State Capitol News

Ton-Mile to Be Voted?

LINCOLN-A familiar subject Landis Name Offand miles carried-is up before May 15 primary ballot. the people.

drive for a popular vote in. No- name off after the long-time jur- hatched in Nebraska during the Sunday. vember

To put the issue on the ballot state's office contacted county up 12 per cent from the same to Columbus to get Mrs. Elizathat is whether the state should clerks in the six counties of the period in 1953. have a ton-mile tax - sponsors Fifth judicial district and got the The total this year so far is 10 Thesday. will need a total of 29,039 sig- job done. natures by July 5.

Money would be divided among counties. state highways, city streets and county roads in the same proportion as the state gasoline tax now is distributed.

A "Committee for Better Roads Through Fair Taxation" has been put together to lead the drive for signatures. C. E. Beals, retiring executive secretary of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, is secretary-treasurer of the ton-mile group.

Argument in the last legislature over the question of a ton-mile tax on trucks was bitter. The bill was killed at the last stage in the legislative mill.

Sponsors of the petition drive said railroads will not be asked for financial assistance in the drive. However, they also said that the committee won't turn down help from the railroad unions if they volunteer to circulate petitions.

If the proper number of votes are received in November the ton-mile tax becomes law automatically. It would apply to all commercial trucks carrying 10 tons or more, and inter - city buses weighing 28,000 pounds or more.

The movement will draw stiff opposition from truckers. The opposition will likely be spearheaded by highway user groups, primarily the Nebraska Motor Carriers association. Beals, in a statement, said

"It is the contention of the members of this committee that big trucks and buses licensed to carry over 10 tons do not pay their fair share of the cost of building and maintaining the roads in the state of Nebraska."

Beals also said the committee believes "thousands of out-ofstate trucks not licensed in Nebraska are getting almost a free ride on our roads, for they pay only the diesel and gas tax."

Truckers have claimed in the past when the ton-mile question arose, that they are paying their fair share of taxes, and now es-

if there still are ballot vacanto many Nebraskans - whether The name of the late District, cies after the primary, a candidthere should be a tax placed on Harry Landis of Seward has ate could file for the Fifth distrucks based on tonnage hauled been removed from Nebraska's trict by petition, the office said. " Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bazelman are spend a few days with Mr.

There had been speculation that, Chickens Hatched-

hatch was six-million, 900 tho- 25.

sand chicks alone. That's up Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickau and Don't be sorry. See our wall-four percent from the same Henry Dackau of Atkinson visit- paper display before you buy.month last year, but below the ed Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hines last. Scovie's Western Auto, O'Neill. 10-year average of eight- million Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Porter of Or-chard celebrated their 40th wed-Wednesday, April 25, to visit

ling anniversary last Thursday, their daughter, Mrs. L. G. Ste-O'Neill News Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Gibbs were vens, and family. They returned among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher helped Mr. and Mrs. John Holli- and Mrs. Al Hamik. day of Orchard celebrate their

ist's death. But the secretary of first three months of this year, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laney went has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. niversary with a full program,

beth Ticknor of Denver, Colo., on returned to Fremont Friday. ... o'clock.

The tax proposal generally is nominated for the November thousand for the same period in the same as one killed in the general election by getting a 1955. The figures come from the Anderson, the past week.

Rev. C. P. Turner, pastor "John and Lester Derickson vis-A group has started a petition time was too short to take the There were a lot of chickens golden wedding anniversary on ited Jeanette Derickson Friday. Sunday, May 6: Center Union Mrs. Elizabeth Pharris, who will be celebrating its 51st an-T. L. Liddy the past two months, beginning Saturday evening at 8

Mr. and Mrs. William Donovan We have secured for the projob done. But, an attorney could be thousand for the same period in

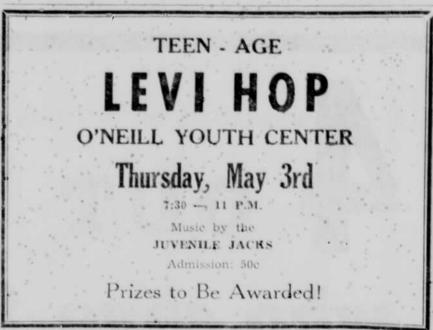
home Friday.

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and Tuesday 1855 legislature. Such a tax pro-bably would produce about \$6,-000,000 per year in revenue, governor in each of the six. The figures come from the state-federal division of agricul-tural statistics. The figures come from the state-federal division of agricul-tural statistics. The figures come from the state-federal division of agricul-tural statistics. The figures come from the state-federal division of agricul-tural statistics. The figures come from the state-federal division of agricul-tural statistics. The division of agricul-tural statistics. The division said the March Baker home Wednesday, April Arlo Hiatt home Friday evening. of Lincoln will bring us the mu-

Mr. anth Mrs. Pearl Grutsch sic. Everybody welcome.

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pecially because the last legislature increased truck license fees.

Employment Law-

Fifteen clinics are scheduled for May for employers who are coming under a new unemploy-ment compensation law for the first time.

An estimated 6,500 Nebraska businessmen have been reminded they will be confronted by the new law, enacted by the 1955 legislature.

Unemployment compensation taxes will be collected from all employers who have four or more persons hired. The old law applied to only those employing eight or more.

The Nebraska law was set up to conform with changes made in the federal law.

The May clinics will be sponsored by the Nebraska-Chamber of Commerce Man-agers association and the state employment security division.

Officials say employers should be familiar with the new state law "in- order to be protected from late assessment of back taxes and heavy interest if through ignorance they should fail to recognize their liability." Sites and dates for the clinics: Sites and dates for the clinics: McCook and Columbus, May 7; North Platte, May 8; Sidney and Fremont, May 9; Alliance, May 10; Scottsbluff, May 11; Hastings and Beatrice, May 14; Holdrege and Nebraska City, May 15; Kearney and Falls City, May 16; Grand Island, May 17, and York, May 18; May 18:



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