

Traffic On Highway 50 Shows Hard-Surface Need

"Where are all these bad roads we hear so much about? I'd like to know the answer to that question before I vote for more highway revenue." Thus spoke a member of Nebraska's 1953 Legislature — and several fellow legislators within hearing distance nodded assent.

The State Highway Department can provide that answer in detail, embellished with charts and photographs. It can pinpoint examples where thin hard-surfacing is crumbling under the terrific impact and also where busy state highways are

nothing but poorly graveled roads.

In fact, there are about 5,000 miles of state highways that are now gravel surfaced in Nebraska — most of the state highway system. And it is interesting to note that a 1948 engineering study in Nebraska by the Automobile Safety Foundation of Washington, D. C., concluded that all roads with more traffic than 200 vehicles per day should be hard-surfaced.

On that basis, there are a lot of heavily traveled highways in Nebraska that are graveled and rough, and these random examples can be cited in answer, partially at least, to the question as to where the roads are bad.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, State Highway 50 is gravel surfaced through Cass county and the lowest traffic count on that highway in 1948 was 220 vehicles per day. It carried about 550 vehicles per day in the area north and south of Weeping Water. Just west of Beatrice, State Highway 4 was carrying 670 vehicles per day. The volume was above 500 vehicles per day six miles west to the junction with State Highway 82.

In the east-central part of the state, 520 vehicles per day were using State Highway 109 east of Cedar Bluffs, which is nine miles from Fremont. On State Highway 91 west of Howells, 495 vehicles per day were using the highway.

In the northeast section of the state, 510 vehicles per day were using State Highway 35 at the intersection with State Highway 15, which is between Wayne and Wakefield. Just west

of Madison, 550 vehicles per day were using State Highway 22, with a reduction to 350 vehicles per day eight miles east.

In the south-central part of the state, 500 vehicles per day were using State Highway 3 just east of Red Cloud. Farther east, near Guide Rock, the traffic was 375 vehicles per day. On State Highway 14, there were 625 vehicles daily crossing the bridge south of Central City, with 465 vehicles per day north of Aurora.

In the southwest section of the state, 600 vehicles per day were using the bridge south of Gothenburg on Highway 47, with 425 vehicles per day two miles farther south. North of the bituminous surfacing on Highway 10 north of Kearney, 490 vehicles per day were traveling.

In the north-central part of Nebraska, 395 cars and trucks were using Highway 281 north of Lincoln. West of Burwell on Highway 91, a total of 355 vehicles per day passed.

In the panhandle area, 500 cars and trucks passed the state line on Highway 27 north of Gordon. East of Lyan on Highway 86, the count was 385 vehicles per day.

A typical figure for bituminous surfacing might be \$35,000 per mile. If all the state highways that are now gravel surfaced and carried more than 200 vehicles per day were bituminous surfaced, the cost would be \$547.5 million.

If all highways that carried more than 200 vehicles per day were dustless surfaced, it would cost \$87.1 million; highways carrying more than 250 vehicles \$89.9 million; highways carrying more than 300 vehicles, \$36.6 million.

But these cost estimates are for black top surfacing only; most of the gravel mileage would have to be rebuilt with modern grading and drainage, before bituminous surfacing could be applied.

Compared with all these estimated millions, the Highway Department obligated in 1952 only \$2,555,000 of state funds for highway construction, because so much had to go to maintenance and stop-gap. This amount matched with federal funds would provide about 146 miles of bituminous paving. This would require that no expenditure be made on existing concrete or bituminous roads and that no grading be done anywhere.

As a matter of fact, conditions in 1953 will require that most of the work to be done on highways that are now graveled will consist of rebuilding them to modern gravel standards. Grade and drain conditions are so bad in many locations that it is imperative that these conditions be corrected before thought is given to providing dustless surfacing at other locations with perhaps even more traffic.

ELMWOOD

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bornemeier visited at the home of their son, Roscoe, and family at Wichita, Kans., from Friday of last week until Monday.

Mrs. Laura Deles Dernier was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Maude Giles at Nebraska City.

Couples Vacation In Northeast

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Witt of Syracuse took a plane trip on Friday of last week from Omaha to Pontiac, Mich., where Mr. and Mrs. Witt purchased a new car. En route home, they took in the sights at Detroit and Chicago. They arrived home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gerbeling, and Lyndell of Nora, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gerbeling and Sandra, visited with their mother, Mrs. Cora Gerbeling and their aunts, Mattie Douglas and Grace Plybon.

Clement Martin of Lincoln was a business visitor in Elmwood on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Miller visited relatives in Syracuse Saturday afternoon.

Wm. Atchison is doing chores at the George Coatman farm while that couple is in California, in return for Mr. Coatman looking after the Atchison place while they were on the European and Palestine tour.

Mr. Oswald of Aurora, Gideon Bible speaker, talked at the EUB and Methodist churches Sunday, and at the Christian church the week before.

Mr. and Mrs. John Long were television and supper guests at the home of their daughter, Clara Nance, and family, Saturday evening.

Other television owners are the Alton Miller, Harold Krecklow, Glenn Thomas and Emery Brant households.

Myron Hollenbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hollenbeck had a tonsillectomy at Bryan hospital Friday. He is a kindergarten pupil.

Rev. J. T. Joehens took a fall in his home recently and an injured knee resulted.

Teacher Has Flu and Measles

Mariene Edemiller, who teaches at Lexington was ill for a while with flu and German measles, but she is back in school again now. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Edemiller, visited her while she was convalescing. Her sister, Joyceola, had the flu also, but she has also returned to school.

Mrs. Wm. Reuter has placed on the memory shelf in the library the book "A Man Called Peter", written by Mrs. Marshall concerning her husband, Peter, who was a former Chaplain in

Out-Of-Staters Are Guests Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawmeyer of Creston, Iowa, parents of Mrs. George McKlusky and her aunt, Mrs. Jack Whitbeck of Akeley, Minnesota, were Sunday dinner guests at the George McKlusky home.

Mr. William Seybolt is installing a new bathroom in his farm home, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hostetter.

Ladies representing both the United Presbyterian and the Christian churches of Murray participated in the World Day of Prayer services in the Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackerin and Ronnie visited with Mrs. Van Ackerin's sister in Omaha on Sunday. Mrs. Van Ackerin remained overnight with her sister to attend a special church meeting on Sunday night.

Mrs. Dede Hiatt and children spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Lechlter and family in Valley, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gregg left Friday afternoon to spend the week end in Kansas City.

Mr. William Seybolt and Mr. Dede Hiatt went to South Sioux City on business on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick visited his brother, Bill Fitzpatrick in the Veterans hospital in Omaha where he has gone for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington were visiting with her sis-

Several Attend Square Dance

Several couples from Murray attended a square dance party given by Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hiley of Glenwood. Those attending from Murray were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stones, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hobscheid, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jorgensen and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick.

A party was held on Monday in honor of George Washington's Birthday in the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Lois Comstock was leader of the Fellowship party. Mrs. R. A. Cundall and Mrs. Ed Howard were in charge of refreshments.

Study Club Has Luncheon Thursday

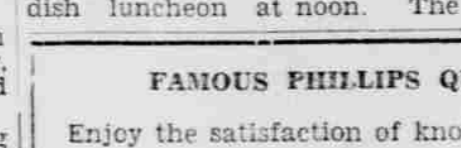
The Murray Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Lois Comstock on Thursday for a covered dish luncheon at noon. The

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GOOD MORNING, RICHARD!
YOU SEE THIS STORY IN THE PAPER ABOUT THE MAN WHO LEFT A HUGE FORTUNE OF \$7,000 TO CHARITY?

YER-ER-BOSS! DID YOU SEE THIS STORY IN THE PAPER ABOUT THE MAN WHO LEFT A HUGE FORTUNE OF \$7,000 TO CHARITY?

TUSH! MY BOY — AND WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA THAT \$7,000 IS SUCH A HUGE FORTUNE?

ER-WELL-AM-MAYBE IF YOU WERE EARNING THE SAME DOUGH AS ME, YOU'D THINK SO TOO, BOSS!

TOLD HIM! EITHER GET A RAISE OR I SUE! PRETEND I GOT A TEN BUCK RAISE!

By FRANK THOMAS

GOING WEST WITH HOSSFACE HANK
YOU WILL GO TO THE DANCE WITH ME, ANITA?
SI, SENOR HOSSFACE... NO ONE ELSE WOULD ASK ME!

I'LL CALL FER YUH AFTER I GO TO THE BUNKHOUSE! I'LL WEEL BE RADDY AN CHANGE CLOTHES!

SO SOON?—I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GAT DRESSED UP!

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By ART BEEMAN

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS —
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TELL ME WHAT YOU DID OVER IN KOREA, JACKIE!
WELL, MDS' OF DE TIME AH WAS ON DUTY SITTIN' IN A HOLE WATCHIN' DE ENEMY!
AH WATCHED THROUGH A PERISCOPE TO SEE IF DEY WUS GONNA S'PRISE ATTACK US!
BUT EVERY TIME AH PUT UP A PERISCOPE BANG! DEY SHOT IT OFF!
AH GOT TIRED PUTTIN' UP NEW PERISCOPES SO AH STOOD UP ON A BOX AN' WATCHED!
YOU STUCK YOUR HEAD OVER THE TOP AND WATCHED?
SURE! DEY WUS NO USE PUTTIN' UP PERISCOPES — DEY ALWAYS SHOT EM AWAY!