

State Capitol News —

### Truman's Visit Overshadow's Nebraska Highway Battle — But Not for Long

LINCOLN — The highway battle continued to top the statehouse news this week. With President Truman's visit to Nebraska a thing of the past, the opponents in the scrap over Gov. Val Peterson's road program grabbed the headlines again. The 1952 senatorial race cast its shadow across the dispute as Sen. Hugh Butler briefly stepped into the fray. The senator was quoted in stories from Washington as saying the highway program "will be defeated" when the referendum on the gas tax and registration hikes goes before the voters in November.

It's still a secret whether Peterson aspires to the senate in 1952, but it's no secret that Butler was miffed at what he considered the governor's "interference" by wiring President Truman, urging a veto of the controversial Kerr bill. Butler had voted for the bill. Whether influenced by Peterson or not, the President did veto the measure.

"How would the governor like it," the senator told his friends, "if I took sides in the highway battle."

No sooner did the stories of Butler's "will be defeated" quote appear than he hastened to say it was all a misquote. The official reporter at the subcommittee hearing where the remark was supposed to have been made, misunderstood him, the senator claimed.

What he really said, Mr. Butler protested, was "may be defeated." The governor said he would "take the senator at his word."

Another aspect of the matter lies in the language of the 2 proposals that will be on the ballot next fall.

A study of recent Nebraska elections indicates that voters in this state are more inclined

to vote "against" than "for" and more likely to vote "no" than "yes."

Thus, it becomes important that this is the official title of the gas tax question:

"Shall the provisions of legislative bill 399, 61st session of the legislature of the State of Nebraska, the purpose of which is to increase the gasoline tax on motor vehicle fuels and the excise tax on motor vehicle fuels, and change the allocation and distribution thereof, be rejected?"

Backers of the governor's program are counting heavily that Nebraskans will vote "no" because that's the way they usually do.

The supreme court now has before it a test case of the 1949 legislature's amendment of the Nebraska pre-primary law.

The suit is an original action, begun at the top level so a decision could be reached before June 3, date of the pre-primary conventions.

The action was brought by W. Orville Baldwin, the Democratic county attorney of Thayer county. He seeks to force Thayer County Clerk J. C. Strain to accept his filing as a candidate to the county pre-primary convention. Strain refused because the legislature specifically barred state or federal employees from filing as delegates and Baldwin is a member of the state game commission.

Nebraska collected \$1,904,719 in gasoline taxes last month, the division of motor fuels reported. This represented a sizeable increase over the March figure of \$1,495,530. Clay Wright, division chief, said the boost was seasonal and reflected increased use of farm machinery and automobile travel.

Compared to April, 1949, last month's collections represented a 40 per cent in-

crease. Wright said this was consistent with other reports since the effective date of the penny-a-gallon tax boost voted by the 1949 legislature.

Nebraska's board of control has as its No. 1 problem the care of mental patients, according to Board Chairman Forrest Johnston.

Johnston said that there are about 500 persons who have been declared insane by courts and sanity commissions, but for whom there is no room in state mental institutions.

About 450 of these persons are awaiting admission to the state hospital at Lincoln. Recent opening of a new receiving building means that about ten patients a week can be accepted.

Completion late in 1951 of a new building at the Norfolk state hospital, with a 440-bed capacity, will just about solve the problem, the board feels.

### Senior Class Presents 'Custer's Last Stand'

EWING — The Senior Class play, "Custer's Last Stand," presented on May 4 and 5, at the high school auditorium, was very successful and played to a well-filled house each evening, regardless of inclement weather.

The plot of the play develops when a telegram arrives at the Custer home in the Rocky Mountains, informing them of a visit from relatives east of the Mississippi, who thought of the west as a dangerous, barbarous place to live with Indians, wild animals and rattlesnakes.

At first the Custer family feels insulted but on second thought decides to make the West just as these relatives thought. Since the town was celebrating Custer's Last Stand and everything, including the people, were dressed for the occasion in pioneer style, it was easy.

The comfortable living-room in their home, removed all signs of modern civilization and is replaced by crude furniture, kerosene lamps, candles, and the family appears dressed in styles of pioneer days. From here the play was hilarious as each member of the cast acted out his part in the manner most pleasing to the audience. The class of 1950 is to be commended on their choice and presentation of their class play, under the direction of Supt. A. S. Evans.

Cast of characters: James Custer, the father, Jack Pruden; Harriet Custer, his wife, Jackie Hand; Emogene Custer, his sister, Catherine Helmricks; Jimmy Custer, his son, David Cloyd; Johnny Newson, Jimmy's cousin, Eugene Kurgeweit; Esther Custer, Jimmy's attractive sister, Betty Jo Weber; Terence Van Ayrsdale, Esther's fiance, Merton Dierks; Lavinia Platt, a spinster from east of the Mississippi, Evelyn Ruroede; Lavinia's spinster sister, Altha Lou Miller; Betty Van Ayrsdale, Terence's youthful aunt, Nadine Steskel; Claire Van Ayrsdale, Betty's sister, Norma Gibson; Georgy Little Bear, a homeless Indian, Glenn Tuttle.

The high school band played several numbers before the play. Several solos and duets were played and one vocal solo was given between acts under the direction of the music instructor, Miss Esther Schram.

### Napier-Montgomery Rites at Ewing

EWING — The wedding of Miss Gloria Napier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Napier and Lorraine Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Montgomery, of Ewing, took place April

### ROYAL THEATER — O'NEILL —

Thursday, May 11 Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in hot water in AFRICA SCREAMS World famous lion tamer, Clyde Beatty; world famous animal hunter, Frank Buck and world famous heavyweight sensations, Max and Buddy Baer. Adm. 42c plus tax 8c, Total 50c Children 10c plus tax 2c Total 12c

Friday and Saturday May 12 and 13 Big Double Bill GIRLS' SCHOOL Starring Joyce Reynolds with Laura Elliott, Julia Dean, Thurston Hall.

—also— Johnny Mack Brown in LAW OF THE WEST Fun, thrills, hard riding and fighting. Adm. 42c plus tax 8c, Total 50c Children 10c, plus tax 2c Total 12c Matinee: Saturday 2:30

Sunday - Monday - Tuesday May 14-15-16 BETTY GRABLE On America's Lusty Street of Sing! WABASH AVENUE Technicolor With Victor Mature, Phil Harris, Reginald Gardiner and James Barton. Adm. 42c plus tax 8c, Total 50c Children 10c, plus tax 2c, Total 12c Matinee Sunday 2:30

5, at Vermillion, South Dakota. Pink snapdragons, yellow daffodils, palms and candelabras decorated the altar of the Methodist church for the 3:30 o'clock afternoon wedding, performed by Rev. J. L. Leach.

The bride's chosen love songs, "Because" and "I Love You Truly," were played by the organist, Miss Alta Hansen.

A white bridal satin gown was worn by the bride. It was fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, scalloped at the waist, and long sleeves, pointed at the wrist. Her illusion veil, edged with lace, fell from a tiara of seed pearls and crystal beads. She carried a shower bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Lynn Fry, sister of the bride, wore an orchid taffeta and net gown with a berth collar and peplum. She carried a bouquet of yellow daffodils.

The bridegroom wore a brown pin-stripe business suit with a white carnation boutonniere. Wayne Fry, cousin of the bridegroom served as best man.

A three-tier wedding cake decorated in white and orchid, topped with a miniature bride and groom, was the centerpiece for the bridal table. A three-course wedding dinner was served to the guests at the Charles Gurney hotel in Yankton, S. D.

Both young folks are graduates of the Ewing high school. Lorraine attended a term of college at Norfolk, after which he was employed on a farm. They will make their future home on a farm east of Ewing.

### WCS Meetings

EWING — The WCS of the Ewing Methodist church met at the church parlors on Wednesday afternoon, May 3. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Earl Billings. She opened the session with the reading of a poem, "Today," followed by the devotionals, "God, in Families," in charge of Mrs. A. S. Evans.

Plans were made for a mother-daughter tea which will be held June 14. The fourth quarter supplies were sent to Omaha City Mission, consisting of pencils, white chalk, poster paper, paste etc. The society will serve the alumni banquet on May 23. The menu was made out and committees appointed. An election of officers for the

year June 1, 1950, to June 1, 1951, was held with results as follows: president, Mrs. Earl Billings; vice - president, Mrs. Wm. Spence; secretary, Mrs. James Pruden; treasurer, Miss Anna Van Zandt; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. R. B. Crellin; secretary of mission and education, Mrs. Sis Ebbengaard; secretary of Christian relations, Mrs. R. G. Rockety; secretary of literature, Mrs. Harold Harris; secretary of student work, Mrs. D. W. Gemmill; secretary of youth, Mrs. Leland Welke; secretary of supply, Mrs. Henry Fleming; secretary of women's status, Mrs. Lee Woods. All business completed, meeting adjourned.

The lesson for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. A. S. Evans. The theme was, "Christianizing Our Homes."

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Henry Fleming and Mrs. W. A. Brown. Table decorations were cleverly carried out on an appropriate scheme for the month of May. Each person was presented a lovely May basket.

### Plans Made For Alumni Banquet

EWING — Plans are being made for the alumni banquet on Tuesday evening, May 23. The class of 1900 will be honored guests and the reunion of the class of 1925 will be an important feature. Dorothy Ruby and Evelyn Bartak make up the ticket committee.

### Other Ewing News

Miss Vaulda Welke, who attends Wayne State Teachers college, spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Welke.

Eleanor Pollock, of Neligh, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pollock.

May 6, was Poppy Day in Ewing. Miss Fern Pruden was the auxiliary chairman for the occasion. All poppies were sold. Miss Pruden entertained the group of assistants at her home after sales were completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woods arrived home on Saturday from Lusk, Wyo., where they had visited friends and relatives the past week.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller over the weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rosno and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zollinger, both of St. Angel, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs.

Carl Kallhoff and family, of Ewing.

Sis Ebbengaard, John Sisson, Earl Angus, of Clearwater, Allen Kennedy, and Ralph Butler left Wednesday for Louisville, Ky., where they will attend the Kentucky Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Walter went to Clearwater to be guests at the home of their son, Alfred, and family. Mrs. Walter and her grand son celebrated their birthdays on Monday, May 8.

Arthur Saiser, of Oregon, visited recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Saiser.

May 20, will be a big day for the kids of Ewing, when the commercial club sponsors a marble tournament. All kids from kindergarten to 9th grade are eligible for entry.

Mrs. R. S. Rockety left by bus Wednesday for Campbell, Ky., where she will visit at the home of her daughter and husband, Lt. and Mrs. F. W. McNeill.

The Farmers State Bank is having some remodeling done on the interior this week. Snyder Bros. are doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marquardt, who were called to Scribner, Nebr., because of the serious illness of his father, C. W. Marquardt, returned home on

Thursday. His father's condition remains much the same.

On Monday, May 1, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brion and son, Dick, of Neligh, went to Omaha. S. W. had a physical checkup which was finished by noon, with a good report. With several hours of the day left, they called on friends in Omaha, then headed for Lincoln. On the way there they stopped at the Lewis Miller chicken ranch at Greenwood. The Millers were found busy caring for 2100 chickens which will soon be ready for market. Continuing their trip, they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davies at Lincoln, and further on the way home, they stopped to call on the W. M. Costello family at Wisner.

The Bible club members were busy May 1, after school and during the evening, when they called at the homes of shut-ins and presented them a May basket. Thirty - five were given out. Mrs. Hazel Norwood is the leader of this club.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson returned home on Thursday from West Point where they had spent a few days visiting at the home of their daughters and families.

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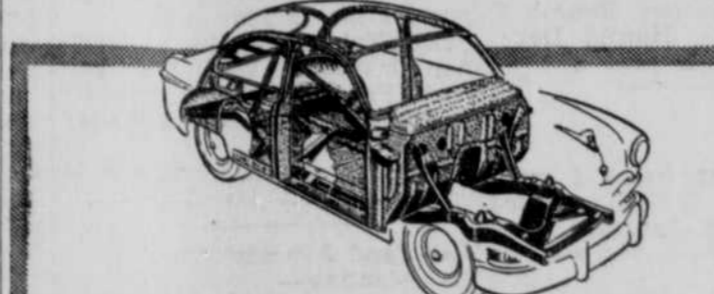
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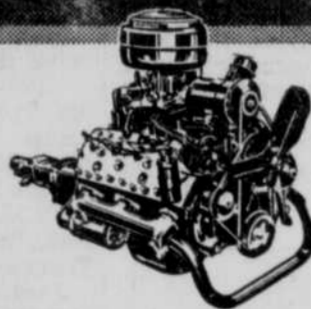


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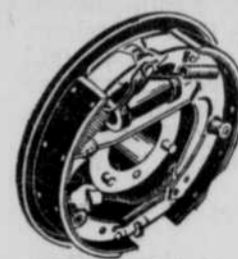
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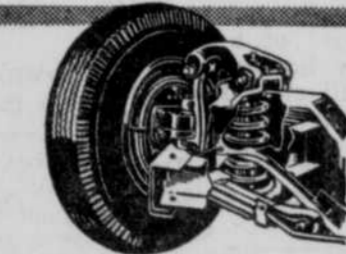
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