

FEDERAL ROAD AID DISCUSSED

Income and Expenses Reviewed; \$3 Millions Needed by 1950

State Engineer F. H. Klietsch recently released 2 statements concerning Nebraska highways.

One showed income and expenditures, both state and federal funds of the state highway department for the period 1926 to 1947, inclusive, which statement also included an estimate of income and expenditures for 1948.

The other statement projected income and expenditures to June 30, 1950, from January 1, 1948, in order to provide an estimate of the state's ability to

match federal funds made available by the 1944 federal aid highway act and \$1 million special flood relief federal funds allocated in 1947, or a total of about \$26 million of federal funds.

He estimated the state's 1948 income for highway purposes at \$9,800,000.

Estimating \$4,500,000 to become available from state funds this year for matching federal aid, Klietsch said new highway construction obligations during 1948 will reach approximately \$12,000,000.

This will bring to \$30,000,000 the work undertaken in the 5-year \$49,000,000 federal-state road building program contemplated for Nebraska on October 5, 1945, when the first post war federal funds became available, Klietsch said. But he estimated that by 1950 Nebraska would fall nearly \$6,000,000 short of the original road building program.



'IF WE DON'T WIN IT'S A SHAME'... Employing a stiff-armed, overhand pitch, President Harry S. Truman, a south-paw, tossed the first ball at the opening game between the New York Yankees and the Washington Nats at Griffith stadium in Washington, thereby officially opening the 1948 major league baseball season. It was the first hurling the President had done since he pitched his hat into the political ring by stating he was actively seeking Democratic renomination.

Out of Old Nebraska 'KING CORN' BANNER IRKED SOUTHERNERS

When former Gov. Robert W. Furnas represented Nebraska at the "World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition" at New Orleans in 1885 he had a banner flown over the Nebraska exhibit emblazoned with the words, "Corn is King!"

It is reported that this stirred the ire of a good many Southerners who had been taught to believe in the powers of "King Cotton." Nevertheless, Governor Furnas maintained the banner throughout the exposition.

The preeminent position which this banner assigned corn is in keeping with a tradition established long before the white man arrived in Nebraska.

Many years before the whites conquered these plains there were corn-raising farmers living in the valleys of Nebraska's rivers. For example, excavations by the State Historical Society of the remains of an Indian dwelling on the Loup river west of Genoa turned up shelled corn raised in the area over 300 years ago.

And when the white man first came to Nebraska he found the Indians well versed in the production of corn. The Pawnees, Nebraska's most important resident tribe, tended fields of corn, beans and melons. Included in their religion were rites connected with the growing of corn.

Likewise, corn was the principal crop produced by Nebraska's pioneer white farmers. Frequently they tried to grow seed brought from Illinois, Ohio, and other states.

Almost invariably these attempts resulted in failure, and the first successful crops out here were produced from squaw corn, or seed obtained from the Indians.

The first crop usually consisted of sod corn. The sod simply was turned over to a depth of about 3 inches. Then without further preparation the seed was dropped into hole, pierced with sharp sticks. The next step was harvesting. No cultivation was needed.

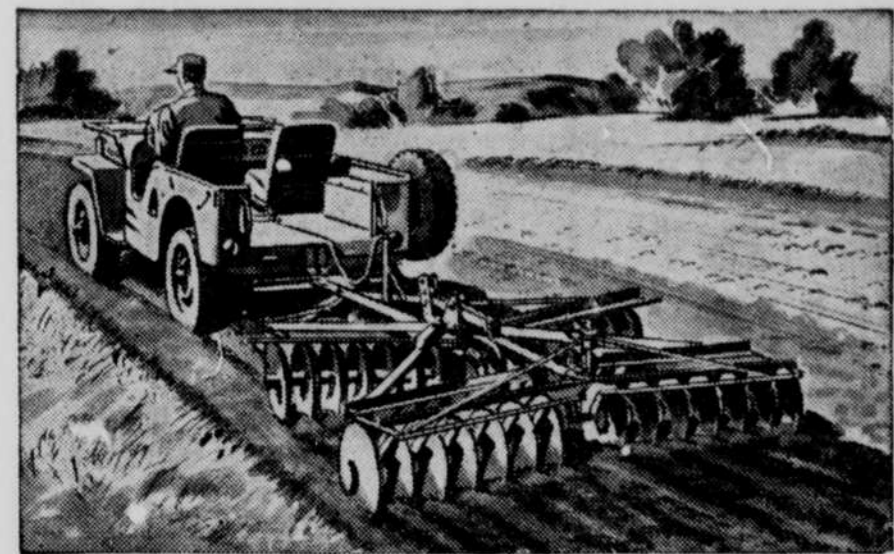
Occasionally the second year's crop also would consist of sod corn. Usually, however, the soil would be plowed deeper and the process of cultivation as we know it today would be followed.

Through good years and bad many of Nebraska's farmers have depended upon corn as one of their principal crops.

At times drought, hot winds and grasshopper shave left in their wake scenes of dismal failure. At other times corn has brought so little in the market as to make it more suitable for fuel than food.

Through it all, though, there has been a steady improvement in the crop and Nebraska has for years held its place as one of the principal corn growing states of the nation.

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Real Estate Transfers

(Editors note: A glossary of the abbreviations follows: WD—warranty deed; QCD—quit claim deed. The instruments filed at the Holt county courthouse are listed from whom to whom, date, consideration, legal description.)

QCD—Blanche Hurley Wendell to Virgil Laursen 1-30-48 \$1- N 1/2 lot 11 Blk C- O'Neill & Hagertys Add- O'N.

WD—John A Devine to Virgil Laursen 10-29-47 \$1- N 1/2 lot 11 Bldk C-O'N & Hag Add- O'N.

WD—Joseph Martin to Ruby Bazelman 4-12-48 \$1- All interest in All 28- SE 1/4 30-31-11.

WD—F B Knapp to Alva Marcellus 5-7-48 \$1- W 30 ft lot 3 Blk 16-O'Neill.

WD—Mame Mellor to M B Higgins 5-10-48 \$1200- Lots 18 & 19 Blk C- Fahys 2nd Add- O'N.

WD—J F Hladik et al to Edward C Nissen 4-26-48 \$10- 850- NW 1/4 3-28-9.

WD—Mary E Jenkins to Ar-

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thur R Miller & wf 2-11-48 \$8000- NE 1/4 4-26-12.

WD—Charles H Diehl et al to Edward Brandt 2-27-48 \$4- 000- East 40 ft lots 5-6-7 & lots 9-10-11-12-13 & 14 Blk 15- Atk.

ED—Charles E Diehl et al to Emma Diehl 12-29-47 \$14,720 NE 1/4 1- W 1/2 12- NE 1/4 13-30-13.

WD—Lily Morgan et al to Francis J Gilg 4-23-48 \$1- Lots 1-2-3-4-13-14-15-16-17 & 18 & strip 7 1/2 ft wide along west edge of above lots in Blk B- Goldens Sub-Division- O'Neill.

WD—Louis Kliment to L F Kliment 5-20-48 \$3000- NE 1/4 27-31-14.

WD—Leo Lyden to John W Trail 5-18-48 \$1- SE 1/4 29-26-10 E 1/2 E 1/2 17-25-10.

WD—Clara Johnson to Herbert Timm 5-10-48 \$1200- Lots 9-10-11-12-13 & 14 Blk 16- Hazlets Add- O'Neill.

WD—E L Fernau to M A Miller & wf 5-20-48 \$1- & exchange E 1/2 NE 1/4- NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 9- S 1/2 NW 1/4 S-

E 1/4- S 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 15-32-11 Sub to oil lease.

WD—Henry F Rakow to Allen Hill 7-26-47 \$4000- NW 1/4 10-27-9.

WD—Marvin H Butler to Lee A & Wm A Hobbs 5-10-48 \$2- 590- NW 1/4 NW 1/4 11-26-9.

Abraham Lincoln, who owned a small piece of land in Council Bluffs, Ia., visited that city only once in his lifetime. He went there with Gen. Grenville M. Dodge to select the western terminus for the Union Pacific railroad.

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