STATE ROADS HELD UP; RIGHTS OF WAY

LOCAL DIFFERENCE CAUSE

Communities Cannot Agree Upon Routes Through Territory and State Unable to Proceed

Illinois road-building activities under the $60,000,000 bond issue program, have come practically to a stop because rights-of-way cannot be settled over 224.79 miles of highways, according to information compiled by the highway department of the Chicago Motor club.

Furthermore, these 224.79 miles must be completed before the state highway officials may begin work on the $100,000,000 program; therefore, the outlook for extensive road-building by the state this year is not encouraging. Work that was stopped when cold weather set in last fall will, of course, be finished.

Roads Delayed

Under the heading "right-of-way not secured but satisfactory progress being made" there are 25.47 miles held up as follows: Route 11, Baden-Baden spur, 6 miles; route 12, French Village to East St. Louis, 4 miles; route 13, Belleville to East St. Louis, 9.6 miles; route 13, at Harrisburg, 2.31 miles; route 20, west of McHenry, 3.56 miles.

Under the ban "right-of-way not secured, progress unsatisfactory" come 136.18 miles to be divided up into the following projects: Route 2, from Clinton north, 6.63 miles; route 3, Nameoki to East St. Louis, 6 miles; route 4, at Pontiac, 2.17 miles; new route 7 on the north side of the Illinois river between Ottawa and LaSalle, 12.76 miles; route 13, Pinckneyville to Vergennes, 14 miles; route 14, at Carmi, 1 mile, route 16, at Staunton, 7.3 miles; route 18 from Sandwich to Mendota, 22.55 miles; route 30, at Princeville, 1 mile; route 31, northeast of Rushville, 6.7 miles; route 31, at Summum, 2.7 miles; route 38, between Fieldon and Hardin, 7 miles; route 39, Bloomington to Farmer City 21.08 miles; route 40, from Sterling to Chadwick, 18 miles; route 43, Mason City to Easton, 7.3 miles.

Dissention Halts Progress

"Dissension among local people as to location" is holding up the completion of 20.13 miles of the following state roads: Route 1, at Harrisburg, 2.01 miles; route 22, at Lake Forest, 1.32 miles; route 23, from route 18 near Earlville to Ottawa, 16.8 miles.

There are three cases in court and until final decisions are rendered in all of them no work can proceed on the 43 miles involved. These cases include route 3, the Virginia section, 4.28 miles; route 13, from Sparta to Pinckneyville, 26.02 miles; route 24, from Springfield to Rochester, 12.7 miles.

In launching a big ship the other day six bottles of champagne had to be broken over its bow before it would move. Which goes to show that even the champagne isn't what it used to be.

M. Zinovieff has been deposed as head of the Leningrad Soviet for making "heretical" speeches. Which goes to show what a perfect system of free speech they have in communist governments.

FARM IN FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS RARITY

Not Great Many Such In United States, Though Common In European Lands

Mark Sullivan, in Nation's Business Magazine, asks:

How many farms are there in America that have been held in one family a hundred years? The guesses are apt to be higher than the facts will show, for America is a country of restless change. The sons that went west, or went to the city, have broken countless family chains. No estimate can be made until some organization or periodical starts the search. It is worthy to be done by farm papers and local newspapers, by state departments of agriculture and by Secretary Jardine.

Some two years ago the French government, having started a search for old farms in the continuous possession of the same family, found one that went back nine hundred years, having been first occupied by ancestors of the present owners just after the year 1000.

So far as my information goes, the oldest American farm in continuous family possession is just south of West Chester, Pennsylvania, close to the site of the Revolutionary battle of the Brandywine, where a venerable man, Joseph H. Brinton, 92 years old, occupies "Homestead Farm" which has been owned by five generation of Brintons before him. This, however, happens to be one example; there may be older ones. In the field of farms, no such organized search has been made as in the field of business.

In the field of business, we have some data—have, indeed, all the data available, or as much as it has been possile to get by patient search. I have recorded just seventeen American firms that were doing business on the day of America's birth, that have held their own "against the tooth of time and the razure of oblivion" and today are in active business and in the hands of the descendants of the original firm, without any break in family continuity.

"GOSSIP" RATES FOR ENGLISH TELEPHONES

Inquiry Received By Company As To Special Prices Is Unique

Necessity is the mother of many queer inventions, and the necessity of waking up the people of England to the value of the telephone has led one Britisher to suggest that special "gossip rates" be introduced to popularize the general use of the telephone.

England lags far behind the United States in the matter of telephones, and though the system is owned and operated by the government, associations of private individuals are working to stimulate public interest in the telephone as a means of bettering the service.

The queer plan suggested above is but one of many emanating from private individuals who feel that England needs to know more about the telephone before better service can be looked for.

Better Homes Week appointed to arouse more interest in the homes, and people are at least willing to use them to sleep in and sometimes to eat there.

TIME TO SPEND IS MODERN AGE FACTOR

Well For Those Who Use It, As Well As Money, Wisely, Says Writer

One of the products of our modern industrial age is time, time in large quantities, time for employer, time for worker. Even the farmer works perhaps fewer hours in a year than he once did.

If your father went to his office at 8 and stayed until 6, six days a week, with two weeks away in the summer, and you work from 9:30 to 5, five days a week with an hour and a half for luncheon, six weeks away in the summer and a run to Florida in the winter, what has made the difference?

Modern ingenuity is part of the answer. You may damn the telephone as an interruptor of work, but suppose you made a personal call or a visitor came to see you every time you lifted the receiver or the bell rang! Letter writing is so easy that many of us write needless letters, but suppose you wrote even the unavoidable letters with a pen! Suppose a horse-car, not an auto, took you to and from work.

Time is made in many ways, but what is America doing with it now that it has got it? Much of it goes for golf and other outdoor pleasures. Excellent in moderation, for undoubtedly they lengthen the lives of men, and the time given to them in turn makes more time, a beneficent, not a vicious, circle.

And the mass production of luncheons and dinners and the attending speeches—aren't they the result of the mass production of time?

And conventions, excellent and helpful things—where would they be without the time to attend them.

"Time and money," a worn old saying; and it is interesting to note that we use the same verb to describe disposing of both of them. We "spend" both time and money. It is a fine thing to earn both of them honorably and spend both of them wisely, says Merle Thorpe in the Nation's Business Magazine.

SCHOOL BANDS WILL GIVE JOINT CONCERT

A joint band concert by the Northwestern university band and the Skokie school band will be given at the Skokie school auditorium, Friday evening, May 7, at 7:30 o'clock. Edward J. Meltzer is director of both bands. This is the first year of the Skokie school band, but under the able leadership of Professor Meltzer it has been making rapid progress and the public will have this opportunity of hearing the youthful musicians. The Northwestern university band, well known for its ability, will give the principal part of the program, it is said. The proceeds from the small admission fee will go to the two bands.

Many expeditions going to look for the North Pole, but they should not be allowed to commercialize it by posting any advertising signs on it.

TRACK STARS WILL APPEAR AT EXHIBIT

Three additional foreign track and field stars have been invited to compete in the national A. A. U. championships which will be held in Philadelphia, July 2, 5, and 6, during the Sesqui-Centennial International Expositions, which will be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1. They are Hunsari, the all-around star of Finland; Pelzer, a middle-distance runner of Germany; and R. A. Rose, of New Zealand, who recently ran a mile in 4:13 3-5.

Calhoun county raises more apples than any other county in Illinois. It is the only narrow county in Illionis wholly without railroads. It is a long, narrow, hilly neck of land lying between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers and depends largely on water transportation.

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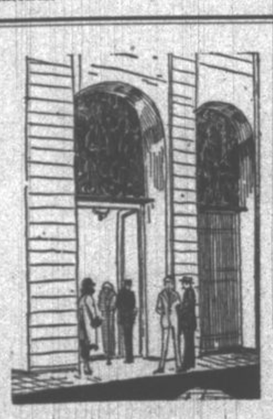
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