

Ak-Sar-Ben Makes Reply to Sen. Carpenter on Operations

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LINCOLN—Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha civic organization, told Sen. Terry Carpenter it has given \$2 million to Nebraskans in benevolent activities since 1935.

This money, Melvin Bekins of Omaha, Ak-Sar-Ben president, said, would not otherwise have gone to county fairs, 4-H clubs, to scholarship recipients and thousands of others who have benefited from this program.

Carpenter asked the organization for details of its financial operations, charging the group should not be exempt from state property taxes.

But Bekins said Ak-Sar-Ben is a non-profit organization, formed on the same basis as fair associations and no official of the group gets any of the proceeds.

Of the \$2 million distributed, Bekins reported, \$1 million went to county fairs.

Primary source of revenue for the organization is an annual horse racing season, which brings in about \$1.5 million to Ak-Sar-Ben.

A spokesman said more than \$1 million of this is paid out in purses and for maintaining the race track.

Bekins said a 1936 attorney general's opinion stated Ak-Sar-Ben was entitled to tax exemption just as much as the State Fair and various county fairs and that horse racing conducted under Constitutional and statutory, did not affect the exemption.

The Ak-Sar-Ben president challenged authority of the tax investigating committee headed by Carpenter to examine fairs, expositions and similar non-profit organizations which have been held tax-exempt.

However, Bekins said Ak-Sar-Ben would cooperate in furnishing details of the group's activities.

Bekins reported to the senator that Ak-Sar-Ben spent: \$258,246 in 1957 for county fairs, scholarships, 4-H club Future Farmers of America and other agricultural, educational, and charitable purposes, of which \$128,740 went to county fairs.

Funds for acquiring rescue squad units or similar emergen-

cy equipment in 23 Nebraska communities.

Money in nine communities stricken by floods or tornadoes, including \$2,000 to Carpenter's home city of Scottsbluff.

"We believe," Bekins said, "that all fairs, like Ak-Sar-Ben, should use their grounds to a greater extent for the public good. We do not believe the gates should be locked upon this vast amount of public property all over the state during the remaining 250 or 360 days of the year (when fairs are not operating)."

Carpenter lambasted University of Nebraska Chancellor Clifford Hardin for permitting a statement he made praising Ak-Sar-Ben's scholarship program to be used in promotional advertising.

But Hardin said he appreciated scholarships given to University by the group.

An Ak-Sar-Ben spokesman said advertisements criticized by Carpenter had been planned early last year and had nothing to do with the senator's attack on the organization.

Carpenter is slated to meet Ak-Sar-Ben officials in Omaha Feb. 1, to discuss the matter of tax exemption with them.

Governor and Taxes
Gov. Victor Anderson has made his first major statement on tax policies since taking office three years ago.

It obviously was prompted by all the recent furor caused by the legislative committee headed by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff.

The governor said basically that Nebraska will never know if its present laws are good or bad until they are properly enforced and this should be done at the local level.

In all states, where tax problems have been similar to those in Nebraska, he added, and the state has assumed control of assessment procedures, there has been "bitter resentment from taxpayers."

"Nebraska has clung to the premise that local government is best," Gov. Anderson said, "that government by neighbors is better and more beneficial than government by distant strangers."

Any change in tax structure at the state level should first be approved by a vote of the people, the chief executive asserted.

He said he is against state control of all assessment authority and feels county assessors should "lead the way" to bringing about proper enforcement and assessment at the local level.

The governor said he feels this is a proper question: "If we can't or don't obtain results from our present tax laws, what is to make us believe that we will pay any more attention to a new set of laws?"

He said he feels putting new laws into effect under present conditions and under present philosophy would be an expensive, complex and "almost fruitless course to follow."

Road Union
State Engineer L. N. Rens has declined to acknowledge demands of a state maintenance employe union seeking wage hikes, grievance procedure and union recognition.

The union represents some 600 of the maintenance workers for the state highway department. Total workers range from 800 to 1,000.

"The union is not going to represent the highway department in any way, shape or form," Rens said. "You're never satisfied. You're always coming in here asking for something."

Hed Fontaine, spokesman for the union, said pay hikes were needed so employes could maintain a decent standard of living. The union seeks an across the board hike of 15 cents per hour

for hourly employes and \$30 per month for those on monthly salaries.

Aeronautics commission
M.M. Meyers of Omaha has been re-elected chairman of the State Aeronautics Commission. Other members are W. W. Cook of Beatrice, C. H. Fliesbach of Scottsbluff, Jess Quinn of Gothenburg and Albon (cq) Hall Sr., of Alliance.

Hall was appointed to replace B. M. Reeh of Blair who resigned.

Coturnix Migrating Due South

"Most of the band returns from Nebraska released coturnix quail indicate that the main migration is due south," said M. O. Steen, Nebraska Game Commission director.

The Gulf Coast area of Texas appears to be the preferred wintering area," he continued. "However, recent sightings of coturnix in Nebraska cover indicate that the birds are testing our winter weather."

Steen said this corresponds with the behavior of the bird in its home range in Asia, where some coturnix winter as far north as Korea and Manchuria. Most of them, though, go south for the winter and return in the spring.

The latest report to reach the Game Commission on wandering coturnix came from Sammy Wilson of Irtasca, Tex. Wilson shot a Nebraska-banded quail on January 11, about 50 miles south of Fort Worth. The bird had been released in Nance County on July 17.

Wilson was puzzled as to what he had shot, judging by his letter. He explained that his strange kill was "very similar in appearance to our bobwhite hen quail." Actually, the coturnix, sometimes called Japanese quail, is somewhat smaller than a full-grown bobwhite, and the head markings are quite different from the latter.

More than 23,000 birds were released in Nebraska in 1957 as part of a great experiment in species translocation in the Midwest.

Director Steen said that a migrating upland game bird is a new idea to most Nebraskans, but the traveling coturnix are like our ducks in this respect. He pointed out that in reality their migration should be a distinct asset, since they escape Nebraska blizzards and winter mortality in this way.

Dairy Farmer Fared Better Than Others

Dairy farmers continued to receive a larger percentage of the dollars consumers spent for their dairy products during 1957 than was true for agricultural products as a whole.

While the average farmer's share of the consumer's dollar was only 40 per cent during 1957 the dairy farmer received 46 per cent, reports T. A. Evans, Extension dairy marketing specialist at the University of Nebraska.

Dairy farmers received 70 per cent of the average retail cost of butter while 41 per cent of the retail price of evaporated milk was returned to the farmer. Between these two extremes were processed cheese with 46 per cent and fluid milk with 45 per cent.

Although some persons attach considerable importance to the percentage of consumer's dollar which the farmer recieves it is actually little indication of profit. For instance, even though a relative gyhepceehgnatovev the retail cost of butter was returned to the producer, production of whole milk for bottling, which returns only 45 per cent, is usually found to be a much Evans points out.

Many factors such as amount of processing necessary to prepare for consumption, labor, transportation, perishability, enter into the price which the consumer pays for processed foods such as milk or butter. The producer is interested in receiving a sufficiently large share of the retail price to be able to produce at a profit.

Have Ambulance Calls To Hospitals

The Caldwell-Linder ambulance was busy the first of the week in trips to the Omaha hospitals. On Monday afternoon they brought Mrs. Clara Arnold from the St. Catherine's hospital to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Koke, Sr. She has been at the hospital for a few weeks.

Monday night Mrs. George Born was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital for treatment.

Tuesday, Mrs. A. R. Case was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital for observation and treatment.

Landlocked Salmon for Nebraska

Almost 200,000 Kokanee, or landlocked red salmon, eggs imported from Colorado are now hatching at the Game Commission's Rock Creek hatchery in Dundy County, reports Glen R. Foster, fisheries chief.

Most of the fry "hatched out" at Rock Creek will be stocked within the next few days in Ogallala Lake, below the dam at McConaughy Reservoir. Some Kokanee will also be released in McConaughy proper, and a few will be kept at Rock Creek for observation.

The Kokanee, a native of the Pacific Northwest, is famed for its eating qualities as well as its value as a game fish. Not a particularly large fish, it may on occasion attain a weight of five pounds.

In Nebraska the critical factor in Kokanee stocking is temperature. The salmon is most happy when water temperature is in the lower 60's, and the upper 70's are about the limit it can tolerate. This led to the principal stocking in Ogallala for the cold months of McConaughy, far from the surface water which in summer becomes quite warm. Ground seepage from McConaughy into Ogallala averages about 46 degrees in midsummer.

Elmwood Woman, 79, Has Mumps

ELMWOOD (Special) — January, 1958, will be a memorable month for Mrs. Lulu Kunz, Elmwood.

Mrs. Kunz, 79, had mumps after escaping for 78 years. Also afflicted was her daughter, Mrs. Vic Schomaker.

Dale Miller, Harlon Kunz and Earl Miller were other Elmwood adults to suffer the "childhood" disease along with the children.

LETTER BOX

Editor, Journal
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Dear Sir: Thank you so much for putting us in the paper! However I would like to make a few additions and corrections concerning the write up:

We are a Camp Fire group, not Blue Birds. Our Indian name is O-Ki-Hi- which means Able to Accomplish. The total sales for the group was 258 boxes, almost eleven cases of candy.

Perhaps not everyone is aware of how this money is used. Five cents on each box sold comes back to the group. The profit after all other costs are paid, is used for upkeep of Camp.

A grand place for every young girl (and older ones, too) to spend a few days, as any of my girls will tell you.

The candy sale was held last November, we are a little late with our news, but it will be something to keep in mind for later this year.

Please remember when the girls come calling again, the small cost of a box of candy is a wise investment in a wonderful program for growing girls.

The girls, my assistants, and myself, would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who bought camp Fire candy. It is a privilege to be a part of such an organization.

Yours truly,
Idabel Meisinger

Janet Leigh Asks For Iron Curtain

Howard Hughes' "Jet Pilot" isn't just about supersonic speed at high altitudes.

In one scene of this big Technicolor production coming Sun., Mon., and Tue., and Wed., Feb. 23-45 to the Cass Theatre, Janet Leigh, a Russian jet pilot lands illegally at an American air base in Alaska. John Wayne, the commanding officer, is suspicious of her explanation that she is seeking asylum to keep from being shot for disobeying orders in her own country. He asks her to empty her pockets and then to strip out her clothes, to make sure she isn't carrying concealed weapons and in the hope of finding some identifying data.

Janet peeled off her flight boots, her insulated coveralls, a heavy flannel sweater and was down to a tight, white sweater which she started to lift over her head when she noticed that there were some 25 crew men watching the action.

"Since I'm playing a Russian," she said to director Josef von Sternberg, "can't I do the rest of this scene behind the iron curtain?"

Starring with John Wayne and Janet Leigh in "Jet Pilot" is the U. S. Air Force, Jules Furthman wrote and produced the big RKO picture.

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Cottage Homemakers Extension Meets

The Cottage Homemakers Extension Club met with Mrs. Fritz Abers Jan. 21.

Mrs. Herbert Oehlerking and Mrs. Mary Pedersen presented the topic on "Savory Soups." They made chili and cheese soup.

Next meeting will be Feb. 11 with Mrs. Lloyd Vogt. The program will be "Sandwiches."

ENPPD Has New Plan For Service

Alvin A. McReynolds, Nehawka, Cass County, member of the board of directors of Eastern Nebraska Public Power District has announced that the District soon will put in use a new plan of organization and operation to "improve service to its customers throughout its seven county area."

The plan calls for decentralization of heavy service equipment and trained crews and the establishment of four area service headquarters at Humbolt, Tecumseh, Wahoo and Syracuse.

Each headquarters will be in charge of a Chief Area Serviceman. Under him will be an experienced crew of six to eight men who will be fully equipped to handle all construction, maintenance and operation within the area.

Under the old plan it has been necessary to transport men and equipment from the Syracuse headquarters to handle any heavy type of emergency work that might occur anywhere in the seven county area. Under the new plan service facilities are to be expanded to enable necessary equipment and trained workmen to be stationed at all of the District's four area service headquarters. This arrangement will enable necessary equipment and servicemen to be dispatched into any area much quicker than was possible under the old plan.

The District is expanding its two-way radio facilities to enable 24-hour contact between locations.

The plan calls for a number of personnel transfers. Lavon Lang and Gayle Lorenson who have been area service foremen in the Otoe-Cass County area are being transferred to Humbolt. Jack Williams is to become chief area Serviceman for the Otoe Cass County area. Williams is to be transferred to Syracuse from Wahoo.

2 Warm Season Grasses Evolved For Nebraska

Two new varieties of warm season grasses have been developed from wild grasses native to Nebraska.

The new varieties—Butte and Trailway sideoats grama—are being released by the University of Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Both Trailway and Butte are well adapted to upland plantings for range and pasture purposes. They will be used in mixtures with other recommended native grasses. However, it will be several years before sufficient seed is available for extensive plantings.

The new varieties were developed under the direction of Dr. L. C. Newell of the Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Stationed at the University and Dr. E. C. Conrad of the Department of Agronomy at the College of Agriculture. The Soil Conservation Service of the USDA also participated in development of the new varieties.

Butte sideoats grama is a relatively early maturing variety recommended for planting on upland soils with low fertility and in regions with short growing season. Its strong seedling vigor may help overcome difficulties of obtaining grass stands in such areas.

It is recommended for northern and western districts of Nebraska, Dr. Newell points out.

Trailway grama is relatively later in maturing and is adapted to longer growing seasons and to fertile soils. It is recommended for upland plantings in eastern and southern Nebraska.

Avoca High School Honor Roll Listed

AVOCA—The honor roll for the second nine-weeks period at Avoca High School includes:

9th grade—Betty Stubbendiek, Ruth Buchholz, Marilyn Tritsch, 10th—Linda Rohlf, Alan Stubbendiek, Beverly Brinkhoff, Maurice Lange, Richard Hoback, Paula Ludwig, Crystal Seegal, Wayne Wohlers.

11th—Darlene Huntman, Gwen Boehm, Lois Bose, Karen Kepler, Pat Tritsch.
12th—Carroll Carsten, Robert Marquardt, Betty Rietsch.

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