

Workmen Added for Subjugation of 'Big Muddy'

About 3000 Now Working on Navigation Project Near Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo.—About 1000 men have been added to the 2000 previously at work in the Kansas City district of the Missouri River navigation development, and it is expected that the six-foot channel from Kansas City to the mouth, which is the first project in the subjugation of the "Big Muddy," will be open to barges within the next 12 months, United States engineers report.

The new men, who will be employed making piles, harvesting willows for revetments, quarrying rock or other things necessary to the harnessing of the river, will speed up the work on this section. Advice from Washington also instructs private contractors now doing river work to employ as many men as possible throughout the winter to help relieve unemployment conditions.

Of the emergency appropriations for rivers and harbors work allocated by Secretary Patrick J. Hurley in December, \$1,500,000 was appropriated to the Kansas City section of the Missouri River and \$600,000 to the second section from Kansas City to Sioux City, Ia.

Funds to Govern Work
With the first section about 70 per cent complete, and work progressing steadily on the approved six-foot channel on the second section, Secretary Hurley stated to representatives of the six interested Missouri River states that improvement work will be carried on as fast as available funds will permit.

There is no intention of the War Department, he said, to reduce the present rate of development on the Missouri river, the upper river to receive increasing allotments of funds as requirements of the lower river diminish.

During 1930, the Missouri River development received from Congress appropriations of \$15,370,000, according to figures received from Washington. Of this amount, \$12,890,000 went to the Kansas City district; \$2,470,000 to the portion from Kansas City to Sioux City, and \$10,000 to the upper stretch from Sioux City to Fort Benton, Mont.

In preparation for navigation below Kansas City, the Inland Waterways Corporation, controlling government barge lines, has been authorized by Congress to extend operations to the Missouri river on orders from the Secretary of War. Consequently, some of the boats and barges capable of handling tows of 10,000 to 15,000 tons now being built will ere long carry freight from the Missouri Valley, which produces more than 40 per cent of the country's food grains but is handicapped by a long haul and high freight rates, it is said.

Surveys for a nine-foot channel from Kansas City to Yankton, S. D., were authorized by Congress in the River and Harbor Act of 1930. Appropriations of \$15,000,000 were authorized at the same time, which, with the \$12,000,000 authorized in 1927, make a total appropriation of \$27,000,000 for this portion of the river.

Snags Being Removed
Most of the work being done on the upper or third section of this mighty whorled river is in the nature of bank protection and the removal of snags, that are said by engineers to have been the cause of 65 per cent of all the steamboat wrecks during the early navigation of the river.

Great interest is being shown by the people of this section in the building of reservoirs to impound the spring flood waters caused by melting snows in the mountains, that they may be used for irrigation, power development and aid to navigation in the drier seasons. It is felt that these great reservoirs in the headwaters of the Missouri and in its tributaries, filled during the flood seasons, will greatly reduce the flood menace in the lower river, as well as help to counteract destruction of farm lands through erosion.

In the bill of War Department Appropriations for River and Harbor Development, now before Congress, engineers have recommended appropriations of \$5,500,000 for the river below Kansas City and a further sum of \$800,000 above Kansas City. These funds will be spent during the ensuing fiscal year—from July 1, 1931 to June 30, 1932.

WOMEN LAUNCH HEALTH DRIVE

Gothenburg, Jan. 25.—The women's auxiliary of the Dawson County Medical society has outlined a 1931 health program containing the following objectives:

1. Working through the local child welfare classes and through other organizations having child welfare departments, the auxiliary will provide material for scientific study of preventable diseases.
2. To follow the research reports on immunization against smallpox and diphtheria.
3. To co-operate with every attempt being made to educate the public against tuberculosis in children.
4. To introduce hygiene to all mothers in Dawson county.
5. To keep in close touch with the Nebraska State Medical Journal.
6. To work for the organization of a county health unit and for a full-time registered nurse.

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Have Your Brakes Tested

Don't take a chance with faulty brakes! They are always in demand and prevent many accidents. A car without good brakes is worse than a ship without a rudder. Safe and sane driving means your car under control at all times and always looking out for the welfare of yourself and others. Safety First! Drive Carefully!

Use of Caution On Icy Streets

An automobile out of control on an icy street is an engine of destruction, capable of killing and maiming human beings and destroying property in an instant. When the streets are covered with snow and ice, protect your wheels with chains and drive carefully. The few minutes of time required to adjust your chains may pay big dividends in the prevention of accidents. A driver's best safeguard on icy streets is the use of good judgment. Drive sanely, approach intersections cautiously, make turns slowly. PLAY SAFE! BE CAREFUL!

Don't Do Your Sight-Seeing From An Automobile

Times have changed conditions. The increased use of automobiles is tremendous. Travel has become heavy and congested. Safety to life, limb and property depends upon the greatest care in driving. Curiosity is killing humans every day—innocent pedestrians as well as drivers. Don't be curious while driving. Don't do your sight-seeing from the driver's seat. Watch where you are driving! Be careful!

Railroad Crossing Accidents

Carelessness at railroad crossings takes its toll of thousands of lives each year! Why?—Simply to gain a few seconds—or a few yards on the road. That murderous impatience! Stop! Look! Listen! Then proceed cautiously in low gear until you have cleared the tracks. Try this the next time you come to a railroad crossing. Play safe!

Death Just Around the Corner

Just before you make that turn around the corner, stop and think—for you never know what awaits you—just around the corner. When making a turn at a "Blind Corner," do it slowly—carefully—having the situation ahead of you already mastered in your mind. Look out for your own welfare and be mindful of the other fellow regardless of his error. Death just around the corner.

DRIVE CAREFULLY-- AVOID ACCIDENTS!

Statistics Show That More Than 25,000 People Have Been Killed and 100,000 Seriously Injured in the U. S. Since January 1, 1930.

"A Plea To the Motorists"

SAFETY FIRST

Keep your car under control at all times so as to be able to meet any emergency that might arise. Keep uppermost in mind the rights and privileges of others—drivers and pedestrians. They have as much right as you have. Slow down at crossings, intersections, schools and other places where care and caution must be used.

JESS N. ELLIOTT,
Chief of Police.

Few matters are more important to the public than greater safety in automobile traffic.

Thousands are killed and crippled needlessly every year, by reckless drivers. More than nine-tenths of all automobile accidents are due to carelessness of some kind and can, therefore, be avoided. With a little care and proper regard for others on the highway we can eliminate largely this tremendous cost in property and life.

JOHN P. SATTLER,
Mayor.

Training Our Boys

Boy Scouts not only render aid in time of accident and disaster, but are trained and "prepared" to prevent accidents in the home, school, street and community by their co-operation with the police and fire departments. A "safety" program of over fifteen Merit Badges has a definite place in Scouting.

E. H. WESCOTT,
Scout Executive.

Safety First! Did you ever realize what these words really mean? They mean that all people should endeavor to do their utmost in helping the cause of safety. This would have an even greater meaning and should contain a still more serious thought, for the motorist. Careful, cautious driving should be practiced at all times. There are instances which severely try your patience. Such occasions are not uncommon when passing a schoolhouse, when classes are dismissed, or when the pupils are having their play time. Now is the time to practice safety. Speeding past a school zone is dangerous.

What are a few moments compared to the life of a happy, carefree child?

Perhaps some motorists become aggravated and angry when a child darts suddenly into the street in the path of his car, compelling him to stop. At such a time turn back the pages of your life and remember—yes, consider the time when you were a happy youngster, frolicking around the schoolhouse, on the lawn and into the street without a thought of worry or care. Contrast your school days with those of the children of today.

Perhaps you think that these children play in the same carefree manner as the children of a few years ago. Indeed, the manner is the same. All have the same carefree and jovial countenance. It is their birthright given them in youth. But today there lurks in the street a hidden danger in the form of an automobile, unseen, unknown by the children whom it threatens.

Consequently, be prepared. Don't take chances in passing a school zone.

THE PUBLIC DEMANDS

Drive Safely — Save a Life

As one interested particularly in the safety of pupils of our public schools, and generally in the safety of all, I am glad to add a word in this educational effort to lead to more thoughtful and careful driving.

With approximately one thousand pupils going to and from the various school buildings four times a day—going and coming in groups, a condition not contributing most highly to safety thoughts, it certainly devolves upon drivers of automobiles who, while driving, have need for but little or any distractions, to give first thought to the safety of others, and particularly to the safety of those who are temporarily too engrossed in thoughts and chatter about matters of great moment to children and youth to give careful attention to ordinary safety observance. While generally there is a commendable observance of suggestions of stop signs and ordinary needs for caution, my observation leads me to believe that two classes of drivers more than others should become more thoughtful in their driving—local delivery boys, and tourist or other town drivers. Speed is important if necessary; but speed, though necessary is not so important as to justify such driving as will endanger the life or limb of others.

R. E. BAILEY, Supt. of Schools.

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Use Your Brakes! Forget Your Horn!

Play time should be safe time—Help make the children's play time safe. Don't rob them of the pleasures that were yours. Speeding past a school zone is dangerous! It is unlawful! It is criminal! Don't say you weren't prepared! or you didn't expect it! Children will play in the streets. Some are bold—others daring, but they are children—tiny bodies—big souls—protect them—don't kill them. Please be careful.

Blinding Headlights

Are your headlights properly adjusted? Are they glaring? Will they blind an approaching driver? Go to an official auto lamp adjusting station and have them tested. The job won't cost much. It takes only a few minutes—and you will have the feeling of satisfaction and assurance that your headlights are not blinding and the fellow coming toward you will have no reason to fear for the safety of himself or his family. Have your headlights tested now!

Jay Walking

The jay walker is not only lazy, but he is selfish—for his own personal gain—of a few minutes. Just a few short steps he would endanger the lives of others. Don't take that chance—Don't follow the path of the jaywalker to destruction—take a few more steps—the safe routes—sacrifice a few moments. Be wise and at the same time considerate of others. Don't be a jaywalker.

Are You a Back Seat Driver?

"Back seat driving" has become one of the principal causes of automobile fatalities. It is an innocent but serious practice. An emergency which might otherwise be overcome coolly by the driver who understands the speed, power and pick-up of his car and the action of his brakes, often results seriously because of excited instructions from other occupants of the car. "Back seat driving" confuses, rather than helps the driver.

Stop Flirting With the Undertaker

Don't try to pass a car on the road—while another car approaches from the opposite direction—which is the frequent cause of accident—tragedy and death! One driver is solely to blame, yet the lives of the occupants of all the cars are equally endangered. And—the innocent, with the guilty—suffer alike. Don't take a chance with your own life, consider the lives of others. Think this over! Don't pass a car if another car approaches you.