

State Capitol News

# 4-Lane Superhighway Soon?

LINCOLN—As state government settled into normal routines this week with the legislature gone, attention was being turned to coming problems of the state. These include the interstate highway, water and irrigation policies, and the perennial problem of equalizing tax assessments.

The interstate highway undoubtedly will be a major topic of controversy in the years just ahead. Even though congress hasn't decided just how it will be financed, the storm signals are already flying in Nebraska.

For the interstate highway proposal is going to cut directly across a number of widely held and defended positions in Nebraska thinking.

1. It will mean a four-lane divided highway across the state. Those living in the rural parts of the state for years have opposed a four-lane highway between Lincoln and Omaha as long as they were still in "the mud." This has been such a politically strong argument that for years state officials have backed away from proposing even the badly needed multi lane highway between Nebraska's two biggest towns.

2. The interstate highway will

undoubtedly bring a number of bypasses. It could mean that every town along the highway will be bypassed. Nothing gets a community up in arms as fast or brings as much political pressure as a threat to bypass a town. Yet the interstate highway could bring bypasses of some of Nebraska's biggest towns along the "main stem," such as Grand Island, North Platte, and Ogallala. A bypass of Kimball is even marked on the new state highway map adopted by the legislature.

3. All indications are that the superhighway will have "controlled access." This means that the state highway department will buy the right to access so it will be able to tell a farmer or a business where it can build an access road to the highway. If access can't be bought, presumably it will be condemned. State Engineer L. N. Riss, in a recent speech at North Platte, fired the opening gun in this battle, telling a luncheon club that controlled access was inevitable if "the public's investment in these highways is to be protected." There is no doubt that this move will be fought by filling station and motel interests who fear it will block them out. And they may get help from the same farming groups that helped abolish the state turnpike authority in the legislature.

4. The need for money for this route may override other highway requirements. The 1955 legislature provided only about \$2.8 million per year of the money required whereas indications are that \$3.2 million will be needed. If congress appropriates \$9 federal dollars for every \$1 in state funds, the effort to get enough money for the interstate route would be overpowering.

Gov. Victor Anderson puts it this way, "It would be poor business to lose any part of \$9

just because we didn't put up \$1."

There has been serious talk in statehouse official circles that if the federal money is appropriated soon by congress that Nebraska should match it at all costs. This would include taking away money that had been scheduled to go to other parts of the state. The saving grace would be that the money might still be available when the 1957 legislature meets. In all likelihood one of the major issues of that session will be finding the place where the extra money is going to come from. . . .

**Definite—**  
But Governor Anderson makes no bones about his conviction that not only is the interstate highway coming but that it is inevitable. He contends that traffic problems are piling up so fast that even if congress wasn't planning this gigantic program, Nebraska would have to do something.

In a speech at Hastings, State Engineer Riss said, "It is obvious that such a system will be constructed . . . Inasmuch as the federal government is bearing an extremely large portion of the cost, it will have a substantial voice in the design, standards and location of the highway. No one knows as yet the route the highway will follow."

In the same speech Riss said that "controlled access" would definitely be a part of the proposed superhighway.

**Tax Assessments—**  
More in the immediate future and more well known is the annual statewide assessments of real estate. County boards have now finished assessment and equalization at the local level. Abstracts are to be sent to the state board of equalization for action in July.

Early indications are that the returns of grain and livestock have fallen off. This could mean that a heavier burden will be thrown on real estate.

Apparently only a few boards have made county wide slashes of real estate assessments. If this proves true, it will save much of the wear and tear and worry which has characterized state board meetings the past two years.

**Redistricting—**  
Slowly but surely the loopholes in the redistricting laws are being plugged.

Two years ago the legislature made some revisions in the laws under which a school district can contract with another district for instruction of pupils. It provided that any district which contracted five years in a row would be dissolved.

Some boards immediately spotted the loophole. They decided they would contract for four years, stay open for a year, and go back to contracting.

But the 1955 legislature took some steps on that. It made two changes in the rules. One is that no district with less than five pupils can contract for more than one year in a row.

The other is that any school wanting to reopen must have the permission of the county superintendent. And under the law the superintendent must inspect toilets and other facilities and certify that they are in good condition. This could be an insurmountable obstacle for some districts which have been closed for a long time. . . .

**New Projects—**  
In boosting the state budget by \$30 million to a new \$224 million total the new legislature provided for a number of new things in state government: Almost \$2 million more will be spent on intensive treatment of mental patients at state hospitals to get them cured and back into society.

Construction of a new governor's mansion was given the green light.

Increase in vehicle license fees would provide about \$2.8 million more for highways.

A new "category" of welfare was added. This is for the permanently and totally disabled.

A \$3 a month increase in assistance payments for almost everyone on the welfare rolls was voted.

**To Summer School—**  
Mrs. Phyllis Chisholm of O'Neill is enrolled in the first five-week summer session at the University of Omaha. Second session begins July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. DeHart of Ord spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loflin.

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### 3 Sisters Give Birth to Babies Within 4 Days

SPENCER—Three sisters gave birth to babies within a span of four days. The sisters are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Connot of Spencer.  
The births were reported in chronological order as follows:  
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haselhorst of Spencer, a daughter, born at 3:15 a.m., Saturday, June 18, in Sacred Heart hospital, Lynch, weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kayl of Spencer, a son, born at 5 a.m., Saturday, June 18, in St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin of Spencer, a daughter, born at 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, in St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces.

### Senator Curtis Praises Clarence Davis

U.S. Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Nebr.) took an opportunity this week to praise the outstanding work in Washington, D.C., of a fellow Nebraskan, Under Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis, formerly a Lincoln attorney. Mr. Davis is presently serving as acting secretary of the interior during the absence of Secretary McKay for the next few weeks.  
Mr. Davis is administering a department employing 55,000 persons and has jurisdiction over a wide variety of problems of national importance. His department has jurisdiction over reclamation matters, public lands, Indians, territories, mines and mining, and fish and wildlife matter.  
During the 83rd session of the congress, more than 20 percent of the bills signed into law by President Eisenhower emanated from the department of the interior. Senator Curtis said, "I believe one of the most competent at the top side of our federal government is

### 13-Pound 'Cat' Taken from Mizzou

These fish were caught last week in the Missouri river near Picktown, S.D., by James Boyle of O'Neill. The largest was a 36-inch catfish, weighing 13 pounds. There were four other cats and one blue bass, weighing four pounds, in the string. Mr. Boyle's daughter, Miss Patricia, helps display the catch. — The Frontier Photo.

### Rock Falls News

A father's day supper was served at the James Curran home to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and girls, Charlene and Curt Larson, Carol Donlin, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and children and Mr. Curran's sister, Mrs. Ed Connors of Broadwater.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schultz and children were Monday, June 20, visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz.  
Mrs. Don Hynes and her

Clarence Davis. The tremendous responsibilities of his department are in excellent hands."  
To Formosa—  
Major and Mrs. John G. Deaver of Ft. Devon, near Boston, Mass., spent two weeks here. They left Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyo., where they will visit for a short time. The family will remain in Cheyenne until Major Deaver has established a home for them in Formosa, where he will be stationed.

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