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**EDITORIALS**

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## Sewer System Causes Trouble

When the City Council called for public hearings Monday morning, one of the three delegations came from the vicinity of 8th and Park where basements had been flooded twice in as many weeks. The flooding was caused from Lincoln's inadequate storm sewer system, and it is a frequent occurrence in the area. The Council reports that it doesn't have sufficient funds for adequate maintenance of the city.

The Citizen's Council, a newly organized group, is sponsoring a

special election July 10th to revise the charter and make additional funds available. The council will make no attempt to dictate the nature or preference of the many uses. Storm sewer maintenance, park maintenance, traffic controls, street sweeping, paving maintenance and fire stations are all a part of the urgent need. To enjoy a much better service from your city government, point out the needs, vote in special elections and demand more.

## Red Cross Will Help

The Red Cross announces that families suffering flood damage who are financially unable to meet needs should make application to the Red Cross office, 308 So. 12th. Also, families who registered from the June 1 flood, who have additional damage, should contact the Red Cross office. Because of the large number

of families affected it will be necessary for those who, after cleaning up their places, find damage beyond their ability to meet to go to the Red Cross office.

Red Cross is prepared to alleviate hardships beyond the individual's ability to meet that might result due to the flood.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent  
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Nebraska's Governors—29

Robert LeRoy Cochran, governor of Nebraska from 1935 to 1941, has the distinction of being the first man in the history of the state to serve three consecutive terms as governor. (Charles W. Bryan served three terms, but they were not consecutive.)

Born on a farm near Avoca, in Cass County, January 28, 1886, Roy Cochran (as he is universally called) grew up in Lincoln County. He attended a rural, sod school for a time, then went to Brady High School where he graduated in 1906. He worked his way through the University of Nebraska, completing the four year course in civil engineering in three years.

Following his graduation from the University, in 1910, he worked for a while with the county surveyor of Lincoln County, and then for a few months with the Santa Fe Railroad.

He became county surveyor of Lincoln County in 1912, thus beginning the long career of public service in which he still is engaged. He became state bridge inspector in 1915, and deputy state engineer in 1917. During World War I he served as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army.

At the end of the war he returned to Nebraska to become a district engineer in the highway department. From 1923-1934, Mr. Cochran served as state engineer, holding that post under both Re-

publican and Democratic govern-

ors. The Democrats nominated him for governor in 1934. Defeating Dwight Griswold in the general election, Governor Cochran was twice re-elected. He defeated Dwight Griswold again in 1936; and in 1938 he defeated Charles J. Warner, Republican, and Charles W. Bryan, who was running by petition. In 1940 he made a try for the United States Senate, but was defeated by Hugh Butler.

At the beginning of his second term, Governor Cochran had the unique experience of delivering his inaugural address before the first session of the unicameral legislature. He served two years as chairman of the conference of state governors and as president of the council of state governments.

In 1941-42, Governor Cochran was on active duty as a colonel in the army. Since 1942 he has held a number of high administrative posts in the federal government. Since 1945 he has been chief of the civil works branch of the Bureau of the Budget, except for a time in 1947 when he served as deputy chief of the American Mission to Greece headed by Dwight Griswold.

## Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation in the State Capitol at Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 28, 1951, until 10:00 o'clock A.M., and at that time publicly opened and read for SAND GRAVEL FOR SURFACING and incidental work on the LINCOLN-ADAMS Patrol No. 11045 State Road.

The approximate quantity is: 3,025 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Course Material.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

Compliance by the contractor with the standards as to hours of labor prescribed by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," approved June 25, 1938 (Public No. 718, 75th Congress), will be required in the performance of the work under this contract.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) per hour, except that a minimum wage of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to:

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The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be ninety-five (95) cents per hour.

The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor employed on this contract shall be seventy-five (75) cents per hour.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen and information secured at the office of the County Clerk at Lincoln, Nebraska, at the office of the County Clerk of Beatrice, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to 100% of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this work, the bidder must file, with his proposal, a certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation and in an amount not less than three hundred fifty (350) dollars.

The right is reserved to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.

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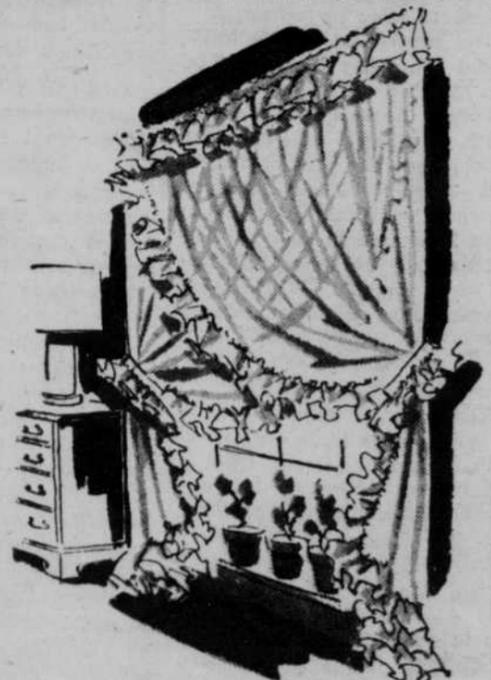


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