

MORE HARD ROADS BUILT LAST WEEK

ILLINOIS WORK ADVANCED

**Big Force on Job, and Expected
This State Soon Will Be
Leader in Total of
Pavement**

Illinois took another step towards a new world's record for one year's accomplishments in road building, when 40.08 miles of pavement were completed during the week ending September 25th. This brings the total construction for the year up to 953.08 miles, or approximately 145 miles more than had been completed at the same time last year.

Big Force at Work

During this past week, 99 paving mixers, 9,500 men and 2,400 teams were engaged directly on road work. This is somewhat less than had been employed heretofore this season, and indicates that a number of contractors are completing their work earlier in the season than has customary in other years. Undoubtedly, many contractors would have been able to handle larger contracts and thus made an even greater program possible this year, had there been sufficient funds to finance additional work.

C. R. Miller, director of the department of public works and buildings, and Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer, in discussing the state's progress in road work, stated:

Statement by Officials

"The people of Illinois have every reason to be proud of the great progress their state is making in highway improvement. A few years ago Illinois, in other matters one of the most progressive states in the Union, stood twenty-third in the matter of road improvement. However, in the last three years, Illinois has led all of the states in the mileage of roads built annually.

State Soon Leader

"In a few more years, at the present rate of progress, Illinois would also lead all other states in the total mileage of pavement completed. This will depend, however, on the outcome of the referendum vote on the proposed \$100,000,000 bond issue. If the proposal should be defeated, the annual road program would have to be greatly curtailed, and it would take until 1930 to complete even the remainder of the present \$60,000,000 bond issue system. On the other hand, if the bond issue is approved, both the remainder of the present system, and about 5100 miles added by the \$100,000,000 bond issue bill can be completed in about the same length of time. The construction and maintenance of the roads in both bond issue systems can be financed from auto fees without one cent of direct tax."

ART OF LIVING IS VITAL IN APPEAL

BEAUTY ENRICHES LIFE

**Beautiful Surroundings Tend
To Create Artistic Sense
and Build Beautiful
Characters**

The art of living, above everything else, should have the most vital appeal to our people, said Lionel Robertson, in his lecture on "Interior Decoration" in Fullerton Hall, Art Institute, last Monday. The speaker stressed the point that to see the beauty in nature, to wish to be surrounded with harmonious things, to cultivate good taste and to avoid the gross, the shoddy and the glaring in our homes and in our personal appearance, was the surest way to build worth-while character.

Beautiful things will enrich our lives and give us beautiful thoughts. The subject of the lecture was "The City Home." Attention was called to the difference between living in the country and in the city. In the country everything is less formal and the home and its interior should partake of the comfort, the "cosiness" and the informality of such surroundings, while in the city there was more of the social and formal atmosphere and consequently the home and its furnishings should partake of such an atmosphere. But the lecturer wished to speak of the number of city homes he had visited in the last few months and of the things he saw therein.

Sense of Taste

"We seem to have lost the sense of taste our forefathers possessed," said Mr. Robertson. "If you motored through new England, for instance, you would come upon some of the old houses with those charming colonial doorways with pilasters alongside and the fan-shaped transoms above. They are fine examples of good taste. And the interiors are just as tastefully furnished. Today, with ten times the resources for obtaining beautiful and harmonious things which our forefathers possessed, what do we find? We find, all in one room, imitations of oriental rugs with pronounced seams, yellow oak woodwork highly varnished, ivory walls with no pattern, taupe mohair-covered furniture, inverted bowls with indirect light, leaving no beautiful shadows, and stained glass shades on table lamps, with such a conglomeration naturally goes jazz

music and the current theatrical reviews. Then there is the individual whose conception of pictorial art is to paste the picture of a bathing girl on his automobile."

Express Personal Preference

The speaker urged that each individual express himself or herself in the matter of taste and not slavishly attempt to follow what "others" are doing. The development of personal taste was greatly to be desired. Furniture in a room need not necessarily all be in one period, as it easily might become monotonous. Chinese decorations are extremely useful, for the Chinese are the greatest decorators the world has ever known. Next Monday's talk will be on "The Colonial Home."

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ELECTRIC HOME IS PRIZE IN CONTEST

Local Students May Be Candidates; Details of Plan Are Outlined

The Better Home Lighting contest, an educational movement international in extent, has aroused more interest among local school pupils than anything of a similar nature in years, according to the North Shore Electrical League which is conducting the local competition.

The purpose of the movement is educational—to conserve eyesight and to make for more enjoyable home life. For that reason the co-operation of

public schools and public school officials of the country has been enlisted. Pupils over ten years of age, enrolled in some public, private or parochial school have been made eligible to take part in the competition which is being made use of to bring the need for better home lighting directly to the attention of every home owner.

The 200 pupils from the local schools registered for the contest are hard at work in an effort to draw one of the local, district or international prizes. Only by winning locally may they enter the wider competition for a \$15,000 electrical home and various college scholarships.

In the contest for the \$15,000 home, the school child will not find it difficult to follow the rules in order to

win a prize. There are only four things that he or she has to do after they enter the contest. First the lessons in the Home Lighting Primer must be studied carefully. These lessons give the basis of the contest and teach the contestant the principles of better home lighting.

Continuing his studies in home lighting the entrant visits the homes of two of his friends and investigates the lighting there. He notes the type of fixtures that his neighbors have in each room and marks this down on a chart in the primer.

Next he looks over the lighting in his own home and then marks down the kind of lighting that is installed there. After he does this he selects what he thinks are the proper fixtures

for various rooms and pastes them on the pictures of the rooms contained in the primer.

Now, he does the last and the most important thing. He writes a 600 word essay on how his home should be changed to have proper lighting. By this time he has considerable knowledge about proper lighting and this duty is easy.

The work of the contestant will be judged for knowledge of the lessons in the primer, as shown by the essay, knowledge of the lessons as shown by the pasting of the fixtures in the drawings of the rooms, originality of ideas and clarity of the language in the essays, and thoroughness and neatness of work.