

SAYS PEDESTRIANS CONGEST TRAFFIC

SURVEY EXPLAINS CAUSE

Careful Check Made in Chicago Shows That Despite Wide Sidewalks Walkers are Hindrance

Although traffic surveys as conducted by American cities usually devote the most attention to vehicular problems the pedestrian problem cannot be overlooked, says the street traffic committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce which is about to complete its \$50,000 survey of traffic in the Chicago automotive region. In conducting its study of traffic conditions in Chicago and adjacent suburbs the committee made a number of interesting investigations of pedestrian operations both on the sidewalks and on the roadways. It found that fortunately most of the business streets of Chicago and neighboring communities are supplied with comparatively broad sidewalks. However, even with this advantage retardation of movement and inconvenience is making itself felt due to pedestrian traffic congestion.

Check Pedestrians
To get authentic evidence on this point Miller McClintock, the director of the Erskine Bureau for Traffic Research who directed the Chicago survey, checked the pace of pedestrians on typical loop streets. As a result Chicago knows for the first time in its history how fast its citizens move over the concrete sidewalks in the central business district. During the free hours of the morning, says Mr. McClintock, walkers step along at a speed of 3.16 miles per hour. But later in the day congestion reduces this speed to 2.81 miles per hour.

"The factors which have resulted in an increase in the concentration of traffic demands affect pedestrian traffic to practically the same degree that they affect wheeled traffic," continues Mr. McClintock. "Therefore any city that is considering plans for traffic relief should not overlook sidewalk pedestrian traffic as a part of the larger problem of relief. Moreover sidewalk traffic has a very important bearing upon business, especially that of retail stores. The attractiveness of a retail district depends to no small extent upon the convenience and comfort which shoppers experience in going to and from shop to shop."

Jaywalkers
Although every city or community seems to have its quota of jaywalkers who run across roadways in the middle of the block thus slowing up vehicular traffic, the survey has found that practically every city in the Chicago area has an abundance of still another type of jaywalkers. This is the individual whose normal movement along a sidewalk is a series of dodges and jumps, not always successful to avoid collision with other pedestrians. The operations of these walkers are good examples of how pedestrian traffic utilizes sidewalk space in a very ineffective manner, says the survey which urges that all foot traffic follow the fundamental rule of the road, "keep to the right," a procedure that would greatly increase the comfort and capacity of the sidewalks. Although the strict enforcement of such a rule would be impossible in any community, much benefit might be anticipated if cities and towns would put on an educational campaign to drive home the keep to the right rule.

PRESIDENT MAY MAKE ANOTHER TRIP WEST

President Coolidge reached a wise decision in going into the middle west to dedicate the Peace Monument on Armistice day at Kansas City. The gossip is general in Washington that he is particularly anxious to see the country further west and also south-west, and it would not be surprising if he made such a journey at the first opportunity. The reconvening of congress of course, inevitably holds him in Washington now, but it has been hinted that at the latest he will make the trip in the early spring—a trip which is likely to be supplemented by his decision to spend his summer vacation in the far western country. He is not at all insensible of the natural desire of the people to see him and hear him in person, and he has expressed his distress at times that the routine in Washington denied him the opportunity to make trips which he felt are properly a part of the obligations of his office.

ILLINOIS PRODUCES MUCH ELECTRICITY

Public utility generating stations in Illinois produced 501,164,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity during September, 1926, according to the United States Geological Survey. This exceeded the production in August by 14 per cent and the production during September, 1925, by 13 per cent. In the entire United States the daily production averaged 205,600,000 kilowatt-hours, the largest in the history of the industry, exceeding August by 4 per cent, and February, 1926, which heretofore held the record, by nearly 3 per cent.

It is about time for the first stories that the heavy rains will mean a shortage of turkeys and the usual high prices.—Indianapolis Star.
Old Man Winter is now about to occupy the country, but anyway he has only leased the place for a few months.

NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT ASSESSMENT NO. 310 BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for the local improvement of the roadway in Burton Avenue, Pleasant Avenue, Broadview Avenue, Alvin Place, Crawford Place, Bellevue Place, Highland Place, Flora Place, Northmoor Road and Roger Williams Avenue, by paving with reinforced concrete and otherwise improving, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, as a whole in accordance with the ordinance therefor.

Said bids will be received by the Board of Local Improvements at its office in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, until 5:15 o'clock p. m. on the 17th day of December, 1926, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The specifications and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall of said City.

The contractor will be paid in bonds which bonds will draw interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum.

The successful bidder for the construction of said improvement will be required to enter into bond in a sum equal to one-third of the amount of his or their bid with sureties to be approved by the President of the Board of Local Improvements when entering into the contract for the construction of said improvement.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park for the sum of not less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.

Said proposal must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said Board at the time and place fixed herein for the opening of the same.

No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by check herein provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any or all bids if they deem it best for the public good.

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NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT ASSESSMENT NO. 307 BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for the construction of a connected system of cast iron water mains in Western Avenue, Eastwood Avenue, Greenwood Avenue, Blackwood Avenue, Woodcote, Onwentsia Avenue, Chicago Avenue, Underwood Avenue, Derrick Street, Westwood Avenue, Livingston Avenue, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, as a whole in accordance with the ordinance therefor.

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FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Green Bay road and Laurel avenue. Rev. F. R. Cardwell, pastor. 9:30 a. m. Bible school. Stranger, come with us and we will make you feel at home.

10:45 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor. Topic: "Character: How Form It? What Affects It?" Leader: Roy Fidler.

7:45 p. m. Rev. Elmer Gieser, who has been preaching the gospel in the state of Utah, will give an address on the field and work in Utah. It will be of interest to hear one of our Highland Park young men who has returned from that field. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A wild deer got loose in Central Park, New York, the other day and caused quite a commotion. A wild deer on Broadway, however, doesn't cause so much excitement.

Speaking of international agreements, it is still our idea that the best way for Uncle Sam to keep out of war is to keep his army and navy in good order.

OLD AND NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN SEEN

Fine Display at Art Institute Is Most Interesting; Many are Loaned

The collection of "Old and New Books for Children," the display of which opened recently in the Children's gallery at the Art Institute has been carefully gathered from many sources. There are many illustrations, without text, from Kate Greenway's books, and some rare acquaintances by Rowlandson, lent by Mrs. Emma B. Hodge. Marshall Field and Co. have lent a number of brilliantly illustrated modern books. Mrs. Frank W. Gunsaulus has supplied some beautifully illustrated English volumes, one entitled "Isabella, or the Pot of Basil," illustrated by W. B. MacDougal, which is especially noteworthy. Miss Helen Gunsaulus has lent a valuable original illustration by Aubrey Beardsley, the eccentric English master of line drawing. Among the most interesting articles, however, in the whole exhibition is a number of original manuscripts, bound in book form, of Eugene Fields poems, lent by Mr. Harry Sickels. Other exhibits are from the Ryerson and Printing Arts libraries.

SAYS HARD KERNELS MAKE BETTER BREAD

That hard, vitreous kernels of wheat have superior qualities for bread making when compared with the starchy grains of the same class of wheat is indicated by a series of tests recently made by J. H. Shollenberger and D. A. Coleman of the United States Department of Agriculture. This belief was recognized when the official United States grain standards were promulgated, and the percentage of hard and vitreous kernels was taken as the basis for establishing subclasses for the hard red spring, hard winter, durum, and white wheat classes.

Judge Gary has been working 80 years without much worrying about a five-hour day.—Indianapolis Star.

PROGRESS IN DUST EXPLOSION CONTROL

One of the early dust explosions which took a toll of 18 lives, occurred in 1878 in a flour mill. This disaster led to efforts to develop methods and equipment for effective dust control. Marked progress has been made in

recent years in the control of dust explosions and in the preventing of resulting fires in flour mills particularly. Only 4 lives have been lost in dust explosions in flour mills since the original explosion in 1878. Heavy losses, however, have occurred in many other grain and milling industries.

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