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### EDITORIALS

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## Capitol News

By MELVIN PAUL  
Statehouse Correspondent

LINCOLN—Whenever Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff rises to speak, the galleries fill almost magically, and the arm-waving freshman never fails to disappoint them. Don't ask me how, but the word gets around the Statehouse office that "Terry's talking!" and the state's business just has to wait while enthralled employees watch him declaim.

Last week his target was Gov. Robert B. Crosby and specifically the "political grandstanding" the governor employed in submitting his budget to the Legislature.

Carpenter, who several days ago proposed that the Legislature pass Crosby's budget and quit in an effort to shock Nebraskans into what he considers a better appreciation of the Legislature's abilities, this time teed off on Crosby's budget recommendations for the State Highway Department.

He recalled that in the governor's message to the Legislature, he saw the role of state government in these times as one of restraint and that he had proposed the State Highway Department spend about \$12 million less than in the past two years.

Crosby had said in that message that some might accuse him of grandstanding. "If that's not political grandstanding, then I never saw anything that was," Carpenter said.

The Scottsbluff senator found that State Engineer Harold Aitken

is being given a chance to make the grade as a member of the Chicago White Sox pitching staff. Johnson holds the Western League record for most strikeouts in one season. Johnson broke the record formerly held by Bobby Shantz.

Gene Baker, first Negro to play in the Western League, is getting a crack at the shortstop position with the Chicago Cubs. Baker went from Des Moines to Los Angeles, where he has performed brilliantly during the past two seasons.

According to those in the know, Mrs. Robert L. Vann, publisher of the PITTSBURGH COURIER, will be the first Negro to be named to an important post by President Eisenhower. Mrs. Vann is slated to be the ambassador to Haiti.

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was in agreement with him that budget requests should be based on need, rather than on existing revenues. Crosby's budget was based on the latter.

"How," Carpenter demanded, "can we get the picture when one part of the government nullifies another part by inflicting a political approach to the problem?"

Gov. Crosby wasted no time in firing back. Newsmen hurried from the Legislative Chamber to the Executive Suite. Crosby had not heard Carpenter's attack but his administrative assistant, Max Denney, had.

In one of his rare moments of annoyance, Crosby still weighed his words carefully and said:

"To ignore the earnest discussion of highways in my inaugural message and to ignore the entire promise of my budget message are useful strategems in political debate.

"The effort to distort both messages is deliberate.

"In the introductory part of my budget message I said plainly, 'This message deals with a discussion of the more important departures from the general fund recommendations in Gov. Peterson's budget.'

"For emphasis I repeated that what I would discuss in the budget message were 'what must be appropriated from the general fund.' I especially excluded discussion of cash funds. Anyone familiar with Nebraska's budget procedures knows that highways are not constructed or maintained through general fund appropriations.

"There was no occasion in the budget message to discuss highway funds because present Nebraska laws gave me no opportunity to recommend an increased amount. My budget recommended the same as Gov. Peterson's budget for road maintenance and construction.

"A considerable part of my inaugural message on Jan. 8 was devoted to the highway problem. I said it was 'an acute problem' and departed from the text to say that was an understatement. I told the Legislature that I regarded it to be a fact that any substantial improvement on highways would require more funds than now available."

## Notes of Interest

Members of the Northside Church of God at 23rd and T held a meeting at the church Sunday to consider plans for remodeling.

The meeting included 10-minute sermonettes and discussions of finances for the remodeling.

The remodeling plans include enlargement of the building, installation of a gas furnace and water service and construction of a washroom.

Elder Paul Hammond of Junction City, Kansas, serves the church.

Nebraska may need to dip into the 19-year-old age group to meet its draft quota during the next few months, Col. Frank B. O'Connell of the state selective office said last week.

Col. O'Connell said the April call for the state is 597, compared to 530 in March and 542 in February. He said the office has been directed to fill the quota with men of 20 years and above if possible, but if necessary to take some 19-year-olds.

There will be more 20-year-olds available when the spring term of school ends, O'Connell said, but some 19-year-olds may be called until that time. The April call compares with approximately 400 men called to the service for the same month last year.

There will be a Silver Tea on Sunday, March 8th, at the home of Mrs. Cordelia Walker, 2200 Dudley, given by the United Church Women's Kensington Club.

Everyone is cordially invited. Hours: 4 to 6 P.M. Silver Offering.

## Amsterdam News Award Won by P. Ballantine



DR. C. B. POWELL, publisher of the Amsterdam News, presents to Harry Newman of P. Ballantine & Sons the Amsterdam News 1952 Community Service Award, won by the Newark, N.J., brewing company for outstanding contributions to democracy in community relations.

P. Ballantine & Sons, Newark, N. J. brewers, are the winners of the 1952 annual Amsterdam News' Community Service Award, it was announced at a luncheon this week by the newspaper's publisher, Dr. C. B. Powell.

Harry Newman, New York sales manager for Ballantine, accepted the handsome plaque from Dr. Powell in Small's Paradise, 2294 Seventh Avenue, in the presence of about 40 guests. The inscription reads:

"For outstanding contributions to democracy in the best American tradition in the fields of community and inter-cultural relations."

In a brief address, Mr. Edward Lewis, executive director, Urban League of Greater New York, said:

"Ballantine has once again set an example which we hope others in the brewing industry will follow."

Among those attending the bestowal ceremony were: Mrs. Edith Alexander, executive director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity; baseball player Jackie Robinson, Community Relations Director of the National Broadcasting Company; Miss Ella Baker, president, New York branch, NAACP; Theodore Solomon, executive secretary of the Associated Grocers of Harlem; Glester Hinds, director, People's Civic and Welfare Association; Mrs. Walton Pryor, director, Consumers Protective Committee; Marvin Riley, director, Harlem Children's Center, and Berned Creswell, recently appointed Ballantine sales supervisor.

## People in the News

Sidney H. Alexander, Urban League executive secretary, has been named to the executive committee of the Council of Social Agencies.

Mrs. Lenora Lintz, operator of the Carver Nursing Home, was released from St. Elizabeth on Friday, February 27.

Mrs. Virginia Johnson left Sunday morning for a two-day visit in St. Joe.

Mrs. Joseph Lytle, new president of the Urban League, has been active in League affairs for many years. Her selection is most deserving.

Mrs. Eva L. Carr and Josh Gibson were listed among those having obtained a marriage license last week.

Connie Johnson, former Kansas City Monarch who won 17 games for Colorado Springs last season,

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