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MAIN STREET WIDENING PART OF BIG PROGRAM

Improved Highways to Be Extensive Section of Great Inter-Community Way

Bids will be opened at the Village board of local improvements meeting Tuesday evening, September 4, with the result that a contract will probably be awarded that evening for the widening and repaving of Main street into a 52-foot highway that will constitute Wilmette's portion of the proposed new inter-community highway extending from McCormick boulevard on the south to the north limits of Glencoe on the north.

Main street will be widened and paved with concrete from the south limits at Isabella street to the south line of Elmwood avenue. It is proposed to later extend the widened thoroughfare to the Kenilworth south limits.

County Pays Larger Portion

By agreement with the Cook county Highway department, the county will defray the cost of paving forty feet of the 52-foot width while assessed properties will bear the expense of the

remaining 12-foot strip. The entire project will entail a cost of approximately \$200,000, according to engineers' estimates.

As indicated, Main street will eventually become a portion of an inter-community highway, large sections of which have already been completed. Winnetka, for instance, has paved Center street, paralleling the North Western right-of-way on the west from the south limits of that village to Elm street, and negotiations are in progress for similar improvement of that street north from Elm street to Tower road, Hubbard Woods, where it will join with the widened Linden avenue. Glencoe is proceeding with plans to carry through the widened thoroughfare to join with Green Bay road at the north limits. Kenilworth is also approaching an agreement with reference to constructing its portion of the highway to connect with the Wilmette and Winnetka sections.

Backed by Regional Body

This inter-community highway has received the eager endorsement of the Chicago Regional Planning association and has for some time been included in the general highway scheme mapped out by that organization.

In commenting upon the improvement Robert Kingery of Winnetka, secretary of the Regional Planning association, makes the point that the proposed highway is not to be regarded as a "truck highway." The fact that trucks may use it makes it no different from any other street on the north shore except Sheridan road, he explains, adding that most of the truck traffic which wants to go to Waukegan or beyond, for example, takes the highways to the west instead of the shore line streets. It is those trucks, both large and small, that make local stops in each business center along the north shore that will use this inter-community highway, he emphasizes.

"In 1924 when the Cook county Traffic survey was made," Mr. Kingery commented further, "it was found to our great surprise that the maximum number of trucks on the most heavily travelled truck highway, Ogden avenue, was less than seven out of every 100 cars. According to this data no highway should be called a 'truck highway', especially since observation of the new pavement in south Winnetka (Center Street) shows that better than 95 percent of the traffic is passenger cars."

Mr. Kingery announces that the state is taking bids this week on ten miles of the proposed Skokie Valley highway (flanking the Skokie Valley North Shore line on the east) lying between Glenview road and the Half Day road west of Highland Park. The other section of the highway, from Glenview road south to Devon avenue on Cicero avenue, is expected to be on the October or November listing, he stated. This highway will be of 40-foot width on a 100 foot width right-of-way.

Kenilworth Club to Hold Golf Tourney Next Week

The second annual golf tournament of the Kenilworth club will be held at the Barrington Hills Country club next Thursday afternoon, September 6, beginning at 1 o'clock. It will be an eighteen hole, medal play, handicap match. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The number of entries is limited to eighty, according to H. B. Taylor, chairman of the committee in charge. Members of the club have been advised to get their reservations in early.

Miss Bethany Jane Crowe, daughter of the Burt Crowes of 234 Raleigh road, Kenilworth, has been entertaining her cousin, Miss Sally Greene, of Duluth for the past week.

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