

State Capitol News

# 'Break Ice' on Defense Routes

LINCOLN—The state highway department "broke the ice" this week on the proposed interstate defense route as it made plans to take bids December 16 for relocation of U.S. 30 in the Kimball area.

Actually, the 15-mile stretch will be a two-lane bituminous-surfaced road much like you can see anywhere in Nebraska.

But the Kimball project has importance for a number of reasons: 1. It will mark the first major use of interstate highway funds in Nebraska. The money will be 50 percent state. But in the future the matching ratio will be stepped up to 60 percent federal and 40 percent state participation.

2. For the first time the new "limited access" law will be used. Because there are no farmsteads along the new route the highway department has picked, the law won't make too much difference in this particular case. Access to the new highway will be limited to north-south section line roads. No one can build a side road from his farm onto this highway.

3. It means the highway department has decided it can wait no longer to make needed improvements along the interstate highway route. This runs from Omaha on U.S. 6 to Lincoln, west on U.S. 34 to Grand Island, and on U.S. 30 the rest of the way to the Wyoming line. Major improvements have been blocked along this route because the federal government said the highway must be built to much higher standards.

4. At the same time it indicates the highway department has been able to talk the federal bureau of highways into relaxing the high standards it had set. Some of these called for four-lane divided routes built for 70 mile an hour speeds. State Engineer L. N. Rens has insisted this was "too rich for our blood" here in Nebraska.

Also the department has broken a log jam that developed over the entire Kimball relocation problem. Kimball citizens feared it would

mean a bypass of their town. The new location will go into Kimball all right. But it is built in such fashion that the interstate route eventually could go straight west and miss Kimball altogether.

### Federal Pressure

State Engineer Rens came back from a Seattle, Wash., convention of the American Association of State Highway Officials with the word that the federal government probably will put even more pressure on the states to do something about the interstate defense routes. But the association had some back pressure of its own. It passed a resolution asking the federal government to put in more money for the interstate routes, since it wants them built to such high standards.

There is some reason to believe that both federal and state officials want these free superhighways built to block the trend to toll roads. The Nebraska interstate highway situation—with exception of the Kimball project—has been held up pending the results of the current turnpike engineering study.

### Appointments

Governor-Elect Victor Anderson of Lincoln is busily preparing to take over the reins of office in January. Not only is he listening in on hearings on budget requests of various agencies but he is working to assemble a staff.

There are indications that the salary problem is plaguing him. He can't get young administrative assistants of the type he wants for a salary of \$6,500 a year. Anderson probably will have to turn to some older person with enough independent wealth to be willing to take the job on that salary.

The salary question has been raised in several other cases also. The voters apparently turned down a constitutional amendment which would have erased the restriction that salaries of certain executive officials can't be changed any oftener than every eight years.

This discouraged a number of state officials. For example, State Engineer Rens has a salary of \$8,500 a year. Yet in recent months he has had three separate offers for almost twice that much.

Both Gov. Robert Crosby and Governor-Elect Anderson have expressed their concern about this problem. They said they are seeking ways to see that these men get paid enough to keep them from going into private industry.

**Eases Task**—Every governor has to make appointments and some times the "heat" and "pressure" can be terrific. Apparently Anderson is going

to be fortunate in certain respects early in his term.

Two of the important appointments he must make—to the state liquor commission and the state board of control—are now held by democrats and by the law must be filled by democrats. Since the democratic organization is not very strong in Nebraska, there won't be much political pressure concerning these appointments.

The "heat" really comes when a republican governor must appoint republicans to these offices because all his friends have their own ideas of the "perfect appointee." Nathan Font of Stanton is the present democratic member of the liquor commission and William Diers is the democrat on the board of control. Diers has said he will not consider reappointment.

Incidentally, from Governor Crosby's present staff James Dieing, his administrative assistant, will return to his job with a gas company. Budget Supervisor Arthur McCaw has been appointed by Crosby to the Douglas county tax appraisal board in Omaha. McCaw, first Negro to hold such a high office in Nebraska state government, worked for the board before coming to state government.

### Budget Hearings

As the various agencies submitted their budgets for hearings before State Budget Supervisor Arthur McCaw and State Tax Commissioner George Peterson, here were some of the gleamings: The statehouse is going to be rewired electrically at about \$30,000 cost. Extra electrical office equipment and fans have been thrown too heavy a load on the 30-year-old circuits.

The state game commission wants to put swimming pools at the Ponca and Niobrara state parks. More and more of these are demanded by tourists, it is explained.

The state railway commission says it is so pinched for funds it may have to discontinue holding hearings outside. This would mean persons interested in rate, telephone or trucking cases would have to come to the statehouse.

### 150 Attend Holt Teachers' Meeting

The Holt County Rural Teachers' association met Wednesday, November 10, in the band room of the O'Neill public school with school board members and their families as guests. One hundred fifty were present.

The group was entertained by a vocal sextet and a clarinet solo from the O'Neill school. Mrs. Clara Peacock sang. Robert Evans showed motion pictures of the 1948-49 blizzards. Miss Dorothy Moore presented slides of her trip to Europe last summer.

The film, "Nebraska's Fourth R", which was scheduled for the evening did not arrive.

A lunch was served in the home economics room. The executive committee met Saturday, November 6, in the county superintendent's office. It was decided to attempt to produce an annual. A sample copy is in Miss French's office and sheets to be compiled will be given out at the next meeting.—By Lucille Mitchell, reporter.

### Former Classmates Are Reunited

EWING—Mrs. H. E. Kentopp of East Orange, N.J., Mrs. C. L. Van Cleave and Miss Gladys Perry of Elgin were Friday noon-day luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billings. Mrs. Kentopp and Miss Perry are former classmates of Mrs. Billings. The ladies had not reunited for several years.

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# Church Notices

### METHODIST (Page-Inman)

Rev. Lisle E. Mewmaw, pastor Sunday, November 28: Inman worship service at 9:45 a.m., followed by church school at 10:45, in observance of rally day. Don't miss church school next Sunday! Mrs. Vaden Kivett, superintendent. Page church school at 10 a.m., Dale Stauffer, superintendent. Page worship service at 11 a.m.; West central sub-district MYF rally at O'Neill, beginning with registration from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Plan to attend the rally, MYFers!

Monday, November 29: Page stewardship study service at 8 p.m., with the leadership of Mrs. N. D. Ickes, sr. Don't miss it!

Wednesday, December 1: Mr. and Mrs. Finch, crusade, scholarship students from India, will be at Page for a service at 8 p.m., during their itinerary of our district. Plan to attend to see and hear these interesting people!

Thursday, December 2: Page WSCS meeting.

Saturday, December 4: Inman WSCS bazaar, beginning at 2 p.m. Meals will be served in the evening. Plan to be in Inman December 4 for a good bazaar and good supper. We welcome you.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. Wayne A. Hall, pastor Nebraska Christ's Ambassadors' convention began Wednesday evening, November 24, at Kearney. Services will continue through Friday. Rev. Robert Ashcroft of Springfield, Mo., is guest speaker. L. I. Sunberg, Revivaltime soloist, will be contributing to each service.

Sunday, November 28: Sunday-school at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; children's story hour at 7:30 p.m., and worship at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30: CA service at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1: Bible study and prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord. For he is good; for his mercy endureth forever." Psa. 106:1.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

(At O'Neill) Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor "The church of the Lutheran Hour." Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving day service, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 28: Divine worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10:30 a.m.; adult Bible class, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 2: Confirmation class, 7:30 p.m.; Adult instruction class, 8:30 p.m. The topic of this discussion will deal with the historical background of the Lutheran church in America. Note: Please remember this change in date. The group will meet Thursday instead of Wednesday at the usual time.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN (O'Neill)

Rev. J. Olen Kennell, pastor Sunday, November 28: Sunday-school, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. This is canvass Sunday. Bring your pledge cards to the worship service. If you cannot attend, mail your cards to the treasurer.

Monday, November 29: The spiritual life group meets in the pastor's study, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1: Westminster fellowship, 7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:30 p.m.; choir practice, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 2: Women's association meets in the church.

Methodist (O'Neill) Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor Wednesday, November 24: Union Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 26: MYF council meets at the church at 1:15 p.m.; Dorcas at the church at 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 28: Junior choir practice, 9:30 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., with the junior choir presenting the special music. MYF rally here at 2:30 p.m. Calling all youth!

Wednesday, December 1: WSCS study class meets at 2 p.m., at the H. L. Lindberg residence.

### METHODIST (Emmet)

Since Thursday, November 25, is Thanksgiving day, there will be no study group.

Sunday, November 28: Regular worship service, 9:45 a.m. This is the time and place to renew your religious fervor. Everybody is welcome.

Thursday, December 2: The Bible group will meet with Mrs. Guy Beckwith at 8 p.m.

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH (O'Neill)

7th and Clay Sts. Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor "The church of the Lutheran Hour."

Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving day service, 9 a.m. Friday, November 26: Family night, 7:30 o'clock. All families of our congregation are urged to attend. A film dealing with the work of our Synod will be shown. Light lunch will be served. This evening will be sponsored by the Men's club.

Saturday, November 27: Confirmation class, 1:30 p.m.; training class, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 28: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; divine worship, 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 30: Adult instruction, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1: Mid-week advent service, 8 p.m. The theme of these Wednesday evening services will be the great Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of the Saviour.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)

Corner of Sixth and Grant John Thomas, minister Sunday, November 28: Bible school, 10 a.m.; communion and preaching, 11 a.m.; youth fellowship hour, 6:30 p.m.; evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.

Bible study and prayer session, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

In the name of Jesus Christ we bid you a sincere welcome to these services.

### BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN (Ewing, R.F.D.)

Rev. J. Olen Kennell, pastor Sunday, November 28: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 1: The Women's association will meet at the manse in O'Neill, 2 p.m.

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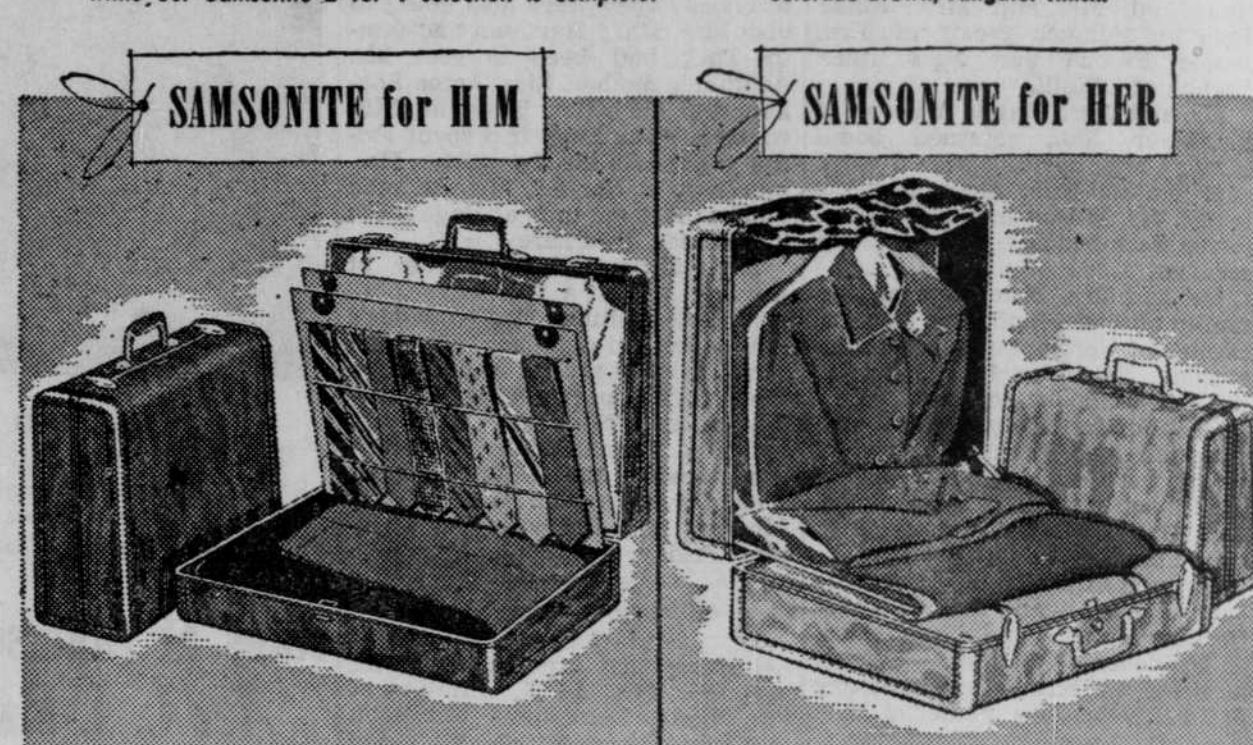
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