

Your Highway Problem

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Secretary, Highway Commission
The question most often raised is: "Does our state need an expanded highway program for all of our present roads and does our state need a modern four lane divided highway?"
Here is one answer from Herschel D. Newsome, master of the National Grange; John D. Laurance, managing director of Amer-

ican Trucking Association; Arthur Hill, president of the National Association of Motor Bus Operations; and eight other heads of businesses involved in interstate operations:
"It is our firm conviction that the economic development of the United States and the national defense are directly tied to adequate highways that

provide safe and efficient movements of persons and products of the nation's factories and farms."

These great industries, using highways in Nebraska and in all 48 states, are on record as stating that the nation is face to face with a great highway emergency, and that the federal government should speed up considerably its financial participation in federal aid highway construction program. This is not a local question; adequate transportation facilities for the nation means adequate highways in each and every one of the 48 states.

To you, Mr. Average Motorist, who has been determined, if you are a passenger car driver, will save at least \$.01 per mile on the controlled access highway you use.

If we could use for illustration that the savings will be just \$.01 per mile and you as an average driver will travel about 7,500 miles, the cash saved in but one year will amount to \$7,500. This I believe is rather a substantial return from the investment of \$7,000, which is estimated as the cost to each passenger car driver each year for modern controlled access highways. It is my belief in summing up our highway problem that the following can be accomplished, if we as citizens of this great state honestly and conscientiously shoulder our responsibilities we will see the following results:

1. Greater safety. Modernized roads and streets will substantially reduce the traffic accident toll in bringing our present highway system and the interstate system to adequate standards which is expected to save at least 3,500 lives a year nationally. The accelerated improvement of our primary and secondary highways should result in comparable savings. If the dollar costs of accidents nationally (four billion seven million dollars in 1955) could be cut in half, a saving of \$38.00 per vehicle could be effected.

2. Reduced operating cost. It is estimated that driving on improved roads and streets will save the motorist at least \$.01 a mile in fuel, oil, tire and brake costs. Since the average passenger car rolls up 7,500 miles a year the annual savings would be \$75.00. In the case of commercial trucks average gains would be tremendously greater, since time lost alone on congested routes cost up to \$.07 or \$.08 per minute. Along with dollars and cents savings, motorists, of course, will also draw large dividends in terms of increased convenience and driving comforts.

3. Traffic congestion relief. Construction of radial arteries, downtown loops, belt routes and by-passes to expressway standards, as many cities contemplate doing under the new program, will go far towards breaking the urban traffic jam. These facilities will remove large amounts of through traffic from congested surface streets, thereby benefiting community business which depends largely upon local traffic. Easier access will help to stabilize and enhance downtown property values and minimize the flight of trade to the suburbs. It is estimated that a comprehensive freeway in a metropolitan area can reduce travel time of downtown workers 66 hours a year.

4. National defense. Besides these and other economic and social aspects including more jobs, more production, enhanced property values and more tourist travel, modernization of principal roads and streets has a vital bearing on national security. The interstate system, to be completed in 13 years, is the key network for military transportation as well as for civilian defense.

5. A fast, unimpeded movement of traffic involved in interstate operations. Great industries and the military will be allowed more efficient mobility. Revenues and expenditures will increase materially in all areas where road improvements are made. The economic spiral moves upward when traffic moves freely from one point to another.

6. Goods and services will be available to consumers at more reasonable prices than before, because of the unhampered distribution. Savings in time and depreciation on equipment, as well as the decreased spoilage in the case of perishable goods, will be passed on to the consumers.

7. The accelerated construction program means employment for thousands of skilled and unskilled workers in Nebraska at good wages.

8. Land values of abutting property, and lands served by improved highway facilities will realize a marked increase.

9. Agriculture and ranching industries will see greater returns because of improved farm to market roads, savings in time alone, and reduced weight losses in livestock will more than justify the road improvements.

10. The investments made by the citizens in Nebraska in their highways and properties will be protected by the improvements planned for the state highway system. Most Nebraskans are in agreement that we need the highway improvements which this program will bring about, and the construction of the Nebraska segments of the interstate highway. There are different opinions, however, on the subject of responsibility in meeting our obligations—a problem which has no ready answer.

Every Nebraskan is responsible in a sense; every Nebraskan should make it his business to understand the highway situation and do battle against those who would detract the program. Surely we Nebraskans need better highways and we are entitled to them.

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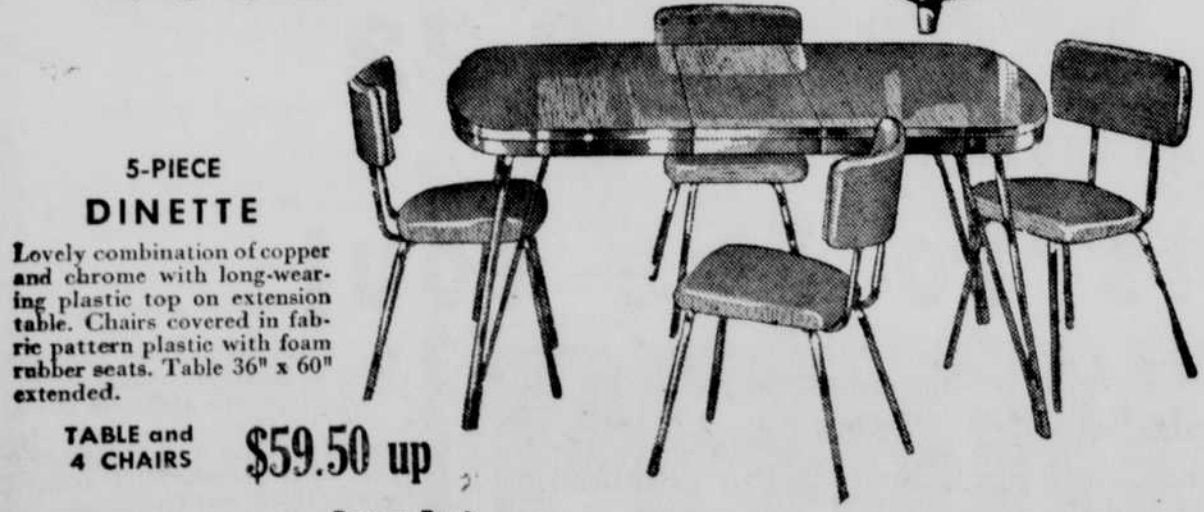
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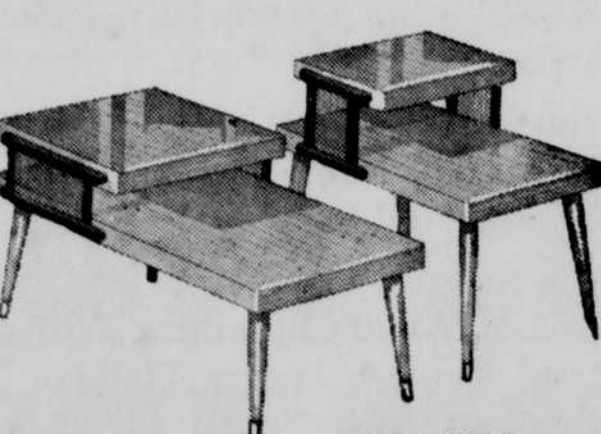
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O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Weaver and family visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sessing of Ainsworth.

Dr. D. W. Creston of Morgan, Minn., will arrive Friday to spend the weekend with his sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring attended county officers convention in Omaha from Tuesday, December 11, until Friday. On Friday they left for Des Moines, Ia., to visit their son, Morris Waring, and family. They returned Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zakrzewski of Star were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Zakrzewski.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wade, Steven and Camille of Broken Bow will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth, Jr., C. E. Worth, Jr., and Joe Noziska of Atkinson spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wetzler in Gregory, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wichman and family spent Sunday in Norfolk visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bernhardt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George VanEvery spent Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12, in Norfolk visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marvin VanEvery and daughter, Carolyn. Mrs. C. G. Shellhase attended

the Garden club meeting at Atkinson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sevcik and children are leaving Saturday for St. Paul to visit relatives and friends until Sunday. They will go from there to Lincoln to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Barrett, over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whited and family will depart Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whited, and her mother, Mrs. Ned Emery, of Omaha.

Mrs. M. P. Sullivan last week visited her brother, J. P. Murphy, in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Templemeyer are leaving Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Rose Templemeyer, and her mother, Mrs. Andrew Stander, both at Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Storz returned Saturday from a three week's visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Cooper, and family in Omaha.

Bob and Bill Schmit of Nenzel visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmit.

Paul Shierk

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Mrs. Blanche Rouse was hostess to the Royal Neighbor lodge at her home on Wednesday afternoon, December 5. Officers were elected for the coming year. After a social hour, Mrs. Rouse served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies of Ewing went to Clearwater, recently to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maben and Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Muff.

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