

REPORT CRITICISM OF BRICK PAVEMENT

Waukegan Paper Says Lake County Residents Interested are Opposed to Use

Governor L. L. Emmerson and the state highway department may have been good samaritans in their move to rehabilitate the brick industry in Illinois and given many unemployed jobs by contracting for the resurfacing of 6.97 miles of route 20, between Volo and Grayslake, says the Waukegan News-Sun, but property owners in Lake county are seriously complaining that the brick resurfacing is a sheer waste of state road funds.

Complaints have been made to the News-Sun that the resurfacing of the road with 2½ inch brick is an unnecessary expenditure, and property owners in the county are making concerted efforts to prevent further letting of brick resurfacing contracts.

Let Contract April 7

The contract for the road improvement was let on April 7 for \$156,164.66. Resurfacing with cement, complainants claim, would have cost about that amount.

"The road between Volo and Grayslake is in good condition as it is now," one of the county political leaders stated. "If the state department desired to improve the highway, why did it choose the most expensive method?"

The highway between Volo and Grayslake was built by the county in 1920 and 1921, according to the records in the office of County Superintendent of Highways R. M. Lobdell. When the \$60,000,000 state bond road issue was made, the state included the road in the bond road system.

Lake county was paid back \$337,156.27. All plans for improvement and maintenance of the highway were then transferred from Mr. Lobdell to the state highway department.

Road 16 Feet Wide

The road is now 16 feet wide and has the obsolete paving which has been considered improper for present day traffic.

In the brick resurfacing, the road will be widened to 20 feet. The construction company has started to block off the road to begin the work of repair.

The funds used for the betterment of the road, according to Mr. Lobdell, can be used only for the improvement and maintenance of the state bond issue roads.

When advertisements for bids for the resurfacing were first made, a group of property owners in the vicinity of the route 20 lodged complaints with Mr. Lobdell.

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