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ALVO NOTES

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Mrs. Rosa Burke and two little boys and Mr. Clarence Menke from Lincoln, brother and sister of Mrs. John Weichel were week end guests at the Weichel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brunow attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Mr. Carl Compton at Weeping Water Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rieke were callers at the Mabelle and Ralph Winn home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Ruth Taylor and daughter Doris, who works in Lincoln, spent the week end at their home in Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton were Friday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klyver. Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Klyver attended the funeral of Mr. Floyd Dickerson in the afternoon at Lincoln.

Post-Thanksgiving Dinner Is Held

Mrs. Edith Braun entertained at a post-Thanksgiving dinner Saturday. The guests were Mrs. Grace Luch, Mrs. Elizabeth Soflin, Mr. John Yeager, all from Lincoln, and Mrs. Augusta Bucknell.

Entertain Double Deck Pinochle Club

Mrs. Mabelle Winn and Mrs. Cora Keyner entertained the Double Deck pinochle club at the home of Mrs. Mabelle Winn with a 12:00 o'clock luncheon and Christmas party with exchange of gifts. The afternoon was spent playing pinochle. High score was won by Mamie Williams, second by Alpha Bennett, low Vera Sutton. Mrs. Mall Kitzel and Luella Klyver were guests. Three members were unable to be present. The next party will be with Mabelle Winn, January 28.

The Ladies Aid held a supper and bazaar at the church Thursday night with a pretty good crowd considering the roads. They made around two hundred dollars.

Mr. Frank Dougherty was an Elmwood visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reike called on Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heier Friday evening.

Mrs. Mabelle Winn and Ralph were Monday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cheever and sons at Lincoln.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leaver are the proud parents of a little baby girl born at the Bryan M. hospital in Lincoln. The Leavers have another little girl.

Mrs. Elliott Is Dinner Hostess

Mrs. Mabelle Elliott entertained the following at Sunday dinner Dec. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson from Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Persol from Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winkler and daughter, Pamela and son Johnnie, Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dorn and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Halverson.

Mr. John Patterson from Ft. Collins, Colo., spent from Sunday until Monday at the home of Gerald Reber. Mr. Patterson is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Reber.

Parents Leave For Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rieke were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hill left Tuesday night for Washington, D. C. to spend the winter with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shuler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leaver of Lancaster, Mo., are here visiting the latter's father, Mr. Frank Dougherty and other relatives.

Mrs. Opal Mayfield entertained at a bridge party Wednesday afternoon with two tables of players. Opal served a lovely lunch.

Christmas Trees Can Be Put To Many Uses After New Years

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir, for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder. The remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed. An evergreen mulch helps prevent the soil from heaving during alternate freezes and thaws. Long branches may be built into little lean-tos to protect tender shrubs from sun scald.

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The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath acid-loving plants such as laurel or andromeds, rhododendrons and blueberries.

If the needles on the tree are still firm, use the branches in an outdoor windowbox. Then push the cut ends of the branches down to the bottom and tamp the soil firm around them. This will generally give you greenery all winter.

If you must burn your Christmas tree, don't toss it into a fireplace. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree tossed into the street can become a fire hazard if playful children pick it up and make a bonfire of it in a vacant lot.

Christmas Rose Enhances Yule's Festival Mood

Americans usually decorate their homes at Christmas time with holly, evergreens, or hothouse plants. Recently, however, they found a new friend in the Christmas rose. Nurserymen say this plant's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas rose is not really a rose at all but belongs to the crocifer family. It is a small plant no more than a foot high when mature. Nevertheless, it can put forth seven or eight small white rose-like blooms tinged with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus niger or black hellebore, it gets this name from its black stalks. The Christmas rose is no freak, no super-precocious flower or early-blooming plant. This legitimate child of winter flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures, demanding only some sort of shelter from the weight of snow.

Helleborus niger does not propagate well in the United States. Hence, most of the tiny plants are imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best only in the western part of those countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about the Christmas rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him him sail to Anticyra" said the poet Horace, of an ill friend. Anticyra was a Greek town where the black Hellebore flourished.

The delicate beauty of the Christmas rose is hallowed by legend.

Francis Burt, the first territorial governor of Nebraska, held that office for only two days. He served from Oct. 16, 1854, to Oct. 18, 1854.

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Capitol News

INCOLN — Governor-elect Robert B. Crosby has pledged he will work toward a reduction of more than a million dollars a year in Nebraska's state property tax.

The soon-to-be chief executive told a news conference he would seek a cut of "not less than 38 of a mill in the current levy."

The general fund levy is now \$5.88 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Crosby would attempt to make this \$5.50.

This is the way Nebraska now determines what the mill levy will be:

The various spending agencies submit their requests for two-year periods. The governor and tax commissioner hold hearings at which the department heads explain the requests. Then the governor prepares a budget for submission to the Legislature.

The Legislature's budget committee then holds another series of hearings, similar to those staged by the governor. Finally the Legislature appropriates the money. Then the State Board of Equalization figures out how much the levy must be to produce the property tax share of the general fund appropriation.

Crosby proposes to suggest to the Legislature appropriations pegged to a fixed mill levy, instead of the other way around as his predecessors have.

No matter what the new governor suggests, the ultimate decision is up to the Legislature.

While nobody at the Statehouse would talk for the record, there was some speculation that Crosby was fairly safe in promising a tax cut. Figures on file in the office of Tax Commissioner Philip Johnson indicate that with any kind of break in the valuations and with a continuation of high income from other taxes, it won't be too much of a trick to reduce the levy this year.

In nine of the last 20 years, the levy has been cut somewhat. Crosby acknowledges, "I'm not together aware that it will be easier to accomplish a reduction this year than it might have been in 1949 or 1947."

Plan

The Nebraska Citizen's Council, the taxpayers' group managed by former Tax Commissioner Robert Armstrong, has proposed a six-point plan to implement the constitutional amendment on taxation of motor vehicles which the voters approved last month:

1. Provide that the state tax commissioner shall furnish the county assessor schedules of values for all motor vehicles computed at a percent of actual value, the same ratio as the assessment of other classes of property bear to real value.

2. That the assessor determine the average total mill levy for all rural tax districts in the county for the current year and the average total mill levy for all urban tax districts, but excluding levies made by districts which don't receive any of the motor vehicle tax.

3. The assessor shall compute the tax on each vehicle by applying the levy to the value prescribed by the tax commissioner.

4. The tax lists shall be presented to the county treasurer before January 1.

5. The tax would be paid at the time of registration with the provision of paying 75 per cent if it is registered in the second quarter, 50 percent if in the third and 25 per cent if in the fourth quarter.

6. For the purpose of allocating the tax proceeds, the county treasurer shall use as the denominator of a fraction the total mill levy for the rural or urban districts, as the case may be, and for the numerator, the total mill levy of the local tax district.

Reappointed State Engineer Harold Aitken and Banking Director J. F. McLain have been reappointed by Governor-elect Crosby.

Crosby called Aitken's selection "one of the most and perhaps the most important appointments I have to make."

He said, "It would be impossible to expect that Mr. Aitken as administrator of the Highway Department to everyone's satisfaction but in an activity that is extremely difficult he has come closer to commanding the confidence of the several institutions that are quarreling over roads than I would have expected anyone to do."

Of McLain Crosby said, "He has conducted a careful and fair administration of the banking department and held the growth of regulation to a minimum."

Question The University of Nebraska went before Gov. Peterson and Governor-elect Crosby last week to justify its request for a 31 percent increase in tax funds with which to operate the institution during the next two years.

Most of the hearing centered around a discussion of whether the state can afford to operate a first-rate College of Medicine. The university is asking for a

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\$750,000 increase in operating funds for the college as well as for a \$6 million building program on the Omaha campus.

Officials of the school told Gov. Peterson that "if you are interested in health and saving

lives," Nebraska cannot afford to ignore its obligation to train young men and women as physicians, nurses and technicians. A Classified Ad in The Journal costs a little as 35c.



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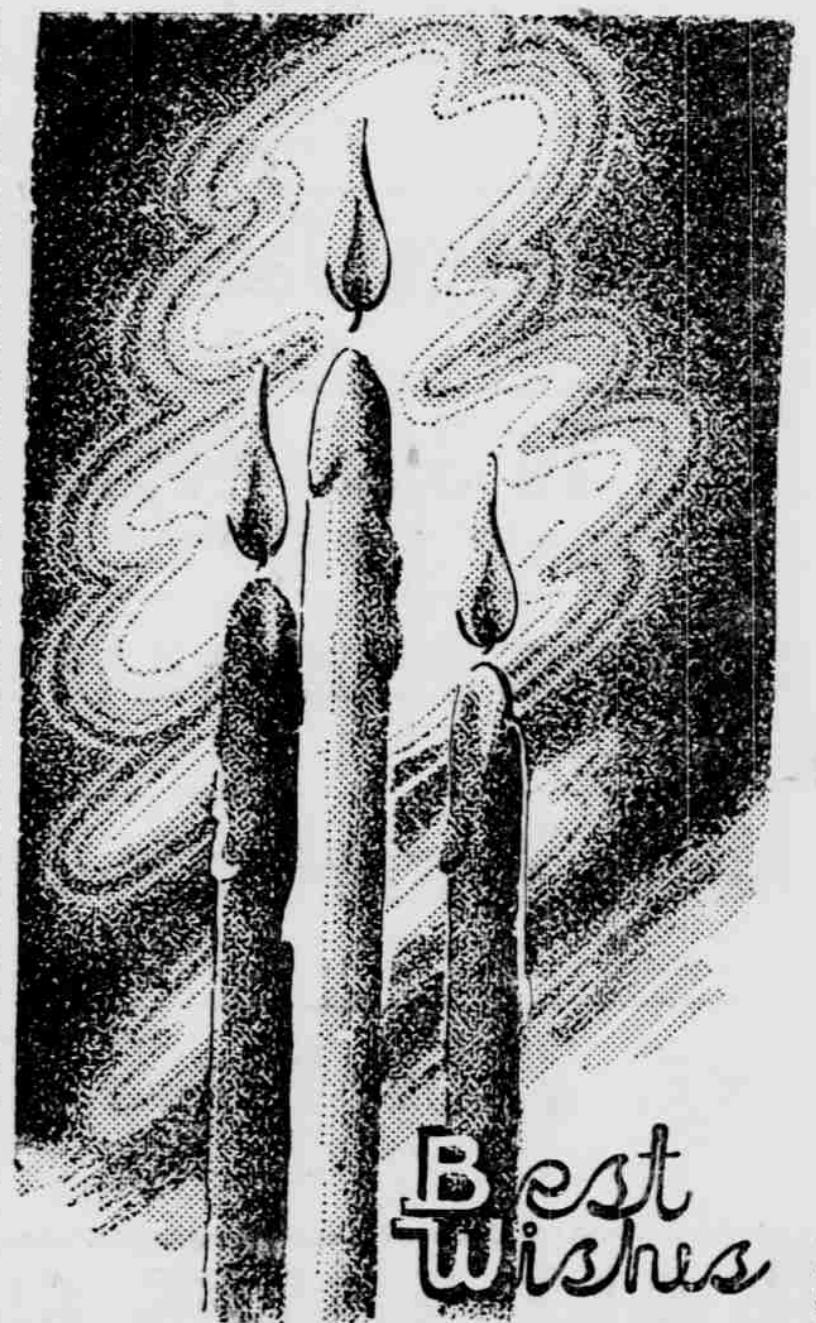
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