bills that will require an expenditure.

Unless this is done it will put the budget committee behind in its work, Marvel commented. He said the group is 10 days ahead of the same committee in the 1959 session.

State Sen. George Syas of Omaha pointed to the need for weekly reports to the Legislature on the amount of money involved in bills before it. Whereupon, Marvel said this would be done weekly as it was in the last session.

In connection with state spending problems Marvel noted that some of the state-financed retirement programs "will be in serious trouble" soon, and that this area will need close study.

Nebraska Constitution
The Legislature will again con-

sider the problem—one of long standing—of whether to continue amending the Constitution a piece at a time, or call a convention and do it all at once. Three senators introduced a bill calling for a convention—Sens. Fern Hubbard Orme of Lincoln, Willard Waldo of Dewitt and Joe Vosoba of Wilber. In addition, Vosoba says he is determined to do all he can to keep details out of the Constitution that might tie the hands of the state in future problems.

Vosoba feels chances of passing the bill calling for the constitutional convention are much better than at the 1959 meeting when the proposal was killed in committee, raised on the floor, then killed. A record of 21 proposals has been offered this session to amend the Constitution.

Norris Bust

Nebraska will take official notice of one of its great leaders. The Legislature voted 33-0 to mount a bust of the late Sen. George Norris of McCook in a niche in the capitol. The resolution was introduced by Sen. Don Thompson of McCook, Unicameral speaker.

Thompson recounted accomplishments of Norris, known as the father of the Rural Electrification Administration and the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. The bust would be the first to be placed in the niches in the main corridor of the capitol.

Gov. Frank Morrison, who lived in McCook many years—the home town of Norris— noted that he hopes to get President John Kennedy to visit Nebraska in July or August in connection with the Centennial observance.

Orchard News

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Tilden and Mrs. Earl Smith of O'Neill were Tuesday evening visitors in the Fred Spar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lautenschlager and family were Sunday guests in the Alvin Voorhies home in Wayne.

Kathy and Vicky Miller visited with their grandparents a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen of Neligh.

Bridge Club

Bridge Club met with Mrs. Ed Bright Thursday afternoon. Mrs. N. D. Johnson and Miss Gertrude Gribble were guests. Prizes went to Mrs. E. E. Bruce, Mrs. Ted Berry and Mrs. H. H. Drayton. The next meeting will be with Mrs. D. L. Fletcher, Feb. 23.

Young Couples Pitch

Young Couples pitch met with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schleusener Sunday evening. Mrs. Karl Ash and Milo Snyder won high and Mrs. Milo Snyder and Jimmy Walnofer won low. Mrs. Paul Goller won traveling. The next meeting will be Feb. 19 with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Snyder. Mrs. Paul Goller assisted the hostess with the serving.

HYOA club met with Mrs. William Hill February 2 with 13 members present and three visitors. Mrs. Gerald Maple, Mrs. John Schleusener and Mrs. Bernard Schacht. Work was quilting and making tea towels for the hostess.

Past Matrons

The Past Matrons club met at the Masonic Temple Friday afternoon with 14 members present. Mrs. Marion Shipman conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. D. L. Fletcher wrote a history of the past matrons club and read it at this meeting. The afternoon was spent socially. Bridge was played. Mrs. H. Bradstreet, Mrs. Cecil Lee and Mrs. Oliver Dempster won prizes. Hostesses were Mrs. E. Bruce and Mrs. Ted Berry. The table carried out a Valentine motif and the lunch carried out the same.

Mrs. Ada Clifton returned to Orchard Tuesday after spending several months in California. Mrs. Chet Ogan of Creston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rudy Cederburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller spent from Thursday to Saturday in Omaha attending an insurance meeting.

Mike Voorhies, a student at the University of Nebraska, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Voorhies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hansen of Sioux City spent Friday in the home of Mrs. Hansen's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Drayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lee returned home Monday after spending four weeks in Florida, Arizona and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clifton jr., spent the past week in Pittsburgh, Penn., visiting their son, Rodney, and family. They returned home Tuesday.

Eryce Clifton of Lincoln spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clifton.

Mrs. Gurney Drayton and Rozan were in O'Neill Saturday morning, shopping. Gertrude Gribble accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ken Withee of Plainview to Sioux City Saturday, to visit Mrs. Lester Withee, who is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital.

The Orchard Garden club met with Mrs. Gordon Fletcher sr. Monday afternoon with 12 members present. Mrs. Hoyt Sirek, president, conducted the business meeting. It was voted to entertain the Brownies and their leaders after school February 20. The president appointed the following committees: Refreshments, Mrs. H. H. Drayton, Mrs. E. E. Bruce and Blanche Fletcher; entertainment, Mrs. J. W. Mahood, Mrs. Hoyt Sirek and Mrs. Duane Lenz; table, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs.

Ted Berry and Mrs. Gordon Fletcher sr. The roll call was answered by giving names of favorite garden catalogs. The lesson was on "hardy perennials" and the leader was Mrs. Gordon Drayton assisted by Mrs. J. W. Mahood.

Neighborhood Birthday bridge club met with Mrs. Allen Hill January 30 to help celebrate her birthday. Mrs. E. E. Bruce and Mrs. Ted Berry were guests. Mrs. C. E. Everhart, Mrs. Henry Drayton and Mrs. Ted Berry won prizes. Mrs. D. L. Fletcher served refreshments. Mrs. Gordon Drayton furnished the prizes. On February 4 the club met with Mrs. Henry Drayton to help celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Allen Hill, Mrs. E. E. Bruce and Mrs. Gordon Drayton were prizes. Mrs. E. E. Bruce was a guest. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hannah Johnson and Mrs. D. L. Fletcher furnished the prizes.

The WSWs of the Evangelical United Brethren church met Wednesday afternoon with 32 members present. Mrs. Wayne Lautenschlager, president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Claude Elliott led the devotions. The lesson topic was "Gods purpose". A play was given by Mrs. Leon Mitchell, Carol Clifton, Raymond Stevens, Hoyt Sirek, Duane Lenz, Wayne Lautenschlager, Claude Elliott, Boyd Mitchell, Louis Schrader and David Willats. Readings were given by Mrs. David Willats and Mrs. Wayne Lautenschlager. The group will furnish food to be served at the Forest Maple sale. They were invited to the Royal Methodist church February 17 at 10: a.m. for the World day of Prayer service. The hostesses were Mrs. Wayne Lautenschlager, David Willats, Raymond Stevens and Lee Bjornsen.

The Rev. Duane Lenz, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren church attended a pastor's convocation in Fremont from Monday through Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Mahood was a business caller in Neligh Tuesday.

Thelma Drayton is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayton.

Deloit News

By Mrs. H. Reimer

Mrs. Ralph Tomjack was surprised on her birthday Friday evening. The following were present: Mrs. Myrtle Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Spahn, Mrs. Vernhune, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ray and daughters of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer.

Mrs. Vernhune arrived back in the states January 31 after spending four months visiting relatives in Germany. She was happy to return and will resume her work at the cleaners in Norfolk Monday. She is the mother of Mrs. Don Spahn and Sam Verhune, a student in Ewing high school. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack and Mrs. Myrtle Jewell were guests Tuesday at the Rudy Morrow home in O'Neill. The occa-

sion was Mrs. Morrow's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and sons were guests Monday evening at the John Napier home for a party in honor of the twins first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer spent Saturday in Grand Island and Hastings where they visited the Howard Temple home.

HEO CLUB

The HEO Club met Thursday at the Fred Bollwit home. Mrs. Ewald Spahn gave the interesting lesson on "House Plants."

Mike, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmisser, celebrated his 9th birthday with a party Saturday afternoon. Fourteen of his friends attended. After an afternoon of entertainment his mother served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Ray, Vicky and Jodie of Omaha spent the

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weekend at the Ralph Tomjack home. Mrs. Tomjack returned to Omaha with them Sunday where she will have a check up.

Mrs. Myrtle Jewell is visiting the Johnny Bauer home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bauer were surprised by a group of neighbors in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

The 4-H meeting was held at the St. Johns church basement Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Borg and family are moving from Seattle, Wash., to St. Paul, Minn. The children will stay at the Johnny Bauer home while the parents move.

Mrs. G. A. Bauer, Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer and Mrs. Kubaty spent Wednesday afternoon at the Frank Bohn home.

Mrs. Louis Pofahl, who is a patient in the Methodist hospital is about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson visited the Don Larson and Harold Milnar homes in O'Neill Friday.

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