Millions of tax dollars as well private dollars ride on the anthe toll road as against a free the first big swatch of funds is sales tax. swer which must come within superhighway. the next few months.

Although the question is sim- ies connected with the interstate ple, the ingredients involved in route. arriving at a solution are com- Uuder a highway aid bill pasplicated, as was illustrated at a sed by Congress and signed rerecent meeting of the state cently by President Eisenhower turnpike authority.

The authority was appointed Nebraska each year, starting by Gov. Crosby, acting under a July, 1955, a sum of \$2.4 million iaw passed by the '53 legislature, a year. to study the feasibility of build- The catch is that this will have

As if it wasn't problem enough to determine whether this interstate route it would such a road can be made to pay in Nebraska the turnpike authority learned it had an even partment now gets for all roads bigger obstacle facing it.

That is the Nebraska link in the interstate system of highways which the U.S. defense department is anxious to have

The conflicts are two: 1. Both a toll road and the highway" across the state. interstate route would probably follow much the same route. The Need for Speedinterstate route is definitely staked out to run from Omaha

Nebraska it is doubtful that a country.

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a toll road or a free interstate Interstate Route Difficulties-On the face of it there might

But there are certain difficult-

there will be made available to

ing a toll road across Nebraska. to be matched with \$1.6 million These roads, where customers in state highway department pay for the privilege of driving funds every year. At present the on a fast, protected route, have department gets about \$9 million been highly successful in the in revenues annually from the populous eastern part of the gasoline tax and from its share of motor vehicle license fees. To match the federal funds for

take almost 20 per cent of the revenues the state highway dein Nebraska.

As John Cook of Scottsbluff, member of the turnpike authority, put it, the question is whether citizens in most parts of the state will be content to put 20 per cent of their highway revenue into building a "super-

turnpike board that great pres-

N. Ress told the authority flatly out a whopping \$175 million a

"I think Congress must feel the same way, judging by that appropriation," Ress said. The state engineer has already to state 91.

stretch are being drawn. we had better get going on this due.

chairman of the Nebraska turnauthority, said, "I don't ture. Let's make hay slowly on next year, but it will be done as

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available a year from now. The engineer did say that if a Tax Reform Proposalstoll road is built anywhere in Nebraska he is sure there would be no need to "duplicate" it with a free superhighway.

'Bonus' Roads-

Governor Crosby announced \$4 million in "bonus" road improvenments. This will be gravel roads which will be either blacktopped or surfaced with con-

They are called "bonus" because they were not scheduled under the current two year But the costs of the two year anticipated, so there will be \$2 million in state funds "left over" funds will make possible the

anticipated is another factor.

380 miles of road previously LB 2: This places on the ballot State Engineer Ress told the graded and prepared for black- a proposal that county assessors and Kimball to the Wyoming government to get the states a scientific basis, Crosby said. Clarkson, Howells, and Dodge passed by a 30-11 vote.

plans for the Omaha to Lincoln which passes through Holt coundecide whether they want a par-group. All of this led Cook to ob- is getting a big share of mat household goods from taxation. Gloor to Resign serve, "It looks like to me that work-a good many moons over- At present there is only a \$200 from Force-

toward St. Louis. A few weeks but Governor Crosby told Holt but Go county leaders last week: "Highway 281 will be hardsurfaced all the "heart" of any tax reform Corporal Johnson Raymond McGrath of Omaha, the way, giving Boyd county an program. It also occasioned the Is with Seventh oil mat outlet.

quickly as possible.

Five Bills to Voters-

None of these will have any effect, however, unless they are approved by Nebraska's citizens in the November general elec-

voters, this will only mean that gin which belied the bitter the 1955 session of the legislature can sit down and write new tax laws. In other words, the constitutional amendments with one exception-are permis-

The one exception is not strictly speaking, a part of the tax reform program.

a 29-11 vote.

Its advocates say it will pro- Slap and Backslap-

debate attacked because they the state board of equalization til we know whether we can who wouldn't know whether a 1955 motor vehicle assessments. build a toll road in Nebraska. Vote for it was a vote for the Crosby said that under the Am-But Ress pointed out that sales tax or against it. Most of erican form of government the planning must be done now if the core of this opposition came theory of separation of powers the state is to be ready when from Omaha, long a foe of any of the legislative, executive and

But the heart of the tax program was contained in four their nose in others' business." other proposals which the legballot. Advocates of the meas- and didn't deserve this slap. ures said they are necessary to

They are: LB 1: This would allow the voters to approve an amendhighway inprovement program. ment to allow the establishment or a state tax commission. At program have been less than present the tax tax board is the state board of equalization, composed of the governor, state which matched with federal treasurer, state auditor, secretary of state, and state tax com- mand got together and in an un-"upgrading" of 125 miles of missioner. All but the tax com- usual display of unanimity chose of the present system charge mont attorney, as state chairmates and the favorable winter that politics often makes them man. This was made necessary which has cut maintenance costs timid in enforcing taxes. Also, when David Martin of Kearney were two big items in allowing the elective officers can't give resigned from the U.S. senate. the "bonus" package. More in- full time to taxes and aren't well come from gas taxes than was acquainted with the problems. Laveta Lehn on This bill had relatively little op-The roads were chosen from position and passed 37-5.

topping. All had to have a traf- either be elected or appointed. Seventh district trustee of the past Lincoln to Grand Island sure is being brought from the fic count on more than 300 ve- At present the constitution re- National Dental association, last and on past North Platte, Sidney, highest levels of the federal hicles a day and were chosen on quires that they be elected. Students of the Nebraska tax sys- braska Dental Assistants' asso-The 16 projects chosen: State tem say that it is doubtful that ciation: "The girl at the recep-2. T pay for itself a turnpike terstate system. He said the dewould have to follow much this tense department is concerned US 183 from Bassett north 6 assessments are made by a dental patient's visit pleasant." some route, especially the Oma- that in case of war the present miles; US 281 from Spencer county assessor who must run Miss Lehn, who assists Dr. L. ha to Lincoln link. But if the highway network would be enfederal government builds a tirely inadequate for shuttling Norfolk to Hoskins; state 9 from If the voters approve this sistants there are various ways four lane superhighway across men and munitions across the Allen north and south; state 91 amendment, it would not mean of putting the patient at ease. from Leigh east; state 15 from a change necessarily. That The O'Neill woman earlier Schuyler south; state 50 from would be up to the legislature, this month attended the Iowa nity could pick up enough bus-riated only \$25 million a year Syracuse south; state 15 Fair- The state association of county State Dental Assistants' conveniness to pay. State Engineer L. for this program, has now laid bury to Kansas line; Ruskin assessors has advocated this tion in Des Moines, appeared west on state 3; Elwood to Smith- move. The bill got steady op- last week on the Nebraska protield on state 23; Oxford to Or- position from senators who gram, and went to Sioux Falls,

> announced that preliminary Oil-hungry U.S. highway 281, ka voters will have a chance to session of the North Dakota ty north-and-south via O'Neill, tial or complete exemption of exemption on this item. Advo-Already under construction is cates of the bill said that Ne- S. Linville of Atkinson has ap-The problem there is that Ne- a stretch south of O'Neill and a braska assessors have to spend pointed Manuel Kreiger to beoraska's plans largely depend on five-mile piece north of O'Neill. 90 percent of their effort to get come Atkinson's new chief of what Illinois and Iowa do. Un- Already processed and ready for listings of this category which police, June 1. Mr. Kreiger will August 6-20. what introls and lowe do. Onless a turnpike comes west from
> Chicago through this part of the
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> Chicago through this part of the
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> Suproduces only about two percent
> Succeed Otto Gloor, who informed the six-mile stretch north of O'Neill of the tax. Surprisingly, this bill of city officials some time ago midwest, it is extremely doubtful that a turnpike will be built
> in Nebraska.
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> Six-line stretch north of O Nelli of the tax. Sulphisingly, this bill of tax. Sulphisingly, the tax of t surfacing, extending south from in a wealthy home. It takes 26 ed by Mayor Linville are Lawwhether it will build a toll road and state highway 12 (in Boyd votes to put a constitutional prowhether it will build a toll road west toward Iowa or southwest county). This leaves a stretch of posal on the ballot and this named street commissioner, and

> > most vigorous scrapping in the ments" clause in the constitution | Men of the bayonet division As members of the Nebraska tangible property. Advocates say efficiency displayed by the unit legislature arrived home after a it is necessary to take real es- from Pusan to the Yalu river. three week special session on tate out of its current "assesstaxation, the upcoming problem ment straitjacket." Under the army in 1947. seemed to be to explain their present constitutional provision, tax reform program to the votcurrent market value, a difficult In what was termed by many figure to find many times. Tax Ola Ermer visited on Monday, "the toughest session ever" the experts say it would be better May 10, with Mr. and Mrs. Waltlegislature hammered out five to be able to use long term av- er Martin and Mrs. Dora Laproposals for amending the con- erage sales prices, income from posky. The William Ermers stitution to bring about a better the land or building, and other called in the evening. factors. Opposition was most vigorous from the railroads and other groups which apparently figured it might harm special formulas for taxation granted them through the years. The bill was killed in committee, revived Even if the constitutional 32 to 2 after days of debate, and amendments are adopted by the finally passed by a 39 to 1 mar-

> > > struggles over it. Promotional Cost-

Still to be answered was the gustion of who will foot the bill for carrying an educational camparign to the voters on these measures. The state's grain and seed dealers were expected to help. They had sought an It is a proposal to place in the amendment under LB 4 to allow constitution a clause that if the a different method of taxing state ever gets a sales or income grain. But this was junked at tax the revenues must first be the last minute as the opposing used to replace that part of the groups in the legislature sought property tax which supports a compromise on some bill they state government. Property tax-could get passed. It was still es for schools, cities and coun-considered possible that some ties would still be in effect, of real estate groups, or the Ne-This proposal, known as legislative bill 7, was approved by might pick up the tab.

vide a safeguard for citizens so In the closing days of the ses-

that if a state sales or income sion Governor Crosby made two tax is ever voted it wouldn't be appearances before the legislaan "extra tax." It would be used ture, both completely different. first to replace a present tax, One afternoon he appeared to

tell the legislature it had ex-Oppoinents of the bill in floor ceeded its authority in asking judicial branches of government must be upheld. Most senators reacted well,

agreeing that they had "stuck Some said that all they had askislature placed on the November ed was information, however, The next day as the session knock out certain restrictive adjourned Crosby appeared and complimented the legislature on stand in the way of efforts to improve the Nebraska tax syshad been a "most difficult" session but said it was important because it got tax issues out into the open where they could be debated before the citizens of the state. He said if it hadn't

New Political Leader-The state republican high commissioner are elected and critics William Spear, 43-year-old Fre-

acted nothing could have been

done about taxes until 1957.

Busy Schedule Recent Anniversary-

Miss Leveta Lehn of O'Neill,

leans on state 3; Sargent to Tay- claimed it would take away S.D., today (Thursday) to attend lor on US 183; and spurs from more local rule. It was finally a three-day convention there. From Sioux Falls she will go to LB 3: Under this bill Nebras- Bismark, N.D., for a three-day

Cpl. Donald L. Johnson, son of past special session. Under this Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson there first should be in the picwhether they want to relax the the Seventh infantry division in rigid "uniformity of assess- Korea.

to allow new standards for as- are undergoing intensive trainsessing real estate and other ing to maintain the peak combat Corporal Johnson entered the

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McCarts Honored on

John and Bill Cook entertained a group of friends at their home recently honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCart on their sixth wedding anniversary. The eve-

ning was spent playing cards Mr. and Mrs. Joe Soukup and kup and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. travel on the tour. Donald Marcellus and girls, Mr. Mrs. James Fleming and sons, Frank and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peter and family, Mr. and Mrs Joe Wagman and son, Raymond, and Henry Cook. Lunch was served.

COURSES ANNOUNCED

The adult education department of Norfolk Junior college has announced a current history course will run May 21-June 4 ATKINSON- Mayor Willard 8 a.m., to 12 noon daily. A modern science course will be offered June 11-25; speech for teachers, July 2-16; practical arts,

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**Scout Camporee Set** for Atkinson Park

ATKINSON-Boy Scouts from the area of the north-central district will camp at Atkinson state park, two miles west of town, Friday, May 21, to Friday,

May 28. A camporee will be held Friday through Sunday. To climax the camporee, demonstrations by Scouts and a cub kite contest will be staged Sunday afternoon. In charge of arrangements is George B. Burkland, jr., of Atkinson, district scout executive. Burkland recently located at Atkinson, coming here from Oma-

O'Neill Girl with Touring College Unit

Miss Barbara Bennett of Minnesota Bible college of Minneapolis, Minn., returned Monday May 10, from a 10-day spring tour sponsored by the college. She traveled with a girls' a cappella quartet, "God's Grace Notes," Richard Hayes of Minneapolis, a violinist, and also a member of the University of Minnesota symphony orchestra, and Prof. Don L. Riggin, faculty advisor and speaker.

They traveled through eight states, going as far east as Pennsylvania, presenting programs in the Churches of Christ. Miss Bennett also presented pictures in chalk art, accompanied by Miss Betty King, soloist.

This group was one of nine groups which altogether traveled as far south as Louisiana Those present were Mr. and north to Canada, east to Penn-Mrs. Fred McCart and family, sylvania and west to the Dakotas, promoting the college. This Joann, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sou- is Miss Bennett's second year to The group of girls known as

and Mrs. Anton Jirak, Mr. and "God's Grace Notes," has done much traveling presenting programs of sacred music.

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