

CAPITOL NEWS

Taxes appear to be the main problem before the 61st Nebraska legislature now in session. Growing sentiment is reported that the property tax cannot support many more demands, and that new sources of income must be provided.

Sens. Dwight Burney, Hartington, and William Metzger, Cedar Creek, signed a bill to levy a two per cent sales tax. Burney wants to leave the field of income taxes to the federal government, support state government with the estimated \$20,000,000 annual revenue from the sales tax, and allow local governments and school districts a clear field with the property tax.

In that way, he said, local citizens are given a close check rein on their taxes. Metzger said he wants the proposed sales tax held until the all-important budget bill is ready and the senators can see exactly what the financial situation is.

If much additional money is needed, he said, the bill should be passed. If the legislature is able to "hold the line" of government spending during the 1949-51 biennium, Metzger said, then the legislature should be killed.

Sen. Lester Anderson, Aurora, changed horses in mid-stream. Last month he announced he had decided to sponsor a two per cent sales tax bill. He said he was convinced it was the answer to Nebraska's financial ills.

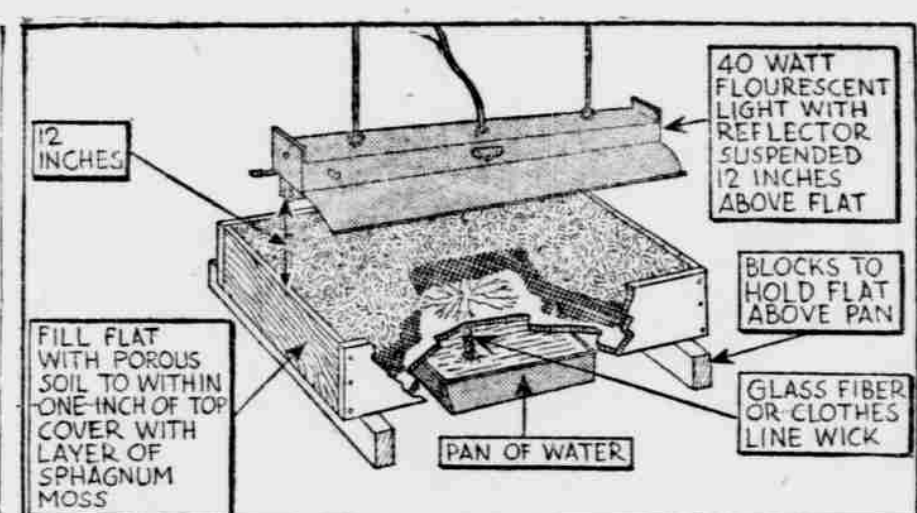
But this week he said he had changed his mind. Investigation convinced him, Anderson said, that a sales tax "is a poor man's tax which would rob persons on state assistance rolls of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a year."

He said he will introduce a state income tax bill, probably next week. Anderson said thousands of wealthy Nebraskans live on the income from bonds and securities, owning no property which can be made to share the load of financing state government.

"These are the fellows who can and should help pay the added taxes we need," he said. Anderson estimated his income tax legislation would provide \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year.

Other legislators are hopeful some solution will present itself which will eliminate the need for either new tax. Increasing present levies and fees would be preferable to these lawmakers.

The 1947 legislature tried that approach, and boosted liquor taxes sharply. Revenue from this source is considerably smaller this year than last, a fact Chairman Richard Brega of the state liquor control commission attributes at least partially to the higher taxes.



Inexpensive Equipment Will Insure Ample Light and Water to Your Plants, and Protect Them From Disease.

Science Designs Seed Box To Start Plants in Home

Grandfather's methods of sowing garden seeds in a box to grow in the kitchen window during the winter have been subjected by experiment stations to a series of rigid tests. Sometimes grandpa succeeded, and sometimes he failed; without knowing exactly why.

Science demands first to know why, and then seeks a way to prevent failure. If all the protective measures which have been recommended in the last few years were applied to a single seed box (see illustration) here is what it would have.

1—Automatic watering, by the wick method, to make sure the soil never dried out.
2—A layer of sphagnum moss on top of the soil, in which the seeds were sown, to prevent diseases, especially "damping off," which cannot develop in the anti-biotic moss.

3—A lamp, preferably fluorescent, suspended a foot above the box, so that the seeds are not burned by the daylight, whenever light is needed.

With this equipment, none of which is expensive, any amateur gardener ought to be able to sow seeds of flowers or vegetables in an indoor box, and bring the seedling plants up to transplanting size without disaster.

Most important of these devices is probably wick watering, which is as simple as an oil lamp. A wick, preferably of fibre glass, is passed through a hole in the bottom of the box. The top of the wick is imbedded in the soil, the bottom drops into a pan below the box, and as long as there is water in the pan, the soil will be kept moist. With a large enough pan you can leave the box for days without attention.

Sphagnum moss will not allow plant fungi to develop. By spreading a layer of moss on top of the soil, sowing the seeds in it, and covering lightly with more moss, germination will be quick, and loss by disease nil. But the moss will not take up water from below, and if wick-watering is used, it must be watered from above, until the seedlings grow roots which reach the soil.

Artificial lighting is not necessary, where a south window is available. But where it is not, if a fluorescent lamp is hung over the box, as indicated by the diagram, and kept lighted all night, the plants will get enough light. It will not be needed until they sprout. Mazda lights may be used, but they should be hung higher, so that the night temperature of the box does not rise above 65 degrees.

The matter of aiding Nebraska's needy citizens undoubtedly will be another thorn in the unicameral's side. Legislation boosting maximum monthly assistance grants to the ages from \$50 to \$60 a month, and to \$70 for the blind, sailed through the public health committee without a hitch, but ran into trouble on the floor of the legislature.

Sen. Norris Schroeder, Hoskins, served notice he will try to kill the bills. He argued there is no ceiling now on assistance payments, since needs beyond the \$50 ceiling are met from state-county funds.

Sen. Arthur Carmody, Trenton, argued that needs still are unmet for 20 per cent of those on the old age assistance rolls, and that all would benefit under liberalized grants. The extra money will be spent in the state, he said, at the corner grocery and drug store.

Schroeder called this a philosophy of "attempting to spend ourselves into prosperity. We have seen this tried, and we all know the results."

Further debate is scheduled for January 31. Valentine Rancher Dan Hanna is sponsoring another of the perennial bills to permit the state to serve oleo instead of butter at state institutions. The board of control estimated this would have saved Nebraska \$55,000 last year.

Hanna is prepared for opposition that the legislation would be a blow to dairymen and the state's economy. But he said law requires margarine sold in this state to contain at least 50 per cent animal fat, and said the law to protect the dairymen is comparable to taxing grapefruit grown outside Nebraska.

Gov. Val Peterson announced he has reappointed all state department chiefs except Neil Vandemoer, head of the assistance program. Vandemoer has served on a month-to-month basis ever since Peterson took office in 1947.

William H. Diers, Gresham, was reappointed to the board of control for a six-year term. Ross D. Rash, Gordon, was named to the board's assistance advisory committee for the term ending July 15, 1951, replacing Ralph A. Baker, Valentine.

Patrick F. Payne, Omaha, and Harry Peck, Lincoln, were appointed to the board of directors of the state safety council. The latter three appointments are not subject to confirmation by the legislature, which must approve the others.

Department chiefs reappointed were Rufus M. Howard, agriculture director; Donald P. Miller, labor commissioner; J. F. McLain, banking director; Bernard Stone, insurance director; E. C. Iverson, state fire marshal; Fred H. Kletsch, state engineer; Philip K. Johnson, tax commissioner; Dr. W. S. Petty, state health director; Henry Bartling, secretary of the board of educational lands and funds.

THEY'RE IN NO HURRY
URBANA, Ill. (AP)—Supervisor Arthur Kinzer has proof that prosperity is still around. Kinzer prepared checks for local workers in the election Nov. 2. He's still waiting for half of them to be claimed.

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South Ashland

Mrs. John Remmenga

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klipp spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Boller.

Mr. and Mrs. Asley Boller and Eddy were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Olive Whitlatch. Little Eddy Boller spent several days a week ago with his grandmother, Mrs. Olive Whitlatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holing were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell and Raymond spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stenberg and family.

Mrs. Martin Stenberg spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dalles Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield attended the Grange installation at Waverly on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Graham, Mrs. Mack Stickney and Mrs. Earl Mansfield attended a shower on Friday evening for Miss Denece Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield.

Clyde Jones, John Jones and Raymond Nelson were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones. Wilbur Miller of Lincoln was a Friday dinner guest. Clinton Jones and children were Saturday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kraft of Louisville and Mrs. Mary Lau and Ella of Murdock spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kupke.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kupke called on Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Heil at Louisville, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Schlu and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eggers.

Mary Alice Nelson spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bailey and Martha Dean were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. W. P. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Laughlin and Arthur spent Friday in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stock and children spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rishel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rikkl spent Sunday at the John Remmenga home.

Mrs. John Remmenga visited her mother at the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon.

rector, Eighth U. S. Civil Service Region, Post Office and Customhouse Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—Frank Lindstorm added a shiny new bicycle to his possessions after burglars failed in a try at his garage. Apparently frightened when Lindstorm approached,

the burglars left their loot, including a shotgun beside a nearby fence. The bicycle stood over the shotgun.

For several decades after 1606, English sovereigns made land grants to colonies, and Nebraska lay in the claim of three British colonies: Massachusetts, Connecticut and Virginia.



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PEEK at the STARS

By LYN CONNELLY NEWS Radio-Screen Editor

ONE of the most impressive contests Hance Heidt has had on his popular NBC show is 18-year-old Dick Contino, accordionist who won the first 14 weeks' competition when the program made its debut... A fine musician, the lad built up a following rapidly while touring with the Heidt troupe as guest star...



The adulation he received from young and old alike would be enough to turn any person's head, but Dick has proved too level-headed to let overnight fame change him... At this stage, he is still bewildered about the whole thing himself, although he thinks it's "all wonderful and a swell break."

Handsome, with black wavy hair and flashing dark eyes, he cuts an attractive figure on the stage, and when he smiles brilliantly and makes his accordion reveal what he is feeling within him, he is unbeatable as a showman... He will prove a natural for television and the movies, both of which he will enter soon.

Actually, Dick is like any other 18-year-old boy... Modest and unassuming, he is shy on the subject of girls... but admits he "likes them okay"... His forceful personality and amazing talent have captured the radio audience to the extent that he has a number of fan clubs all over the country that are actively boosting him, and in the recent 4-H poll of radio favorites conducted by this writer, Dick was chosen by his rural counterpart as the one most likely to become a star.

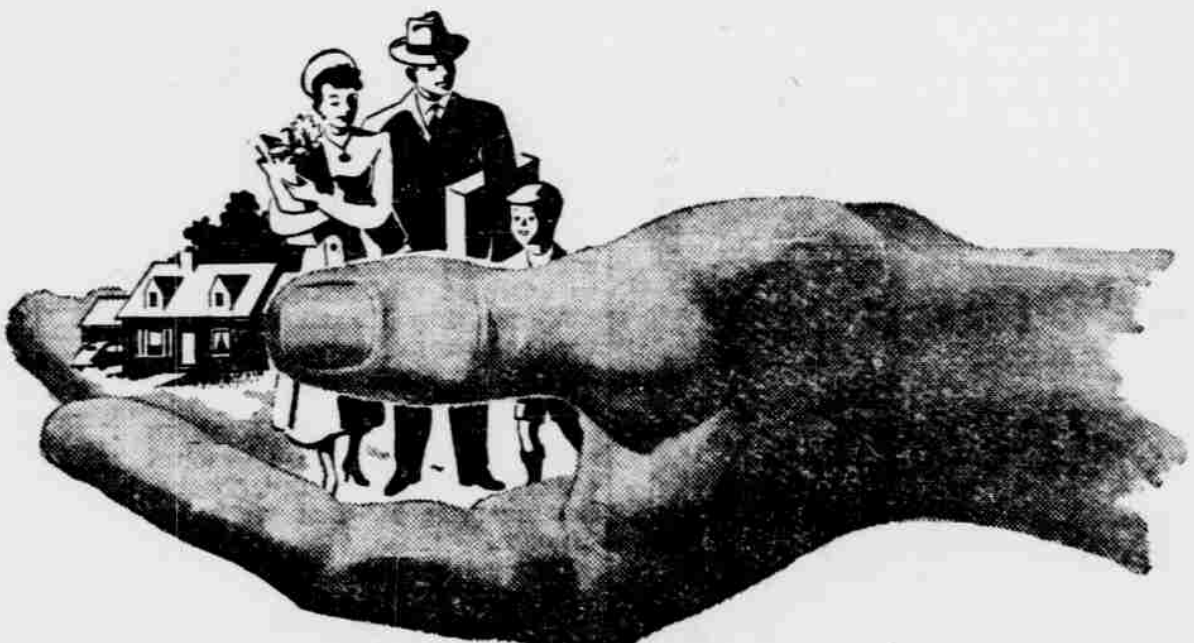
PLATTER CHATTER

Victor has two fine albums out in time to make excellent Christmas gifts... One is by Artie Shaw and features tunes from musical show hits, including "Rosalie," "The Man I Love," "Villal," "Donkey Serenade" and "Ziegner."... All pieces are instrumental and played by Artie with ease and finesse... The second album contains favorite hymns such as "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages," as played on the organ by Dick Siebert... The hymns, always inspiring, are more so at this particular season.

DENVER (AP)—Here's some news on the square that Texans, wherever they live, will find hard to swallow. Thomas B. Burnite of Denver says that Colorado is larger than Texas—in a cubic way, that is, because of its mountains.

Burnite points out that Colorado's volume of 134,349 cubic miles is first in the nation, while flat Texas' 86,070 cubic miles is a measly ninth. But Burnite does admit that Texas' square mileage of 267,339 is first in the nation and much better than Colorado's 104,247 square miles.

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