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**MICKIE SAYS—**

SOME FOLKS DON'T REALIZE IT, BUT IT'S JUST AS POOR MANNERS TO COME IN HERE AN' START READIN' PROOFS AN' NOSIN' ROUND AS IT'D BE TO GO INTO SOME BODDY'S KITCHEN AN' LOOK IN TH' VESSELS ON TH' STOVE TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE FER DINNER!



**WHY NOT MARK THE ROADS**

What has become of the Moents good roads law for the maintenance patrol and marking of the state bond issue roads in Illinois, and why is the machinery to put this law in operation practically at a standstill while neighboring states are forging ahead in road work?

This is the query propounded by the Illinois State Automobile association, which in a bulletin urges action to fulfill pledges made to the people who have voted for good roads and well maintained highways, but we are still waiting patiently for them.

In the Moents good roads bill \$3,000,000 was voted for a biennial period to carry out the provisions of the law providing for the maintenance, patrol and marking of state and federal aid roads. This law became effective on July 1. Two months have flown by and still none of the designated highways have been touched to indicate that such a law had been passed.

"I can see no feasible reason for delay in carrying out the provisions of the Moents good roads law," said Henry Paulman, chairman of the good roads committee of the Illinois State Automobile association.

"This bill passed the state senate with only one dissenting vote. It went through the house with only twelve representatives voting against it. It proved one of the popular measures of the session, although it contained a paragraph breaking down our civil service of which the motor interests of the state do not provide.

"Despite the passage of this bill almost unanimously, we have no action to indicate that its provisions are being carried out. Two months have gone by and there is no action. I can understand why there should be some delay in getting the organization under way, but the marking of our highways should have been attended to at once. Well marked roads attract tourists and cause favorable comment. The woeful lack of road marking in Illinois is a disgrace to the state.

"There are thousands of unemployed men walking the streets of our cities who could be put to work. We need the roads and these men need the work.

"Over in Michigan, which was far behind Illinois in its original program, they are pushing their road marking program with a rapidity that is attracting general notice. We have had enough delay in Illinois."

Tourists coming into Illinois from Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan, all have something good to say of the system of marking roads in those states and nothing but kicks about the marking (or lack of marking system) of Illinois. Its time the state woke up to the fact that tourists bring money into communities thru which they travel and that they will soon be leaving Illinois out of their territory if the highways are not marked.

**NEW TERRITORY**

When the improvements are put in, they are the ones who will foot the bills, the same as property owners in the village did when the improvements were put through here.

This is not the fault of the village, but rather of the property owners on these streets. Any time those who own property on unimproved streets in the village want improvements they can have them. A petition to the Village Council, containing the names of a majority of the property owners is all that is necessary to start proceedings for the levying of a special assessment. The same procedure will be necessary should improvements be desired by people in the territory which will be annexed by the action of the voters last Saturday.

The mere fact that this territory will be admitted does not mean that the Council will immediately start laying water mains and sidewalks and building pavements in these new parts of town. The initiative for these things must come from the property owners. If they are content to be in the village and live without

these conveniences as they have been doing, that is strictly up to them.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO FIGHT AUTO TRUCK FIRE**

Large Pierce-Arrow Truck, Property of A. & P. Company, Blazes on Main Street.

As George Korak, driver of a large Pierce-Arrow truck for the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, cranked the car on Main street Tuesday afternoon preparatory to a drive back to Chicago, a sheet of flame shot out from the engine. A back fire had ignited the wiring and oil soaked pan under the truck, making quite a blaze.

A hurry up call was sent to the fire department, the whistle was blown for the second yard, and in a few minutes a stream of chemical from the fire truck was extinguishing the blaze. All the insulation was burned from the wires and a trouble man from the A. & P. garage in Chicago was sent for. After an hours work the truck made its way to Chicago under its own power.

Korak says this is the third time the truck has caught fire he being able to extinguish the blaze with sand on the other two occasions.

**D. G. H. S. OPENS FOOTBALL SEASON SAT'DY AT HARVEY**

Prospects Good as "Purple" Squad Scrimmages to Weed Out the Weaker Material.

Tomorrow Downers Grove high school's eleven will open the 1921 football season with a game against the Harvey high school on the grid at Harvey. The team has been working hard since the opening of school and prospects for the "Purple" coming through the season with more wins than losses to their credit are good.

Thirty men reported for the team this year; more by far than in any previous one. Coach Rogers started scrimmage Tuesday evening to weed out the weaker players and develop as strong a team as possible from the material at hand. He makes no predictions, but his air of optimism when talking about the prospects bodes ill for some of the traditional foes of D. G. H. S.

On next Saturday, October 1st, the team journeys to Hinsdale for a tilt with the eleven of that town and a game has been scheduled with Glen Ellyn.

The first home game will be played here, Saturday, October 8th, against St. Albans, of Sycamore. Last year the team representing this school copped the championship of DeKalb County and are reported to have as strong an aggregation this year. Preston Snow, who graduated from the local high school last year, is a member of the team, having made the center position. We expect he is in for a little "razzing" from his former school mates when he plays against them.

- Klein, L E
- Stephens, L T
- Jam, L G
- Brooks, C
- Rogers, R G
- Grumhaus, R T
- Kellogg, R E
- Boon, Q
- Baron, L H
- Smith, R H
- Phelps, F B

**KENNETH WARREN WOODWARD**

Kenneth Warren, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Woodward, of South Washington street, passed away Sunday morning, September 18th, aged twenty-seven days. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, one brother and one sister.

"We had a little treasure once, He was our joy and pride. We loved him, oh perhaps too well, For soon he slept and died. All is dark within our dwelling, Sorely are our hearts today For the one we loved so dearly Has forever passed away."

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