

State Capitol News

Tourists Spend \$37.5 Million

LINCOLN—The future of tourist travel and income in Nebraska is getting closer attention. In 1955, tourists put \$37.5 million into the state, and although this is "small change" in states with nationwide tourist attractions, it is a considerable amount to Nebraska.

The heaviest tourist artery in Nebraska is U.S. 30, east-west across the state.

Traffic on this highway was up slightly this year, but state highway department officials, who calculate tourist travel, say it is too early to tell whether the increase in local traffic or out-of-state motorists.

Best guesses are that the income this year should be about the same. However, there are some indications officials would not be too surprised if the total is down.

Figuring in the picture and a big question mark is what effect the super, interstate highway to span Nebraska—and most of the nation—in the next few years will have on the state's tourist income.

The thinking behind the question mark is that the interstate will permit out-of-state motorists to get off the route only at predetermined points—and these may range from 10-50 miles apart.

In addition, the highway is expected to by-pass many towns, especially west from Lincoln.

Unless Nebraska gets more road revenue to match the amount of federal funds on hand for the interstate, it may be some time before the route will be built across Nebraska.

The first segment of the highway—between Omaha and Lincoln—probably won't get under construction until May, 1957. This portion probably won't affect the

tourist trade in those two cities materially.

The reason is that good connecting links with the interstate are slated for these two cities.

But, elsewhere, especially in the thinner-populated areas it may be another story.

However, officials are optimistic that the road will not adversely affect local business in Nebraska of the tourist variety.

Most of the stops in the state by "foreign" motorists are for fuel, food and lodging. One of the features of the interstate will be no gasoline stations or motels along roadsides.

There is considerable touring of historic sights in Nebraska although it is believed this does not account for the lion's share of the tourist traffic because basically Nebraska is a "bridge state".

By that, it is meant that Nebraska is a state you have to cross to get somewhere west or east.

A group within the state historical society, however, has embarked on a campaign to attract more attention to historical points of interest in Nebraska through better marking of them.

This would not only stimulate interest within the state, but be another step in the drive of every state to lure tourist dollars.

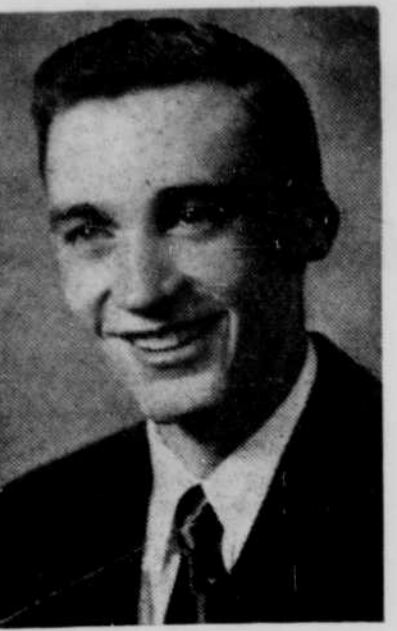
After the 20th legislative day, bills can be introduced only by request of the governor or by standing committees.

There are signs the problems to face this legislative session will include most of the old familiar ones—taxation, spending, roads salaries.

To take on new significance will be the matter of economy in state spending, especially in view of the governor's announced appropriation of new tax dollars.

Most senators feel that a sales tax will not pass this session, although it will be a highly controversial proposal.

Some new road revenue is expected to be passed—in the form of higher license fees, or a bigger gasoline tax in all probability.



Batenhorst . . . fatally hurt. (Story at right). — O'Neill Photo Co.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery left Monday morning for their home in Minneapolis, Minn., after having visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich, since Friday. They also attended the Gallagher-Anewalt wedding.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Artus were her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mehner, and two children of Dallas, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nielsen and family of Gillette, Wyo., arrived Monday, December 24, to spend the week before going on to southern Tennessee. The Niensens, formerly of Inman, are placed with their location in Wyoming.

Watch for our Advertisment next week.—Midwest Furniture and Appliance, O'Neill. 36c

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Seymour and Mrs. Clara Schaffer and family left for Yankton, S.D., Saturday to get Miss Rose Ann Schaffer, a student nurse at Sacred Heart hospital. On the way back they were guests in Orchard for oyster stew at the John Auman home.

Miss Nancy Beha is home from California for the holidays. Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Worcester went to Sioux City to attend a McKesson-Robbins sales meeting. They also attended the Christmas get-together party and returned Sunday.

State Scholarships—

A proposal by Sen. Mervin Bedford of Geneva has raised eyebrows among statehouse lawyers.

Bedford said he feels the state ought to provide scholarships for students in church-affiliated colleges and universities, thereby giving more persons wanting a higher education, the opportunity to get one.

And, Bedford feels this would help take the load off the University of Nebraska, which gets heavy support from taxpayers.

But statehouse lawyers questioned the constitutionality of Bedford's proposal. They wondered if it did not come dangerously close to violating the constitutional provision against merging church and state.

Bedford said he doesn't think his suggestion would be unconstitutional.

Butcher to Tennessee—

Capt. and Mrs. James T. Butcher and Susan arrived from California Tuesday, December 18, where he had been on temporary duty. Capt. Butcher remained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden, until the day after Christmas, when he left for his base at Symrna, Tenn. Mrs. Butcher and Susan are remaining for a longer visit.

Batenhorst Rites Held at Stuart

Young Farmer Dies After Accident

STUART—Funeral services were held Friday, December 26, at 10 a.m. in St. Boniface Catholic church for James A. Batenhorst, 24, victim of a farm accident on Wednesday, December 26.

Rev. A. J. Paschang officiated. Young Batenhorst died in St. Anthony's hospital at O'Neill of a skull fracture about five hours after the accident.

The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. Head surgery was begun in the afternoon but little hope was held for success. He died about 3:30 p.m., and never regained consciousness.

Pallbearers were James Chaney of Fayetteville, Ark., James Seger of Newport, Rollie Shald, Jerome Weber, Don Myers, Roland Kunz, Milton Weichman and Harvey Steinhauer, all of Stuart, and all of whom were classmates of the deceased in Stuart high school, class of 1952.

Burial was in the St. Boniface cemetery, under the direction of Segers of Atkinson.

Military rites were conducted by Norton - Carlisle American Legion post at the cemetery.

Rosary services were held at the Seger funeral home in Atkinson on Thursday evening.

James A. Batenhorst, 24, was born at Stuart on June 13, 1932, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Batenhorst. He was inducted into the army on October 22, 1952, and served 15 months in Korea. Following his separation from the army in August, 1954, he was united in marriage to Marvel Jean Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Stuart on September 4, 1954, at St. Boniface church in Stuart. To this union one daughter, Lynette, was born.

Survivors include: widow—Marvel Jean; daughter—Lynette; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Batenhorst; brothers—Eugene, Kenneth, Michael; sister—Mrs. John (Delores) Keating of Atkinson.

The young farmer was working with his father-in-law, Clarence Johnson, when he fell from an underslung loaded with hay.

Batenhorst was on the underslung and Johnson was driving the tractor.

The older man asked if all was in readiness to start the rig and he was given an okay signal. After moving forward a short distance, Mr. Johnson said he heard a bump. He immediately stopped the tractor and found Batenhorst on the ground behind the underslung, presumably having been run over.

Riley-Gatz Rites to Be Held Jan. 26

Jack Gatz and his fiancée, Miss Kay Riley of Fairbury, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz. They expect to be back this weekend.

Their wedding will take place Saturday, January 26. Jack recently spent nine months in Hawaii with the infantry and just arrived home.

Dexter Becomes Marine Sergeant—

Harold E. Dexter, who is stationed in Japan, and has been in the marines 28 months, recently was promoted to sergeant. He has been in Japan 20 months.

About the middle of January he will leave with his outfit for Okinawa to take part in a regimental landing and will probably be gone a month or more.

His address: Sgt. Harold E. Dexter 1517523, C company, 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, F.M.F., P.O. Box San Francisco, Calif.

Visit Iowa—

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Peterson, sr., left Sunday, December 23, for Sioux City to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Huser. The Peterson's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, jr., of Ireton, Ia., were also guests there. They returned Wednesday, December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ralph Tooker and family were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walnofer of Atkinson, Monday, December 24, the Tookers were in Norfolk.



To Wed in June

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Summers of Page, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Leona Mae (above), to Cpl. Richard D. Christon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christon, of Rockford, Ill. Mr. Christon is in the marine corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Miss Summers is teaching a Holt county rural school. Both are graduates of the Page high school. A June wedding is planned.

Joanne Twibell, Gordon Leiding Wed at Orchard

ORCHARD—St. Peter's English Lutheran church was the setting for the wedding at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 26, when Miss Joanne Twibell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Twibell, became the bride of Gordon Leiding, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leiding, all of Orchard.

Rev. Walter H. Seefeldt officiated at the double-ring ceremony before an altar decorated with candelabra and baskets of white gladioli and red carnations. Richard Stelling sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Miss Karma Reed at the organ, who also played the nuptial music.

The bride chose a bridal gown of white Chantilly lace and tulle. The fitted lace bodice was fashioned with scalloped scoop neckline of tulle. The hooped, tulle skirt was enhanced by bouffant, side gathers of the lace. Her short illusion veil was held by a tiara traced with pearls and rhinestones. She carried an arrangement of white carnations, lilies of the valley, centered by blue feathered carnations and lace and satin ribbon.

Miss Karen Stelling was the bride's attendant. She wore a red nylon tulle formal-length gown. The fitted bodice was styled with a draped neckline dipping to a V in the front and back. The skirt featured full flowing lines over taffeta. She wore a matching head bandeau and carried an arrangement of white carnations, lace and satin ribbon.

Miss Rebecca Twibell, sister of the bride, was the flower girl and her dress was of red and white nylon featuring an organdy collar accented by lace. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow tinted white pompons.

Donald L. Leiding of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was his brother's bestman and wore a navy blue suit. The bridegroom wore a gray suit. The men of the wedding party wore white carnation boutonnières. Ushers were Wayne Leiding and Robert Schwager.

The bride's mother wore black color-nubbed tweed suit with black accessories. The groom's mother wore a rose-beige gown with white accessories.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher drove their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Larson, to Sioux City Sunday. The Larsons left for their home in Northbrook, Ill., after having attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Betty, on Saturday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wray were his brother, Bill Hendershot and Mr. Wray's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pike, all of Kilgore. Richard Wray returned with them and his parents went down over the weekend for him.

David Schaffer returned to Creighton university Tuesday after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Clara Schaffer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hansen and children of Norfolk were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Flood and the Gene Wolfe family.

After a wedding trip to the eastern states the young couple will reside on a farm northwest of town. The bride will continue as an instructor in a rural school west of Orchard. The bridegroom is employed by R. G. Rockey of Ewing.

The bride attended Wayne State college and has taught for two years.

The bridegroom served with the armed forces in Europe and received his separation papers this fall. Both are Orchard high school graduates.

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Tuesday, January 15

Sale Starts at 1 o'clock

22 - Head of Cattle - 22

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| <p>5—HOLSTEIN COWS
3 to 6-yrs.-old. All to freshen in February and May</p> <p>2—BLACK WHITEFACE COWS
2 and 3-yrs.-old. To freshen by sale day</p> <p>2—HALF-GUERNSEY COWS
2 and 3-yrs.-old. To freshen by February 1</p> | <p>1—BROWN SWISS HEIFER
To freshen in February</p> <p>9—HEIFERS
Whiteface and Black Whiteface, 6-mo. to 1-yr. old</p> <p>2—STEERS
Whiteface and Black Whiteface, 6-mo. to 1-yr. old</p> <p>1—Black BULL, 3-yrs.-old</p> |
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| 1,000—Bu. Ear Corn | 10—Tons Alfalfa | 10—Tons Prairie Hay |
| | 100—White Rock Pullets | |

Farm Equipment

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| <p>1951 M tractor super pack & remote control</p> <p>1951 Oliver 316 plow with raydex bottoms</p> <p>IH 31 mower 1-yr-old</p> <p>IHC 2-row cultivator for M or H</p> <p>Fuel Barrels</p> | <p>J-D 933 wagon 90-bu. box</p> <p>Farm Hand with hay basket and push-off 8-mo.-old</p> <p>IHC Bear Grinder</p> <p>IHC electric separator</p> <p>Electric Brooder</p> <p>IHC mower</p> | <p>Tank Heater</p> <p>3—Rolls of New Cribbing</p> <p>5- & 10-gal. Cream Cans</p> <p>Rollaway Bed</p> <p>Brooder House 12' x 14'</p> <p>Miscellaneous Items</p> <p>Terms: Cash</p> |
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Announcing...

I wish to announce that I have leased the recently-completed D-X SERVICE STATION from Mr. Jack Arbuthnot, effective January 1, 1957.



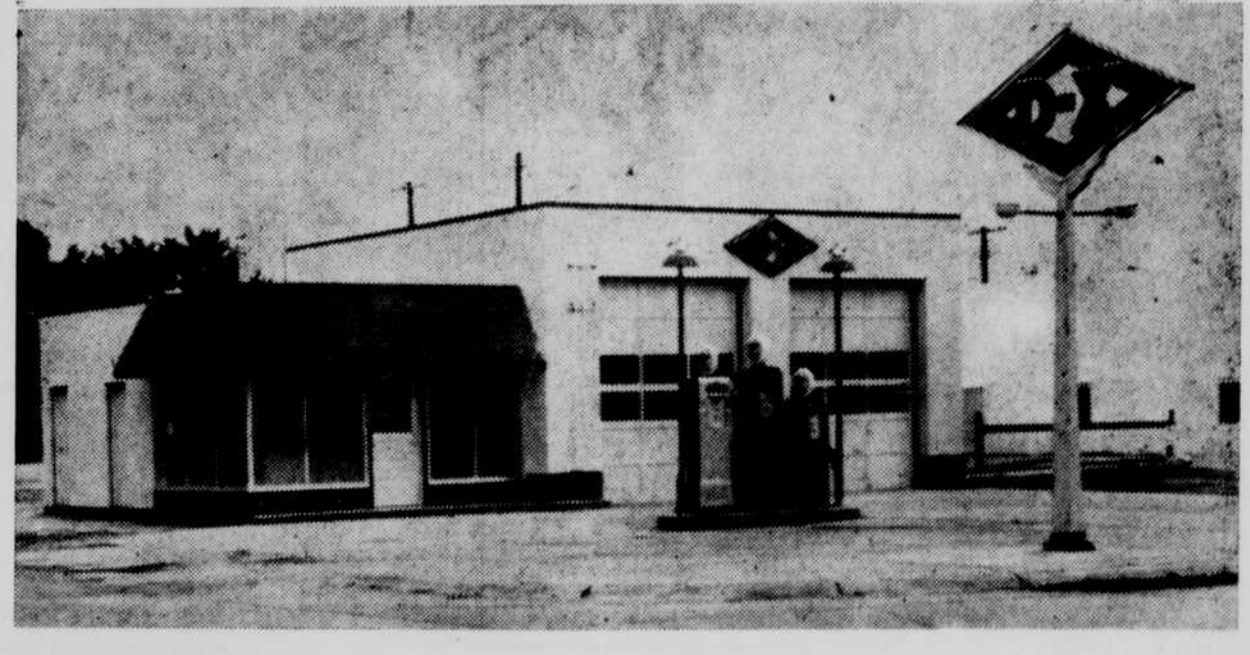
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Be assured that we will strive to offer the very finest of service to motorists, just as has been the policy under Mr. Arbuthnot's management. We will look forward to seeing you soon and hope that we may be accorded the privilege of serving you often.

Meanwhile, we wish for you and yours a very happy 1957!

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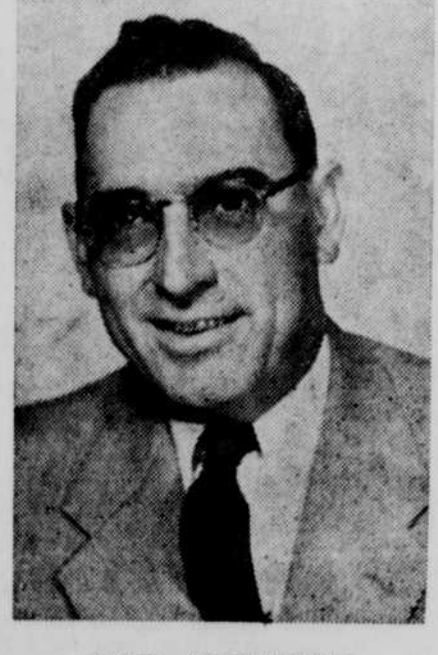


Thank You...

I take this opportunity to thank those who were so generous with their trade during the period I operated the D-X SERVICE STATION in O'Neill. I have leased the station to Mr. DeBolt, who, I am confident, will give you unexcelled service.

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Best wishes to you and yours for 1957!



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