

Action Sought On Walton's Two Old-Fashioned Bridges

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In this day of modern highways, with concrete and steel bridges and overpasses, the town of Walton still has two old-fashioned wooden bridges, the uprights made of creosoted pine utility poles.

Both bridges cross the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. One bridge is on Ky. 16, the road that goes from Walton to Verona, while the other is on the Walton-Nicholson Pike.

This latter bridge over the last 50 years, has been the scene of numerous accidents, including several fatalities.

The pike makes two right angle turns in getting on to the bridge proper. About three weeks ago a tank truck failed to negotiate the curve on the bridge approach.

So the fire department is complaining,

along with scores of motorists who have to use the bridge daily.

BOTH OF THE bridges are scarcely wide enough for two cars to pass. It's almost a paint scraping deal.

But the Boone Fiscal Court, after a meeting last week with Kentucky Department of Highway officials, has instructed County Judge Bruce Ferguson to take up the matter officially with Highway Commissioner Mitchell Tinder.

He sent the letter to Mr. Tinder, in the hope that because the two roads are part of the Kentucky system of highways, that Mr. Tinder, in turn, can talk to the L&N Railroad.

So the persons who have taken the matter up with Bick's Action Line can wait hopefully. Judge Ferguson is of the opinion that there will be some action on the part of the Kentucky Department of Highways.

Looking East



ANCIENT BRIDGE on Kentucky 16, that goes from Walton to Verona, is barely wide enough for two cars. It crosses the L. & N. tracks.

Looking North



ANOTHER danger spot is the wooden bridge over the L & N tracks on the Walton-Nicholson Pike. It has been the scene of numerous accidents, including several fatalities.

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