

the end of dirt roads

There are still roads like this in Delaware . . . but not for long.

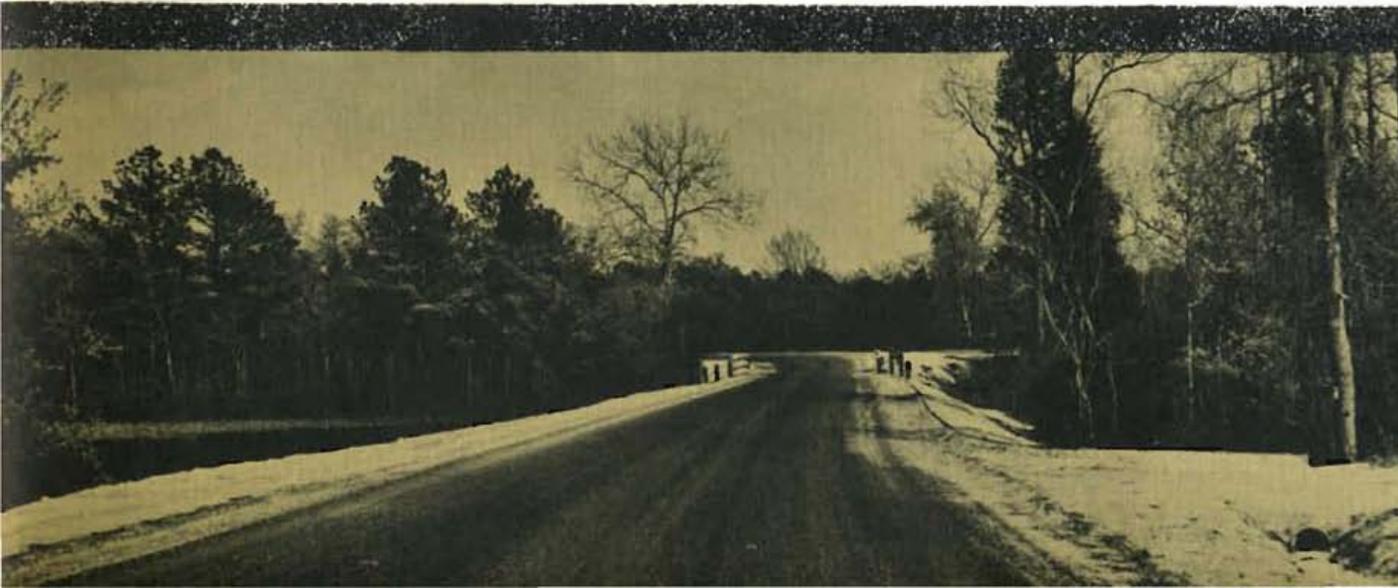


With the passage in January, 1956, of the Dirt Road Program, the State Highway Department was charged with the responsibility for the surfacing of all dirt roads in the State. This was ordered completed within a ten year period beginning July 1, 1955.

It was a unique law in several respects. There are few, if any, states which require that all roads in the state be hard-surfaced. The law further stipulated that those roads most heavily traveled be done first. It also spelled out that one-tenth of the existing dirt roads in each of the counties be finished each year.

There were 1625.71 miles of dirt roads in the State and clearly the problem was enormous. By using new methods to survey, plan and design the roads, the Department had been able to complete or have under contract by the end of this fiscal year 630 miles of this total. The Department is slightly ahead of schedule.

Once again Delaware leads the way.



Top picture shows the first step which is to widen the old road and prepare a base for the hard surfacing.

Above is the same road when completed.

At left, a newly surfaced road winds through some of Sussex County's most entrancing countryside.