

## 'Under Construction' Needs Clarification

### U.S. Bureau's Term Misleading

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Sometimes official reports—unless accompanied by adequate explanatory material—can leave erroneous impressions.

That is exactly what has happened in the case of a report of the U.S. bureau of public roads classifying a total of 603 miles of Nebraska highways as being "under construction" on last June 30.

At first blush, it would seem that if Nebraska had that many miles of roads "under construction" in the middle of 1952, there certainly should be no cause for concern in 1953 about highway financing.

But it so happens that the U.S. bureau of public roads classifies road projects as still "under construction" until 95 percent of the monetary value of the work is done.

In other words, a road construction project is not completed, in the eyes of the U.S. bureau, until the contractor has all but 5 percent of his job done.

The state highway department, in order to get to the bottom of the whole thing,

made a searching study of these projects and came up with these findings:

That major construction work was completed on about 15 percent of the mileage in 1951, or earlier; completed on about 13 percent of the mileage between January and the end of June, 1952; completed on about 44 percent of the mileage during July and the end of September, 1952; and that only about 25 percent of the major construction work remained uncompleted when cold weather set in late last fall.

Many of the projects listed were not complete as of June 30, as far as the U.S. bureau was concerned, simply because guard rail—had not been erected at that time. Yet the highways themselves had been in use by the traveling public, some for more than a year.

It is interesting to note that all of this confusion about roads "under construction" stems from the very fact that Nebraska has been deficient in state revenue for highways.

Highway departments of most states—those not critically short of state funds—use federal matching funds only for the principal items of major construction projects. By doing such minor work as guard rail erection with state funds only, the states eliminate some of the red tape.

Nebraska, however, has to use federal aid to the greatest extent possible because state funds are critically short. Nebraska's policy in this respect not only lengthens the time that projects in this state are in the "under construction" category, but also raises the cost per mile for construction, since Nebraska asks for federal participation on every eligible item.

Many states, for example, never use federal funds in obtaining right of way, but Nebraska always asks the federal government for 50 percent reimbursement for right of way procurements.

## Recent Army - Air Enlistments Told

The army-air force recruiting office at O'Neill has announced the following recent enlistments from this recruiting area. For the regular army: Guy U. Norwood of Lynch; John G. Summers of Page; Eddie L. Jackson of Nezel; William J. Zacek of Niobrara (airborne); Robert C. Hart of Brooksbury; Charles L. Wiggins of Seneca; Gerald H. Ashton of Neligh.

Summers, Jackson and Wiggins went to Ft. Riley, Kans., for eight weeks of basic training and then will be reassigned to a quartermaster unit at Camp Carson, Colo. These are special assignments arranged before the men enlisted.

The others went to Camp Crowder, Mo., for further processing and reassignment. Hart will be reassigned to the engineers. He is an ex-serviceman and has a choice of branch on reenlistment. Ashton had made application for specialized training in the signal corps. He was accepted for this special training before enlisting. He will take his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga., and will then be reassigned at that training center to a three-month camera repair school.

For air force: Maxie D. Angus of Ewing; Luke A. Scholtes of Ainsworth; Delbert R. Rouse of O'Neill; Merlin Meyers of Bloomfield; John D. Binkerd of Ewing; Ace E. Shermer of Amelia; Robert E. Courtney of Lynch; Donald F. Scherbring of Petersburg.

Woodrow C. Vaughn of Valentine; Allen H. Walters of O'Neill; Kenneth J. Macke of Creighton; Lawrence Murphy of Bloomfield; Richard W. Ring of Spencer; William L. Allison of Burton; George H. Courtney of Lynch; Edward E. McCloud of Verdell.

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## base, San Antonio, Tex., for further processing, reassignment and training.

### TIMES ARE BAD

A young man, losing a race with a patrolman between York and Aurora, was taken before a justice of the peace. In court, the youth told of his struggles to secure an education and the menial tasks he was forced to do. Asked what kind of car he was driving, the youth replied, "A 1952 Oldsmobile."

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When a strange man broke open a lock on a front door and entered a Blair woman's home, the housewife wasted no time on heroic actions or thoughts. She ran for the back door and fled.

## O'Neill News

Mrs. L. A. Burgess spent the weekend in Lincoln visiting her son, Warren Burgess, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewster and Gary called in the George Winkler farm home Sunday evening to see Terry Gallagher who was recently dismissed from St. Anthony's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stevens returned to their home at Oakland Sunday after spending a few days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Asimus spent Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo., on business. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson entertained at a dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George C. Smith and family of

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