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## CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN—Hope for a comprehensive Nebraska highway program has flickered and died in the legislature.

Eight days after axing the gasoline tax increase, the lawmakers chopped down by a vote of 25 to 13, L. B. 520 which would have increased truck registration fees.

Meanwhile, the revenue committee killed the ton-mile tax bill on which it had been nesting since March.

Then, in an 11th-hour desperation move, Sen. Charles Tvrdek of Omaha got his revenue committee to sponsor a new bill, L. B. 562, which provides a use tax on all vehicles and would run for one year.

The measure was set for hearing this week, but even Tvrdek would give the bill no better than an even chance of passage.

The proposal would require a use stamp on each vehicle in the state licensed between July, 1951 and January 1953. Passenger cars and motorcycles would pay a dollar, taxis and farm trucks, \$5; city buses would pay \$10, interurban buses, \$25. The fee on trucks would range from \$5 for farm trucks to \$12.50 per ton on trucks over 20 tons.

Tvrdek guesses the income would be somewhere around one and a half-million dollars. This would be split 40 per cent to the

state, 60 per cent to the counties.

### TWO VIEWPOINTS

The motion to kill the truck registration bill was made by Sen. O. H. Person, a Wahoo veterinarian. He also led the attack on the gas tax increase.

Senator Person said he did not want to argue whether the state needed more money for roads or whether the highway department is inefficient. "We all have our minds made up on those things." What he does consider important, Person said, is that "if we believe in democracy, we should abide by the vote of the people." Nebraska voters last year reversed the action of the 1949 legislature which approved a gas tax hike and registration fee bill similar to those proposed this session.

But Sen. Dwight Burney of Hartington, like Person, a veteran legislator, did not agree. "The people of my district," Burney said, "elected me because they had a little bit of confidence in me and in my judgment." That means, according to Burney that the legislature must find a solution to the state's problem, including highway needs and suggested solutions, including toll roads.

Few senators could escape the irony of the fact that the 1949 program—so-called the governor's highway program—was based on an exhaustive study by a big committee of both Democrats and Republicans, all recognized leaders in their fields.

### ANOTHER STUDY

The legislature was expected this week to pass, almost without dissent, a resolution offered at week's end by Sens. Cramer, Carmody, Hoyt and Klaver.

It acknowledges the legislature has failed to develop a road program (because of a lack of time, it is explained in a handwritten insertion to the typed copy) and proposes a legislative council study of the state's highway needs and suggested solutions, including toll roads.

Those were fighting words to perky little Walter D. James, the reviewer of statutes who had put five months of work into the bill, he said.

After some overly-polite exchanges between the two legal eagles, the battle appeared a stand-off, although Assistant Attorney General Bert Overcash did tell Sen. Jack McKnight, sponsor of the bill, that he believed it to be constitutional.

### NO THANKS

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur was sorry, but "the pressure of my commitments" prevented his getting out to Nebraska to address the Nebraska legislature. But the fired Far Eastern commander cautiously left the door open. He hoped to be able to come "later on."

Speaker Ed Hoyt invited the general after the senators approved by a vote of 34 to 0, a resolution offered by Sen. Tom Adams of Lincoln, at the request of Mrs. Mary Kenny of Lincoln, manager of the MacArthur for President campaign in the state in 1949.

Sen. Charles Tvrdek of Omaha, who owns a well-developed sense of humor, managed two chuckles out of the affair. When Senator McKnight, who sits in the seat ahead of Tvrdek, said he thought it would be "very wonderful" to hear MacArthur Tvrdek rose. "Mr. President," he said, "if this will help make Lt. Col. (National Guard) McKnight a full colonel, I'm for it."

When Hoyt announced MacArthur wasn't coming until "later on," Tvrdek said, "Mr. President, I move we stay in session till he gets here."

### ET CETERA

These were the other developments in an abbreviated week: Adjournment date now appears to be May 29—with luck. Last Friday's meeting was the shortest of the session—39 minutes.

The public works committee's resolution calling for a study of watershed legislation was approved, 34 to 0.

Pay hikes for the governor and supreme court justices were approved, 30 to 6, but don't become effective for two years. The governor goes from \$10,000 to \$11,000 and the men in black from \$6,800 to \$7,400.

**PROMISE TO BE CIRCUMGOERS**  
LIGONIER, Pa. — Four delinquent boys can't escape formal punishment by Burgess C. W. Hantz if they "get religion" and keep it. Hantz gave the youths three-year paroles on their promise they would attend church regularly. They were charged with stealing candy, cigarettes and chewing gum from a local warehouse.

## Nehawka

(Mrs. F. O. Sand)

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiele, Plattsmouth, spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Barkhurst and Beverly and F. C. Shomaker.

Dinner guests Sunday honoring Arthur Johnson's birthday at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brandt and son, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Romans were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Romans and Rickey, Mrs. Dan Anderson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eno Ahrens at Louisville. Rickey returned home with his parents Sunday after spending a week with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beatty called at the Paul Saal home at Julian Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Beatty called at the Norris Hoberg home in Nebraska City Thursday to visit Donald Hoberg, who was home on leave from the navy. He returned to San Francisco Friday.

**Girl Scouts Have Picnic At Lincoln**

Twenty Girl Scout leaders, Scouts and friends enjoyed a picnic at Antelope Park Sunday evening and visited the Zoo. Their special interest was the birds for their credit on bird badges. Mrs. Glen Thacker, Mrs. Vance Balfour and Mrs. Randall Switzer drove cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Baller and sons were dinner guests Sunday of her brother, Mrs. Alma Berner at Weeping Water. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dick Berner and daughter, Louisville, called at the Berner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schmidt, Nebraska City, called at the John Tyson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Power were dinner guests Sunday of their daughter, Mrs. Paul Owen and family in Lincoln.

Mrs. George Lemley and Sharon, Omaha, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hines.

**Justin Sturm To Have Book Published**

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sturm received word from their son, Justin, of a new book he has written and which is now at the publishers, Dorrance & Co. The title is "Index to Sybil." The author's son, Alexander, made the design for the dust jacket. Mr. Sturm's writings consist mostly of short stories for eastern magazines.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Mayfield and Mrs. Cooper Hunt called at Bryan Memorial hospital Friday to visit Mrs. Dean Nutzman and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Fenske and family, Nebraska City, called at the Everett Jose home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Linder and son, Boyd, and Luther Gregg were guests for the day Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Linder at Essex, Iowa.

Many Nehawka friends attended the celebration honoring Dr. Brendel at Avoca Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Stapert and Sandra left Saturday for Alvo to visit with her aunt, Mrs. Edith Brown. From there she will go to California for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Murdoch and family called at the Marion Wiles home at Mynard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Rowe, Omaha, were supper and evening guests at the Everett Jose home Sunday.

## Gerald Kime Is Promoted To PFC

Gerald Kime has been promoted to private first class. He was moved recently from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas, where he will continue his training in the air corp for 17 weeks.

Mrs. A. F. Sturm and Miss Pearl Banning accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy of Nebraska City to Lincoln Thursday.

Four-H Sunday was observed at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Billy Mather led the flag salute and Rev. Hart gave an appropriate sermon. The choir sang several special numbers.

**Alumni Group Elects Officers**

The Nehawka Alumni banquet was served by the American Legion Auxiliary at the auditorium Saturday evening to 102 members and graduates. The theme was "Indian." Table decorations consisted of tepees, Indians and canoes. The programs resembled Indian pottery.

The menu consisted of buffalo, scalps, pods, goshawk, maize, Red Man's medicine, bricks and yum yum.

Officers, who planned the program and decorations were: President, Mrs. Bud Chriswiser; Vice-President, Clinton Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Dick Stone; Treasurer, Joan Kime; Toastmaster, Robert Sand.

The welcome was by Mrs. Chriswiser, response by Roland Hogue. Toasts were: "The Trail Ahead" by Jim Sturm, "Eager Beaver" by Larry Pollard, "Bows and Arrows" by Mrs. John Chandler, and "Fire Spirit" by Mrs. Ellis Lacey. Music was a solo, "Red Wing," by Jean Stone and two numbers, "Indian Love Call" and "Cherokee." The members of the sextette were Mrs. Ned Nutzman, Mrs. Hal Hansen, Mrs. Ivan Hansen, Mrs. Lyman Anderson, Mrs. Glen Thacker and Dorothy Sand. Mrs. Elmer Ross accompanied. The "Farewell Ceremony" was by Allan Hansen. A dance followed the banquet.

Officers elected for next year are: Mrs. Henning Johnson, president; Doris Franke, vice-president; Marjorie Whipple, secretary; Vance Balfour, treasurer, and Ned Nutzman, treasurer.

Mrs. Howard Bane, Plano, Ia., spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heesch. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Heesch and Mrs. Bane met relatives at Red Oak, Ia., for a picnic.

Mrs. Lynn Banks, Joan Kime and Lee Spier, Omaha, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Kime. Mr. and Mrs. George Poulos and daughter, Auburn, called at the Kime home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warden brought their son, Frankie, home Sunday from Children's Memorial hospital in Omaha, where he had treatment for sinus infection.

Mrs. Bernard Morris and children, Pamela and Allen, Omaha, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ross. Sunday callers at the Ross home were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kruger, Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marquardt and family, Avoca; Mrs. Ivan Hansen and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Heesch called at the Ralph Weber home in Lincoln Thursday evening. On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Heesch were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shomaker in Lincoln.

**Bible School To Start May 28th**

Through the cooperation of the Methodist and United Brethren churches the daily vacation Bible school will be held from 9 to 11:30 a. m. from May 28 to June 8. There will be classes for all ages and the children are welcome.

Mrs. Farrell Avise returned to her home Monday at Imperial. Mrs. Avise came for the graduating exercises of her niece, Marilyn Embury.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stone and son were dinner guests of Mrs. Fern Thoren at Weeping Water Sunday.

Shirley Turner, Union, returned to her home Friday. She has been staying at the Guy Murdoch home during the school year.

## Shower Honors Miss Emshoff

Mrs. Julia Kokjer, Mr. and Mrs. John Ehlers, Bertrand, were Sunday overnight and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balfour. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross and Mrs. Emma Nutzman visited their cousins and had dinner with them Monday at the Balfour home. Monday afternoon Mrs. Balfour and her guests, Mrs. Henry Ross, Mrs. Emma Nutzman and Mrs. Will Ost attended a shower at the Congregational church at Avoca honoring Miss Norma Emshoff.

Mrs. Kent Balfour and Mrs. Carl Balfour attended a shower Friday night at the home of Mrs. Neils Madsen with Miss Betty Whipple the guest of honor.

Ronald Dickman, a surgery patient at St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City returned home Saturday. Callers at the Dickman home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Little, Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Garrett, Unadilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waldo, Union, were dinner guests Sunday of her mother, Mrs. Henry Swartz.

Mrs. Melvin Sturm was an overnight guest of Mrs. Mary Albert in Lincoln Wednesday. Jim Sturm was a guest of his friends at the A. G. R. house. They returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Embury and sons will soon move to Louisville to make their home. Mr. Embury is section foreman for the Missouri Pacific there. Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Nixon will move into the house vacated by the Emburys.

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