

State Capitol News

# Turnpike Prospects Grow Brighter

By MELVIN PAUL

LINCOLN—As state highway department officials watched the progress of highway fund bills in congress, the prospects—and problems—of building a great four-lane highway across Nebraska appeared closer than ever.

The federal government has plotted a superhighway stretching from Omaha west to Kimball, a connecting link in a system of interstate routes knitting the nation together. Purpose is to provide roads for defense and also to handle the increasing traffic volumes in the coming years.

Two bills now before congress would greatly increase the funds available to Nebraska to pour into its portion of the interstate route.

Nebraska got \$485,000 in a 1952 congressional act which appropriated \$25 million for this purpose for the whole country.

The U. S. senate's current ap-

propriation bill would allocate \$2,083,000 per year to Nebraska to be matched on a 60 percent federal, 40 percent state basis. In other words, if Nebraska matched this amount there would be \$3.6 millions each year to spend on the interstate route.

The \$2 million amount would be Nebraska's share of more than \$150 million the senate bill would donate to the interstate routes across the country.

The U. S. house of representatives' current appropriation bill calls for \$200 million for this purpose. The two bills will eventually be reconciled somewhere between these two figures.

This much money makes a staggering available for Nebraska use. But it also brings a host of problems with it, according to State Engineer L. M. Ress.

First, of course, will be getting the matching money to go with it. Finding \$1.6 million a year will be a task. Second will be figuring out all the relocations necessary.

The Route—The proposed interstate route would be a four-lane divided trafficway built for 70 miles an hour speeds. It would come into Nebraska at Omaha, cut down along the present U. S. 6 to near Lincoln, follow U. S. 34 west to Grand Island, then pick up U. S. 30 and follow it to the Wyoming border.

The problem is that these highways go through a lot of towns. It looks as though it would be impractical to widen the highway and set up 70 miles an hour speed facilities through many of these towns, such as Grand Island, North Platte, Sidney, and Kimball.

Bypasses of some sort seem almost a necessity in some cases, Ress said. And that's where the headaches will come in. Towns involved are almost certain to battle any moves of this sort.

A group of representatives from the federal bureau of public roads is to be in Nebraska April 20 to 22 to meet with Eng. Ress in connection with proposed routing on the system.

Ress said that discussion will center on where the first steps should be. The vastly increased funds will be available after July 1, 1955.

Emphasis might be placed on building the first four-lane stretch between Lincoln and Omaha. Ress said there probably will be enough money to do this within a two year period.

At the same time the heaviest traffic volumes are between Grand Island and North Platte. Something may have to be done about this stretch.

But Ress said that of the whole proposed route the stretches in the worst shape are in the Park handle west of Paxton. Attention

might be placed there first. The only trouble is that traffic volumes there aren't heavy enough yet to warrant the four lane trafficway. And the rumpus caused in efforts to relocate around Kimball has served notice that those western towns won't easily part with their highway through town.

Too Much Money—Actually, the current highway fund appropriation bills before congress may create a problem of too much money available for Nebraska.

The state is currently matching \$9 million available this year. Yet \$14.5 million would be available under the house version of the appropriations bill. And \$12.5 would be available if the senate version is the one finally accepted.

In the senate version the money for federal aid primary roads will be increased from \$14.4 million to \$6.6; for secondary aid roads from \$3.3 to \$4.4; and for urban use from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million.

Tax Disagreement—There were growing indications that some legislators were urging Gov. Robert Crosby at week's end to call a special session of the legislature—and Monday he announced an April 20 call.

The reaction of some legislators to Crosby's own constitutional tax reform proposals was that he was grabbing their ball and running with it.

Some legislators are said to be worried that the fact that the legislature has done nothing about the tax controversy will hurt them in their election battles this summer. They want a special session called soon so they can benefit from the public response to positive action taken.

Crosby earlier had announced an initiative drive to place before the voters next November several constitutional amendments. Five involved permissive action to allow the legislature, if it wishes, to pass a partial homestead exemption law, or exempt household goods from taxation, and other proposals.

Another proposal, which Crosby made "without recommendation," was to place in the constitution a "safeguard" that if a sales or income tax is ever passed by the legislature it must be used to replace that portion of the state property tax which is used to support state government.

Sharpest legislative reaction to the Crosby proposals came at a closed session of the legislature taxation committee, headed by Sen. Otto Liebers of Lincoln.

Reportedly, committee members "talked turkey" to Crosby, offering to work a compromise arrangement with him if he would call a special session.

Members reportedly told him they were afraid his proposals would get the tax issue mixed too much into election politics this year.

Aged Mentally Ill—A legislative council committee under Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill began exploring the problem of the aged mentally ill.

Board of Control Chairman Diers told the committee that Nebraska is at the crossroads in dealing with elderly persons who lose their mental capacities. He said these unfortunates are loading up the facilities of the state's mental hospitals, thus keeping out younger persons who might better respond to psychiatric curative treatments.

Diers suggested that perhaps "colonies" for these old people should be established at each mental hospital.

Self-Invited Guests—A group of friends had a surprise party for Mrs. A. F. Stanton at her home last Thursday, April 1. The occasion honored her birthday anniversary. The self-invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rohde and Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Stowell, Mrs. Thomas Donlin and Mrs. John Harrington and Marlene.



Mrs. Donald Fox Is Recent Bride

Miss Ruth Nachtman (above), formerly of Stuart, became the bride of Donald Fox of Newport in a nuptial rite performed Sunday, March 28, in the Methodist church at O'Neill. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nachtman of Stuart.—O'Neill Photo Co.

## Church Notices

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)**  
Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor  
Miss Helen May, assistant to the pastor  
Sunday, April 11: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; church school nursery class, 11 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; junior high Westminster fellowship in the church basement, 5-7 p.m.

The spiritual life group will meet in the pastor's study on Monday at 2 p.m.

The college age Westminster fellowship will meet Wednesday evening, April 14, at 7 o'clock.

The senior high fellowship will not meet this week because of the music contest.

The women's Circles I and II will meet Thursday, April 15, at 2:30 p.m. Circle III will meet a week later—April 22.

A candlelight communion service will be held at the church on Maundy Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m.

The church choir will practice Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the church basement and the children's story hour will follow.

The Men's council of the Presbyterian church of O'Neill will be hosts to the Women's association of the church at a dinner meeting at the church Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. At this meeting, D. H. Clauson and the pastor, Reverend Lee, will report on the national meeting of Presbyterian Men which was held in Chicago, Ill., March 19-21.

**Money to Loan**  
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— on —  
**Central Finance Corp.**  
C. E. Jones, Manager  
O'Neill, Nebraska

**COMMUNITY (Stuart)**  
Rev. D. D. Su, pastor  
Bible study, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.  
Intermediate fellowship group meets Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)**  
Corner of Sixth and Grant  
John Thomas, minister  
Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.  
The Church of Christ is presently engaged in an evangelistic campaign. Evangelistic services are being conducted nightly with Bro. Clyde Spaulding of Lusk, Wyo., bringing the challenging messages from God's Word. These services will continue nightly at 8 o'clock except Mondays. We invite everyone to come and enjoy the congregational singing and special music and thrill to the preaching of God's unchanging Word.

**WESLEYAN METHODIST**  
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Rev. Samuel Lee, pastor  
Miss Helen May, assistant to the pastor  
Sunday, April 11: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school following. Sunday evening will be family night at the Bethany church. A fellowship supper will be held at 7 o'clock. Each family should bring a covered dish and sandwiches for their own family. Following the supper, the young people of the church will present a program. There will be several musical numbers and a play, "The Light in the Window." In the play several of the characters learn the true meaning of Easter.  
Tuesday evening, April 13: A candlelight communion service will be held at the church, 8 p.m.

**Auxiliary to Meet—**  
St. Anthony's hospital auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m., Monday, April 12, at the hospital.

**JOHN R. GALLAGHER**  
Attorney-at-Law  
First Nat'l Bank Bldg.  
O'NEILL -- PHONE 11

**320-Acre Boyd County Stock Farm LAND AUCTION**  
On premises, 4 miles west and 1 mile south of Naper, Nebr., on —  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1954 — 1 P.M.**  
Improvements—Including 6-room modern house (new kitchen fixtures, new bath), cement cave, 20'x20' double garage, 12'x16' brooder house, 12'x48' chicken house, 16'x20' granary, 22'x60' hog house, 40'x64' barn, 50'x36' granary and machine shed—all in excellent condition. Shade.  
Land—33 acres alfalfa, 67 acres corn and small grain, balance in pasture and wild hay. 80 acres fenced hog-light.  
Immediate Possession—20% Day of Sale, balance on delivery warranty deed  
**MARLEN W. BREYER, Owner**  
GABELMAN & CHAMBERS, Neigh. Nebr. Brokers  
THORIN-BOWKER AUCTION SERVICE, O'Neill

**MILLER THEATER**  
— Atkinson —  
Fri.-Sat. April 9-10  
**GLENN JULIA FORD ADAMS**  
**THE MAN FROM THE ALAMO**  
SCANNED A CONWARD!  
SUN.-MON.-TUES. APR. 11-12-13  
**3-DIMENSION**  
**RANDOLPH SCOTT**  
**The Stranger Wore a Gun**  
CLAUDE TREVOR  
WED.-THURS. APR. 14-15  
**A NEW KIND OF THRILLS**  
**WINGS OF THE HAWK**  
VAN HEFLIN-JULIA ADAMS

**RUPTURE**  
Rupture Appliance Specialist, Harry G. Higgins, will give a free demonstration of his "Guaranteed Rupture Shield" for men, women and children, in  
O'Neill, Nebr., at Hotel Golden on Sat., Apr. 10th and in  
Ainsworth, Nebr., at Hotel Midwest, on Mon., Apr. 12th  
From 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. I have fitted thousands of satisfied customers in the middlewest and southwest. Let me prove to you that your rupture can be firmly held in complete comfort without belts, buckles or straps. When skillfully fitted and molded to the body according to individual requirements, your rupture troubles are over. DO NOT EXPERIMENT LONGER, and become a cripple and burden to your family. If you want the complete relief you can obtain, come in for free demonstration.  
**HARRY G. HIGGINS**  
Rupture Appliance Specialist  
225 S. 5th St. Minneapolis 2, Minn.

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**1953 HIGHLIGHTS**  
from our 1953 Annual Report  
**NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS**  
The total number of customers served by the District, as of December 31, 1953, totaled 111,115, an increase of 1,806 over 1952.  
**KILOWATT-HOUR SALES**  
Customers used a record total of 640,458,194 kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1953!  
**ANNUAL USE**  
Rural and residential customers set records in the average annual use per customer of 4,470 and 2,226 kilowatt-hours respectively.  
**ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL \$3,911,867**  
To assure our customers of an adequate supply of electricity for their needs of today and tomorrow, the District continued its long-range program of additions and improvement to essential facilities. A total of \$3,911,867 was spent by the District during 1953 in modernization and additions to substation, distribution and transmission systems, property acquisition and other vital facilities. To date nearly \$34,000,000 has been reinvested in the statewide system of Consumers to build solidly for a bigger, better, brighter electrical future for Nebraskans.  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
During the year the District made additions and improvements to physical properties resulting in gross expenditures of nearly \$4,000,000 for essential modernization and expansion of service facilities and property acquisitions in the amount of \$250,819.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS AT AUCTION**  
The following described household goods and miscellaneous articles will be sold at public auction 2 1/2 blocks south of O'Neill traffic signal—  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 10th 2 P.M.**  
**Consignment Listings**  
4—Davenport  
2—Elec. Refrigerators  
4—Wool Rugs  
4—Beds  
4—Kitchen Tables  
2—Elec. Irons  
1—Vacuum Cleaner  
3—Elec. Hot Plates  
6—Feather Pillows  
2—Steel Cabinets  
2—Library Tables  
3—Trunks  
4—Rocking Chairs  
Carpenter Tools  
2—Elec. Ranges  
1—Elec. Roaster  
Smoke Stands  
Magazine Racks  
4—Dressers  
4—Mirrors  
4—Steel Kitchen Chairs & Stools  
Cooking Utensils  
Assorted Dresses, Threads, Etc.  
1—Elec. Washing Machine  
Dining Room Set  
Vise  
Boat  
Many Miscellaneous Items  
ALSO A TRUCKLOAD OF USED FURNITURE BEING CONSIGNED FROM ORCHARD  
**JOHN McCLELLAN, Mgr.**  
THORIN-BOWKER AUCTION SERVICE, O'Neill  
Col. Ed Thorin, Auct. — Bill Bowker, Clerk

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
That effective April 1st, the Federal Excise Tax was lowered 5% on all appliances? This does not affect washing machines, which carry no excise tax, but it does mean reduced prices on Maytag ranges, freezers, dryers and irons.  
**LOOK AT THESE PRICES:**  
The Maytag Dryer Was \$269.95, NOW \$254.95  
The Maytag Ironer Was \$219.95, NOW \$204.94  
Maytag Food Freezers From \$10 to \$50 LESS  
Maytag Dutch Oven Ranges From \$10 to \$30 LESS  
Call on Us Today for Demonstrations—Phone 531 in O'Neill  
**LADIES:** Do you know you can own most any Maytag appliance for as little as \$5.00 per month on our finance plan? That is less than 17¢ per day, or less than the price of a pack of cigarettes. No doubt your old machine will make the down payment on a new appliance of your choice. Don't delay — see us today!  
**WM. KROTTER COMPANY OF O'NEILL**  
MAYTAG SALES AND SERVICE  
MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE — NEW IDEA — PONTIAC  
Serving Holt County Since 1889

**1953**  
Another big year in  
**NEBRASKA'S**  
**Electrical**  
Progress!  
**More Nebraskans Used More Electricity in 1953 Than Ever Before!**  
And that fact contributed to the outstanding success of the operations of Consumers Public Power District for the year of 1953! The acceptance of dependable, low-cost electricity by Nebraskans as an integral part of modern living at home, at work, in cities, towns and on the farms made 1953 the most successful year in the history of the District's operations.  
A new high in the number of customers served, now recorded at 111,115, set a new record in the use of electricity totaling 640,458,194 kilowatt-hours! Residential customers used a record average of 2,226 kilowatt-hours per customer during the year. Rural customers also set new highs in the use of electricity averaging 4,470 kilowatt-hours per customer for the year.  
**ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL \$3,911,867**  
To assure our customers of an adequate supply of electricity for their needs of today and tomorrow, the District continued its long-range program of additions and improvement to essential facilities. A total of \$3,911,867 was spent by the District during 1953 in modernization and additions to substation, distribution and transmission systems, property acquisition and other vital facilities. To date nearly \$34,000,000 has been reinvested in the statewide system of Consumers to build solidly for a bigger, better, brighter electrical future for Nebraskans.  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
During the year the District made additions and improvements to physical properties resulting in gross expenditures of nearly \$4,000,00