

Vote for Paved Roads June 24

DOUGLAS COUNTY should lead the entire state in Paved Roads. As a fact, many Nebraska counties are ahead of Douglas in road building. The last three weeks have demonstrated as nothing else could the absolute need of Paved Roads in this county. For nearly a month Douglas roads have been bottomless and impassable. Ten years ago cities were made by interurban trolley lines. But the city of today and of tomorrow will be made by paved roads and motor trucks. The day of the interurban is passing. The day of the paved road and the gasoline motor truck is here.

Douglas County must take advantage of her opportunity and must Pave, Pave, Pave.

On Tuesday, June 24, Douglas County passes upon the question whether or not to vote bonds for paving more than 100 miles of its country roads.

The plan, as outlined by the Allied Committee and accepted by the Board of County Commissioners, contemplates the paving of such roads that no farmer in this county will be more than three miles from a paved road, and by far the majority of farmers will be less than two miles from a paved road.

Many months were required to work out the problem. Expert engineers and road builders were employed to lay out a system of roads which would touch every part of the county. And they succeeded.

The accepted scheme of roads is so logical and so fair that practically every business and professional man of Omaha and the other towns in Douglas County, as well as hundreds of leading farmers in all country precincts, are supporting it.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Omaha Automobile Club, the Omaha Grain Exchange, the Omaha Real Estate Board, the Omaha Rotary Club, the South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, the Associated Retailers, the Automobile Dealers' Association and the country precincts, through Frank Whitmore of Valley, have joined their forces in an Allied Committee, and every member of those organizations is supporting the movement to give Douglas County as good a system of paved roads as is possible.

Having gotten into the paved roads game, these organizations propose to see it through. They do not intend deserting the plan as soon as the bonds are voted.

Instead, these organizations are going to heavy expense to see that Douglas County gets one hundred cents worth of value for every one dollar spent for the roads.

Without one cent's expense to the county, they have arranged to have a complete check on every cent that is spent, every brick that is laid, every sack of cement that is used, and every yard of sand and stone that go into the base of the roads.

Their special engineers will assist the Board of County Commissioners in preparing specifications for the work. These special engineers will inspect the bids submitted by the contractors. When the contractors begin their work, these engineers will be right with them. They will spend their entire time "on the job." At the first sign of inferior workmanship, poor materials, or "shading" of the specifications, the responsible contractor will get into trouble and his contract will be abrogated.

The organizations back of this movement pledge themselves to the people of Douglas County that there will be no graft or waste in this business.

Douglas County people can rest assured they are going to get full value for every cent they spend on these roads.

But that is not all. They are going to get far more than what their money would buy in the way of paved roads.

To every three dollars voted by the county, the Federal government adds one dollar from the national treasury. And another dollar is secured from automobile owners through licenses.

So that Douglas County is really buying \$100 worth of roads for only \$60.

It's a bargain in Paved Roads. And Douglas County should buy while the buying is good.

This is Douglas' opportunity.

A million dollars of Douglas County money is dumped into mud roads every year. This huge sum is the toll in loss of time to farmers and truck drivers; of the excess up-keep of automobiles and trucks; of the extra cost of hauling live stock to the South Omaha market; of the excess gasoline used in traveling; of the inability to take advantage of market prices at the proper time, and of a dozen other things of the kind.

This million dollars is paid by both the farmer and the city man.

If Douglas County would take the money these mud roads cost it every year and spend it on road paving, in a few years every road in the county would be paved. And this terrific drain would be a thing of the past.

The Executive Committee of the Allied Organizations makes a plea to every man in Douglas County, and to every woman in Douglas County, to support the bond issue which will be voted upon June 24. The committee urges that you do not take it for granted that these bonds will carry without your help and without your assistance. Your vote is necessary and your help is necessary. The need is great. Do not neglect it. Remember the date, June 24. Make a ring around that date on your calendar to remind yourself to go to the polls that day.

This movement is backed by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Omaha Automobile Club, Omaha Grain Exchange, South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, Associated Retailers, Automobile Dealers' Association, Omaha Rotary Club, the Omaha Real Estate Board and the Country Precincts organization. If it was not all right these public-spirited organization would not be "boosting" for it.

REMEMBER THE DATE—JUNE 24TH

Help Pull Douglas County Out of the Mud