

Hiway 20 Omitted in 20-Year Plan

Lincoln Highway Gets Nod Over 'Forgotten Route' Through O'Neill

U. S. highway 20, which partitions Holt county on its East-West span from coast-to-coast, apparently is the "forgotten route".

It was omitted from the 20-year national road building plan, which includes highway 30—often referred to as the Lincoln highway—which parallels 20.

Nebraska has a 48 1/4-million-dollar stake in the proposed 40-thousand-mile super-highway system which has been recommended to Congress. The 20-year, 11-billion-dollar program for a network of broad, high-speed truck highways places Nebraska on one of the three main East-West trans-continental routes.

Federal highway 30, running West from Omaha, gets the nod and will sprawl over 460 miles of Nebraska land.

The road building program was drafted by the Public Works administration in cooperation with the states. Congress has been asked to supply one-half billion dollars a year.

No North-South super-highways would cross Nebraska, but there would be one through Sioux Falls, S. D., Sioux City, Ia., Council Bluffs, Ia., and Kansas City Mo.

Only 41 miles of present Nebraska highway likely could be used for the new road. In general the route will follow highway 30 but be "relocated."

Rooney Mentioned in Farm Credit Magazine

James W. Rooney, secretary of the O'Neill Production Credit association, is pictured and featured in a story in the Summer, 1949, issue of the Farm Credit Leader, an organ of the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha.

Rooney was mentioned in connection with his work in Operation Snowbound. The article states:

"Rooney... was involved in public and private groups that fought the blizzard. He was in the thick of storm relief work from the time the first blizzard hit on November 18 until the snow began to melt in the Spring."

The article discussed at length the struggle in Holt county. It mentioned that the O'Neill PCA sponsored three special broadcasts from O'Neill over radio station WJAG, through the "Voice of The Frontier" studios.

Auto-Hayrack Crash Near Orchard

ORCHARD—A car-hayrack accident occurred on highway 20 near here Tuesday morning with damage to the vehicles and without personal injury, according to State highway patrolman Fay Robeson.

The driver of the Eastbound car, William Hamann, of Walcott, Ia., was passing the hayrack, pulling the hayrack, turned left across the road when the accident occurred.

Driver of the tractor was Walter Anson, of Orchard. Patrolman Robeson estimated the damage to the car at \$300 while the hayrack, he said, was completely demolished.

Bids Being Received On 214 Miles Line

Members of the board of directors of the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation will open sealed bids in a meeting here Friday, August 12. The bids will pertain to approximately 214 miles of rural electrification construction for Holt county, according to Ed Wilson, manager.

At least three bids will be required before one can be accepted, pending confirmation by REA in Washington, D. C.

Meanwhile, first phase construction is nearing completion in Boyd county.

Holt construction will begin shortly after the contractor is notified, Wilson said.

New Home Agent Assumes Duties

Mrs. Berl Damkroger, new Holt county home extension agent actively assumed her duties August 1.

A June graduate of the University of Nebraska, Mrs. Damkroger received her bachelor of science degree in home economics.

The new home extension agent announced Wednesday the meeting on August 9 of the woman's council to be held in the assembly room of the courthouse here. Plans will be outlined for the Fall and Winter, Mrs. Damkroger said.

O'Neill PCA Holds Annual Meeting

Fifty members of the O'Neill Production credit association attended the 15th annual picnic-meeting at Ford's park Sunday, July 31.

James W. Rooney, secretary-treasurer, of O'Neill, reported that member-capital increased \$2,815 and reserves were upped to \$6,263 during the first six months of 1949.

Member-capital now stands at \$68,380 with reserves totaling \$81,972.

Complete farm ownership, one of the goals of the PCA here, will be reached January 1, 1950, when the final five-thousand-dollars of government capital is to be repaid.

Ray Siders, of O'Neill, and Otto Krupicka, of Spencer, were re-elected directors. Nine stockholders were presented with a gift in appreciation of their patronage. They were: E. J. Revell, of Star; Leslie Lamason, of Page; R. B. Geary, of Inman; Robert and Leonard Nay, of Elgin; M. B. Higgins, William Babutzke, Ray Siders, and D. C. Schaffer, all of O'Neill.

A 15-year service pin was awarded to Rooney with John W. Nichols, of Elgin, and Edith J. Davidson, of O'Neill, receiving a 10-year service pin.

GRASS FIRE

O'Neill volunteer firemen were called Sunday at 7:30 p. m. to extinguish a prairie fire two miles East and half a mile South of here. No damage resulted.

COMPLAINT FILED IN CHECK CASE

Ewing Man Charged with Forging and Passing \$20 Check

Lloyd Angus, of Ewing, filed a complaint in Holt county court Wednesday morning charging Clifford B. Kopetjka 27, with forging and passing a \$20 check at the Farmers State bank at Ewing on July 7.

Kopetjka, allegedly A W O L from the Army, was in custody in Norfolk after having been arrested there Tuesday night. At the time of his arrest, Kopetjka had on his person false identification. However, Holt County Sheriff A. B. Hubbard said Kopetjka confessed to his real identity.

The complaint stated that the \$20 check was signed by Ralph J. Kopetjka and passed on the Farmers State bank at Ewing on July 7.

Sheriff Hubbard returned Kopetjka to Holt county Wednesday afternoon to answer the complaint.

Fairview Church Gets New Roof

DELOIT—The Fairview church was shingled recently by parishoners and friends of the church.

Taking part in the shingling were: Marvin Fuller, Donald Fuller, Victor Maben, Howard Manson, Roy Buson, Shaw Gurnsey, Fred Stearns, Guy Taylor, James Wiegand and Henry Reimer.

Homecoming will be held at the church on August 7. Glen Williamson will be in charge. There will be basket dinner at noon.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Al D. Johnson (above), of Los Angeles, Calif., Monday became mechanical superintendent at The Frontier, succeeding Dudley J. Stone, who has gone to Detroit, Mich. Married, Johnson comes to The Frontier with a varied background in the newspaper work. Originally from Geneva, he worked on the Nebraska Signal there for two years and the Arapahoe Public Mirror for two years before going to Los Angeles. Mr. Stone and his family moved to Detroit last month.

Community Auction Goods Sought

With the addition of \$7,298.71 since July 16, the St. Anthony's hospital building fund has been boosted to over \$88,500 through popular subscription.

The all-out campaign is on, James M. Corkle, drive chairman said, in order to obtain the money needed to send the fund over the minimum 100-thousand dollar mark.

This must be popularly subscribed before federal aid is granted and the Sisters of St. Francis will assume "any reasonable indebtedness."

Saturday night, July 30, a calf was won by Joe Warnek, of Anoka. It was then sold to Austine Hynes for \$50. He returned it and Dick Tomlinson repeated the process.

In addition to the calf sale, proceeds from the bingo game and auction were donated to the building fund.

A livestock sale and a grand community public auction are now in the making, which will boost substantially the grand total of donations to the building fund, Corkle said.

L. D. Putman, of O'Neill, has been named chairman of a committee to promote the livestock sale to be held early in September, according to Corkle.

There is still a need for more calf donations to make the sale a success.

In addition to the donation



HARPER ELECTED LEGION CHIEF

World War II Navy Vet Succeeds Gallagher As Commander

Gordon O. Harper, 37, manager of the O'Neill municipal airport, Thursday, July 28, was elected commander of the Simonson post 93 of the American Legion here.

He succeeds John R. Gallagher, O'Neill attorney, who declined to be a candidate for the position.

Harper, a World War II Navy air corps veteran, spent most of his tour of service duty at the Jacksonville, Fla., navy air base.

Entering the armed forces from Iowa, Harper was discharged from the Navy in 1946 as an aviation machinists' mate first class, after nearly three years of service.

Married, Harper has two daughters, ages nine and 12, and has resided in O'Neill since the war.

Commander Harper was born in Holt county and lived most of his life on the family farm 1 1/2 miles Southeast of Page.

SEWERAGE PLANS TO BE DRAWN UP

Engineer Price Explains Various Disposal Facilities

The O'Neill city council Tuesday evening authorized Donald D. Price, of Lincoln, consultant engineer to proceed to draw up plans and estimates for a sewerage disposal system here.

Preliminary estimates for the cost of a new disposal range from 30 to 130-thousand dollars, according to Price.

The city is confronted with the problem of the sewerage that is not flowing properly on the South side of the railroad tracks here.

Temporary repairs have to date cost the city close to three-thousand dollars, with the inadequacy still prevailing.

This is the first step toward a possible replacement of the 1911 river dumping disposal system, according to some observers.

The city council also agreed to pay for the electricity for two lights to be installed by Consumers public power district in Ford's park.

Supervisors Hired

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Deloit Infant Run Over by Hayrack

DELOIT—Mary Venteicher, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Venteicher, was run-over by a hayrack Monday.

She was lying on the ground on a blanket between a tractor and a hayrack, while her father was unloading hay. The brake on the tractor failed to hold and two wheels of the rack ran over the infant's chest.

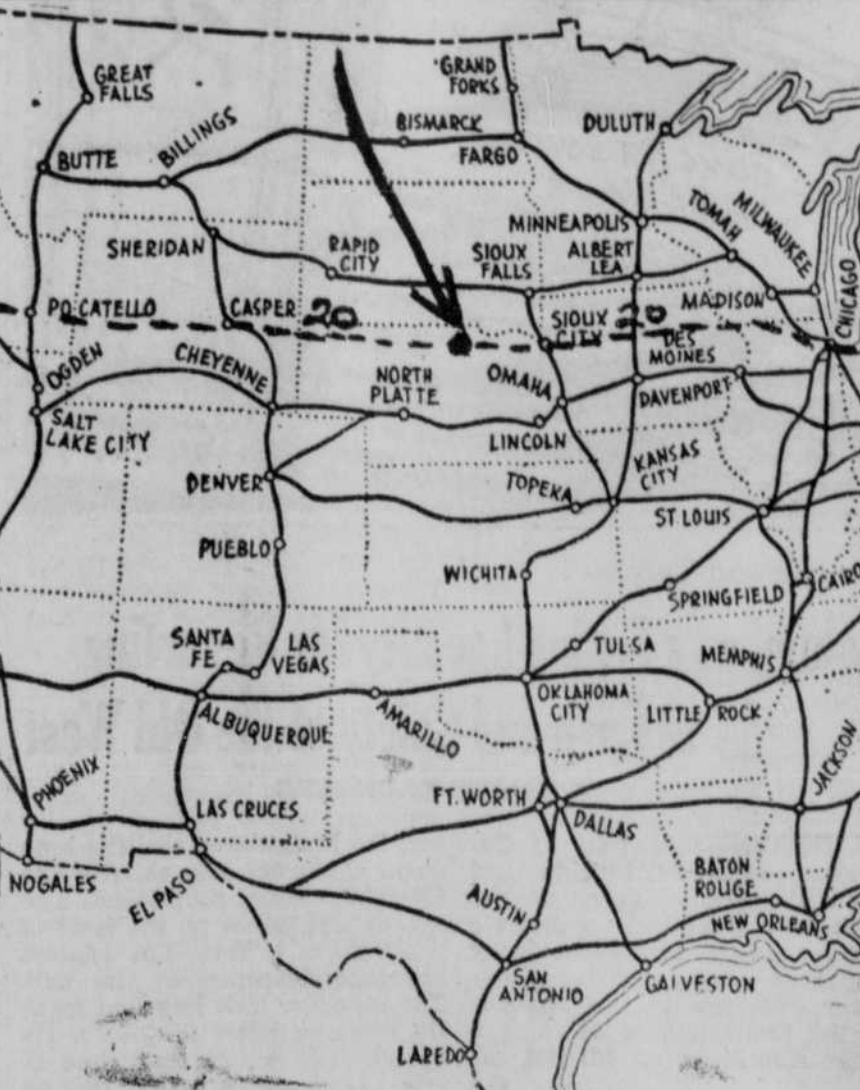
The tot was rushed to a doctor in Elgin who said that she had suffered only minor bruises.

Mary was drinking from a bottle at the time of the accident. The rubber tires on the rack are credited with saving the child's life.

Mrs. Venteicher is the former Margaret Sauser, of O'Neill.

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Pair Plead Guilty To Drink Charge

Two men were fined Wednesday morning in county court by Judge Louis W. Reimer after they pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The two men, Leo A. Jochum, 22, of Elgin, and Keith M. Delashmutt, 25, of Burwell, were fined \$50 and costs and had their drivers' licenses suspended for 60 days.

State Highway Patrolman Fay Robeson picked the pair up at a service station in West O'Neill after he had received three complaints about them.

According to reports, Jochum and Delashmutt had rounded the corner by the First Presbyterian church and hit a curb that resulted in damage to the car in which they were riding.

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DICK ROBERTSON DIES SUNDAY

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Lifelong Holt Resident

Dick W. Robertson, 36, died following a heart attack Sunday afternoon at his farm home in Joy, about 12 miles North of O'Neill.

He was stricken in a tool shed. His wife found the body shortly before 6 p.m. A physician was summoned and pronounced death due to a heart attack.

Earlier in the week he had been working in the hay fields.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. from the Presbyterian church with burial in the Joy cemetery near the Robertson place. Rev. Ralph Gerber will officiate.

Pallbearers are: Emmet Crabb, Melvin Marcellus, Levi Fuller, Alfred Drayton, James McNulty, Harry Lansworth, Henry Martin and Carl Miller. A son of a pioneer Holt

MOISTURE HELPS BUT MORE NEEDED TO ASSURE A CORN CROP

Grasshoppers, haying and moisture were prominent this week on the Holt crop front, County Agent A. Neill Dawes, reported Wednesday.

With the 47 of an inch of rain that fell Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, the corn crop in Western and Northern Holt county looks "somewhat better," the county agent commented.

Even though, he continued, there is a distinct need for more moisture in those areas to insure a good crop of corn. The cool weather that followed the rain is particularly beneficial, the county agent said.

Meanwhile, a number of farmers Southwest of Ewing and Southwest of Atkinson reported their haying is complete.

According to the 1947 Nebraska department of agriculture statistics, there were 327,000 acres of native hay harvested that year in Holt county compared to 335,000 acres in 1946.

As some of the haying in the county is being completed, the grasshoppers are moving to the greener crops, mainly to the alfalfa, Dawes reported.

Reports show there is a general "light" infestation of grasshoppers, indicating from farmers there might develop a heavier infestation in the Atkinson and Chambers areas, Dawes continued.

Assisting County Agent Dawes is Vince Rawson, of Orleans, a University of Nebraska senior student.

The hottest mark of the week was reached July 28, when the temperature soared to 95 degrees. The seasonal high was recorded July 26 at 99 degrees.

This week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m., daily follows:

MUNY BAND BOOKINGS ARE ANNOUNCED

The regular band concert will be heard Saturday evening at the O'Neill bandstand under the direction of Ira George.

The program follows: National anthem, "Star Spangled Banner", by Key; march, "Barnum and Bailey's favorite", by K. L. King; march "The Huntress", by K. L. King; waltz, "Let the Rest of the World Go By", by Ball; novelty, "Teddy Bears Picnic", by Bratton; March "Gallant Zouaves", by K. L. King; "Trombone Toboggan", by Weber; vocal solo, "Tea for Two", by Helen Kubitschek, Gene Paul George—guest conductor; hymn, "Near My God To Thee"; "March of The Women Marines", by Saverino.

Future performances of the band are as follows: August 11—Burwell rodeo; August 16—free day at Crofton; August 17-18—Atkinson Hay days; September 1—Holt (Chambers) fair; September 5—South Dakota labor day celebration.

The band will have two rehearsals a week during August. These will be on Monday and Friday nights. The junior recital will be given on Friday, August 26. This will be composed of students who have 18 months or less training.

AMELIA—Gene Hansen recently purchased 120 acres of hay land from Lance Withers.

Mrs. Frank Taylor Dies in Kentucky

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rees this week received word of the death of their only daughter, Mrs. Frank (Marjorie) Taylor. She died at Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Rees and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees departed immediately.

The late Mrs. Taylor was a teacher in the Amelia community for several years.

Survivors include the widower and three small children. Details concerning her illness and resultant death are not known here.

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
July 28	95	67	
July 29	89	55	.31
July 30	70	52	.16
July 31	83	60	
August 1	93	60	
August 2	83	52	
August 3	80	52	

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