

### FIND ROADS SERVE AS AN INVESTMENT

### PAVEMENTS ADD VALUE

### Real Estate Values Increased by Permanent Highways and Cost of Transportation Is Reduced

Although the actual value of a good road cannot be accurately judged, Erie county, N. Y., has some figures that definitely indicate that road improvements are worth more to the community than the original investment.

When the towns of Tonawanda and Amherst permanently paved Sheridan drive, the north side of the inner loop encircling Buffalo, property values went up in some cases from \$200 an acre to \$60 to \$200 a front foot, according to a recent statement of the Automobile Club of Buffalo.

The increase in land values is real and not due to inflation, declares the automobile club, which points out that few lots have been resold. Purchasers are already building homes ranging in cost from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and business blocks are being erected.

For some years past, George C. Diehl, County Engineer of Erie County, has been conducting a traffic census to determine the economy of road improvement. Records kept on more than 100 roads near Buffalo show a reduced road cost. In 1923 the maintenance cost per ton-mile of traffic carried was 1.49 cents and in 1926 this figure had dropped to .71 cents, more than a 50 per cent reduction.

In 1923 the combined construction and maintenance cost per ton-mile of traffic was 3.07 cents while in 1926 this cost was but 1.45 cents. The county authorities explain that the savings have been due to the increasing mileage of permanent type roads.

This is made even more clear by the following carefully determined data: The cost of waterbound macadam per ton-mile of traffic carried in 1923 was 3.47 cents; of bituminous macadam, 1.82 cents; sheet asphalt, 2.32 cents; and concrete 1.48 cents.

In 1926 the cost of travel over waterbound macadam per ton-mile

was 1.9 cents; of bituminous macadam 0.63 cents; of sheet asphalt, 0.39; and concrete 0.31 cents.

These small figures when applied to the vast volume of traffic that flows through the region of Greater Buffalo amount to considerable sums. Considering the difference in road cost between concrete and waterbound macadam, for instance, it is found that when the traffic is 2,000 cars daily, \$115,000 may be saved over a 10 mile stretch in the course of a year.

The Buffalo road building public is taking the attitude that the proof of the pudding is in the eating. This epicurean curiosity will doubtless cut future road costs.

### CORN HUSKS USED IN INTERIOR DECORATING

The status of the corn shuck, least important part of a field of waving corn, is to be raised and the housewife of tomorrow may find this farm product of great value in furnishing an attractive living room.

Table mats, wall pieces for decoration, and basket trimmings may be made successfully out of such shucks, according to a writer in the Farm and Fireside Magazine.

"Just a bushel of shucks and a needle," says the magazine, "shears, thread and a pail of hot water and your working supplies are complete. There are five different ways to put the shucks together. They may be braided and the braids sewed. Second, they may be folded into little pointed pieces and these stitched to buckram or cardboard to make hats or baskets. There are other ways."

In adopting shucks to these uses only the best colored and strongest shucks are used. The soft textured, creamy inside leaves are preferable as these are finer fibred, more pliable and because they take dye more easily.

It is possible with a certain amount of work, says the magazine, to make such material one of the most important part of a living room's decoration.

### CONVICT TURNS CINDER HEAP INTO ROSE GARDEN

### Inmate of Sing Sing at Age of Seventy Cultivates Flowers in Prison

Charles E. Chapin, now Convict 69,690, has turned the cinder heap at Sing Sing Penitentiary into a rose garden.

Now seventy years old, Charles E. Chapin, convicted in 1919 for murder, has found peace for his soul and has retained more fire than many men of forty, says Farm and Fireside Magazine.

At one time Chapin was a very wealthy man. He owned a yacht, race horses, and had a town and country house. Speculation ruined him. For twenty years he was city editor of the New York Evening World. When he was at his peak he invested heavily and won for a while. But in the war crash of 1914 he lost all his profits and savings and was \$20,000 in debt. Death for himself and his wife seemed the only answer. Chapin planned suicide but instead gave himself up to the police the following day.

Chapin's garden, according to Warden Lawes of Sing Sing, has had more effect on the discipline of the prisoners than "all the rules in the book." His birds, also, developed under the severest handicaps, are praised by visitors to the prison.

Among the prominent men who visit Chapin is Irvin S. Cobb, short story writer, who once served under him as a reporter. Many other people of note write to him or send garden materials, birds, or money with which to buy them.

**Success Spells Failure**  
More men are failures on account of success than on account of failures, thinks the successful business men in The American Magazine.

**Husband's Sins**  
A little love and understanding, thinks the successful wife, writing in Farm and Fireside, will cover a multitude of sins in a husband.

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### EVERY COUNTY TO GET PHEASANT EGGS

### IN STATE OF ILLINOIS

### Over Thirty Thousand Already Distributed by Department of Conservation; Raising Many Birds

Every county in Illinois is included in the list of those receiving pheasant eggs for hatching, and distribution of pheasant eggs by the state Department of Conservation this year will be more extensive than ever before, according to Gus. H. Radebaugh, Director of the department, who announced today that the last orders for settings were being filled.

Over thirty thousand eggs have already been distributed, the Director of Conservation said, and these, together with the quarter of a million pheasant eggs already distributed, assure a great stride forward in the propagation of game birds and in the conservation of the wild life of the state.

**Pamphlet Describes**  
With every setting of pheasant eggs sent out by the department of conservation this year through the state-owned game farms, those making requests for the settings are receiving a pamphlet, describing in detail the best methods for hatching the eggs and caring for the birds.

The pamphlet is expected to prove a valuable aid to farmers and sportsmen of the state who are participating in the movement to increase the number of pheasants and other game birds, and with its help it is believed that they will succeed in hatching a greater percentage of eggs than formerly. By means of a card sent to each person requesting settings, the department also will keep a record of the number of settings sent out, the recipient, and the game farm from which they were shipped.

**Raising Thousands**  
The Director of Conservation stated that the state game farms at Alton and Yorkville are expected to raise between ten and fifteen thousand pheasants this year, besides those which will be raised by individuals throughout the state.

### WANDERLUST WALKS, HEALTH EDUCATION

"Wanderlust walks" on Saturday afternoons are promoted by the division of physical and health education of the board of public education of Philadelphia. Originally organized for the benefit of teachers in public schools of the city, they are now conducted by a voluntary committee of 34 leaders as extension health work of the board, and anybody is welcome to take part. A printed program of walks is provided which gives detailed information concerning the weekly trips. During the past year 47 walks were conducted in which 1,467 members participated.

State of Illinois )  
County of Lake )

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY  
In the Matter of the Application of Frances J. Driscoll, Administratrix of the Estate of Jeremiah Driscoll, deceased, for leave to Sell Real Estate to Pay Debts

Margaret Holle, formerly Margaret Miller; Frank Driscoll and William Driscoll, Gen. No. 11475.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of a decretal order made and entered of record on July 9th, 1928, in the above entitled cause, to and by the Probate Court of Lake County, Illinois, at the July term A.D. 1928 of said court, the undersigned, as Administratrix of the Estate of Jeremiah Driscoll, deceased, will on Friday, the 17th day of August, A.D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon Standard Time, eleven o'clock in the forenoon Daylight Savings Time, sell at public vendue at the premises herein described, in the City of Highland Park, in the County of Lake, in the State of Illinois, to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular the following described real estate, in said decree described, to-wit: Lots thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) Block ten (10) in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois

For the purpose of paying widow's award and debts against said estate, and costs and expenses of administration thereof, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the debts of said deceased.  
Dated this 10th day of July A.D. 1928.  
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