

### Rerouting Upheld For Highway 50 At Weeping Water

Highway No. 50 will be rerouted two miles west of Weeping Water apparently if a hearing before the State Highway Department and Governor Robert Crosby is any scale.

Tuesday, Governor Crosby told a group of 25 protesting Weeping Water business men that the "sufficiency ratings" of the Highway Department advises that the best and most economical route is two miles west of Weeping Water. The department has proposed constructing a hard-surface road from the Cass-County-Otto County line north through Louisville, bypassing Weeping Water.

Written statements, signed by Weeping Water city officials and Cass county officials three years ago had approved the proposed rerouting plans for Highway 50.

Wm. F. Nolte, only county commissioner still on the board that signed the statement, said here Wednesday morning that he feels the county should stick by the statement. He said the statement was signed at a meeting in Weeping Water with city, county and state officials attending. The route change was approved after Weeping Water had been assured federal aid for rebuilding a bridge washed out in the 1950 flood. "I don't feel the county or citizens of Weeping Water should back out on our agreement," Nolte said.

At the Tuesday hearing before the state officials, Weeping Water business men stressed the social and business effect that rerouting the highway would have on the community. Dallas Wendt, Community Club president, Attorney Harold Elliott, Rev. Fred C. Gardner and Tom Stacey spoke in behalf of the Weeping Water business men against the proposed new route. State Engineer L. N. Rens told the group that the best way to improve the highway as it nears Louisville has been a topic of discussion for 15 years and said he was "amazed that a change in plans would be asked at this late date." In addition to lower costs of building, because of its location away from streams, Rens said a road is needed to relieve traffic on U. S. 73-75 as well as serve local needs. Reconstruction with some relocation is now planned on U. S. 73-75 which runs through Plattsmouth, Rens said.

The Governor, however, explained that he believed the Weeping Water residents were "exaggerating the effect on the town." He said Highway 50 is built in the next two years, but that it will follow the route selected by engineers and approved for matching of federal funds.

Commissioner Herman L. Bornemeyer, chairman of the Cass county board, also attended the hearing at Lincoln. He briefly outlined the problem which has confronted the county in building roads and explained they want roads but they want somebody way over there to pay for them. He told how such groups had succeeded in killing proposed mill levies for such added construction.

Bornemeyer advised that he won't fight people to build roads, but suggested that they unite and work together.

### Court House

Lloyd Edward Armstrong, 22, of Lincoln, and Alice Loree DeWald, 20, also of Lincoln, were issued a license for marriage in county court June 16, and were married in a ceremony performed by County Judge Raymond J. Case.

Irvin Leesley was fined \$50 and costs in county court after he pleaded guilty before Judge Case to a charge of careless driving.

Ralph F. Tway was fined \$10 and costs in county court after he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a pair of trousers from Roy E. Pierce.

### FARM PROPS

Speaking at a dinner in New York recently, Clifford R. Hope, Congressman from Iowa and chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, stated, "In 1952, the 15.9 per cent of our people who live on farms received only 8.7 per cent of the national income—or \$924 per capita, while per capita net income of the non-farm population was \$1,827, or virtually twice as much. This is the lowest ratio since 1942." There he declared, "Farm price supports must be continued—and continued vigorously."

### AWOL 7 YEARS

La Rochelle, France—A U. S. Army private, who went AWOL in 1945 and lived near Paris for seven years, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for desertion. He is former Pvt. George C. Risher, of Slickville, Pa., who told a court-martial he deserted from the 101st Airborne Division in March, 1945, after being wounded in Holland in 1944.

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