

South Bend

Mrs. Glen Kuhn

Mrs. Lester Walland and son Leslie of Taylor spent from Thursday until Saturday with her sister Mrs. Bernard Dill and family.

Mrs. George Vogler and sons called on Mrs. Orville Cordes on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell to Brunning over the week end.

Jess Fidler and Elinor and Bill Rosencrans attended the football game at Lincoln Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers and Keith visited the Kenneth Livers family at Western Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Blum and Mrs. Vyril Livers were Lincoln shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frahm visited the J. L. Carnicle family Sunday.

Mrs. F. J. Knecht and Mrs. Bill Rosencrans attended the Junior class play at Waverly Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests at the Glen Thiessen home were Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Proctor and Paul and Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lackey and sons and George Bobst. The dinner was in honor of Paul and Pauline's birthdays.

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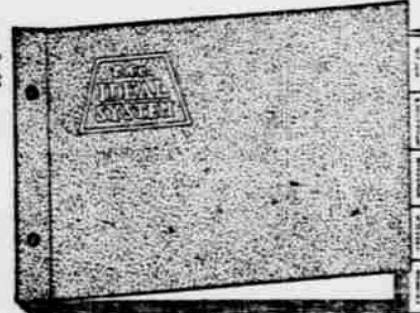
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CAPITOL NEWS

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LINCOLN — The statehouse was recovering from the election this week, which made it a dull week from a news standpoint. Cornhusker football and ducks and pheasants replaced politics as conversation topics in the crowded capitol cafe.

But government went on, anyway. The various state agencies have begun the parade to the governor's hearing room for hearings on their budget requests. Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson and Budget Director Loren Laughlin conduct the hearings which have been a lot more private than public up till now.

Everybody's asking for more money, both with which to pay employees and to operate their agencies. Biggest boost asked so far is from the Division of Nebraska Resources, which wants a 50 percent hike. The division created to attract industry to Nebraska, has an appropriation for the current biennium of \$100,000, plus an unexpended balance of \$1,433. Requested for the 1951-53 period is \$150,530.

The division said it plans to spend more than \$90,000 of its \$100,000 for advertising, largely in national magazines. The bigger amount also includes provision for an additional field man.

Still on the subject of budgets, the state liquor commission submitted a request of \$387,000, compared to a current appropriation of \$321,000. Chairman Marcus Poteet said the addition of six inspectors to the staff, along with general salary increases, accounted for most of the raise.

Attorney General C. S. Beck, in the request for the state justice department, is asking the legislature to approve \$6,000-a-year salaries for his five assistants. Their salaries now range from \$4,200 to \$5,000. Beck's salary is set by statute at \$5,000 and that of his deputy, Walter E. Nolte, at \$4,800.

More authority in self-government was recommended for Nebraska's 93 counties in the report of the legislative council's committee on reorganization of county government.

The group, headed by William Metzger of Cedar Creek, suggested 11 changes in laws concerning county government. This would necessitate two constitutional changes and several statutory revisions.

Recommended changes would remove the five-mill tax limit on counties, and give them authority to select their own government and fix the salaries of their officers.

Pending the outcome of the proposal for calling a constitutional convention, recommended by another legislative council committee, Metzger's group recommended that the legislature propose the amendments for submission to the people.

The committee recommended amending the constitution to: Permit each county to exercise the power of home rule in selecting its own form of government—the county manager, commission or "single executive" plan.

Remove the five-mill tax limit now imposed upon counties making "local citizens responsible for determining their own tax burdens."

Statutory changes recommended include: Giving each county the option of choosing a three, five or seven-member board of commissioners.

Giving each county the option of electing its board members either from single districts or from the county at large.

Repeat of all statutory provisions fixing salaries of county officers and employees, and substitution of a provision that the salaries be prescribed by the respective county board.

Other changes recommended dealt with clarification of the offices of county surveyor and county engineer, creation of a "county-wide highway planning board," conduct and duties of officers, and the status of townships in counties where they are retained as units of government.

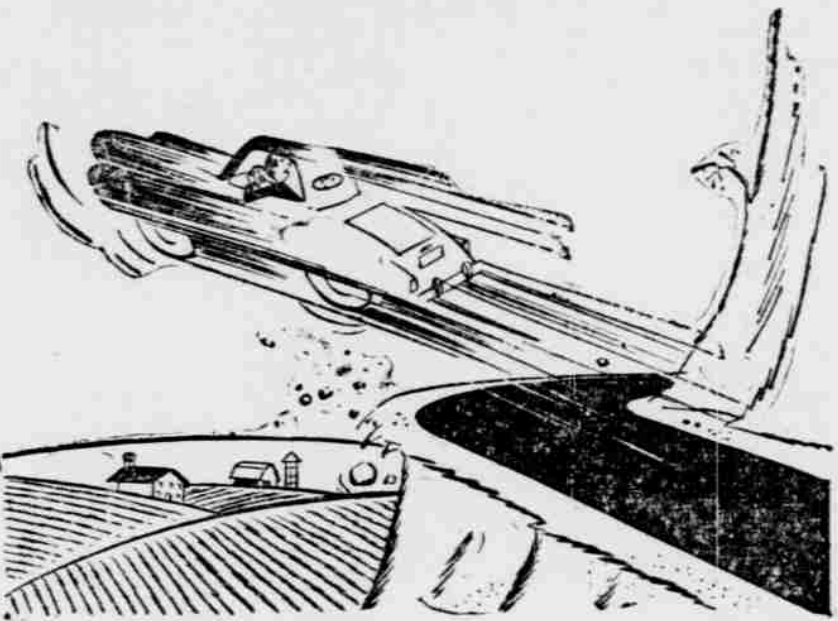
Bridges damaged in Southeast Nebraska's catastrophic May 8 floods have been replaced under the \$125,000 emergency repair program, state officials have reported here.

Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, state adjutant general, who directed administration of the federal grant, said the money would not "replace one-tenth of the flood damage." But many of the washed-out bridges were little-used and no longer vital to the counties' transportation. "Even so," he said, "it would take a million dollars to replace all the necessary bridges and that will be done slowly by the counties as they are able."

Henninger said the residents of the stricken counties—Johnson, Saline, Nemaha, Otoe and Cass are "exceptionally well pleased with the program.

Short, Short Stories from the week's capitol news: About 175 Nebraska towns are eligible for state and federal

FAMOUS LAST WORDS . . .



"Don't worry—I know this road like a book."

money during the next three years for airport construction, according to James D. Ramsey, state aeronautics department director.

Nebraska harvested a bumper crop of babies during June, July and August, state health department records show. The three-month total was 8,401, compared to 8,210 last year. August births totaled 2,973, highest month on record.

Revenue collected last month of the state liquor commission

amounted to \$182,034 the commission's monthly report shows.

PROGRESS MADE

A hospital project at Callaway, approved by State Hospital Advisory Board, is awaiting federal approval. If the project is okayed by the government, the village board will ask for bids.

American farmers doubled their use of commercial fertilizers during the ten years from 1937 to 1947.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nebraska's Governors — 22
Chester H. Aldrich, governor of Nebraska from 1911-13, was born on a farm in Astabula, Ohio, November 10, 1862. He was the eldest of five children.

As was true of so many other young men who came to Nebraska and made a mark for themselves, Chester Aldrich worked his way through school. He attended Hillsdale College in Michigan for three years, teaching school on the side to meet expenses, and then went on to Ohio State University, from which he graduated in 1888.

Shortly after his graduation, young Aldrich came to Nebraska settling in Ulysses, where he was appointed principal of the high school. He taught school in Ulysses for three years, reading law on the side. He also found time to woo and marry Sylvia Stroman of Ulysses.

Upon admission to the bar, Aldrich removed to David City where he began the practice of law. In addition to his extensive law practice, he was active in community affairs in David City, serving on the school board and the town council, as well as a term as mayor.

In 1906 he was elected to the

state senate and served one term. In 1910 he entered the Republican primary as a candidate for governor and won the nomination over two opponents. In the red-hot campaign that followed his Democratic opponent was Mayor Jim Dahlgren of Omaha, long a colorful figure in Nebraska.

Aldrich won by a comfortable majority, but the Democrats had control of the legislature which convened as he was inaugurated. There seems to have been little cooperation between the Governor and the legislature. If you will read Gov. Aldrich's messages in the volumes published some years ago by the state historical society you will observe that he vetoed many legislative acts, and some of them in sharp language.

Gov. Aldrich was renominated by the Republican party in 1912, but was defeated in a close race by John H. Morehead of Falls City, the Democratic candidate.

Following his term as Governor, Mr. Aldrich practiced law in Lincoln, until he was elected an associate justice of the state supreme court in 1918. He died, March 10, 1924, while serving on the court.

As Governor, Aldrich's messages were sharp and concise. He was one of the early boosters for good roads in Nebraska. In his outgoing message to the legislature, he stated, "Travel by automobile has now become general and eventually the almost exclusive way of getting across the country both for business and pleasure. To use the automobile successfully good roads are necessary."

Some of the more destructive insect enemies that infest American shade trees were imported into this country. They include the elm leaf beetle, the brown tail and gipsy moths and the voracious Japanese beetle.

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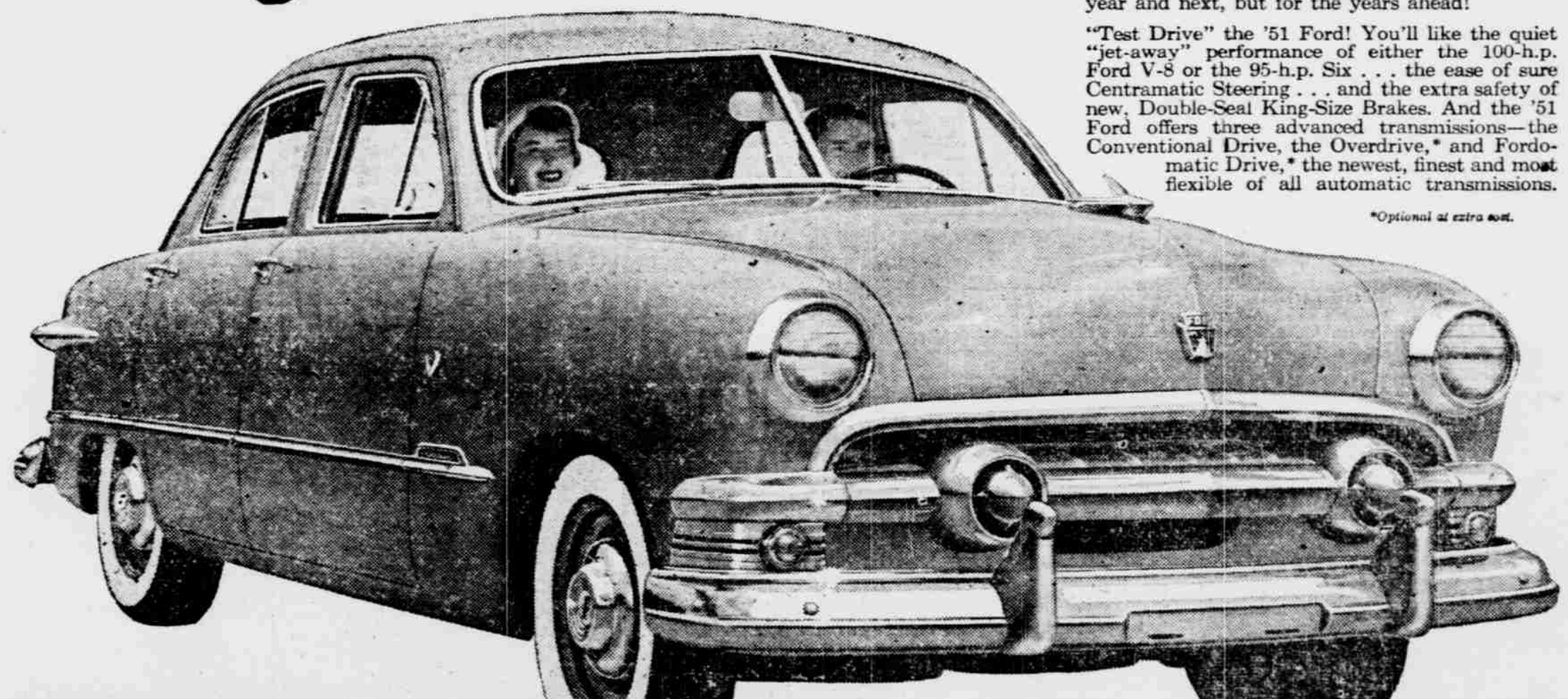
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