

Lay Corner Stone of Cell House at Pontiac

The corner stone for the new cell house at Pontiac, where construction has been started on the first of three new cell houses to be built this year by the state at its three prisons, was laid last week by John R. Cranor,

general superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory.

The structure will provide the reformatory with an additional 880 beds, and will greatly relieve overcrowding at the institution. It probably will be completed by the end of the year.

Neither Gov. Louis L. Emmerson nor Rodney E. Brandon, director of

the department of public welfare, could attend the ceremony. The principal addresses were delivered by Superintendent Cranor, and Col. Frank D. Whippo, superintendent of prisons.

But in a letter to Superintendent Cranor, Gov. Emmerson told how highly important he regards the work of the state's welfare department.

COUNTY'S SHARE OF GAS TAX FUND READY

State Begins Distribution and Lake Co. Will Get About \$50,000, Report

Lake county, within the next few days, will receive approximately \$49,647.36 as its first money from the state gasoline tax, it was learned this week from Springfield.

The state, since the gas tax injunctions were withdrawn has been placed in a position to release the 1929 collection of \$9,929,571. Of this amount the state highway department will get two thirds or \$6,619,648. Of the remaining \$3,309,825 Chicago will receive approximately \$1,350,408 or 40.8 per cent.

Lake county, based on the automobile licenses sold, is eligible for .015 per cent of \$49,647.36.

To Push Route 173

The first paving to be undertaken as purely a state project will be the completion of Route 173, according to advice from Springfield. This strip connects Zion and Rockford by the way of Antioch, Richmond, Hebron, Harvard, Poplar Grove and Caledonia.

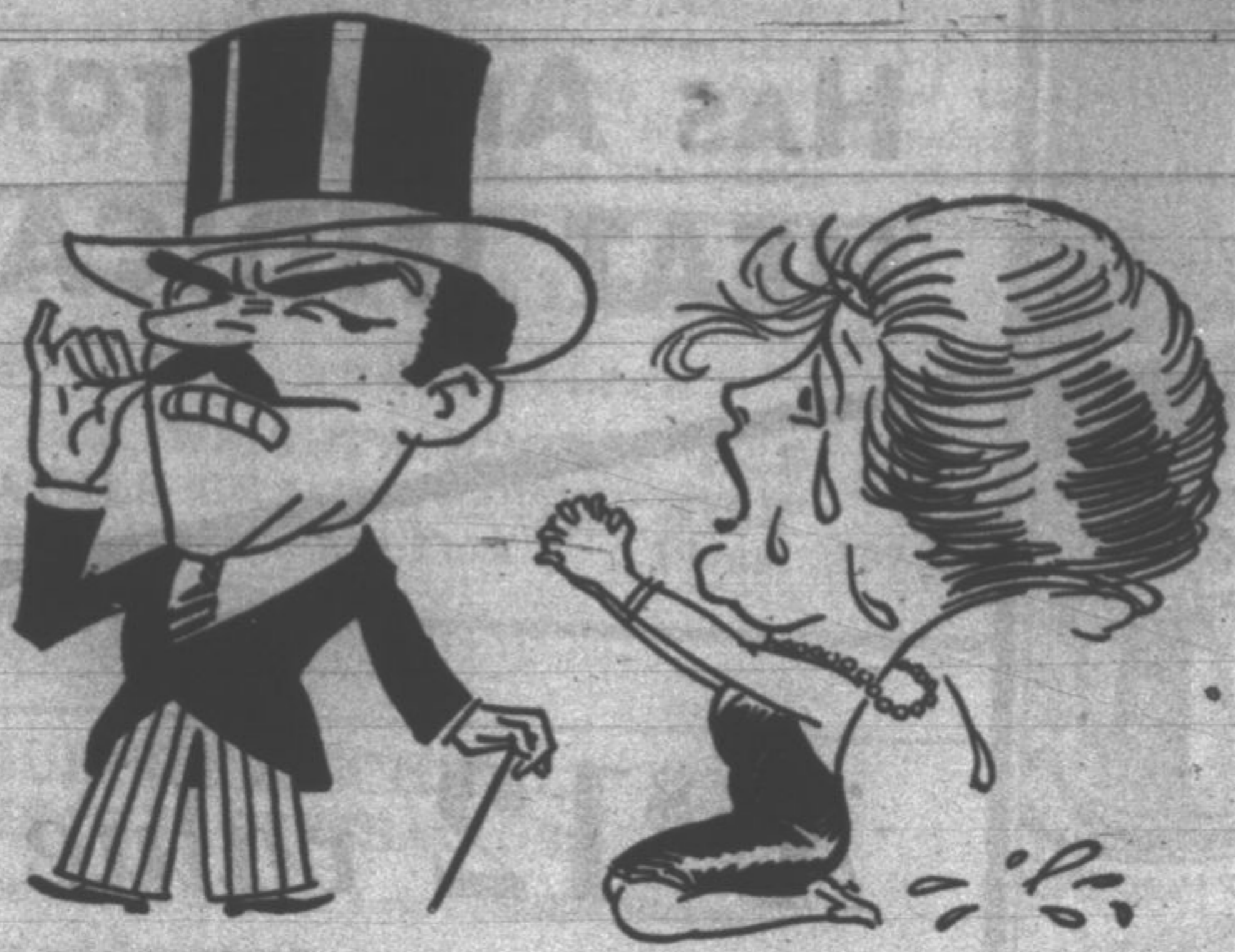
The first work will be done, it is understood, in the vicinity of Richmond where a freeze-up halted work late last fall.

This spring, summer and fall probably will see the heaviest paving program in the history of the Chicago area. While the paving record for the state is not expected to meet that of 1924 and 1928, the work for the Chicago district probably will number more miles than any other year.

Tax Funds Available

In addition a heavy program of state-wide paving is expected in Cook, Du Page, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. There has been \$19,000,000 promised for the area. The state gas tax for the last five months of 1929 totaled approximately \$13,500,000 and there is slightly more than \$6,000,000 available from the 1927 defunct gas tax.

Of these two funds the Chicago district will receive a healthy portion in addition to its share of the state wheel tax, which amounted to \$18,000,000 last year.



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