## CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN-The week started out quietly enough in the legisby a 6 to 3 vote killed Sen. deed. George Syas' bill to close the Milford trade school. Dr. Frank D. Ryder, state health director, had done better. He was named said he was thinking of taking chairman of a seven-man coma VA job amid reports of legis- mittee to study the operation of lative pressure for his resignation. Sen. Arthur Carmody to see if something could be done failed to get enough votes on about the red tape which Wilthe floor to raise his partisan liams said was doubling the cost legislature bill. And the law- of the aid program in some makers wrestled with the peren- | counties. nial problem of school land

had their cars pointed home-

ing two of Williams' bills, both of the state administrative de- lative committee find the time?

Governor Val Peterson had igtic" about the Williams bills, called upon to help. The governor questioned the The vote was 25 to 11 and as value of the research that it was soon as it was announced. Lt inadequate and he urged the Gov. Charles Warner pulled a

The measures—L. B. 315 and John Beaver, Beemer; Robert 316—are the result of a report by McNutt, Lincoln; Dwight Burthe legislative council commit-tee on reorganization of state omaha; Otto Prohs, Gering and government, of which Williams C. E. Metzger, Cedar Creek. was a member. They propose. among other things, setting up meeting would be this Saturday a department of taxation and with public hearings set for fol-finance which would, for instance, collect the cigaret and is finished. gasoline taxes now handled by

the department of agricul ure. tive council committee talked labeled L. B. 1-is having some with Agriculture Director Rufus pretty rough going. Sen. Arthu-Howard only 15 minutes before Carmody of Trenton is sponsor arriving at its conclusions.

mittee making such a study, the riculture a division of whea governor suggested, the job utilization. It would be financed might better be done by a "little by a levy on each bushel of Hoover commission" as proposed wheat grown in the state. This in the 1949 legislature by Sen. levy, Tom Davies of Lincoln. At any cut to 2 and the bill was amend rate, he said, the task should ed to make participation volunbe handled by "qualified per- tary instead of compulsory. sonnel" and not senators who Sen. William Hern of Chad-"are not trained and are not able ron, a chairman of the agriculto spend their full time at the ture committee which kept the



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everything possible and then to have the governor of this state stand before this committee and say that members of the legislature are not trained and not qualified .

When Chairman Karl Vogel ruled him out of order. Williams asked to be excused then stomped across the statehouse rotunda, through the senate chamber and into the cloakroom where he jammed on his hat and left lature. The labor committee, the building, a bitter man, in-

Earlier the same day, Lefty

Lefty's colleagues had rejected proposal by Sen. Charles It was just a routine legisla- Tvrdik of Omaha that \$50,000 be tive week-until Friday after- appropriated to hire a private noon, when most of the senators | management consultant firm to make the study.

Tyrdik's argument was much Then, as a crowded hearing like that to be made in the aft room sat shocked, Sen. W. J. ernoon by the governor. Legis-(Lefty) Williams, not the most laters aren't experts in assistpredictable legislator, broke up ance matters, he said. Why not a meeting of the government have some real, professional efcommittee which was consider- ficiency experts handle the job? And another thing, "Where on dealing with the reorganization | God's green earth would a legishe demanded.

But the senators liked better nited the outburst when, an- the proposal of Speaker Ed Hoyt swering a question asked by of McCook who suggested that Sen. Sam Klaver, he admitted the legislative council reference that he was "not too enthusias- bureau, a research agency, be

committee to make a much more scrap of paper from his pocket careful study of administrative and named Williams as the comdepartments before approving | mittee chairman with these members

John Beaver, Beemer; Robert

Williams said the group's first

The first bill to be introduced The governor said the legisla- this session - not surprisingly of the measure which would set Instead of a legislative com- up under the department of ag-

bill bottled up for a couple of That's what got Williams' weeks after its hearing, is one of its staunchest foes. So is Sen He jumped to his feet and Chris Metzger of Cedar Creek moved that the bills be killed. They badgered Carmody with Bitterly he said, "When we've ouestions as the bill came up for its first floor test

> But Carmody managed to get 27 votes to have the bill advanced against only eight dis-

This week, as it came up for second reading, the enemies were plotting more amendments.

No big blowout this Fourth of July. That was assured when Sam Klaver's hotly-contested fireworks ban bill cleared final reading with a 38 to 4 vote and its emergency clause still intact. That's the clause which makes a bill law as soon

as it's signed by the governor. There had been reports of an attempt to knock off the emergency clause-making the bill effective somewhere around the middle of August-so that there could be one last glorious pyrotechnical binge this Independ-

Defeat is something you have to learn to live with in the legislature, as any veteran who has seen his pet bill voted down

This week, Senator Earl J. Lee of Fremont knew defeat and he shi he's re- was a little weary of it. For the third straight session, the legislature has refused to place the calling of a constitutional convention on the ballot. This has been one of Senator Lee's fond-

> When he was told the government committee by an 8 to vote had killed this year's bill and was asked whether he'd try to resurrect it on the floor, he sighed and said, "No, I'm tired of trying to save the world. Let somebody else do it for awhile."

Because Harold Olson of Blair was only six months old when he was separated from his family, he didn't discover until last fall that he had a brother three years older than himself. The two were reunited for the first time in 27 years, when called to Minneapolis because of the serious illness of their grandmother.

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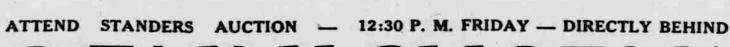
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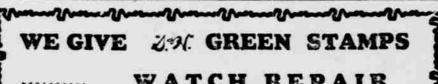






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