

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation in the State Capitol at Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 26, 1953, until 10:00 o'clock A.M., and at that time publicly opened and read for SAND GRAVEL FOR SURFACING and incidental work on the O'NEILL NORTH Patrol No. 81012 State Road.

The approximate quantity is: 5,900 Cu. Yds. Sand Gravel Surface Course Material.
 The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract.

Compliance by the contractor with the standards as to hours of labor prescribed by the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," approved June 25, 1938 (Public No. 718, 75th Congress), will be required in the performance of work under this contract.

The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) per hour, except that a minimum wage of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to Crane Operators, Dragline Operators, Power Shovel Operators.

The minimum wage paid to all intermediate labor employed on this contract shall be ninety-five (95) cents per hour.
 The minimum wage paid to all unskilled labor employed on this contract shall be seventy-five (75) cents per hour.

Plans and specifications for the work may be seen and information secured at the office of the County Clerk at Butte, Nebraska, at the office of the County Clerk at O'Neill, Nebraska, at the office of the Division Engineer of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Ainsworth, Nebraska, or at the office of the Department of Roads and Irrigation at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bond in an amount equal to 100% of his contract.

As an evidence of good faith in submitting a proposal for this

work, the bidder must file, with his proposal, a certified check made payable to the Department of Roads and Irrigation in an amount not less than seven hundred twenty-five (725) dollars.

The right is reserved to waive all technicalities and reject any or all bids.
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND IRRIGATION
 H. L. Aitken, State Engineer
 J. M. Crook, Division Engineer
 C. J. Tomek, County Clerk
 Boyd County
 Ruth Hoffman, County Clerk
 Holt County 44-46

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ESTATE OF THOMAS SALEM, DECEASED.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, TO ALL CONCERNED:

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed for final settlement herein, determination of heirship, inheritance taxes, fees and commissions, distribution of estate and approval of final account and discharge, which will be for hearing in this court on March 18, 1953, at 10 o'clock A.M. Entered this 24th day of February, 1953.

LOUIS W. REIMER
 County Judge.
 (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 43-45

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Marcellus have stored their household furnishings in the William Andersons home while Mr. Marcellus is in the service. He will be inducted into the army on March 9. During his absence Mrs. Marcellus will reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson, at Stuart and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alm returned Saturday evening from a trip to Florida. They visited 10 states during their 15-day sightseeing trip.

Frontier for printing!

State Capitol News

County Assessors Ready to Start But All Eyes Are Focused on LB 272

LINCOLN—Nebraska's county assessors, their calendars ringed at March 10, have been handed a tax assessment policy by the state board of equalization, calling for 100 percent valuation.

But there was an air of unreality about this bold move because all eyes were on the progress of LB 272, making its tortuous way through the legislature.

This bill calls for assessments at 50 percent of actual value. Its passage with an emergency clause would knock the state board's call for full valuations into a cocked hat.

The measure survived two attempts in the legislature to kill it, but by a narrower margin in the second time. By the weekend it became even more speculative as to whether the bill would squeak through final passage.

But with county assessor meetings underway the state board of equalization couldn't wait any longer to announce its policy. So it issued a statement urging county assessors "to assess all property in conformity with present law," which means at 100 percent.

This decision, already assuming the adjective "historic," affirmed that the law must be followed. At present the statutes call for assessments uniform on all properties and at 100 percent of actual value.

The state board has been in hot water since then trying to figure out just what the high court meant. It left the Johnson assessments unchanged, was hailed as before the supreme court and asked why, turned around and lowered the valuations 15 percent, and is now waiting to see if that will satisfy the judges.

So the "Alice in Wonderland" atmosphere continued for both county assessors and the members of the state board—Governor Robert B. Crosby, Secretary of State Frank Marsh, State Auditor Frank Heintze, and State Tax Commissioner Norris J. Anderson. Everybody was looking over his shoulder to see what the Legislature does.

Behind—
 The Legislature has been in session now something under two months and finds itself considerably behind the pace set two years ago.

What have the lawmakers to show for two months' work? The record is not overly impressive.

In addition to grappling with such perennial headaches as taxes, roads and election laws, not with phenomenal success, the Legislature has expended a lot of time—and words—on such weighty matters as the location of the Bryan statue, where lobbyists should sit, and whether the mourning dove is a song bird or a game bird.

On the brighter side, there are

indications, some of the "chicken feed" bills may have been sifted out and that from here until May the legislators will be able to devote more of their time to wrestling with the really serious matters of state.

Despite the slow start, some members believe that adjournment will come after about 100 legislative days. If it does, the big blackboards at the front of the chamber are going to have to get a real going over and the bills which now clutter them will have either to be xed or advanced without to much debate.

Fuss—
 Whenever Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff rises to speak, the galleries fill almost magically and the airwaves freshman never fails to disappoint them. Don't ask me how, but the word gets around the Statehouse offices that "Terry's talking," and the state's business just has to wait while enthralled employees watch him declaim.

Last week his target was Governor Robert B. Crosby and specifically the "political grandstand" the governor employed in submitting his budget to the legislature.

Carpenter, who several days ago proposed that the legislature pass Crosby's budget and quit in an effort to shock Nebraskans into what he considers a better appreciation of the legislature's abilities, this time tied off on Crosby's budget recommendations for the state highway department.

He recalled that in the governor's message to the legislature, he saw the role of state government in these times as one of restraint and that he had proposed the state highway department spend about 12 million dollars less than in the past two years.

Crosby had said in that message that some might accuse him of grandstanding. "If that's no political grandstanding, then I never saw anything that was," Carpenter said.

The Scottsbluff senator found that State Engineer Harold Aitken was in agreement with him that budget requests should be based on need, rather than on existing revenues. Crosby's budget was based on the latter.

"How," Carpenter demanded, "can we get the picture when one part of the government nullifies another part by inflicting a political approach to the problem?"

Retort—
 Governor Crosby wasted no time in firing back. Newsmen hurried from the legislative chamber to the executive suite. Crosby had not heard Carpenter attack but his administrative assistant, Max Denny, had.

In one of his rare moments of his words carefully and said: "To ignore the earnest discussion of highways in my inaugural message and to ignore the entire premise of my budget message are useful stratagems in political debate."

"The effort to distort both messages is deliberate. In the introductory part of my budget messages I said plainly, 'This message deals with a discussion of the important departures from the general fund recommendations in Governor Peterson's budget.'"

For emphasis I repeated that what I would discuss in the budget message were "what must be appropriated from the general fund of cash funds. Anyone familiar with Nebraska's budget procedures knows that highways are not constructed or maintained through general fund appropriations."

There was no occasion in the budget message to discuss highway funds because present Nebraska laws gave me no opportunity to recommend an increased amount. My budget recommended the same to Governor Peterson's budget for road maintenance and construction.

A considerable part of my inaugural message on January 3 was devoted to the highway problem. I called it "an acute problem" and departed from the text to say that was an understatement. I told the legislature that I regarded it to be a fact that any substantial improvement on highways would require more funds than now available."

Picture—
 The springboard for Carpenter's blast was a lengthy and detailed description of Nebraska highway system and its problems by State Engineer Aitken.

He told the lawmakers only a third of the 9,600-mile system is adequate for present-day traffic. And at the other end of the scale, more than 500 miles is in "red" emergency condition. Still another 500 miles measured less than 50 percent on the Highway Department's "sufficiency" yardstick.

Under existing revenues, the legislators were told, the department can spend 11 million dollars for new construction in the next two years. A little more than half of this would be state funds.

The money would permit the improvement of 289 miles of road just about half of the miles in the "red" category.

Bills to raise the gas tax a penny and to increase registration fees—now before the legislature would bring in 12 million dollars in state revenue in the next two years, the department estimates. Matched with federal funds, this would become 24 million dollars and added to the 11 million would give the department 35 million to spend in 1953-55.

What would this amount buy? Said Aitken, between 900 and 1,000 miles of highway.

In an impressive marshalling of his facts, Aitken used two

screens to show the lawmakers pictures of crumbling, narrow highways, antique bridges and sharp curves, all black marks against a road.

He told the senators he hoped they would give the sufficiency rating system, now merely departmental policy, the weight of statutory authority.

Harkins Receives 50-Year Award

Lumber Dealer from Inman Honored

INMAN—M. L. Harkins and Horace Kiel went to Omaha Wednesday morning, February 25, where they attended the 62d annual convention of the Nebraska Lumber Merchants association.

Mr. Harkins has had 55 years experience in the lumber business and was presented a 50-year club certificate by the association.

Mr. Harkins said in early days the conventions were for getting acquainted and having a good time but he thought today's conventions were more interesting and better for business and he thoroughly enjoyed the colorful and activated exhibits. Mr. Harkins and his family came to Inman in 1933 from Duncombe, Ia. His family consists of two daughters, Hildred at home and Mrs. H. E. Smith, also of Inman, one son, Forrest of Turlock, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkins celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. Mr. Harkins says he has no intention of retiring, that he would be lost and wouldn't know what to do with himself. He is also an ardent gardener and in the spring and summer is seen early in the morning in his garden.

Other Inman News

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bean spent the weekend in Lincoln.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hutton are spending a few days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boies and son, Stephen, of Omaha spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mrs. Boies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luben.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tomlinson of Omaha spent the weekend here with relatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harkins celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. Mr. Harkins says he has no intention of retiring, that he would be lost and wouldn't know what to do with himself.

Ernest Trowbridge returned Friday from Texas where he had spent several months visiting relatives and friends.
 Horace Kiel, M. L. Harkins and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sawyer and son returned Friday evening from Omaha where they spent a few days. Mr. Kiel and Mr. Harkins attended a lumbermen's convention for a regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilhoit and sons spent the weekend in Oakland visiting Mrs. Wilhoit's father, Mr. Osterberg.
 The WSCS met last Thursday afternoon at the Maxcy Memorial auditorium for a regular meeting. The devotions were led by

Mrs. Anna Clark. A birthday party for those celebrating birthday anniversaries in December, January and February was enjoyed. The program was in charge of Mrs. Roy Gannon. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Herbert Nielsen, Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, jr., and Mrs. Leon Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tompkins accompanied Harvey Tompkins and son, Roger, to Omaha on Thursday. Harvey and Roger returned that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins remained in the home of their son, Dr. Charles Tompkins, and family for a longer visit.

The Women's department of the RLDS church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ralph Brittle. At the close of the study period a lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. James Kelley and son, Neil, and Ned Kelley spent the weekend in Burwell visiting James Kelley who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Gallagher and daughter, Janet, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry were callers in the Fred Moore home Wednesday evening, February 25, 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seastadt of Omaha spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Youngs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mattson and Mrs. James McMahan spent Friday afternoon in Neligh.

Band Bedecked in New Uniforms for Tonight's Concert

EWING—The Ewing high school senior band will present its first full band concert of the school year tonight (Thursday), forms in the school colors of orange and black will be worn for the new military style uniform.

The public is invited to attend free of charge. The program that follows will start at 8 p.m. "Little Grey Church," by Bennett; "Yare Overture," by Bennett; "Pavane," by Ravelle; "Triumphphant Overture," by Messang; "Gypsy Dance Song," by brass quartet, second trumpet, Bonnie

Jefferies, first trumpet, Jerome Balm, trombone, Sandra Dierks, baritone, Paul Gunter; "Military Escort March," by Bennett; "Activity March," by Bennett, director by student conductor, Marcia Gibson; "Father of Victory March," by Ganne; "Alma Mater March," by Chenette; "Algeria March," by Chenette; "Square Dance," medley, by Heine; "Oh, Happy Day," by Koplou.

Paul Cooper, head of the music department in the Ewing school, will be the director.
 Frontier for printing. Prompt deliveries!

O'NEILL LOCALS
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fetrow and Nancy took their son, Paul, and Edward Tomlinson to Lincoln Sunday where they attend the University of Nebraska. They spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fetrow and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson.

Allen Martin spent the weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Martin. He is a student at Wayne State Teachers college.

Ted Lindberg, who is attending college at Wayne, spent the weekend here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lindberg.

The job of assessing property owners will get under way Tuesday, March 10th, when the Holt County Assistant Assessors will start assessing.

The Nebraska law places full responsibility on the taxpayer for seeing that all his personal property is listed for taxation. The law provides a penalty of 50 percent of valuation for failure to list, refusal to list, to list falsely or to transfer property for the purpose of evading taxes.

In order to keep taxes as uniform as possible a spot check will be made in each precinct to determine if the taxpayers are turning in their correct valuation; if it is found that anyone has failed to list their property correctly the 50 percent penalty will be applied as provided by law.

List your property as it should be to avoid embarrassment if you should be in the spot check. Due to the bad road conditions we are asking everyone to cooperate with the Precinct Assessor to get the assessing done as soon after March 10th as possible. Taxpayers are requested to bring their 1952 schedules with them, along with any other information, so the proper school districts, road and fire districts can be ascertained for this year's listings.

THE ASSISTANT FOR EACH PRECINCT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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| Antelope & Iowa—Ed Sterner | Inman Pre. & Vil. — Vernon Davis (Inman Co-op Credit Association) |
| Atkinson Pre. & Vil. — Carl Smith | Josie, Swan & Wyoming — R. E. Bly |
| Chambers Vil., Chambers & Conley Pre. — Clarence Young (Ford Garage) | Lake & McClure—O. McClurehan |
| Stuart Vil., Stuart Pre. & Cleveland—Edwin Engler | Paddock—Elmer DeVall |
| Coleman & Saratoga — Roy Margritz | Pleasantview—Joe Wagman |
| Deloit—Albert Latzel | Rock Falls—Levi Hull |
| Dustin—L. E. Axtell | Sand Creek—Alex Forsythe |
| Emmet Pre. & Vil. — Joe Winkler | Scott—Ray Wilson |
| Ewing Vil., Ewing & Golden Pre.—Eben Graft | Shamrock—Robert Strong |
| Fairview—Harold Gilman | Sheridan—Chas. Kubart |
| Francis—Jos. Dobrovolsky | Shields—Clarence Gokie |
| Grattan—Marvin Cloune | Steel Creek—C. L. Brady |
| O'Neill—H. W. Tomlinson | Verdigris and Page — C. W. Cronk |
| Green Valley — Robert Lemunyan | Willowdale—Bob Tomlinson |
| Holt Creek—Harold Shaw | |

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