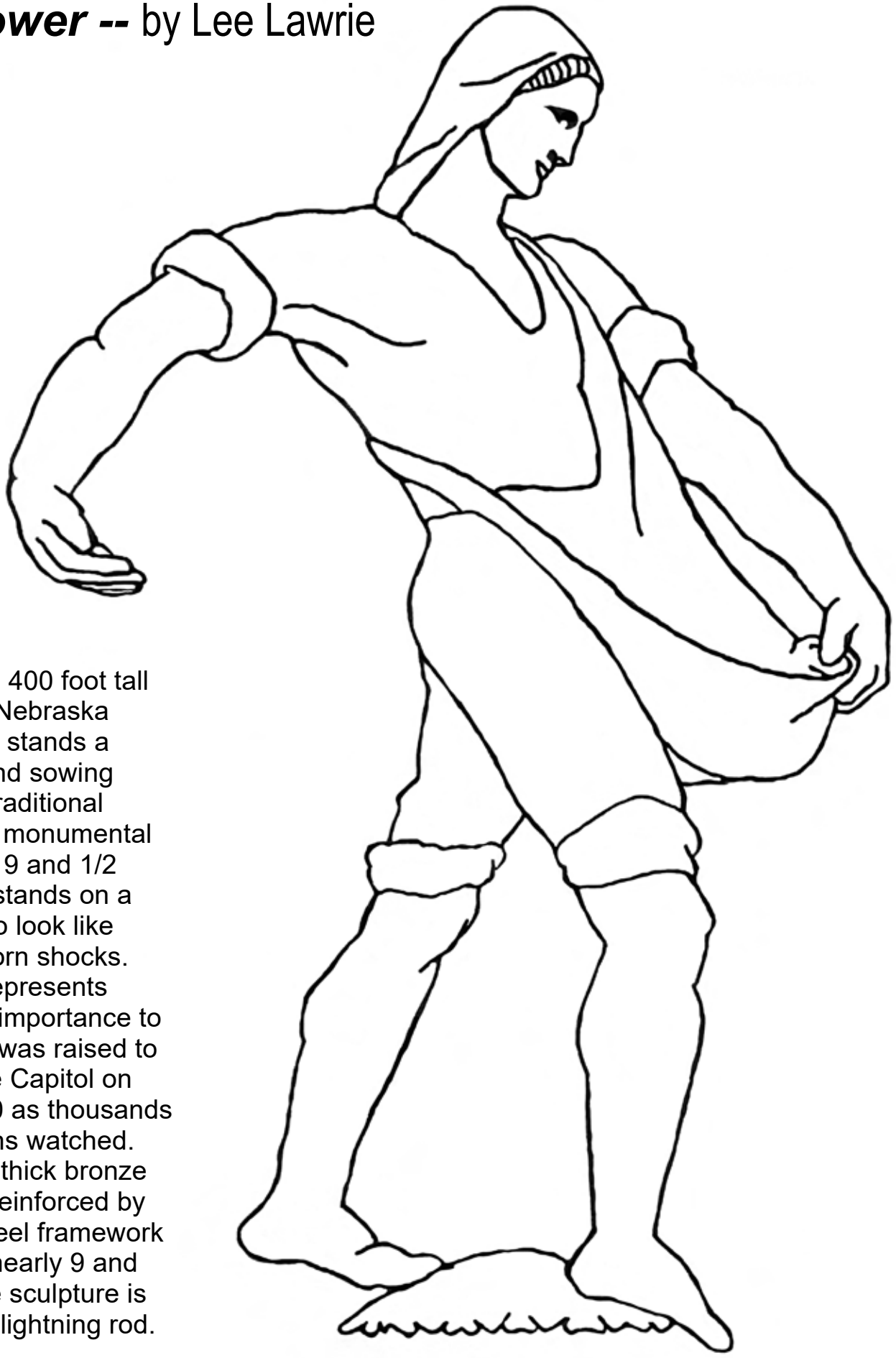
The Sower -- by Lee Lawrie



On top of the 400 foot tall tower of the Nebraska State Capitol stands a sculpture hand sowing grain in the traditional method. The monumental sculpture is 19 and 1/2 feet tall and stands on a base made to look like wheat and corn shocks. The statue represents agriculture's importance to Nebraska. It was raised to the top of the Capitol on April 24,1930 as thousands of Nebraskans watched. The 3/8 inch thick bronze sculpture is reinforced by an interior steel framework and weighs nearly 9 and 1/2 tons. The sculpture is the Capitol's lightning rod.

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