#### Capitol News -

#### Selecting Nebraska State Song Is Hard Task for Legislators

In 1895 Nebraska began collect- Cozad School ing its family of flowers, birds toying with the idea of a state State Education Department. This

Selection of the final choice for a state category is not an easy matter, as the Legislature's school removed from the board public health and miscellaneous on grounds it is an educational subjects committee discovered. At a hearing on the problem, the committee got four separate tion said it would assume opertunes as nominees for the title

One backer of a state tune, Mrs. H. B. Henderson of Auburn, a former singing teacher at the University of Nebraska, voiced her choice, "My Nebraska," while she marched back and forth before the committee.

Three others were presented on tape-"Welcome to Nebraska," written by Wilbur Chenoweth and Joyce Ayres; "We Love Our Own Nebraska" by Mrs. Ada Wild Plessman of Crete, and "Nebraska's Glad Refrain" written by Harriet Swan Spence of Crab Orchard.

Everyone felt that Nebraska needs a state song, most of all for ceremonial and promotional purposes, especially the 1967 Centennial celebration, but there was no agreement on how the tune should go.

So the committee sent to the floor for debate a bill calling for the establishment of a state song committee. The committee would conduct a contest to select songs for presentation to the 1963 Legislature.

For the historically minded, here's a thumbnail sketch of state categories: State Flag-Resulted from a bill introduced in 1925 by J. Lloyd McMaster of Lancaster county. The law describes the banner as a "reproduction of the great seal of the state charged on the center in gold and silver on a field of national blue." State Bird-A joint resolution introduced by Rep. F. C. Rundle of Hamilton county, approved in 1929, declared the western meadowlark as the state bird.

State Flower-A joint resolution introduced by Rep. L. P. Judd of Boone county, approved in 1895, designated the goldenrod as the floral emblem of the state. State Name-Nebraska was officially designated the "Tree Planters" State" under a resolution in 1885 by Sen C. H. Sloan of Geneva. In 1945 the Legislature changed Nebraska's popular name to the "Cornhusker State." State Tree-A resolution by Alois Slepicka in 1937 designated the American Elm as the state tree.

#### Sales, Income Taxes

The Legislature's action in sweeping away attempts to broaden the state's tax base was viewed generally as pretty decisive this session.

Even proponents of a broadened tax base were less than enthusiastic after the Unicameral action. The Legislature itself voted 28-15 against debating the sales-income tax bills the floor and a committee later killed another combination proposal by a 5-4 vote.

The broadened tax base advocates also were rebuffed in attempts to smash down the bill to increase the state park levy from 13 cents per \$1,000 assessed value of property to 30 cents per Friend, if you perchance have \$1,000

The park bill, LB 208, passed by a 30-11 vote. It sets up a 10year development program, fitax levy. It was estimated the park levy will produce a million dollars revenue per year, but before final passage, an attempt to cut the levy to 21 cents failed by only two votes.

If a bill clears the Legislature, and so on that bear the title of another institution under the Board "state". Now, the Legislation is of Control will be shifted to the is the school for mentally retarded children at Cozad.

Gov. Frank Morrison wants the operation and not a custodial one. The State Board of Educaation of the school if directed, but only on an experimental basis and if it has enough funds to handle the job.

The education department now operates the State Vocational Technical School at Milford, the State School for the Blind at Nebraska City and the State School 1 for the Deaf at Nebraska City.

#### Air Conditioners

The Capitol Building Commission is hustling to try to get the statehouse cooled to cope with Nebraska's hot weather.

State Engineer John Hossack, commission secretary, says one possible way of doing this is renting air conditioning equipment with an option to buy it. That way, he says, the state won't have a heavy initial outlay of

By the end of this biennium, on July 1, he says there will be about \$250,000 earmarked for air conditioning. The entire project is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$1 million. It would take 20 years to pay for the work on a "pay as you go" basis, Hossack says.

Building commission members besides Hossack are Gov. Frank Morrison, State Sen. Joe T. Vosoba of Wilber, A. Q. Schimmel of Lincoln, Maurice Hevelone of Beatrice and W. C. Fraser of Om-

#### A Poem

#### From Mrs. Eby ...

-Mother's Bible & Dad's God-

What a heritage was given to the ones of us who've had, A real Bible-loving mother and a staunch, God-fearing dad.

For their teaching and their influence, their faith, their earnest prayer, Sought God's presence in safe guarding us in all we do or

And no matter where we traveled or wherever we have worked, Constantly, that safe reminder however near where danger lurked.

We have tasted this salvation, known the joy of sins forgiven, And it's just a thrill, to travel this "grand central" way to

There is peace, unnumbered blessings, in the service of the

There is comfort, strength, and wisdom, found within His Holy Word. Tho' the journey's rough and rugged, storms and problems

look more dim, Clinging to the Rock of Ages, aims and eyes both fixed on

wandered and the world has won your heart,

Why not come back to the Savior, why not make another start? nanced by the special property Just in simple faith accept Him leave sin's paths that you have Rise! take action! start believ-

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(Mrs. E. Goudie)

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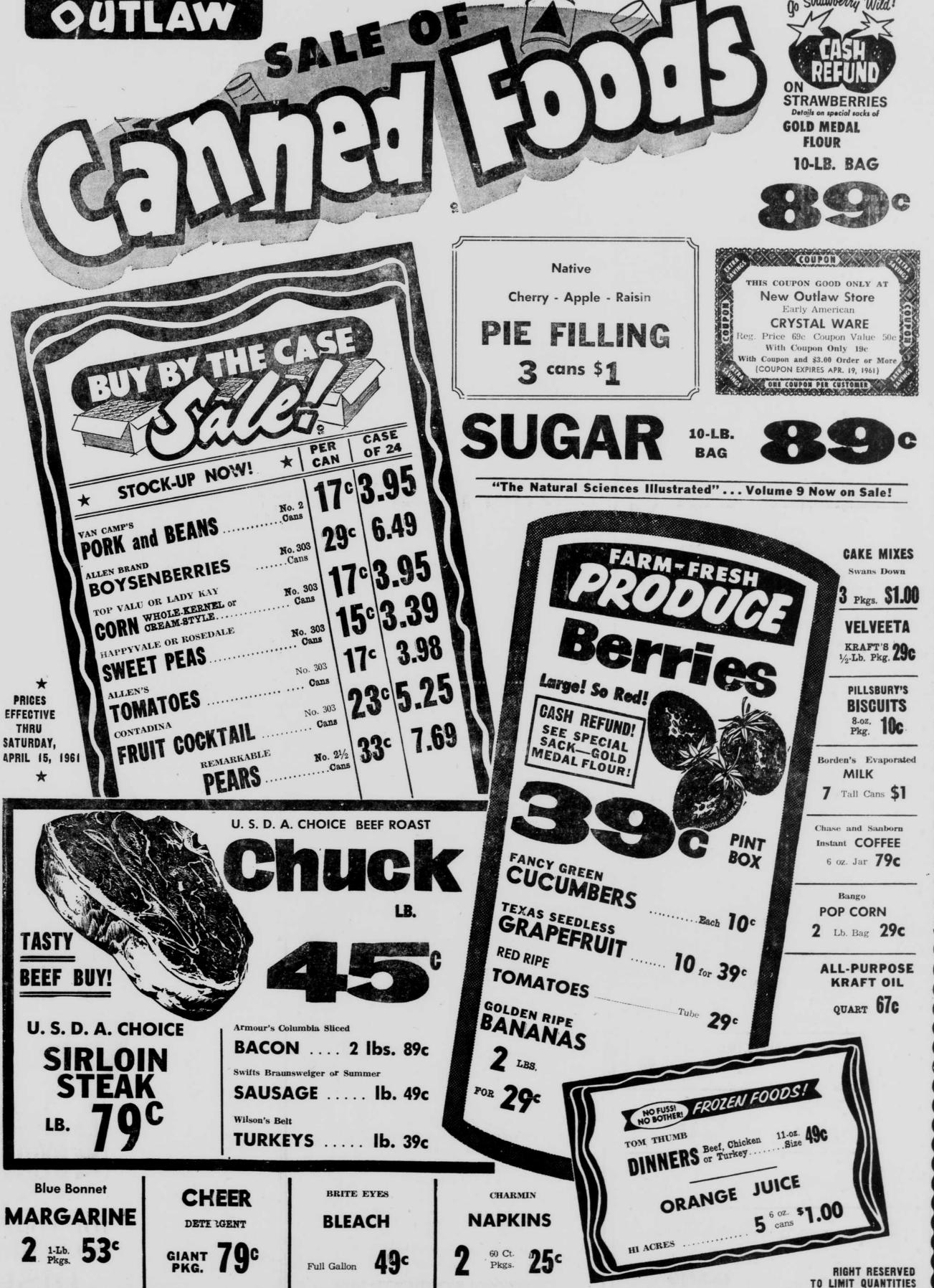
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