

Capitol News -

Interstate Highway, University Under Discussion at State House

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LINCOLN—The Interstate Highway is getting some attention in the Legislature. One bill introduced would prohibit farm equipment, funeral processions, bicycles and hitchhikers from using the super highway. This proposal was offered by Sens. Joe Vosoba of Wilber, Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City, Peter Clausen of Leigh, Marvin Lautenschlager of Grand Island and Lewis Webb of Ogallala.

A companion measure by the same senators would set up a minimum speed limit of 40 miles per hour on the highway, which is taking shape across Nebraska farmland. The same senators also want the speed laws that apply to the regular highway system to be in effect on the interstate also. That would be 65 miles per hour at day, 55 miles per hour at night.

The four lawmakers also tossed a measure into the legislative hopper to permit trucks and vehicles towing trailers to go as fast as other vehicles. Now, they are limited to 50 miles per hour.

By July 4 the highway department expects the Interstate route between Lincoln and Omaha to be completed and open all the way to traffic. Work also is getting underway in the Grand Island area.

Another bill affecting the Interstate was proposed by Sen. Michael Russillo of Omaha. It would prohibit billboards along the immediate right of the highway.

University of Nebraska.

There are indications of considerable discussion in the Legislature involving the University of Nebraska. Most of this will revolve around budget recommen-

datations for the school for the 1961-63 period which starts in July.

One senator, Marvin Lautenschlager of Grand Island, wants to double the size of the school's board of regents. This would require a constitutional amendment. Lautenschlager wants 12 regents instead of the current six. He says a larger board would enable members to split into committees which could specialize in specific areas of the University.

Added the senator: "I think it would be quite beneficial to both the University and the people of our state to have more people coming from the state to the governing body of the University, bringing the thinking of the people of our state to that institution."

On the matter of the budget, Lautenschlager and Sen. William Moulton of Omaha, both members of the budget committee, oppose the money recommended for the University by Gov. Frank Morrison. The budget committee makes its own recommendations, independent of the governor, for all state agencies.

Morrison suggests the University get \$30.1 million in tax dollars for the 1961-63 period, about 16.7 per cent more than the current allocation of \$25 million.

Morrison called for spending of \$22.6 million in tax dollars for all agencies for the next two years, comparing with the \$76.6 million appropriated from tax funds for state government by the 1959 Legislature.

Board of Health

Dr. Maurice Frazer has been re-elected chairman of the State Board of Health and Dr. W. Wallace Webster, also of Lincoln, re-named vice chairman. The board declined to sponsor legislation that would call for licensing of

cleaners of septic tanks.

State Sanitation Engineer T. A. Filipi said there were as many as 50 of that type of operators in Nebraska and the board was told licensing would be additional work for the staff which already is burdened.

Meanwhile, in the Legislature, a bill was introduced by Sens. William Moulton of Omaha and Theodore McCosh of Gering to create a State Board of Registration for sanitarians.

Committee Hearings
The Legislature has begun to roll on public hearings of bills by standing committee. This will consume afternoons five days a week through probably May.

Indications are now that many senators feel there will be less bills introduced this session, but that many are more controversial in nature and thus the length of the session would not be shortened.

Some of the controversial hearings probably will run as much as four hours in length. Every bill introduced in the Unicameral is given a public hearing except in rare cases when 29 senators agree this is not necessary.

Public hearings allow the solons to get views of those for and against legislation and weigh heavily in what recommendation comes from a committee. After a public hearing committee members huddle in executive session and decide whether to send a bill to the floor for debate or kill it.

Newsman may attend the executive sessions and report the total vote but not the discussion or how individual senators vote on a bill.

Verdigre News

By Vac Randa

The Verdigre Hawks won their seventh game of the season when they defeated the Center Panthers Tuesday night, Jan. 17, at Center 65-56. Allen Boelter, Johnny Mastilar and Leland Timmerman were the big guns in this game. Leroy Clausen and George Allen paced Center with 18 points each while Lee Sealer, Center's scoring ace, was held to two field goals by the good defensive work of Timmerman.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held Sunday afternoon honoring Carolyn Prokop at the Bethlehem Lutheran church parlors. Miss Prokop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prokop of Verdigre, and Rudolph Pavlik

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jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Pavlik sr., also of Verdigre, will be married February 1 at Christ Lutheran church in Bazile Mills. Hostesses at the shower were Mmes. Alvin Fosterman, Otto Dvorak, Ben Vonasek and Henry Chalupnik. Fifty-five guests attended.

Supt. Robert G. Sheekler of the Verdigre high school has announced the honor roll for the third six-week period. The students are as follows: Seniors - Jo Ann Chalupnik, Mary Ann Kain, Sharon Sonder, Joe Ellen Farnik, Kathy Maly, Kenneth Maly, Richard McCormick and Wallace Tuch; Juniors - Marlene Soucek; Sophomores - Larry Viterna, Lavonne Hildreth and Darlene Van Buren; and Freshmen - Karen Jacot and Kathryn Kuera.

Joe J. Jacot is serving his 20th year as secretary and treasurer of the Spring Valley Local No. 194. The annual meeting of the local was held January 18 in the ZCBJ basement with Irvin Sedivy as chairman. All officers and delegates were named for the ensuing year.

Edward S. Pavlik, Bolton Randa, Clarence Pavelka, John E. Pavlik, Buddy Pavlik and Alvin Pavelka went to Neligh Friday where they donated blood for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Gene Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall, received a blue ribbon and the "Star and Green Hand" medal in creed speaking at the annual contest night of the Verdigre FFA chapter January 18.

Larry Viterna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Viterna, won the top blue ribbon and public speaking medal. Other winners are Larry Sokol, James Janak, David Hrbek, Lawrence Vesely, Arlie Nelson and Neil Uhlir. Marshall and Viterna will go to Ainsworth February 4 to participate in the District IV FFA elimination contest.

Orchard News

Mr. Wilbur Mahood
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Gerry Maple was presented a plaque by Harold Foss, finance chairman of the Diamond Dick District, for heading up and conducting the Boy Scouts finance campaign in Orchard. Orchard raised \$61 for support of the "Covered Wagon."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaFrenz spent the weekend visiting in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Robert LaFrenz at Ames, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brown of O'Neill were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Withee.

Neighborhood card party met with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Mc Claron Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Rang and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibbs were guests. Prizes were won by Mrs. Herman Schlessener, Bernard Schacht, Mrs. George Rang, Ed Por-

ter and Mr. and Mrs. John Schlessener.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butterfield of Lincoln spent the weekend in the Leon Mitchell home.

Mrs. Charles Thelander and Mrs. Lou Niles of O'Neill attended a birthday party for Mrs. William Thelander Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hille of Plainview were Sunday guests in the Ray Clifton home.

Duard Dempster, who had been hospitalized in the Neligh hospital for several days, returned home Sunday.

Bill Timmerman entered the Antelope County Memorial hospital at Neligh Tuesday morning.

American Legion auxiliary met Monday night at the Legion hall with 13 members present. Mrs. Gerald Maple, president, presided over the business meeting.

They voted to sponsor the 1961 American Essay contest. Members also voted to send \$5 to the "Little Red Schoolhouse" nurse scholarship fund. The Blue and Gold Cub Scout banquet will be held February 9. Mrs. John Leidinger, Mrs. Glen Miller and Mrs. Jack Classen are the Menu Committee. Hostesses were Mmes. Lee Bjornsen, Jack Classen and Sam Trussel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maple attended the Gamble Merchandise conference in Omaha over the weekend. They also visited in the Gary Goester home in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Auman and Linda and Dennis were in Norfolk Saturday evening. They attended a shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Auman at the Christian church.

Young couples pitch club met Sunday night in the H. O. Hill home. Mrs. Jimmy Walnofer, John Eley, Mrs. Clifford Erb, Jimmy Walnofer and Johnny Eley won prizes. Mrs. Johnny Eley assisted with the lunch. The next meeting will be January 29 with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schlessener. Mrs. Paul Goller will assist with the lunch.

Samba club met with Mrs. Robert Carpenter Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Jim Clifton was a guest. Prizes were won by Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. John Schwager. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Gerald Maple.

Couples pitch club met with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Withee Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton were guests. Mrs. Marvin Nelson, Wayne Lautenschlager, Mrs. Dick Knapp won prizes. The next meeting will be January 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Sirek.

Mrs. Ray Reed spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lyle Trease and family of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton honored their daughter, Linda, with a birthday dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barton; Mrs. Louise Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis and Marie of Ewing.

Tuesday evening bridge met with Mrs. Allen Hill Tuesday evening. Mrs. Carrol Clifton and Mrs. Walt LaFrenz won prizes. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Gurney Drayton in two weeks.

Past Matrons club met at the Masonic temple Wednesday afternoon with 15 members present. Mrs. Marion Shipman, president presided over the business meeting. The project for the afternoon was tying three quilts. Hostesses were Mrs. Marion Shipman, Mrs. J. W. Mahood and Mrs. Clifford Rundquist.

Miss Mary Holliday of O'Neill spent a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Holliday and in the home of her brother, John Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaFrenz spent the weekend in Omaha visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Kreidler.

Mrs. J. W. Mahood, Mrs. D. L. Fletcher, Mrs. Herman Weiting and Louise Stelling visited in Neligh Monday afternoon.

Pitch Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hill Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bright and Mrs. Kenneth Bruce were guests. Prizes were won by Ed Bright, Mrs. Allen Hill, Gordon Drayton, Mrs. Ted Berry and Jim Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weiting visited relatives in Norfolk Tuesday.

THE FRONTIER, O'Neill, Nebraska, Thursday, January 26, 1961

Mrs. Jim O'Neill of Phoenix, Ariz., returned home by plane from Omaha Tuesday. She was taken to Omaha by Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Drayton. Mrs. O'Neill has spent two weeks with her father, T. A. Drayton who is in the Plainview hospital.

Mrs. Kenneth Bruce Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lyle Schlessener and Mrs. Jim Clifton were guests. Mrs. Lyle Schlessener and Mrs. Lester Withee won prizes. Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery of Ewing were Sunday night callers in the J. W. Mahood home.

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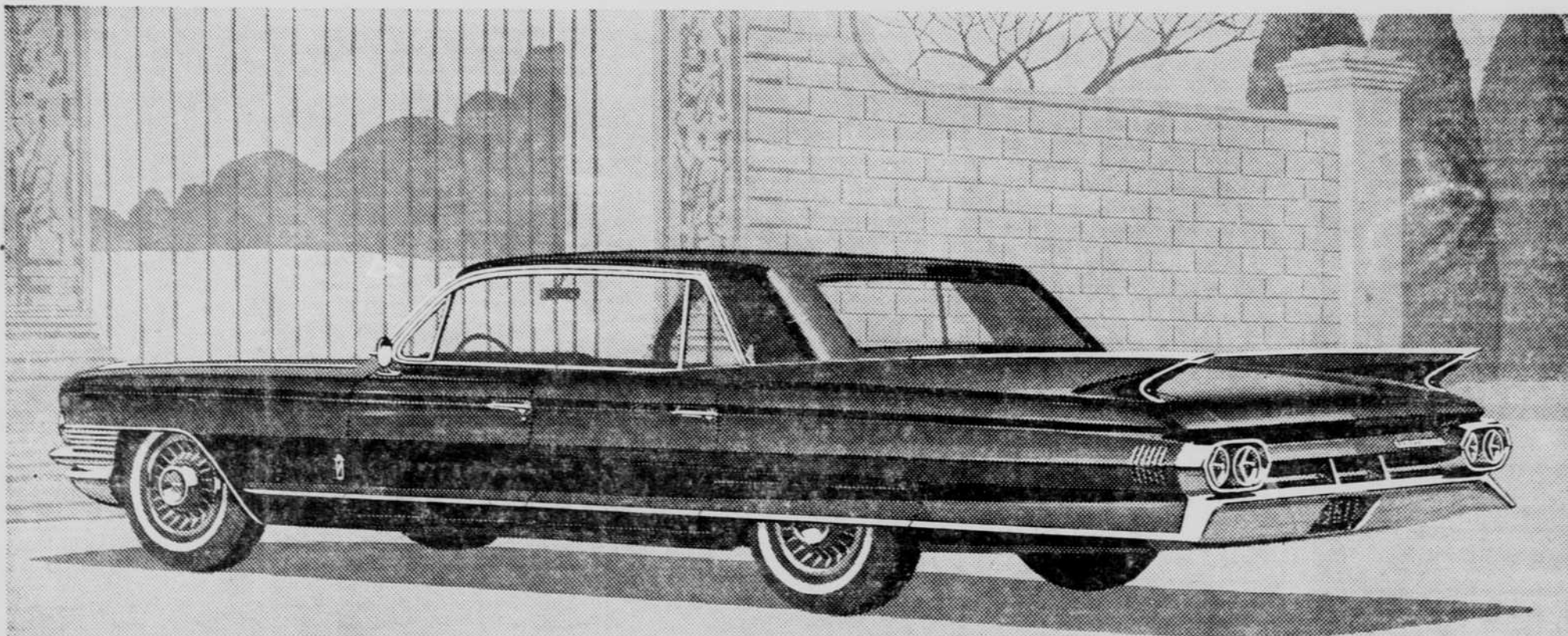
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