direct on written order made and filed with the clerk of said court at least 20 days before the dates herein fixed for holding said court;

In Pine County on the third Monday in March and the third Monday in September;

In Washington County on the second Tuesday in May and the fourth Tuesday in November.

- Sec. 2. Special terms.—In addition to the general terms of the district court in Washington County, special terms of said court shall be held in said county on the second Monday of each month for the trial of issues of fact by the court, the trial of issues of law, the hearing of motions and applications, and all matters except the trial of issues of fact by a jury.
- Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. Effective July 1, 1941.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1st, 1941.

Approved April 15, 1941.

## CHAPTER 233-H. F. No. 1214

An act validating contracts heretofore entered into by any village or city of the fourth class, or its water, light, power and building commissions, or both jointly, for the enlargement or improvement of municipal light and power plants where such contracts have been actually performed, and the municipality has received the benefit thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Certain contracts for improvement of municipal light and power plant validated.—In all cases where any village or city of the fourth class or its water, light, power and building commission, or both jointly, has heretofore entered into a contract for the improvement or enlargement of a municipal light and power plant, payable solely from the earnings of such plant, and such contract has been actually performed, and the municipality has received and

accepted the benefits thereof, such contracts are hereby legalized and declared to be valid.

Sec. 2. Not to affect pending actions.—This act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending.

Approved April 15, 1941.

## CHAPTER 234-H. F. No. 1220

An act relating to the appointment of justices and constables in certain unorganized territory; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1081-1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 1081-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1081-1. County board may appoint justices and constables in unorganized territory in certain cases.—In any county in this state, having no organized townships or in which the distance from any full and fractional unorganized townships is more than 20 miles from the nearest organized township or municipality or county seat, and which full and fractional unorganized townships are entirely separated from such organized townships or municipality or county seat by water, the county board of such county may appoint one or more Justices of Peace and one or more constables for such unorganized townships who shall have the same powers and duties as like officers in organized townships in said county."

Approved April 15, 1941.

## CHAPTER 235—H. F. No. 1322

An act relating to the employment of prisoners at the state prison.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Prisoners in state prison may be employed in certain road work.—With the approval of the director of