

# RIGHT OF CITY TO SELL GAS WILL BE GIVEN TEST

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LINCOLN, Neb., April 20—(U.P.)—The right of a municipality to enter retail business in direct price competition with privately owned companies will be fought out before the Nebraska supreme court this week.

Lincoln, which has enjoyed lower retail gasoline prices than any other city in the country for the past two years as a result of the municipality owned gasoline filling station, will defend its constitutional right to remain in business. Suit to close

the municipal station was brought by the Standar Oil Company.

The question brought up by the oil company involves the moral and constitutional right of a city to enter private business and compete with privately owned firms.

The city gasoline station was opened to combat high gasoline prices. By selling at practically cost, the municipal station forced filling stations of the city to meet the competing price. Whereas gasoline formerly sold for about 23 to 25 cents a gallon, the general price today is 17 to 18 cents a gallon. This price is said to be lower than that of retail filling stations in the oil fields of Oklahoma.

At the same time the voters of Lincoln voted to open gasoline stations, they agree to operate a coal yard, which retails coal at cost prices. After a bitter court battle against the oil companies, the city won the right to operate its own coal yard.

## A Surprise for Mrs. Spurling



So changed were the floors that Mrs. Spurling, back from a week's visit to the city, could hardly believe it was her own house. Jim had had Frank Lovejoy, the painter, get busy with Acme Quality Floor Paint and Varnish. The floors were refinished and beautified. In fact, all the wood-work smiled a welcome. And Mrs. S. said if a week and a little Acme Quality could make such a difference, she'd go away again and not come back for a month.

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### Quick Quaker

In the first to win the municipal gasoline station, the city defeated the Standar Oil company in the lower court and has received one favorable verdict from the supreme court. The hearing this week will be a re-argument of the higher tribunal's last decision, which authorized the city to operate the filling station.

A few weeks ago, automobile owners of Columbus, Neb., near Lincoln, subscribed to a fund to open a gasoline filling station to be owned and operated by the automobile owners of the city. The station sells gasoline at cost and has resulted in lowering gasoline prices in Columbus from 23 to 17 cents a gallon.

## FRED ENGLE WILL GO TO CONVENTION OF KIWANIS CLUBS

The local Kiwanis club today announced that its delegate to the Kiwanis International's 10th annual convention in Montreal, Canada to be held June 7-10, will be royally feted. The delegate from Ashland is Fred S. Engle, of the Citizens Bank, who, with Mrs. Engle, will leave Ashland about May 30th to attend the convention.

Canadian history, depicting the times of the Indian and the French-Canadian settlements of many years ago will be offered in pageant. The French society, St. Jean Baptiste, the Caledonian Society, the Snowshoer's Union, the Hull Kiwanis club, and the 50 Kiwanis bands from all over the North American continent will aid the Montreal Kiwanis club, in accomplishing the historical pageantry to the two local members and the other 6000 Kiwanian delegates who will visit Montreal in June.

On the opening night of the convention the usual "All Kiwanis Night" program will be held. Some ten-thousand Kiwanians and visitors will attend this occasion in the Canadian city's immense auditorium known as the "Forum." During this occasion a fifteen minute period will be given to an expression of international good will and friendship. Simultaneously with this period all the Kiwanis clubs located in cities in Canada and the United States will meet for a united observance of the century long friendship between the two countries. Many of the clubs will be directly in touch with the convention by radio, for the program will be broadcast over the United States and Canada.

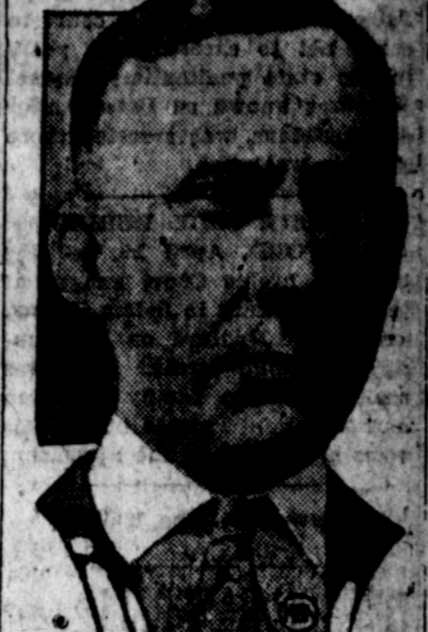
European tours, with steamers leaving for Liverpool, England, the morning following the convention's closing, will carry hundreds of Kiwanians for vacations in the British Isles and continental Europe. London, Paris, Berlin, Rome and Monte Carlo will be visited by the tourists. Special trips in Canada and the eastern part of the United States will also be available.

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J. G. Naupin has been elected mayor of the town of Clarence, Mo., after a contest in which his religious views of himself and his opponent, L. F. Peterman, were the chief issue. Naupin was opposed by the fundamentalists of the town because of his liberal interpretation of certain Biblical passages, but he won by 118 votes.

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## DECLARES THAT MEN ARE MORE FEMININE

LOS ANGELES, April 20—(U.P.)—Men are becoming more feminine and women more masculine, according to Mrs. Ruth J. Maurer, head of a national chain of beauty schools.

"The modern barber shop has become a beauty shop for women, and men are spending \$750,000,000 a year for beautification," she said in an interview here.

"It is the ape impulse—the women smoking cigarettes because the men do, and the men using cold cream and cosmetics because the women do. Statistics show more than 500,000 men use cosmetics.

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### Liquor Question Dates Many Years

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The paper was found in a local used furniture store when a mirror was removed from an ancient sideboard. It was in readable condition and is attracting much interest here.

The leading story was of an international fraud in the wine trade. Smugglers, it seems, were running wine made of low grade rum, molasses and a mixture of tar, to Opporto, and reshipping it to England as "genuine imported goods."

### "Speeder School" To Be Initiated

LOS ANGELES, April 20—(U.P.)—A session of "speeder school" is held in the county traffic court here each week, with Judge Louis P. Russell as the dignified pedagogue and the California motor vehicle act as the textbook.

The school is held every Monday afternoon for speeders who plead ignorance of the traffic laws.

The "students" are required to attend and are given instructions on the particular section of the law they violated, and forced to attend the next one.

Two women violators who played truant at one session were summoned by the bailiff and forced to attend the next one.

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