

# Here Are Five Amendments On Election Ballot

Voters of Nebraska will be faced with five amendments when they go to the polls next Tuesday. To give Journal readers a better explanation of these five proposed laws, explanations are published here:

**No. 1. "Constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to provide for a Tax Commissioner or Tax Commission and defining his or its jurisdiction and powers."**

This amendment was submitted to the voters in the Nov. 2, 1954 general election and lost by 26 votes or a majority and lacked 2063 of the required 35 per cent of the total vote cast.)

The Constitution at present provides that the Governor appoint a Tax Commissioner, who together with the Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor and State Treasurer shall have

power to review and equalize assessments for taxation.

The amendment would give the Legislature leeway in selecting a Tax Commissioner or Commission and such Commission could be given the duties of the present State Board of Equalization and Review. Under the present provision, proponents of the amendment state, the above named State Officials do not have the time to devote to these extra duties efficiently, and are not necessarily qualified to perform those of a technical nature. Another reason, they state, is to take the equalization function out of politics.

**No. 2. "Constitutional amendment to remove the provision that salaries of certain officers cannot be raised or lowered**

more than once in eight years."

(This Amendment was submitted to the voters on November 2, 1954 and lost by 3645 votes.)

The purpose of the above amendment is to allow the Legislature to adjust executive salaries to changing economic conditions. This does not mean a wholesale raising or lowering of salaries, but removes a Constitutional barrier that may prevent the State from securing and retaining competent executives.

**No. 3. "Constitutional Amendment to change the allocations of fines and penalties for violation of laws prohibiting the overloading of vehicles used upon the public roads and highways of the state."**

At present all fines remain

in the county wherein they are levied, i. e., 12 weighing stations in the state. Fines go to schools located in those 12 counties. Under the proposed amendment 75 per cent of the fines are to go to the State Highway Department and 25 per cent go to the county where collected to pay costs of added duties imposed on local authorities.

State Highway Department pay costs of highway upkeep and maintenance of weighing stations. They claim they should have the violation money to compensate for these costs and damage to highways.

On the other hand, schools would be deprived of this income, and school authorities say it would mean a hike in school taxes. They also claim that changing this law would be a "foot in the door" to changes in

other laws requiring fines that go into school funds.

Here in Cass county, with a weighing station, the law would deprive Cass county schools of about \$15,000 in annual income.

**No. 4. "Constitutional Amendment to authorize the Legislature to substitute a basis other than valuation for taxes upon grain and seed produced and handled in this state."**

The present basis of assessment is the value of the grain on hand as of March 1 each year. This causes serious taxation problems. Grain sold prior to March 1 is not taxed at all. Under grain storage program much grain is stored outside the state and is not taxed at all.

This amendment would make possible substitution of a grain production or handling tax. Some states use a small mill

tax on grain produced or handled in the state. Such levies could be made on producers of the grain, subsequent handlers. It is felt such a method would solve the problems and be beneficial to producers who would not be forced to sell their grain before March 1 on a low market.

**No. 5. "Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to assess and assessment charges unpaid for a period of time as long or longer than that provided for taking title to real property by prescription."**

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Legislature to provide for the remission of any taxes or assessment charges which have been outstanding against any real property for at least 10 years. This would clear up the difficulty at times of

clearing title to real property because of an accumulation of unpaid taxes and assessment charges. It is also said that it would be an inducement for counties to make special effort to collect delinquent charges.

**TON-MILE TAX.** "An act to provide a Highway Use Tax based on weight and distance on all commercial trucks carrying loads of 10 or more tons and on inter city buses weighing 28,000 or more pounds; to provide that revenue from said tax be distributed to Department of Roads and Irrigation and to counties and municipalities of the state in the same proportion and for the same purpose as revenue from gasoline tax is distributed; to provide for enforcement and administration of the act; and to amend and appeal certain statutes."

This law would impose a graded tax per mile on all trucks carrying loads of ten or more tons and buses weighing 28,000 or more pounds, regardless of whether the truck or bus was licensed in Nebraska. The law applies only on mileage made in Nebraska and on such mileage annually in excess of the mileage paid for by the license fee. The owner or operator of the vehicle subject to tax is required to keep an accurate record of the mileage in Nebraska and to report the same monthly to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. This report must state the tax, if any, and payment thereof must be made with the report. The report is subject to audit and review by the Department. The revenue collected shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be allocated in the same manner as the gasoline tax.

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### Firm Reported Planning Plant In Nebraska Area

The eyes of the Campbell Soup Co. may be upon Plattsmouth. In the wake of a survey and tomato growing program conducted in and around this city last summer, the Wall Street Journal now reports the soup

firm is considering construction of a "multi-million dollar plant in Nebraska."

The article, gathered by Journal staffers at Camden, N. J. headquarters, related:

"The concern expects to spend about 30 million dollars for new construction and modernization of its physical plant this fiscal year."

"Later the company is considering new multi-million dollar plants in Canada and Nebraska."

Although the company has made no disclosures concerning results of its survey in the Plattsmouth area, it is felt the territory has the potential to fill the company's needs.

For instance, the underground water supply can help provide for irrigated—and therefore assured—supply of crops for food processing plants; and can also supply water for the plants themselves.

Early last year the Campbell Company entered into an agreement with T. H. Pollock and Everett and Lloyd Morehead for a tomato growing test on the Pollock bottom land east of Plattsmouth. Four thousand tomato plants were set out on four-fifths of an acre.

It was reported in early September production had exceeded all expectations. Hundreds of bushels were harvested and sold to housewives of the vicinity.

The test here was conducted in conjunction with similar experiments near Valley and Bellevue reportedly to determine the feasibility of construction of a tomato soup plant in this area.

No information has been made available by the Campbell company as to the results of experiments conducted in this area.

Sandra Rainey was hostess Friday night to twelve guests at a Halloween party at her home. Sandra conducted games and served refreshments.

### Five Plattsmouth Polls To Be Used Tuesday, November 6

Five polling places will be in operation Tuesday, Nov. 6, to accommodate voters casting ballots in the general election, it has been announced by County Clerk Charles Land.

The polls, located in each of the city's five precincts, will be located as follows:

- Ward 1, precinct 1—Court house.
- Ward 1, precinct 2—Christian Church.
- Ward 2, precinct 1—Chevrolet garage.
- Ward 2, precinct 2—Scanlon Appliance Store.
- Ward 2, precinct 3—Stites Implement Co.

Voters of course, will cast their ballots in polls of the precinct in which they reside.

### Airman Pays \$34 Fine In City Tribunal

Municipal Judge J. Howard Graves fined an Offutt Air Force Base airman a total of \$34 on charges of careless driving and operating a vehicle without lights.

Charles D. Sturgeon, OFAB, was assessed \$25 on the careless driving count, \$5 on the no light charge, and \$4 court costs.

James M. Holubek, 522 N. 8th, Plattsmouth, paid a \$10 fine and \$4 costs for negligent driving and Louis G. Meisinger, 1802 Oak St., was assessed \$25 fine plus \$4 costs for reckless driving.

Judge Graves fined Joseph Swanson, Omaha, a total of \$14 for drinking in the street and in an automobile, and levied a total of \$29 against Crumble, Omaha, for careless driving.

S. C. Windham of 521 24th Ave. North of St. Petersburg, Fla., in renewing his subscription to The Plattsmouth Journal sent his best regards to his many Plattsmouth friends.

### Men Jailed For Journey With Minor

Five Weeping Water men today were sentenced by county Judge Raymond J. Case to 15 days each in county jail on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

The quintet, Paul Bauers, 24, Eugene Lorenson, 28, Robert Bauers, 23, Marvin Jacobsen, 21, and Dale L. Kunz, 23, were returned Wednesday to Plattsmouth from McCook by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Sheriff Solomon said the five, in company with a 17-year-old Weeping Water girl, were jailed for investigation by McCook police who notified him.

The sheriff said all six left Weeping Water Sunday night and were enroute to Montana in search of work. He said the young girl and a married woman had been riding Sunday with the five men who persuaded her to make the trip with them. The older woman refused to go.

The girl told Sheriff Solomon she was given beer by the men while in Louisville but that she left with them of her own will and none had made any advances to molest her.

In addition to jail sentences, the five were ordered by Judge Case to pay all costs of the prosecution.

### Plattsmouth Church To Observe Third Anniversary Sunday

Rev. S. H. Gregory of the Baptist Church at Avenue E at North Ninth will join his congregation in celebrating the third birthday of the church Sunday.

Each class will have charge of a certain portion of the program 9:45 to 12 noon.

Reverend Gregory and family moved to Plattsmouth in August and has served as the resident pastor since that time.

Roger Hild attended the Colorado-Nebraska football game Saturday, Roger is a student at the University of Nebraska.

## Early Returns Of Census Peg High Home Ownership

### November Trial Dates Named By Court Clerk

Jury trial dates for November-December in District court have been announced by clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgeway. Activity will open at 9 a. m. Nov. 19 with the trial on a charge of drunk driving of Duane R. Losche.

Three days have been set aside for a damage suit involving Ka Schmidt as plaintiff and Roy Royal, defendant and Nov. 26-27 will be taken up with suit on note having Donald Hilgenberg as plaintiff and W. R. Finke, et al, defendant.

Another suit on note is scheduled to be tried on Nov. 28 with the Missouri Pacific Employees of Omaha Federated Credit Union as plaintiff and Richard F. Bauers, defendant. Contest of will in the matter of the estate of Bertha N. Nickels, deceased, will be held on Nov. 29 and 30, with Dec. 3-4-5 docketed for the damage suit of Earnest Read against Silas Kincaid.

Daniel Harmon will be tried on Dec. 6 on a count of writing a no-fund check and the damage suit of Victor Turner, et al, versus Clyde H. Hickey, et al will be held Dec. 10-11. Each daily session of the District Court is slated to get underway at 9 a. m. with Judge John Dierks, presiding.

### Youthful Confidence Game Is Continuing Despite Warnings

Activities of a young girl or girls attempting to collect donations for a "fire damaged" school continue to harass Plattsmouth householders.

In spite of a story warning city residents to be on the lookout for a "bicycle brigade" soliciting funds to repair an Omaha school allegedly damaged by fire, the "brigade" continues making a door-to-door canvass of the city.

The latest effort—whether more have been made is not known—was reported by a housewife Tuesday afternoon to the Journal. She said a girl, about 10, called at her door asking a contribution to repair the school.

In this case a donation was made. It was not ascertained, however, whether the youngster was alone or accompanied by other children.

### THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth Nebraska.  
Oct. 29, 30, 31, 1956  
High Low Prec.  
Monday ..... 71 48 25  
Tuesday ..... 71 43 21  
Wednesday ..... 53 36 .00  
Forecast: Mostly cloudy, turning colder later today, scattered showers; high in 50's. Low near 40. Showers tonight. Sun sets tonight at 5:19 and rises Friday at 6:57.

### Nomad Finds Truck Body Ideal Haven

An unnamed itinerant Tuesday morning created quite a hubbaloob when to keep warm he built a fire out of debris in the bed of an old truck parked near the Stites Implement Co., Chicago Avenue and Louisville Road.

A stiff, cold, early morning breeze persuaded the wanderer to seek some kind of shelter and the old truck seemed to offer the right haven for a fellow, soggy and damp from a night in the rain.

However, the vehicle didn't offer ready heat, so the man scraped up some debris about the building and lit his "built-in heater." City patrolman Lawrence Chappell, on his regular rounds, quickly spotted the deal and hustled the nomad off to the calaboose.

Chief of Police John J. Hobscheidt, Sr., Tuesday morning reported the Stites management would not file charges against the man. He had done no damage and had made no attempt to enter the Stites building scene of several recent break-ins.

Said itinerant was breakfasted, taken to the city limits and admonished by police officers to: "Keep on traveling."

### Avoca Youth Wins U of N Scholarship

AVOCA (Special — Donald Straub, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straub, was one of the 299 freshmen at the University of Nebraska, to be awarded scholarships in the recent grants. The scholarship is for \$100 at the state university.

Journal has been unable to determine the national average for home ownership, the local figure definitely would appear to be above the national norm.

Other facts turned up by census workers show that of the 172 families contacted, 86 of the breadwinners commute to work. This does not include service personnel of which there were 14 in the five areas covered.

In the 172 families there were 539 persons, and of that number 29 were retired and only one unemployed.

It was reported to the chamber of commerce that of all families contacted only one refused to cooperate in the census by answering questions. The householder gave as reason for not answering the fact he "didn't want to be counted as part of Plattsmouth."

Bowman this morning said balance of questions put to residents have not been tabulated but that work is progressing and amplified figures and totals will be available soon.

A total of 55 two-man teams from eight Plattsmouth churches have been engaged in compiling the community census. And reports from these teams are streaming into chamber offices.

### House Numbers Vital, Says Mayor Gold

Mayor Bruce E. Gold, pointing out house numbers are mandatory under existing municipal ordinances, today urged citizens of Plattsmouth to cooperate with the city by making certain house numbers are easily read.

Mayor Gold stressed the importance of visible numbers by saying that \$1 spent in making them legible could possibly save hundreds of dollars in case of fire. More important, he said a clear house number might easily mean the saving of life in an emergency.

He said minutes frittered away seeking "lost" residences during times of emergency could never be regained and the time differential could prove disastrous.

The mayor suggested if you do not know your house number, check your property description on the tax receipt and call either City Clerk Albert Olson, telephone 4211, or postmaster Les Neil, telephone 252. He said either Olson or Neil would be glad to give the correct number for your dwelling.

Mayor Gold said cooperation by Plattsmouth residents would be appreciated by all those who encapacities.

### Draw Down Fines In Police Court

This morning in the court of police Magistrate J. H. Graves several cases were brought up for hearing.

Billie Gabinen was charged on two counts, altering drivers license, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. A fine of \$25 and costs on each count, totaling \$34 which was paid and defendant released.

Dwight Johnson was in court charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. The court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs amounting to \$29. Paid and defendant released.

Fred Hendricks, Lincoln, was in court charged with operating a motor vehicle without drivers license. The court imposed a fine of \$10 and \$14 costs.

### Long But Happy Trail

## Couple Wed 66 Years

Sixty-six years in double harness and still going strong! That may not be a record for marriage—but it is certainly an achievement—no matter which way you look at it. And

congratulations from the city of Plattsmouth and surrounding community to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hartwick who celebrated 66 years of married life on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The Hartwicks, married in Chicago on Oct. 21, 1890, have been residents of Plattsmouth since the beginning of the century and, until 15 years ago, Mr. Hartwick was actively engaged in business here.

The 93-year-old male half of the senior Hartwick family learned candy making as a young man in Chicago, the city of his birth. And, although he worked as drayman for the railroad during his first years in this city, finally turned to the profession of his choice and opened a candy shop.

Many adult members of Plattsmouth citizenry will remember—with fondness—the fulfillment of childhood desires at the counter of Mr. Hartwick's store.

Mrs. Hartwick, 84, during her life in Chicago (where she met her husband) worked as a seamstress. And one of her close friends the other day said: "She can still turn a neat pocket if necessary." She was born in Yugoslavia and came to the United States as a girl of 10. The Hartwicks live alone on

North Fifth street in a house they have occupied since 1900. Mrs. Hartwick, still very active, does all her own housework with the exception of laundry.

Both indulge in reading, but one of their main diversions is television—and both are rabid ball fans, seeing every contest presented via the TV medium.

Although Mr. Hartwick finds it necessary to use a cane in getting around—he uses it more as a target of good humor than an impediment.

When the Journal photographer stopped at the Hartwicks to snap a picture of the couple, Mr. Hartwick had to change chairs. Arising slowly, he said he'd "make it if I don't fall down."

Mrs. Hartwick slyly poking a little fun at him, said "if he once got going he could run."

Mr. Hartwick, stopped in the middle of his course, turned to the cameraman and, with a wry grin, said: "Good gosh, what do they expect from a man 93?"



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hartwick