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Legislative Hearings On Important Bills

Hearings on the following bills were scheduled for the week before the various committees of the Wisconsin legislature:

By Mr. Kostuck authorizing the governing body of any city, village, town to extend the time for payment of 1934 real estate taxes from March 22, 1935 to June 1, 1935 (accounts to waiver of penalty and interest) and postponing 1935 tax sales from the second Tuesday in June to the first Tuesday in August.

By Senator Kelly to create a Wisconsin farm credit administration to assist farmers in securing loans from the federal government and appropriating \$250,000 annually.

By Senator Kelly exempting improvements made on real estate during 1935 to 1945 from assessment for purpose of taxation. With Sub. A.M. S by Senator Kelly limiting such exemptions to \$5,000.

By Senator Bolens abolishing all penalties on general property taxes and fixing the maximum rate of interest at 5 per cent per year.

By Senator Griswold appropriating to high schools beginning July 1, 1935 the net proceeds of the occupational tax on intoxicating liquors.

By Senator Carroll providing for distribution to high schools on the basis of number of pupils, the money received from the occupational tax on fermented malt beverages.

By Senator Nelson increasing state aids to high schools and state graded schools and appropriating money therefrom from the occupational tax on

Court Order Restrains Development of Refuge

Circuit Judge Emery W. Crosby at Neillsville has issued an order restraining the federal and state governments from proceeding in the development of the great game refuge project in central Wisconsin.

Judge Crosby will hold a hearing here Feb. 21st on a plea that the project be permanently halted.

This refuge involves nearly 150,000 acres in Juneau county, considered as sub-marginal land, and with other acres in adjoining Wood and Jackson counties, would be converted into a great game and bird refuge spotted with small parks, under state and federal plans.

Judge Crosby's order is directed against R. A. Nowell, director of the land policy division of the AAA, with offices at Madison; the state conservation department, the FERA, the AAA and Juneau county.

The land policy division is now closing options on scattered lands owned by settlers in the area. The conservation department has closed leases with the county boards to take over tax delinquent lands within the proposed refuge area for 50 years, with an option of purchase. The FERA is building dams in the drainage ditches in the area through its work relief department and is preparing to move families out of the area thru the rural rehabilitation section.

The complaint on which Judge Crosby issued his order was signed by Fred Becker, Lloyd Parker and the Arkdale Manufacturing Co., all of Necedah. Becker and Parker are farmers owning land in the proposed refuge area and the Arkdale Manufacturing Co. signed as a Juneau county taxpayer through its president, A. Collier.

Dispute Land Classification
The complaint states that government agents are optioning land 'considered sub-marginal land, whereas in fact such lands are not sub-marginal lands but constitute good agricultural and grazing lands of considerable value'.

Exercise of the options and removal of settlers would work 'grave injury to the plaintiffs and to all other county taxpayers in that said removal would remove from the assessment rolls all of said property and place upon the remaining taxpayers a great burden of taxation for the maintenance of county, town, school, district and village governments,' it charged.

The complaint explains that no personal claim is made against Juneau county, and it is made a defendant 'because it refused to be a plaintiff in this action and is really the beneficiary of the relief sought herein'.

S. F. Howard Dies Wed. Morning

S. F. Howard, aged 76 years, 1 month and 18 days, a prominent and long time resident of this city, passed away at his home here early Wednesday morning.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at the time of going to press.

Musical Concert At St. Patrick's School

On Monday evening, February 18, the music students of St. Patrick's School will appear in a concert. The program is as follows:

Step Lively, Wendland—Orchestra.
Cosmos, De Lamater—cornet solo,
Robert Miller.

Ser. Btry. Observes Nat'l Defense Week

The local Service Battery 121st F. A. Wis. N. G. will hold a public inspection of the organization at 7:30 p. m. next Wednesday evening. This inspection, by Lt. Col. D. L. Remington, is in observance of National Defense Week. Major Allan B. Ellis of Camp Douglas will deliver an address immediately following the inspection.

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Idle Acres, Idle Men
The Townsend Plan
Mrs. Roosevelt's Enterprise
Another Slave of Man

Ten million idle men and the United States. Ten million acres and more on either side of a railroad running along the coast from southern Florida to New York. Two of the acres, intensively cultivated, would feed a family as alone, under intensive cultivation could feed the entire population of the earth as it exists now, and on the other side of the Texas would run all the idle acres. There is an empire for one single state.

And we talk about "overpopulation" with so much land not used and none of it used with full intelligence.

The Townsend plan, \$200 a month to everybody sixty years of age and over, has been discussed by congress for many years. It ought to be passing a sound, sensible old age pension now. The Townsend plan is an interesting one in many ways. By taxation on transactions, on producer, jobber, wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer, it would practically absorb all the money to turn it over to deserving old people, otherwise, persons, aged sixty and over, would soon become necessary to the Townsend plan to organize a month plan for all paupers. It would soon be twice as many as there are people sixty years of age and over.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has been criticized, because, having been herself in providing better for poor people, it appears that her undertaking may involve some financial loss, trifling in United States finance.

Mrs. Roosevelt caused fanfare to be moved from miserable hovels to comfortable homes.

A woman with children, living in two rooms without a fire, with nothing but raw carrots for Christmas dinner, told Mrs. Roosevelt that she did not dare tell her it was Christmas day.

On this Christmas day, when Mrs. Roosevelt went to see her, the woman with a new born baby, and children, all happy, were living in a decent homestead, with modern conveniences, including a cellar full of canned goods.