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Motor Club Survey

routes, but among the various cities separations of old macadam and which to settle during the winter. Strenuous efforts are being made by a reasonably good road. Even the which is known as the west Dixie stretch of road that is used as a the communities in Kentucky and grade separations will not cause highway can not be recommended for tour while several thousands of do Tennessee to map out a route that can trouble in wet weather. From Wil- this year, because of numerous de- lars are being spent to grade and the river into Richmond.

Construction Work Hampers judgment of the chief road surveyor necessary to return from Lexington four miles of this should be completed

this organization now recommends directly to Winchester, back onto the some time early next year. At the the route through Cincinnati, Paris, main highway, thereby doubling the present time the detour makes an Winchester, Knoxville, Chaatanooga, distance between Paris and Winchest- extra mile and one-half to cover. Once each year the question is Macon to Lake City, Fla., from which er. The construction work south of asked, "What is the best route to point there are roads leading to all Lexington covers a stretch of three Florida?" Once each year there is parts of the latter state. From Cin- and one half miles which will be im-

receive the patronge of motor tour- macadam road through Paris and and one-half mile stretch of very for this season. Part of the money ists, who wish to spend their winter Winchester and takes a ferry across rough road at the present time, but that was raised in the north to imthis is now being improved and the prove this road will be spent in mainworst sections of it will be somewhat taining the detour is an good a con-Within the past month a road car It is natural that most people would eliminated before winter sets in dition as possible. of the Chicago Motor club made the be tempted to go from Paris to Lex- From the Castle Rock river there is complete survey of the inside routes ington, but because of construction a five and one-half mile project being from Chicago to Florida, and on the work south of Lexington it would be surfaced with concrete, and about

Dirt Road Detour

From London to Corbin the entire a vast difference of opinion not only cinnati to Williamstown is a newly possible to negotiate at the present there is every probability that the imamong those who travel the various finished road with one or two grade time, because it is being graded so as provement of the main road will be finished this season. Between Corbin with these exceptions will be found The Louiseville Nashville route and Barbourville there is a very bad be called good all the way from the liamstown it is necessary to turn east- tours and bad stretches that can not maintain the regular route, The North straight to Florida, according ward to Falmouth over a seventeen be put in good condition before some engineer announces that if the weather to the touring bureau of the Chicago mile macadam highway that is some- time next year. On the route that is ther is favorable this will be largely Motor club, and the route that is first what worn, but from Falmouth south mapped out for this year's travel finished during the winter, but that it in the field will be the one that will the motorist travels an old tarbound there is just south of Berea a three is probable the detour must be used

Chattanooga to Knoxville From Chattanooga to Knoxville there is approximately thirty-eight miles of poor road, but once Barbourville is passed nothing is to be feared, because the roads are good into Chattanooga by way of Tazewell, Morristown, Knoxville and Sweetwater. The optional route from Knoxville to Macon is through Ashville and Greenville, and although there is a scenic route the surface is largely of earth or sand and clay, and there is no distinet advantage in taking this road. From Chattanooga to Macon the road is practically all sand clay, generally in and out of Atlanta. The Louisville Nashville road is undergoing improvement rapidly. The road, from Mounteagle to Jasper and on to Whitwell, is being graded, but inasmuch as this calls for mountain work the progress is necessarily slow, notwithstanding that the contractors are working on their project as fast as weather and nature of the ground will permit. Between Louisville and Nashville there is considerable construction work in progress, but there are other parts that are badly worn and upon which no work is being

There is a possibility that the route from the west through Washington and then to Atlantic highway to Florida is slightly better on the average than the Cincinnati-Knoxville route, but it means several hundred miles more in the way of distance whereas there is but thirty-eight miles of very bad road on the eastern Dixie highway, and as stated the stretches compiling these thirty-eight miles are being placed in as good condition as time and money will permit.

UTILITIES GIVING IMPROVED SERVICE

Records of Commerce Commission in Illinois Show Increase

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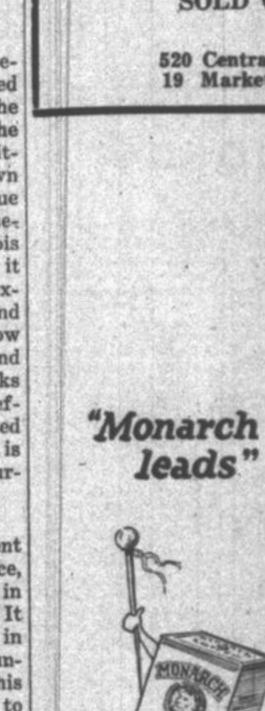
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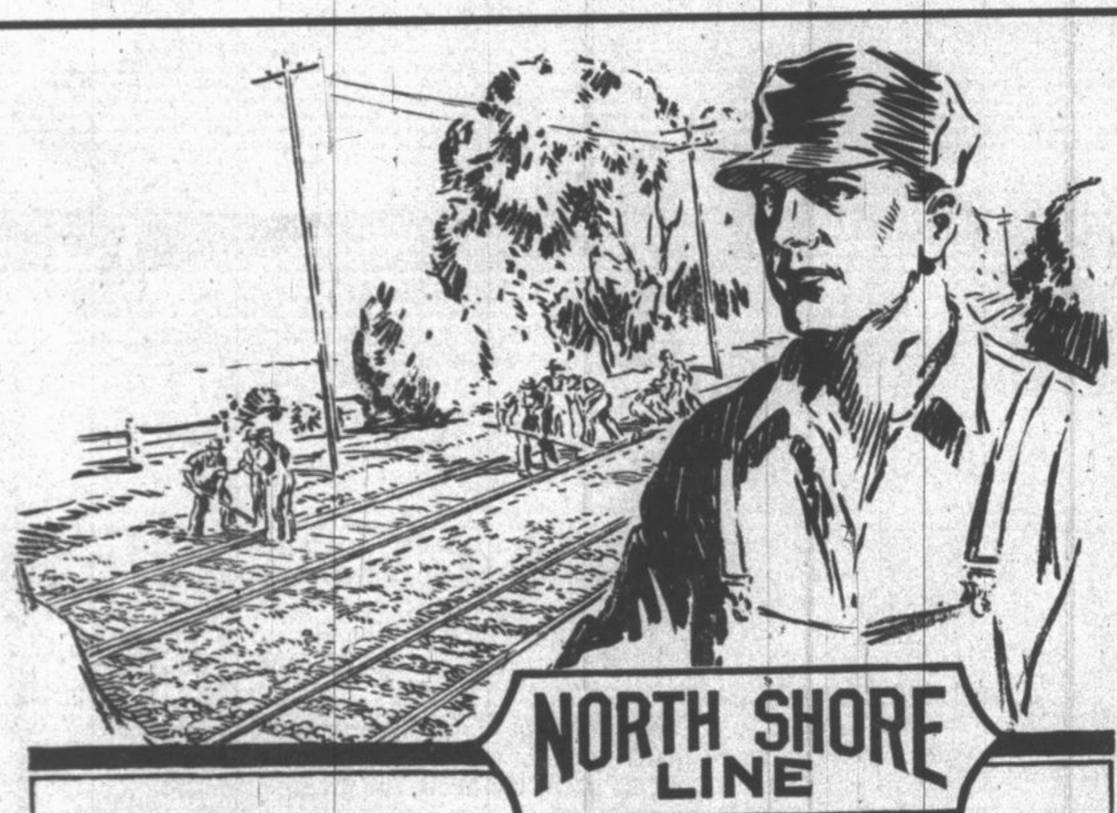
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