

Highway Plans Hit Legal Snarl

By MELVIN PAUL
The Frontier's Statehouse Correspondent

LINCOLN — Confusion over Nebraska's highway laws overshadowed the favorable reaction to Gov. Robert Crosby's "Operation Honesty" tax plan this week.

State highway department lawyers this week looked to their legal tomes after a startling opinion Atty-Gen. C. S. Beck handed to the state advisory commission last week.

The commission was all set to hear the arguments on the proposed relocation of state highway 35 between Wayne and Wakefield. The Beck opinion, however, delivered before the hearing started, was a shocker. Beck said he doubted whether Nebraska had the authority to relocate any federal aid highway not designated by law as a part of the state highway system.

The attorney-general said the 1953 legislature dropped the word "federal" from a highway department "catch-all" bill. This, Beck said, indicated the legislature intended to limit the department to relocating only those highways designated as state highways.

The state highway system is specifically outlined in another statute.

Highway 35 has been recognized as a federal aid highway, but it was not on the list of "state" highways.

Therefore, Beck said, he doesn't think it could be legally relocated.

State Engineer L. N. Ress immediately thumbed through the list of relocations and said a total of six of these "dubiously" are off because of the opinion.

Ress listed the projects as:

Eleven miles of highway 2 between Lincoln and Bennet.

Twelve miles of highway 83 between North Platte and Wellfleet.

Four miles of U.S. 138 from Big Springs to the Colorado line.

Highway 35 between Wakefield and Wayne.

Highway 35 from Wakefield to Emerson.

Highway 38 for 3.5 miles east of Yutan.

Ress checked the law books further and decided he doubted whether the state could even maintain highways not on the statutory state highway system, or those upon which no federal money has been spent.

Governor Crosby then asked Beck to rule on that matter. Ress said there are 1,915 miles of road now maintained by the state that are not a part of the statutory state system, and he thinks the state, according to law, shouldn't be maintaining some of them.

Outmoded Laws—

The apparent loophole regarding relocating highways prompted statehouse lawyers to check their lawbooks in general.

And they came up with the suggestion that Nebraska needs to modernize its laws on many subjects.

For instance, it is illegal to haul dynamite in stagecoaches or steamboats. And there are many

other such useless laws on the books.

Statutes were revised in 1943—the first time for 30 years.

Governor Crosby says the legislature ought to be thinking about combing the statute books again to weed out unnecessary laws and those that hamper efficient administration.

Since 1943 laws dealing with elections and schools have been re-codified. If this practice is to continue, Crosby said, the highway department ought to be next in line.

Operation Honesty—

Governor Crosby's "Operation Honesty" plan for full personal property returns in 1954 for taxation, continued to draw support this week.

Some of the letter writers, however, expressed doubt as to whether Crosby could make the plan stick. The governor says he is fully confident Nebraskans will rally to the program.

And, he said he is going to take every opportunity to speak to groups and individuals, seeking their support. Many state-wide organizations and individuals have said they will back his program.

"This is a three and a half month campaign," Crosby said, "and I'm all out on it."

Crosby said he is going to rely heavily on state-wide organizations to help see the plan through so the heavy burden on real estate can be eased somewhat.

One Omaha businessman has come to the aid of Crosby in an unusual way.

When his telephone rings, he picks up the receiver and says: "Operation Honesty."

Honesty Buttons—

In a few weeks, Governor Crosby expects to receive an initial shipment of 10,000 "Honesty Buttons" for distribution to Nebraskans who want to back his plan.

The buttons are oblong and blue and white in color. They can be obtained by signing a pledge to faithfully report all personal property in 1954 for taxation. Crosby is going to foot the bill for the buttons and he says he hopes that the initial order of 10,000 is "not nearly enough."

One housewife wrote Crosby asking for some buttons and enclosed a 50-cent piece. She noted that Crosby is going to pay for the pins, but she said she wanted to buy hers.

Crosby refunded the money.

Hike to Nebraska—

INMAN — FN/1c Dale Hinzmann of Orchard, Wash., and S/1c Jack Gruber of Mallard, Ia., hitchhiked to the home of the latter at Mallard and on their return they stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gilgoly of Inman. They arrived Thanksgiving evening and spent the weekend here. Dale Hinzmann is a nephew of Mr. Gilgoly. Both boys are stationed at Astoria, Ore. They planned to hitchhike a ride on their return.

Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonald's.



Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith of Columbus announce the engagement of their daughter, Vernice (above), to Milton L. Prang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Prang of Columbus. The Beckwith family moved from O'Neill to Columbus several years ago when Miss Vernice was an O'Neill high school student.

Knoxville News

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Pavlik accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Dufek and Leonard of Verdigré to Rockford, Ill., to attend the wedding of Miss Leona Dufek and James Pavlik which took place on Saturday, November 14.

Sunday, November 23, dinner guests at the Dale Barta home were Rev. Charles O'Bohney of Verdigré, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski of Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schochenmaier and family of Bonesteel, S.D., and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Burbach and Larry of Wynot.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Arneson and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peters of Verdigré visited on Wednesday evening, November 18, at the Dale Barta home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barta visited Sunday, November 23, at the Ralph Phillip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Ellis visited at the Ben Krotous home in Verdigré recently.

Bonan Margritz Named Club Reporter—

The Evergreen 4-H club met Tuesday, November 17, with all members present. A news reporter, Bonna Margritz, was elected.

The leader, Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, showed the stitches used in making the needle case. The younger members were shown how to set a table. The material used in the coming project and ribbons for last year's projects were handed out.

At the next meeting Brenton Wabs will give a demonstration on how to make a needle case. Susan Wabs will give a demonstration on how to set a table. The next meeting will be December 21 and roll call will be ideas for future roll call. The president closed the meeting.—By Bonna Margritz, news reporter.

Deloit News

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Stearns attended the farm bureau convention at Lincoln last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Huffman and daughters and Maude Brion spent last Thursday afternoon at Stanley Huffman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson and Don spent Thanksgiving day with their daughter, Mrs. H. Milnar, and family near Emmet.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bartak and Doris, Bill Gibbs and Mrs. Lodge were guests Thanksgiving day at Wayne Paul's.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harpster were Sunday dinner guests at the H. Reimer home. The occasion was Glenn's birthday anniversary.

The Deloit Pinochle club entertained their husbands at a pinochle party Tuesday evening, November 24, at the Harold Werkmeister home. Lambert Bartak won high score for the men and Mrs. Frank Miller for the ladies. Vincent Thiele had men's low and Mrs. Leon Sisson low for ladies. Carl Thiele won traveling prize. Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. H. Werkmeister were hostess. Pie and coffee were served.

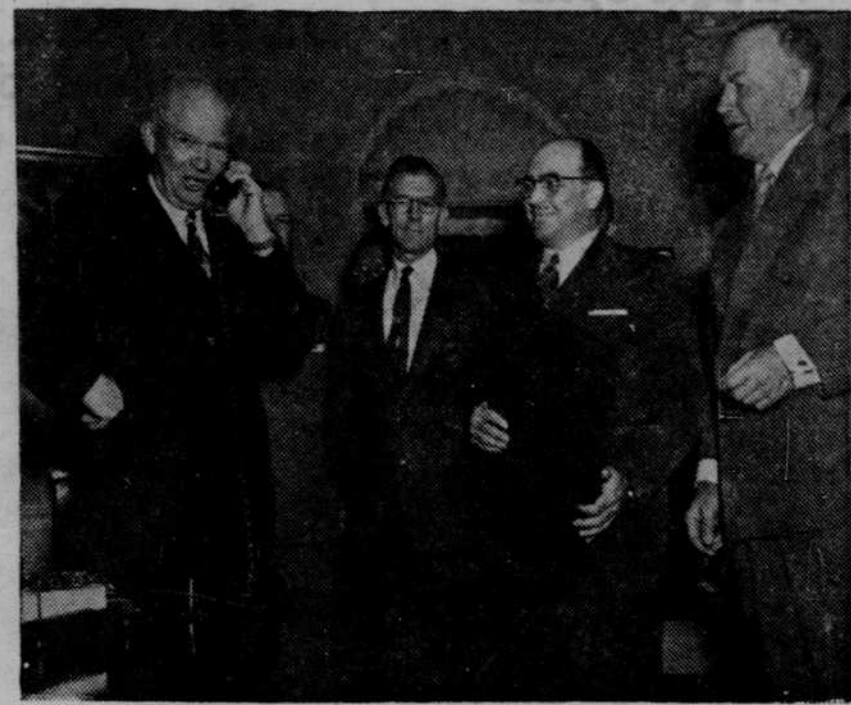
Nina, Julian and Daryl Paul of Elgin were Sunday guests at the Wayne Paul home.

District 101 Holds Box Social—

ATKINSON—A box social was held at district 101 Wednesday evening, November 25, by Miss Ethel Summers and pupils. A nice time was enjoyed. The proceeds of \$30.80 will be used for beginners' supplies.

The school is four miles north and two east of Atkinson.

The Frontier for printing!



Ike Gets 50,000,000th Phone

President Dwight Eisenhower (above) makes first call on the 50,000,000th telephone to be installed in the U.S. Telephone industry leaders made the presentation recently at the white house.

Fuel Dealer-User Meeting Scheduled

A public meeting of fuel dealers and users in the O'Neill region will be held at the Holt county courthouse in O'Neill on Tuesday, December 8, starting at 2 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain and discuss the special fuel tax law, according to Clay Wright of Lincoln, chief of the Nebraska division of motor fuels. "All dealers and users are urged to attend," Wright said.

Visit North Platte—

Mrs. Orville Harrison spent Thanksgiving in North Platte visiting relatives and friends.

Year Books Are Completed

CHAMBERS—The Valley Center extension club met Friday, November 27, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Young.

Members answered roll call by naming a "slick trick" in housekeeping. The president, Mrs. Glen Grimes, was in charge of the business session. Committees were appointed for the coming year and year books were filled out. Plans were made for a Christmas party. The lesson on "Easier Housekeeping" was presented by Mrs. H. C. Walter.

Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 18 at the home of Mrs. Ray Beed.

Outgoing Missionary Is Speaker

CHAMBERS — Members and friends of the Memorial Baptist church enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the church with services both morning and evening.

Chuck Forster, outgoing missionary to Africa, was guest speaker. Present also were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Grand Island, and friends from O'Neill and Burwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Walter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Hoge and children had Thanksgiving dinner with the H. C. Walter family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean V. Stevens, and children to Sioux City Thanksgiving day where they had dinner with the formers' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medtalf, and children. They returned Friday.

CHAMBERS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith had as their guests on Thanksgiving day her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walter; her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walter, and daughter, and her grandfather, John Walter.

Mary Taggart came from Omaha to spend Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Taggart.

Wagons, tricycles, bicycles, sleds, dolls, etc. Use our lay away plan. — Scovie's Western Auto, O'Neill, 28-33c

New Meeting Date for Rural Teachers

The postponed meeting of the Holt County Rural Teachers association will be held Friday, December 11, in the band room at the O'Neill public school, according to Miss Alice French, Holt county superintendent of public instruction.

There will be another film and the same committees are to be in charge of entertainment and refreshments.

When in Omaha

HOTEL CONANT

200 ROOMS \$2 to \$3



"WE JUST GOT A LOAN FROM CENTRAL FINANCE FOR CHRISTMAS BUYING!"

CASH

DO YOU NEED

FOR CHRISTMAS?

Central Finance will be happy to assist you. A loan on your automobile or household goods will permit you to consolidate an accumulation of debts — or to pay cash at each place of business you are purchasing Christmas Gifts. Have one place to pay instead of many. Plans up to 18 months to pay.

ALL INQUIRIES HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

How to Borrow Money On Your Automobile

Your automobile title is all that's needed for a loan. Payments can be arranged to suit your income. Plans up to 18 months to pay or farmers may use a special plan designed for them. Loans also made on household furniture with the same repayment schedules available. Our private offices will assure you of confidential service and add to your comfort and convenience.

Licensed by the State of Nebraska

Central Finance Corp.

O'NEILL

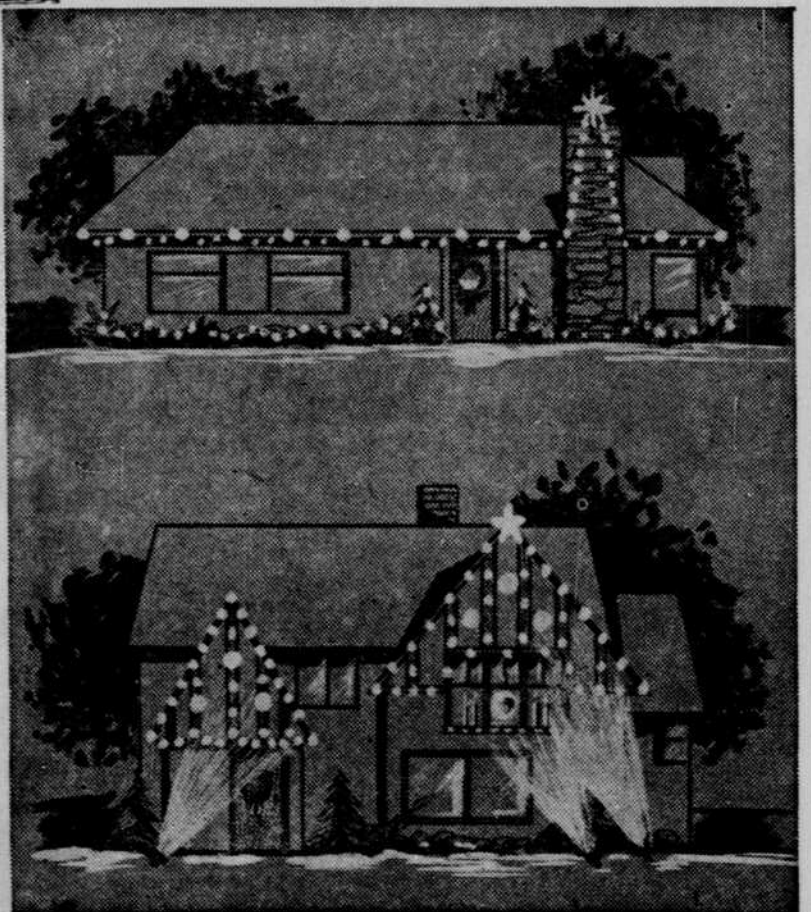
C. E. JONES, Mgr.

PHONE 14

How to make your Christmas Bright with Light

Join in with your neighbors and community this year in saying "Merry Christmas!" for all the world to see... with Light! Plan now to have your home express the Spirit and Gaiety of this Holiday Season in the best tradition!

Christmas lighting for your home can be as distinctive and personalized as a Christmas card and... inexpensive too!



FREE We will be glad to offer you tips and suggestions on Christmas lighting for your home without cost or obligation. Ask us for your free booklet on ideas for Christmas home lighting.



Christmas LIGHTING TIPS

Light-Up This Christmas!