

FACTS CONCERNING PROPOSED COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE

The County Board of Supervisors at its October meeting decided to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,350,000 to build a system of hard surfaced roads in the county. All the Supervisors were present and the vote was unanimous for such bond issue. Their action must however be approved by the voters of the county.

Notices have been posted and an election called for November 29, 1922, at which time the voters will be given an opportunity to vote for or against this bond issue.

No doubt the thing that will interest the voters most will be the relative cost of this improvement. As I have had the spreading of the taxes in DuPage county during the past 8 years as County Clerk I will endeavor to give a fair and impartial statement of facts.

Method of Computing Taxes
The Assessor of each township, in his best judgment, first places a "fair cash value" on each piece of property in his township. The "Assessed Valuation," under the law is 1-2 of this "fair cash value," and upon this "assessed valuation" the taxes are computed.

In addition to the State, the county and every city and village, school district and township each levy a separate sum for their respective uses. The County Clerk then divides the sum levied by each of said taxing bodies by the total assessed valuation of such taxing district and the sum thus ascertained is the tax rate on each \$100 of the assessed valuation for that particular district. The total of all these rates make up the amount on each \$100 assessed valuation that the tax payer pays for his annual taxes.

The taxes levied for the year 1921 were paid in the Spring of 1922. Of these, so levied, 45 cents on each \$100 of the assessed valuation was made by and for the State; and 54 cents on each \$100 of the assessed valuation was made for all county purposes. The remainder of the taxes was for local purposes, such as city or village, school or township.

In each township from 2-3 to 3-4 of the taxes paid are for local, rather than for state and county, purposes. Therefore the greater part of the money paid in taxes is expended in the locality in which it is collected.

State Aid Road System
Under the law, 1-5 of the mileage of all roads in the county (except those in incorporated cities or villages) may be taken over by such county as "State Aid Roads." Two years ago DuPage County designated and took over 155 miles of road for such a State Aid Road System and has been maintaining these roads at the expense of the county, by levying a tax each year of 25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This 25 cents tax levy was a part of the above 54 cents levied for all county purposes, and amounted to about \$60,000.

Proposed County Bonds
About 55 miles of these State Aid Roads are now paved with cement concrete. To improve the remaining 100 miles of such roads with a hard surfaced type of pavement will require an outlay of about \$1,350,000. The bonds issued therefor would mature serially each year for a period of twenty years and would bear a low rate of interest (probably 4%). They will be issued as needed during the construction of the improvement. It has been computed that it will take about \$1,900,000 to pay the principal and all interest on these bonds under these conditions.

With the present assessed valuation

of all property in the county of over \$27,000,000 a tax rate of 35 cents on each \$100 of such assessed valuation will realize the county more than \$95,000 annually and, if continued for a period of 20 years, will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds.

Additional County Tax
It can be readily seen that the difference between the cost of present maintenance of these roads and the cost of constructing the proposed hard surfaced roads is but 10 cents on each \$100 of the assessed valuation on the property in the county for each year. Thus if the assessed valuation on the tax payers property be \$500 he will pay 50 cents more tax, if it be \$1000 he will pay \$1 more and if it be \$5000 he will pay \$5 more, annually.

State Pays One-Half the Cost
Under the State-aid Road law the State will pay for one-half the cost of constructing these roads after completion and will thereafter pay for one-half the cost of maintenance thereof. The amount the State would pay the county in such case would be about \$675,000. This money must be used by the county for road purposes, either to pay the bonds or for improving other roads.

Effect of the Improvement
When all of these roads are improved under this system they will naturally carry by far the greater part of the traffic which will certainly lessen the township road commission's expense of maintaining the other remaining roads which are not State Aid roads.

Conclusion
It therefore can be readily seen that, if carefully managed, the cost of building and maintaining these roads under the proposed bond issue will be little, if any, greater than the cost of maintaining them now.

Wheaton, Illinois, November 21st, 1922.

A. A. KUHN,

MRS. MARY ROGERS

Funeral services were held from the Rogers home in Highland avenue last Sunday afternoon, November 19, for Mrs. Mary Rogers who passed away last Friday morning after more than a year of illness. She had been bed ridden since August and her passing was not unexpected. The Rev. Arnold H. Kehrl, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated at the services and burial was made at the side of her husband, J. W. Rogers, at the West Side cemetery.

Miss Mary Frances Freeman was born in Lewis county, New York, April 8, 1837. She came to Downers Grove with her parents, the Rev. Alva D. and Lydia (Harmon) Freeman, in 1853 when sixteen years of age. Her father and her grandfather both were Baptist ministers. Her mother was Lydia Harmon, a daughter of David Harmon, a prominent New Yorker and ex-Governor Harmon, of Ohio, is her cousin.

Rev. Freeman came here in 1853 with his family and purchased a farm east of the village of which it is now a part, and settled here. He ministered to the people of Downers Grove and Warrenville and later established a church at Plainfield.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rogers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 1, 1907, receiving the congratulations of their many friends. The passing of Mrs. Rogers leaves a gap which cannot be filled. She was of that race of sturdy New Englanders who came "west" in the decade between 1840 and 1860, settling on the prairie lands of the middle west. They brought with them the principles of hard work and right living and did more to give the then new country a real start than any other factor. Like others of her time, she underwent hardships which would make the women of the present day shudder and through it all lived a sweet, God-fearing life.

A kind neighbor, a good friend, a worker in charities in many ways not known to the public, Mrs. Rogers will be missed in the community. Attending the funeral service were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Freeman, son, wife and baby, Ed. Freeman of Boone, Iowa. Another nephew, William Freeman, of California, was unable to attend.

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SPECIMEN BALLOT

The following is a fac-simile of the Official Ballot to be voted in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, at an election to be held Wednesday, November 29, 1922.
A. A. KUHN, County Clerk

QUESTION OF COUNTY BOND ISSUE

Shall county bonds for roads be issued to the amount of \$1,350,000 and an additional tax levied for the payment of interest and principal of such bonds?	YES
	NO

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