

# Unicameral Echoes

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**Costs of Government Up**  
Just as for everything else bought today, people are having to pay more for their governments, local, state and national. Costs for government have gone up all along the line because governments like people must buy goods and supplies and the services of people.

It came as no surprise, therefore, that the cost of the Nebraska state government operations was estimated by Governor Val Peterson to be about \$88,500,000 for the next biennium, 1949-51. Including federal funds available to the state for matching highway funds and other services, Governor Peterson fixed the total cost of the state government at about

\$125,000,000 for the next two years.

To convey some idea of what this will cost Nebraska taxpayers, the cost of state government during the next year will be approximately what the average gross farm income of the state was from the cash sale of crops during the 1931-41 ten-year period. The next year, Nebraska will pay \$44,225,000 for state government, if the Governor's recommendation is accepted. The yearly average of crop sales in the 1931 to 1941 period was approximately \$50,000,000, according to the State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics.

Admittedly, the 1931-41 period was one of the worst for crops and prices because of the combination of drought and depression. However, with an income known for certain that times similar to those years may not come again, and does anyone know how soon? Therefore, a re-examination of Governor Peterson's budget will be almost certainly one of the most important tasks of the current legislature.

The \$88,500,000 estimate includes only those state government activities which have been carried out in the past. It does not include a \$12,000,000 yearly state school aid program, of the twenty-year highway improvement program, which is estimated to cost approximately \$19,500,000 a year.

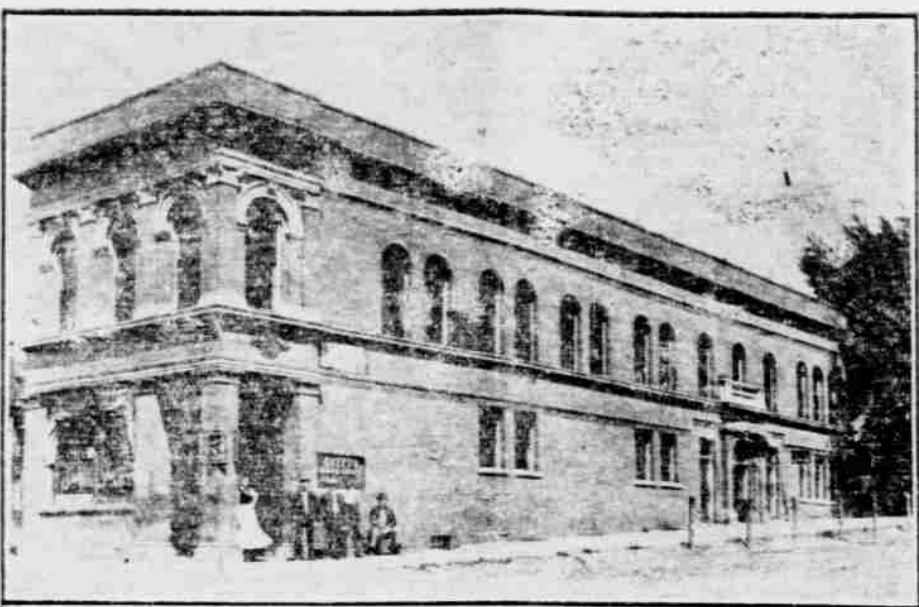
The state budget for the current biennium (1947-49) was \$53,000,000. This was the highest budget ever to date. During the last twelve years, from 1937 to 1949, inclusive, the state budget has been:

\$40,000,000 in 1937-39
\$38,000,000 in 1939-41
\$42,000,000 in 1941-43
\$39,000,000 in 1943-45
\$45,000,000 in 1945-47
\$53,000,000 in 1947-49

These figures are given in round numbers to the closest million dollars. They indicate also that the cost of government decreased slightly during the war years due to curtailed state government activities in highway construction and other services to the people. None of these figures include federal funds or emergency appropriations, but represent only the taxes collected from the citizens of the state by the government.

With government costs almost doubling between the current biennium and the 1949-51 biennium, state Senators are making every effort to keep costs down and will re-examine carefully all phases of the Gov-

The Gund building erected in 1904 is one of the newer buildings along Main street and stands at the corner of 4th and Main near the Cass county court house. The building when built was occupied by Edward Donat and down through the years it has been his place of business and the building at this time is owned by Mr. Donat and his son, Henry. For many years the Soennichsen store was located on the south side of Main street across from the Gund building. The top floor of the building has long been occupied by offices of legal firms, for many years Matthew Gerins, noted criminal attorney, having his quarters there and is now occupied by Attorney A. L. Tidd. The Cass



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ernor's budget for possible points at which the total figure can be trimmed down.

Senator John Callan, Odell, and his budget committee are not "spendthrift" minded. All members of this committee and all members of the Unicameral want to keep the costs of government down, if they can do so without impairing the efficiency and service of the state government to the people. They are farmers and business men and merchants and must pay taxes even as you and I. Furthermore, when this legislative session is finished they must come back to their home communities and do business with the people they represent. The Senators are aware of their responsibilities to the people who elected them.

At best, no matter what the final figure arrived at for the state budget, the people of Nebraska will have to expect that government is going to cost them more during the next biennium than it has during the years just past. On the other hand, the people can lower their demands for services. State support or government assistance of any sort brings government supervision and regulation and increases the cost of government. The choice of the kind of government Nebraskans have is, in the final analysis, up to the people, speaking through their elected representatives.

## SOUTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. George Vogler and boys, Miss Ruby Renwanz and John Kupke spent Wednesday evening at the Leonard Roerber home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Haynie and family spent Wednesday evening with Doris Richards and girls helping Mrs. Richards celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Glen Kuhn spent Friday in Ashland at the L. R. Ward home.

Mrs. Ray Carnicle and baby visited her sister, Mrs. Norman Mayfield Saturday at Ashland. Friday dinner guests at J. L. Carnicles were Mr. and Mrs.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

WHO REMEMBERS . . .  
...when the medicine shows came to town? You could have a tooth or two extracted free if you'd go up on the stage to be a guinea pig for a demonstration of painless dentistry. You could have corns or bunions removed painlessly, too. Between acts they sold snake oil, tooth powder and other patented medicines and drugs.

...when the right and left shoes were made identical and could be worn on either foot? This made it possible to wear down the heels evenly.

...when the American Boy magazine featured photographs of Cromwell Dixon experimenting with a bicycle-operated bi-plane? In those times aeroplanes were still pipe dreams and we were sufficiently elated over such wonders as the telephone, electric lights that replaced gas mantles and door bells that we could make by using salammoniac wet batteries in glass jars. When mother was talking on the old wall-type telephone (perhaps standing on tip-toe) we would hold the green receiver wire—and pinch it and wonder why it didn't stop the conversation.

...when women wore Merry Widow hats with big, broad brims and long hat pins sticking out? No masher ever dared to molest a girl in those days. In a crowded street car the hat pin stuck out farther than the lady's bustle.

...when some boy's marbles got on the loose and clattered all over the floor of the classroom, causing a terrible racket? Severe disciplinary measures always followed. Or, how the girls in the class would snicker, swallow their chewing gum and then ask to be excused from the room?

...when the ferris wheel on the midway of the 1893 World Columbian exposition in Chicago was dismantled and later removed to the St. Louis fair where it was reassembled? The wheel was 250 feet in diameter and had 36 cars with a capacity of six persons each. It revolved on an axle 33 inches in diameter and 45 feet long and weighed 56 tons. After the St. Louis fair it was wrecked and sold as scrap metal.



LATE FOR HER TRIAL . . . Arriving in Los Angeles from New York to face trial on marijuana charges, Vicki Evans, shown here, was greeted with the news that Robin Ford, involved in the same case, had been arrested again on similar charges. Summoned to appear for trial in mid-January, Miss Evans repeated her story that "lack of funds" prevented her appearance at that time.

Tom Carnicle and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Haswell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gakemeier Jr. were week end guests at the Bill Rosencrans home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Campbell spent Wednesday afternoon in Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grady, and Mr. and Mrs. John Grady were supper guests Friday at the Bill Rosencrans home.

Levi Everett has been released from the University hospital and is now at Rest Haven in Weeping Water.

Jess Fidler, Jason and Jerry Streight, Glen Thiessen, George Bobst and Bill Rosencrans attended the Golden Glove fights at Omaha Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Livers and baby of Weeping Water spent last week end with the Vyril Livers family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell entertained a group of their neighbors and friends at picnic Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Munn and Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Moller and boys were Sunday dinner guests at the John Fipps home.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Cox and children visited Monday at the Tyler Munn home.

Mrs. Diana Bushnell is receiving treatment at Bryan Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Valgene Ewing attended the Golden Glove fights at Omaha Friday evening.

Mrs. Glen Thiessen was a Lincoln visitor on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosencrans and Jackie visited Sunday evening at the Jess Fidler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Streight and Jerry were Sunday dinner guests at the Jess Fidler home. Jim Crawford was taken to the Clarkson hospital Friday evening. Mr. Crawford was threatened with pneumonia. Latest reports are he is better. Mrs. Betty Leming visited



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Education figured prominently in the early proceedings of the territorial legislature. When the first territorial legislative session (representing about 20,000 people) convened in Omaha

Mrs. Bill Rosencrans Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Hofmeister spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Tyler Munn and Friday afternoon with Mrs. Claude Sack. She also called on Mrs. George Vogel Monday afternoon.

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