

## Metzger Burns At Lawmakers' Tax Reaction

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State Senator

The most unusual experience of my legislative career was experienced this past week on a measure to increase the tax on liquor and beer.

So dire is Nebraska's need for additional revenue to operate agencies of the government and to carry on a minimum requirement for the schools and roads, that the Revenue Committee asked the legislature by a vote of 7 to 1 for permission to introduce a tax measure placing an additional tax measure of 5c per gallon on liquors and 2c per gallon on beer.

Less than 24 hours after the committee took this action, the legislature was called upon to adopt this committee revenue bill, and believe it or not, twenty members of our Nebraska Legislature, who are elected by the people to represent their districts, refrained from voting either for or against this bill.

It was obvious that several of these twenty members who were present and not voting would readily increase taxes on passenger cars, real estate, trucks, and most every other type of property, but assure a hands-off policy on taxing alcoholic beverages even though the tax meant a mere 5c and 2c increase as explained above.

We have experienced an increase in taxes on almost every form of property in Nebraska. Yet the last time a tax on alcoholic beverages was increased was in 1951 for liquor and 1947 on beer. Nebraska is below the national average in regard to the taxing of these articles. It was not with an attitude of discrimination that the Revenue Committee proposed these additional taxes, but only an effort to be fair in spreading the overall tax load.

It is somewhat disturbing to see the growing power of the lobbyists in Nebraska, especially those who maintain full time headquarters and a "training table" for Legislators and in some instances their wives.

I strongly defend some lobbyists, who can offer services to the legislature through giving accurate information on their subjects, but I am experiencing a degree of anxiety over the influence that spend too much money to maintain the status-quo on tax matters.

Twenty men who would not even vote on a reasonable tax measure stands out thus far, as the greatest demonstration of members failing to assume their legislative responsibility because of cross political currents back home.

### ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is Eddie Brannick?
2. What horse won the recent Flamingo Stakes?
3. How did the U. S. team come out when it played Canada in the world hockey games recently?
4. Who is Don Hoak?
5. Who is Jerry Barber?

The Answers:

1. Road Secretary of the New York Giants.
2. Nashua.
3. It was defeated 12-1.
4. Brooklyn Dodger (NL) baseball player.
5. Professional golfer who recently set a course record at Memorial Park in Houston.

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## Bowling

League Standings:  
Independent League  
Third Week

Teams	W	L	Pins
Plattsmouth Motors	8	1	6539
Modern Woodmen	7	2	6196
Metz Beer	6	3	5932
Twin Gables	5	4	6622
Soennichsen's	5	4	6191
BREX Carmen	5	4	5893
BREX Office	5	4	5459
Fran & Estel's	4	5	5738
Smith's Men's Wear	3	6	5123
Lion's Club	3	6	5722
Minor Pontiac	2	7	5603
Stander Impl.	1	8	3792

Season's records:  
High team game, Plattsmouth Motors, 817.

High team series, Plattsmouth Motors, 2353.

High individual game, R. O'Donnell, 217.

High individual series, E. Koehler, 553.

Weekly records:  
High team game, Plattsmouth Motors, 817.

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Sunday Mixed League  
Second Week

Teams	W	L	Pins
Cuthrell-Holoubek	5	1	3290
Austin-Slavicek	5	1	2939
Kellison-Hirz	4	2	2662
Wurtele-Riemer	3	4	2737
Minor-Begley	1	5	2944
Spangler-Davis	1	5	2485

Season's records:  
High team game, Cuthrell-Holoubek, 634.

High team series, Cuthrell-Holoubek, 1702.

High individual game, Jim Begley, 209.

High individual series, C. Cuthrell, 537.

Merchants League  
Second Week

Teams	W	L	Pins
Steve Davis Ins.	6	0	4452
The Gas Company	4	2	4220
Riverview Home	4	2	4145
Bryant Motors	4	2	3859
Jim's Standard Serv.	4	2	3809
Mack's Kitchen	3	3	4583
Schreiner's	3	3	3976
Cass Theatre	2	4	4045
Cass Co. Motors	2	4	3878
Woster Shoe Store	2	4	3651
Kent's	2	4	3623
Ernie's Bar	0	6	3603

Season's records:  
High team game, Mack's Kitchen, 825.

High team series, Mack's Kitchen, 2395.

High individual game, Bob Brittain, 201.

High individual series, Frank Barr, 537.

Weekly records:  
High team game, Steve Davis Ins., 814.

High team series, Steve Davis Ins., 2336.

High individual game, Bob Brittain, 195.

High individual series, Bob Brittain, 507.

### Corner Bar Moves Back Into Lead

Corner Bar moved into the lead in the Plattsmouth duck pin league with a two-of-three win over VFW last week.

B. Tschirren led the Corner Bar team to victory with 159 high game with S. Harold scoring high series with 406. H. Austin led VFW with highs of 174 and 453.

Timm's took three straight from Welcome Inn to pull into a tie for second. Joe Case had high games of 171 and 438. R. Stoll led Welcome Inn with 16 and 412.

Eagles swept three from Myers as A. Abel high 174 and 468 to lead the Eagle team and D. Wolf high 134 and 339 to pace Myers.

Storz Zebras swept a three-game series over Firestone as Titus rolled 156 and 407 for high.

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Ofe's won two of three over Feldhausen as L. Gardner rolled the only 201 game, the only 200-breaker of the week, to top single game for Ofe's and hit 477 for high series. M. Bintner had 175 and 427 for highs for Feldhausen.

Stander won two of three over Ernie's with D. Newburn rolling 161 and I. Bomberg 412 to top Stander with H. Rohlf's 153 and C. Steinbach 383 to top Ernie's.

Suites halted USAF two of three games with D. Wuelling hitting 151 and 420 to top Suites and C. Karr rolling 172 and 430 for USAF top.

Paint Store took two of three over Bryant with M. Hodge hitting 167 for high 10 and Jack Brookhouse 445 for Paint Store high 30. Al Fairfield hit 184 and 502 for Bryants.

Teams	W	L
Corner Bar	44	25
Timm's Bar	43	26
Bryant	43	26
VFW	39	30
Feldhausen	38	31
Stander	38	31
Firestone	37	32
Ofe's	33	36
Welcome Inn	33	36
Eagles	32	37
Ernie's Bar	32	37
Paint Store	31	38
Suites	31	38
Myers	29	40
USAF	26	43
Storz Zebras	23	46

### Eaton Performs In Armed Forces Athletic Division

Howard Eaton, who in his school activities at Union and Plattsmouth was an outstanding figure in athletics, is continuing his work in the armed forces.

He is stationed in the 3635th Air Base group at Stead air base at Reno, Nevada.

Participating in the Pacific Coast Conference northern division boxing tournament, March 7-11th, he was runner up in the event.

Eaton won his first by knocking out Castle air force entry Timmy Towner, 182 heavy weight in three minutes of the third round. The second night of the tournament Eaton won a TKO in the third round over Beal base Robert Duffern, 190 pounds. He was injured in the third bout, throwing his left arm out of place while jabbing.

Eaton has won five trophies since entering the air force, three for boxing and two for baseball.

He was on the Stead Air Base baseball team that won the Pacific Coast conference, participating in a seventeen day tour of Hawaii. Eaton pitched seven wins against three losses in the games with the island air force teams. Stead base had a 63-game schedule that included San Jose state college, Sacramento state and Nevada state and all of the air base teams on the Pacific coast.

Howard is coming home on leave next month and would like to help put on a boxing show.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eaton of Plattsmouth.

### Elmwood Is Team to Watch Next Season

Elmwood high school Panthers completed the 1954-55 basketball season with an impressive 12-5 record and appear to be the team to stop in the Cass county conference next year. They lost one of the first 10 by graduation.

The Pirates captured third place honors in the Cass County Conference with a 7-1 record. Elmwood hit for a total of 1,004 points, or a 63.75 game average, while holding all opposition to 843 points for a 52.7 game average.

Ten boys carried the brunt of the load for the Pirates this year and only one will be lost by graduation.

Dave Godbey racked up the most points, 158, for a 10.5 game average. However, he was followed closely by Dick Thomas with 156 points and a 9.9 game average. Royal Halvorsen netted 115. Jarry Backemeyer 113, Dale Lannin 109, Ronnie Abrams 101, and Bob Hall 99.

Juniors Ronnie Abrams and Dave Godbey were placed on the first ten All-Conference team. With the finish of the season Royal Halvorsen and Ronnie Abrams were chosen honorary co-captains.

The Elmwood Pirate's first team consisted of Dale Kunz, a senior; Ronnie Abrams, Dave Godbey, Elmer Mueller, Dale Lannin, Royal Halvorsen, juniors; Jerry Backemeyer, Bob Hall, Dick Thomas and Bob Rueter, sophomores.

Bill Mickelson is the coach.

## Know Your Candidate

### Softball Team Meeting Is Set For Friday Night

A meeting of any persons interested in playing softball has been set by Bob Gall, who will manage a team for the Eagles Lodge, at 8 p.m. Friday, at the Eagles hall.

Gall, whose Eagles softball team last year rolled into second place in the Weeping Water softball league, said he is calling a meeting early this year because he wants his players to be in top shape when the season opens. However, the Eagles team may play in a different league this year.

Gall said he is going to a league meeting at Glenwood Tuesday night to see if the Plattsmouth team can enter competition there this summer.

### MEANT HIS SPEECH

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—While Mayor George Herndon was addressing a group of auxiliary policemen on law and enforcement, a messenger interrupted to advise him that an armed bandit had robbed the Mayor's music store of \$40. The Mayor completed his address with greater earnestness and enthusiasm.

The Red Cross Blood Donor Service was started on February 4, 1941, when voluntary donors were recruited by the New York Chapter.

Robert T. Whelan, 41-year-old electrician at Offutt Air Force base, will be a candidate for the two-year term for Plattsmouth city council from the first ward.

Born eight miles north of Albert Lea, Minn., on a farm, Dec. 9, 1913, Mr. Whelan attended rural grade school near his farm home and was graduated from the St. Theodore parochial high school in Albert Lea. He completed a two-year industrial electric course at the University of Minnesota in 1936, then returned to the farm with his father until 1939 when he was married and went into the electrical business for himself in Albert Lea. He sold his business there in 1941 and came to Nebraska to work at the Martin Bomber plant at Omaha. He worked there until 1945 when he moved to Plattsmouth in September and went into business for himself. He sold his business in Plattsmouth in 1949 and opened a business in Auburn but returned to Plattsmouth in 1949.

He is now employed as an electrician with a private company at Offutt field.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Plattsmouth and has been elected grand knight. He is also a member of the Eagles, St. John's Catholic church where he is on the building committee for a new parochial grade school which is planned for construction this year.

He is a member of the 40 & 8 club.

The Whelans own two homes



Robert T. Whelan in Plattsmouth. They have six children.

### SHATTUCK SCHOOL DIRECTOR TO VISIT HERE

Gerald L. Kieffer, director of studies at Shattuck School, Fairbault, Minnesota, will visit alumni and patrons of the School in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on March 21.

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### Fairland Midgets

The Fairland Midgets 4-H club will meet Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 at the home of Martha Dean Bailey.

The Fairland Midgets held a postponed meeting February 21 at the Sam Long home. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and the flag salute, followed by a business meeting.

Muffins were demonstrated for both groups by Evelyn Jones, Sarah Humiston of the younger group was absent. The muffins were judged by the club members. The younger girls examined their pin cushions and contents of their sewing boxes.

It was demonstrated how to thread a needle and knot the thread.

The older girls showed progress on their school outfits, all outfits are cut out and are being basted together.

Games were played and later there was music on the piano. Lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Long.

Evelyn Jones, reporter.

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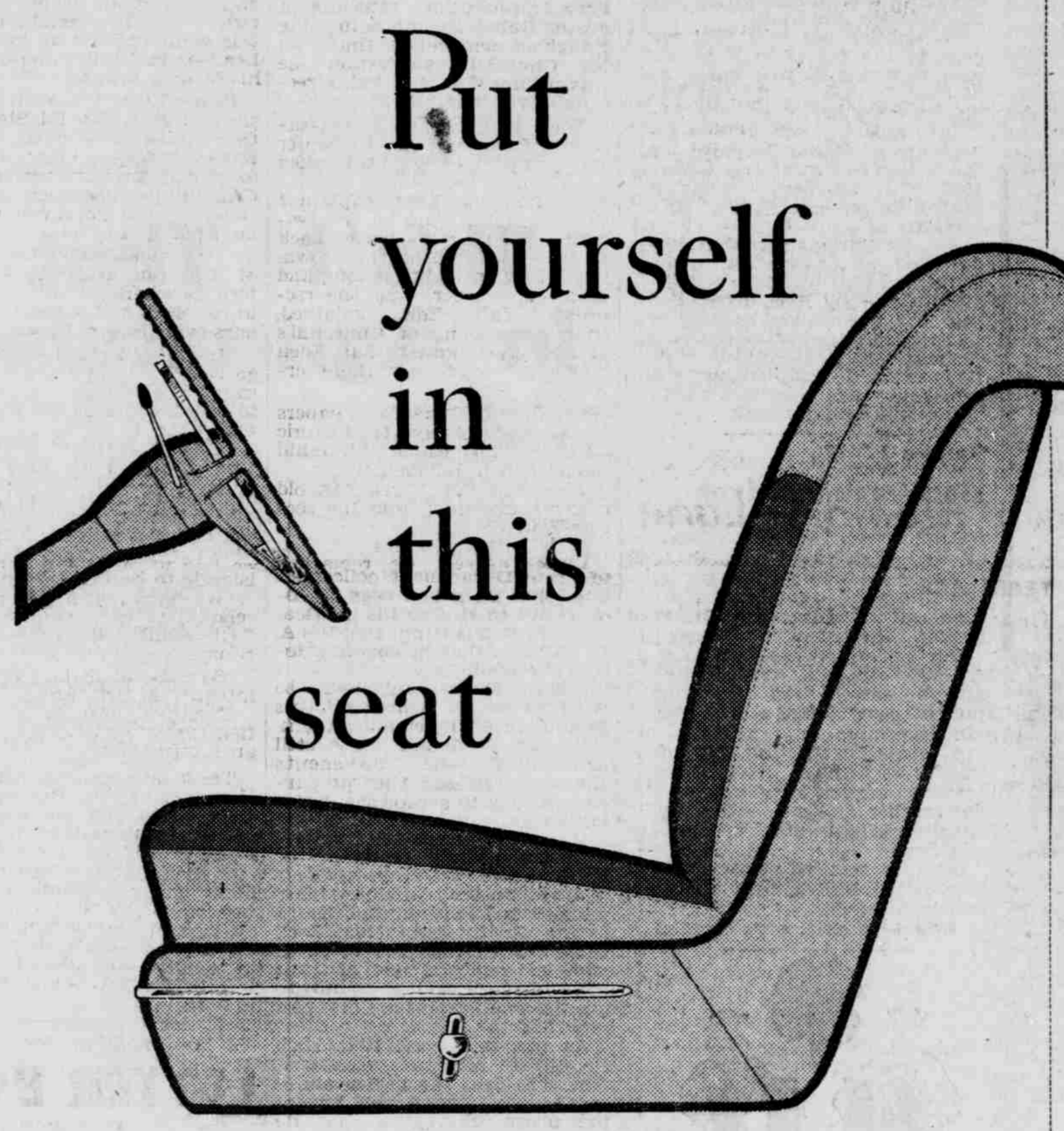
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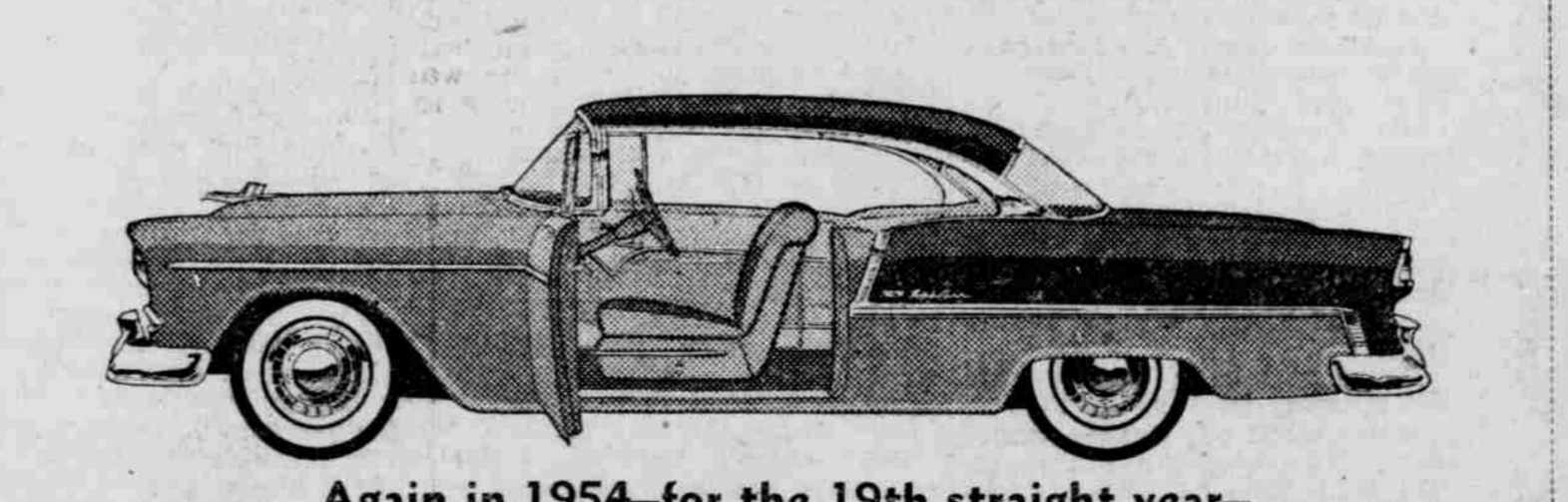


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