

# Proposal gives gas discount to Lincoln carpoolers

Lincoln car poolers may be able to buy gas at a discount according to a proposal from an oil company representative.

Dick Salem, secretary and treasurer for the Salem Oil Company in Lincoln is proposing a plan to Shirley Maly, Lincoln's coordinator for the car pool/van pool program which would allow car poolers to receive a two or three cent per gallon discount when they fill up, Maly said.

Before the program can begin, problems such as how to identify car poolers and the exact discount must be worked

out, she said.

The discount would be available for Lincoln car poolers as well as those who live in outlying areas but car pool to Lincoln, she said. Presently 1081 car poolers have registered with the Lincoln car pool/van pool office.

However, Salem said, good intentions are not enough to boost a program like this. He said he has had a hard time getting gas stations to agree to the proposals.

Salem Oil Company owns one service station and supplies fuel for eight privately owned area stations.

Discounting gas to car poolers would require the cooperation of the fuel supplier as well as the service station owner, he said. Tentative plans call for service stations to cut gas prices to carpoolers by the same amount Salem Oil would discount gas to the service station.

Most gas stations, however, do not see the need to offer gas at a discount because business is good, he said.

The time will come, he said, when there will be plenty of gas and service stations will wish they had more public support.

He also hinted that he had a hard time convincing his father and brother, partners in the company, to go along with the idea.

"We are in the business of making money not to support ideas that will benefit the community," he said.

Salem said he does not expect to make or lose money on the proposition. All he wants to do is to show support for the carpooling policy.

Maly said she hopes to have all the problems worked out so the program can begin Aug. 1.



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## Fremont bank gives to UNL fund

The University of Nebraska Foundation announced today that Fremont National Bank and Trust Company has pledged \$25,000 in response to the University's \$25 million capital gifts campaign.

The pledge is part of the Nebraska Bankers Association's overall effort to raise a minimum goal of \$2.5 million from member banks.

President Ronald W. Roskens of the University of Nebraska said it is most appropriate for Fremont National Bank and Trust Company to be among the leaders in the program.

"Fremont National Bank and Trust Company was established in 1871, the year that the University of Nebraska opened its doors to its first students, and has always been a strong supporter of education through gifts and scholarships in the Fremont community and the State of Nebraska."

Thomas J. Milliken, president of Fremont National Bank and Trust Company, said the gift will be designated for the entire University system and will become a part of an unrestricted endowment fund. Income from the fund will be awarded each year by a special advisory committee consisting of state bankers and University administrators. Milliken said the fund will be an immediate benefit to the

many hundreds of Fremont area students attending the University.

Milliken said he has the privilege of being a member of the governing council of the Bankers Association, "and our bank's pledge is intended to be an incentive to other banks in our region and in the State."

D.B. Varner, chairman of the Foundation board, reported this week that the Foundation has now recorded a total of \$20.9 million in pledges and cast in the three-year campaign, which will end in October, 1980.

## Mental health in rural areas subject of study

Graduate students in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's clinical training program will for the first time be offered a specialty in rural mental health this fall as the result of a \$500,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Herbert Howe, director of the Psychology Department's clinical training program, said the NIMH grant will support training of students in the rural mental health specialty for five years. He said about half of the 10 students who will enter the clinical training program this fall have indicated an interest in the specialty. Several students already enrolled have also expressed interest in the program, he said.

Howe said a rural mental health orientation would not represent a radical change of direction for the clinical training program in psychology. "We already have students place in agencies around Lincoln which serve exclusively rural populations," he said.

Next summer, however, students in the clinical training program will also be placed in agencies farther from campus, such as in North Platte, Kearney and Grand Island.

The NIMH grant will provide funds for student stipends to cover travel and living expenses during that summer practicum. It will also provide funds for an additional faculty member to coordinate the rural mental health program and to supervise students during their summer practicum.

Howe said the specialization in rural mental health will be "an appropriate focus for a land grant university such as UNL, located in a state where all but three of its 90 plus counties are rural, and where 33 percent of the state's population lives in rural areas."

## Engineer: coal will power irrigation

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln engineer says coal might be the answer to the problems of irrigators using diesel.

William E. Splinter, chairman of the engineering department in the UNL Institute of Agriculture and National Resources, says he has been urging the move and current diesel fuel shortages are making people listen.

His idea is to use high-sulfur coal to produce steam to turn a turbine which will pump water.

Splinter says the sulfur, instead of being released into the atmosphere, can be recycled and used on the cropland through the irrigation system.

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