

TYPE OF ROAD IS CHANGED BY AUTOS

OTHER EFFECT IS NOTED

First Stretch of Country Side-walk Has Grown to 50,000 Miles of Rural Pavements Shown

(By E. E. Duffy)
Automobiles got the jump on improved roads about a quarter century ago and have kept the lead ever since. Early highway activities of Michigan, Maryland, Illinois, New York and other states gave proof that it was possible to extend "side-walks" into the country.

From the first mile of concrete rural road laid near Detroit in 1909 has sprung some 50,000 miles of rigid pavements. Yet if all the automobiles in this country were to be placed on these pavements there would not be room for them to turn.

Autos Responsible

Automobiles have been responsible for a good many changes in American social and commercial life. It is not far amiss to attribute to the car the sensible improvements in women's dress and the sharpened appetite for outdoor life.

It is natural that the physical factor most directly concerned with the operation of the automobile be also changed. The highway is undergoing a revision as definite as the improvement in automobiles themselves.

The highway must be looked upon in a different light now than in years gone by when a blazed trail or a rutted path sufficed. The automobile is one thing; the horse and buggy quite another. Yet horse and buggy ideas on roadbuilding still persist to an uncomfortable degree.

Transportation and Progress

Where transportation facilities have been lacking, progress has been checked. The coming of steam transportation stimulated the world as had no other discovery. Now that the automobile has placed the means of getting about rapidly in the hands of every fifth of sixth person, a prosperity of wealth and education has been set up that is the marvel of all time. The way is open for still greater achievement.

Hundreds of communities have failed to utilize existing resources for the common good. Road bonds, gas

taxes, and license fees are all items that must be considered, each in its place, as definite a part of the automobile equipment as bumpers and headlights. To overlook their possibilities is comparable to permitting greedy fingers to remove currency from the family pocketbook, or to cutting a sizeable period off the school term.

To build good roads requires money. But the chief value of money lies in its power to improve public living. Nothing betters mankind more than the road.

SEVENTEEN RAINY DAYS DURING JUNE

Unique Record Established Last Month, According to Observer

With seventeen rainy days the month of June established a rather unique record this year according to the official report of John O. Laux, U. S. weather observer for the Waukegan district. During June last year there were but seven rainy days.

The mean temperature for June this year was 61.7 as compared to 62.4 for June last year.

The highest temperature reached during June this year was 88 degrees. In June last year the highest point reached was 96 degrees.

The lowest temperature this June was 41. This tied the record of June last year.

During June this year there were six clear days, nine partly cloudy days and fifteen cloudy days. During June last year there were twelve clear days, thirteen partly cloudy days and five cloudy days.

The excessive rains during June this year, according to Mr. Laux, were of great benefit to the pastures and hay crop, and while some damage was done in the lowlands, this probably was overshadowed by the benefits. Home gardens, he reported, are doing fine.

There were thunderstorms on June 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22, with a hail

storm on the latter date, but little damage was done.

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NEW MARKERS FOR LINCOLN HIGHWAY

Design for Marker Made by Jens Jensen of Ravinia; Chosen From Many

An entirely new and unique system will be employed for re-marking the Lincoln Highway this summer. Square concrete posts will be used. On the side facing the motorist will appear an arrow, cast of blue concrete, directing whether he shall proceed straight ahead or turn to left or right.

On the face there will be the familiar red, white and blue marker, each division being of concrete, above which there will be a bronze medallion of Lincoln four inches in diameter, the Emancipator's head being encircled by "This highway dedicated to Abraham Lincoln." The medallion will simulate a coin in its general arrangement.

Early in the spring announcement was made that designs for these markers were solicited. Many hundred of plans were submitted and after careful comparison the Lincoln Highway directors selected one offered by Jens Jensen, the famous architect at Ravinia.

The markers will necessarily all be cast at one place, thence sent forth in carload lots. Martin Hoffman of the Detroit Cast Stone Co. was awarded the job.

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CHICAGO RODEO TO BE JULY 28-AUG. 5

Fourth Annual Event Promises One of Biggest Contests Given

With the Attorney General of New Mexico, and a foremost screen star from California vying in calf roping contests with other top-hand cowboys, the Chicago Rodeo offers all-American interest for July 28 to August 5 when it is held at Soldiers' Field.

Just to prove that "the sport is the thing" and not the \$33,000 cash purses put up, Bob Dow, the cowboy Attorney General of New Mexico, who has a ranch near Roswell, that state, is coming to Chicago to rope. And Hoot Gibson, film favorite cowboy, is trying to get his movie contract modified so that he can enter the calf roping and relay racing. In addition to these well known men are more than a hundred contestants who punch cattle for a living.

Hoot Gibson is coming to Chicago to make his next photoplay, a rodeo story, against the background of the Chicago Rodeo. In it he finds the genuine atmosphere and large scale spectacle required for his picture. Spectators at the rodeo will have a chance to see the great motion picture being made.

Tex Austin, managing director of the Chicago Rodeo has obtained the buckingest bronks, the saltiest wrestling steers, the wildest Brahma riding steers, and a band of wild horses to test the human contestants' skill to the limit.

This is the fourth annual Rodeo to be held on the lake front, and the cowboys believe that the public in this region has been seasoned to an understanding that this is a contest and not an exhibition. It is the cowboys' Olympic games, their world's of rodeo purses offered this year have brought entries from the top-hands. Railroads centering here, anticipating record crowds, have arranged extra train service for the period of the Chicago Rodeo.

TIED AND DYED CRAFT INTERESTING WOMEN

A fashion craft suggested for the woman interested in putting color into her summer wardrobe is suggested in the "tied and dyed" page of the Woman's Home Companion. Negligees, pillows, scarfs and light clothing can be made more attractive and the dyer can enjoy dabbling in art in her home, the magazine suggests.

"Rich effects are achieved by simple methods," says the magazine. "Silk, linen and cotton can be successfully dyed by the method suggested."

In one picture is shown a luxurious negligee in Shantung silk tied in bold circles. The lining also is dyed in a delightfully irregular pattern. A border of flecked color obtained by a trick of folding and pleating makes an evening shawl of flat crepe stand out with beauty.

Among other articles shown are a cobweb decorated scarf, decorated pillows and handkerchiefs.

In schools with the agricultural departments the enrollment is growing. It is expected that within the next few years, if consistently supported, high school agricultural education will continue to advance until students in all communities that desire it will enjoy the opportunities now offered in the 181 that have vocational agricultural departments.

The boys get an awful backache when working in the garden, but not on Saturday when digging for fish-worms.

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