

MUCH ROAD WORK IS PLANNED FOR COMING SUMMER

Improvement of 7,867 Miles at Cost of \$57,632,000 is Approved by Secretary of Agriculture.

From the passage of the federal aid road act to December 15, 1918, 753 projects were approved by the secretary of agriculture. These projects involve the improvement of 7,967 miles of public roads at a total estimated cost of \$57,632,000, of which the federal government has been requested to contribute \$21,602,000. There have been actually completed to date twelve projects involving a total of 51 miles of road costing approximately \$617,548, and on which federal aid in the amount of \$260,660.19 was paid.

Altogether, there are more than 7,500 miles of road for which most of the steps preliminary to construction have been taken so far as the bureau of public roads is concerned. Numerous other projects not yet reported to the department have been completed or are under construction, so that the sum total of the road work now in progress under federal aid is greater than appears in this summary.

Covers Entire Country From Florida to Maine, west to the Pacific coast and down to the fringe of old Mexico the road building work is going on. Every state has accepted its contribution from the government and, while no concerted effort has been made along those lines to the present time, the states are working gradually to the system of national highways which is so strongly endorsed by travelers generally.

The work of the federal department as well as that of the states has been limited during the last year by abnormal labor conditions and increase in cost, coupled with a decrease in efficiency. These factors will be improved this year and, with restrictions lifted, road officials generally believe that 1919 will see the greatest year in the history of modern road work.

Coupled with the plans which are already outlined for expenditures on the roads is the legislative program now before congress which provides for \$500,000,000 to be expended over a period of seven years by federal aid. It is estimated that in the event of passage of this bill, which would make available immediately \$75,000,000 for use in federal aid, it would be possible for the government and the states to build 4,000 miles of highway this year if labor could be obtained. Such a system of highways would make a fair start on the larger undertaking of improving every main highway in the United States, and road men everywhere, as well as business men who are acquainted with the economics of road work, are eagerly watching the attitude of congress on this question.

Work in Kansas. In Kansas much of the work has been done on the Ozark and the King of Trails, on which 44.3 miles of construction has been undertaken at a cost of \$510,000.

Alabama has been working toward completion of a state trunk-line system, while two road projects on the Washington-to-Richmond road have occupied attention in Virginia.

Interstate Military Highway. In a like manner a great deal of work will be done on what the war calls the Interstate Military Highway, the line of which runs from Canada on the north to the Gulf on the south. Seventy miles of improved road will be constructed on this highway in Colorado, the line running north and south through Huerfano and Las Animas counties from Walsenburg to the New Mexico state line. Here the Colorado project will be joined by two projects in New Mexico which run from Raton Pass south for a distance of 84.5 miles. The three projects taken in conjunction will mean an improvement of a continuous stretch of the highway of 161.5 miles at a cost of more than \$500,000. This is the longest continuous stretch of improvement that will be done this year in the United States so far as is known.

In Nebraska the road builders will have underway work on the potash road from Alliance to Antioch through Box Butte and Sheridan counties for a distance of 15 miles at a cost of \$63,815. This highway will serve to tap a virgin territory of remarkable wealth.

In Illinois improvement work will be undertaken on the Lincoln highway west from Chicago through Dupage, Kane, De Kalb, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties, ending at Fulton, on the Mississippi river and the state line. The road will be 125 miles long, of which 75 miles will be undertaken with federal aid and the rest handled by the state. The cost of the highway is estimated at \$1,146,873 and the construction will be under way and should be completed during the year.

Improvement in West. In California perhaps the chief project is the new road in Trinity county, which will run east and west out of Douglas City and Burnt Ranch. This is a section of a lateral road which will be ultimately extended to the coast and some idea of the type of construction can be gained when it is said that the cost will be \$510,000 and the distance is only 48 miles, while the work done will be simply grading and drainage. Today only a trail breaks through this country and the new highway will pave the way for an immense economic development of this section.

Several of other projects are already under way in practically all the states of the country, and when spring comes with favorable weather conditions it is expected that road men will take the field with greater force than ever before.

BUSINESS GOOD FOR LOCAL REAL ESTATE FIRMS

Number of Transactions Made Since First of Year; New Residences to Be Erected During Summer.

Sales of residences, amounting to \$37,750 have been made since January 1, by the Glover & Spain firm. These include the home of H. G. Kranz, lumberman, at 3335 Woolworth avenue, to Garrett Prange of the Omaha Van & Storage company for \$15,000. Mr. Kranz will live in California for his health.

Mr. Prange sold his Dundee residence at 5004 Cass street, to Charles Johnson, Happy Hollow golfer, for \$4,750. The list also includes the home of City Engineer John A. Bruce, 5008 Chicago street, to B. M. Higkman, for \$7,200. Mr. Bruce is planning to build a new residence in Shbler & Cary's Lockwood addition, where considerable development will take place this year.

Other sales on this list include: Yacant, late Thirty-first avenue near Jackson, from Elmer & Hedrick to Ethel V. Korrin, \$1,500. Dr. H. A. Wash residence at 1128 South Twenty-eighth street, to B. B. Corlas of the Alamo Dairy, \$4,600. Fred Simons home at 5725 North Twenty-eighth avenue, to Mrs. A. K. Swanson, \$2,200.

Will Build New Residence. Mrs. Hilda Northwall, widow of the late T. G. Northwall, has purchased a new residence site on Mercer road for \$10,000, and will erect on it a new \$10,000 residence this year, according to her agent, Wilson T. Graham. Mrs. Northwall recently sold her Bemis park residence on Lincoln boulevard to the Nebraska Methodist hospital.

Lets New Contract. W. C. Norris of the firm of Norris & Norris, Saturday announced that last week his firm let contracts for five new residences, to be erected at once in various parts of the city, the houses to cost from \$5,000 to \$6,000 each.

Six other residences started by this firm sometime ago are now being completed, and the new company has 12 other sites on which it is planning erection of houses later in the year.

McFarland To Make Report. A report on the meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Real Estate boards, held in Chicago last week, will be made to the Omaha Real Estate board Wednesday by President W. R. McFarland of the Omaha board who attended the meeting.

Byron R. Hastings of the Hastings & Heyden firm, was with Mr. McFarland in the Chicago meeting. Building of homes was one problem discussed.

Stuht To Build Six. Six new houses are to be erected at once in Dundee, south of Dodge street, by C. B. Stuht, realtor. These houses will cost more than \$40,000, ranging from \$3,500 to \$7,500. They will be completed by May 1.

Several more houses are to be erected in Dundee this year by Mr. Stuht.

Sells Five Houses. M. R. Gibson, manager of the Payne Investment company's city real estate department, since January 1, has sold five houses for a total of more than \$12,000.

Mr. Gibson says he is having difficulty to find enough houses to show his customers.

"There are more buyers than there are houses to sell," he said. "If there were plenty of houses to sell, there would be no end of customers."

Elmore Again Back With Trainor Auto Company. Frank D. Elmore, formerly associated with Lou Trainor in the automobile business, has returned to the old firm and will act as sales manager. Mr. Elmore has recently connected with the Emerson-Brantingham company but feels that the automobile business offers an opportunity which cannot be overlooked.

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Heard McCormack 15 Years Ago Back Home in Ireland

Mrs. John Bannon Relates McCormack Concert at Enniskillen, Ireland, Where She Sang in Choir.



A romance of old Ireland with an old fashioned church concert in Enniskillen and the singing of sacred songs by the beloved Irish tenor, John McCormack, will be revived in the memory of an Omaha couple when Mr. McCormack gives his concert here Friday evening.

In April 15 years ago an Irish lad and lassie attended a church concert in the town hall in Enniskillen, Ireland. The girl was Miss Agnes Skeffington. She was only 14 then and was a student at the convent school there. Her lover, John Brannon, sat in the audience at the concert but the girls of the convent school sang several songs and sat on the platform with John McCormack and the other famous singers.

Went Back After "Gal." Only a few days after the concert was held, John Brannon left the old Emerald Isle and sailed to America to make a home for his Irish sweetheart. In 1916 he returned to Ireland, and brought her back to America with him.

Mrs. Brannon says she likes America, although she misses her friends in dear old Ireland. She speaks beautiful English enriched by a touch of Irish brogue.

Stage is All Set for the Chicago Automobile Show. Chicago's nineteenth annual automobile show is to be held at the coliseum, the coliseum annex and First Regiment armory January 25 to February 6.

A vast canvas top-piece measuring 300 by 240 feet, will entirely cover the coliseum ceiling. At one upper end will be a brilliant transparency depicting the Goddess of Peace receiving industry, and on the other end another goddess holding out an automobile to the world.

About the upper sides of the vast building will be great sun-bursts having, in the foreground, outlines of the various types of the automobile. Between the sun-bursts will stand the insignia of the allied nations on shields, and the flags will also be featured, as the Chicago automobile show this winter reflects peace, victory and optimism.

The automobile exhibits will be housed among rows of great pillars of mahogany color, standing twenty-three feet in height. These pillars will be surmounted by white-starred blue globes which, in turn, hold up bronze eagles measuring eight feet from tip to tip. In the armory the decoration scheme will be similar to that of the coliseum, except that statues of the Goddess of Plenty will be featured. The coliseum annex decorations will be a daring conception on the part of Artist C. J. Tietzel, having a Japanese effect.

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New Essex Car Causes Much Interest Among Motorists of Omaha

Guy L. Smith surprised himself Thursday. On that day he introduced to Omaha the new Essex car. He has told Omahans he had a big surprise in store for them, and they were surprised, too.

"But I had a pleasant surprise myself," he said Saturday. "I never expected so much interest on the part of the public. We had 350 demonstrations."

Mr. Smith believes the Essex fills a long-unfilled want in the motor world. "Up to this time we've had two distinct types of car," he said. "One was the large, heavy, luxurious car that costs a lot of money. The other was the extremely low-priced, low-grade car."

The Essex is a substantial combination of both. It will cost less to buy and less to maintain. I see a great future for it."

The Essex promises to be one of Mr. Smith's most interesting exhibits at the Omaha automobile show March 10 to 15.

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Kissel Dealer Urges More Efficiency and Economy for Autoists

"I believe if motor truck owners would conduct investigations with the object to eliminate unnecessary losses of time and labor in operation and maintenance they would be astounded at the saving they could effect each year," says Carl Changstrom of the Standard Motor company, local Kissel distributor.

"For example, the director general of railroads a short time ago found that by consolidating ticket offices and terminals and shortening freight routes, millions of dollars were saved, efficiency increased and wages raised in the face of an eight-hour day."

"These changes were made to move the most men and material needed by the government, and indicates what can be done when study and care are exercised to create efficiency and economy. I have often wondered what would happen if motor truck owners, especially those operating fleets, would conduct such an economy campaign."

"During the past year, the vast quantity of materials and equipment which had to be moved by motor trucks, created a certain amount of carelessness and unnecessary expense. Owners didn't have to see how cheaply they could move these goods, but rather, how much they could move in the shortest possible time, irrespective of methods employed at the cost thereof. Now with peace time at hand, every business concern operating motor trucks should exercise economy as well as promote efficiency, and I believe great results will accrue if the above lesson of the railroads was given serious consideration."

"Aunt Dinah," of Fried Chicken Fame, Goes East. "Aunt Dinah" has quit the village. In every day home life she is Kitty Brown. But to the lover of bugled home fried chickens she is known as "Aunt Dinah." She came to Omaha two years ago to take charge of the special kitchen at the Fontenelle, where chicken dinners were served. A year later she went to the Blackstone, and now she is going east. Miss Brown would not say whether she was going to Baltimore to cook fried chickens for Jack Letton, who has just become manager of the largest hotel there, but said she was going as far as Chicago on the first jump.

"In order that the automobile may become the 'all-year-round' vehicle that its general adoption will soon demand, it must be rendered secure from damage from freezing temperature," was the comment of the pioneer automobile critic—Chevrolet Review.

Excavation Work on New Movie House Completed

Excavation work on the new moving picture theater which the World Realty company is building on Douglas street, just east of the Riello, has been finished, and laying of brick has started. Erection of steel will be started in a short time.

This new theater will have a seating capacity similar to that of the Sun theater, which, with the Muse, is owned by the World Realty company. In the early days a chauffeur was called a conductor.—Chevrolet Review.



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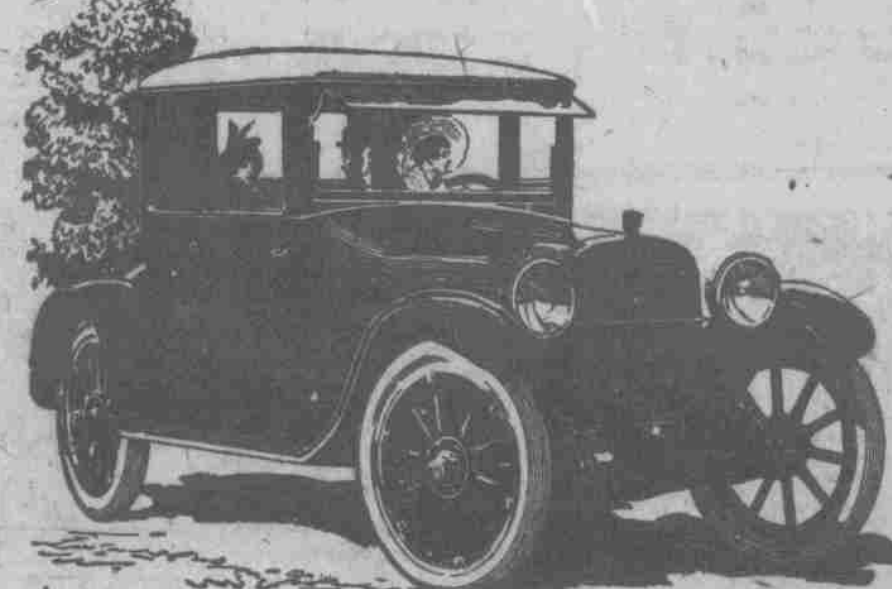
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