

ILLINOIS GETS BIG FEDERAL ROAD FUND

MORE THAN OTHER STATES

Over Nine Millions for Highways Under Construction Up to July 31, 1928; Applied to 622 Miles

"Illinois received \$9,280,164.08, or more than any other state, from the federal aid road fund for highways under construction as of July 31, 1928," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"That sum is being applied to 622.0 miles of highways now being built at a cost of \$30,188,584.26. The balance of the expense will be defrayed by state funds. New York received \$7,489,393.95, the second highest grant from the federal government. That state has 483.6 miles of highways under construction. The cost will be \$41,915,000.

Illinois Second
"From the standpoint of federal aid received for roads approved as of July 31 for construction, Illinois is second. Texas leads. That state received \$2,842,089.38 for 387.9 miles of proposed roads at a total cost of \$6,30,764.34. Illinois received \$1,826,435.15 for 138.1 miles of projected highways, for which the estimated expenditure is \$3,665,454.99.

"Motorists of the nation have a 'credit balance' of \$500,000,000 with the federal government, which constitutes one of the most convincing arguments for continuation of the federal aid highway policy," Mr. Hayes continued. "This sum represents the balance of money paid into the treasury in the form of the war excise tax as against the amount expended by the government for federal aid. From 1918 up until the recent repeal of the automobile war tax, motorists as a class have paid the government in excise taxes on automobiles and parts a total of approximately \$1,100,000,000. Since the beginning of federal aid, the government expended over \$600,000,000 as its share for the construction of highway projects.

About 50 Per Cent
"That means that the government has spent just a little more than fifty per cent of the amount of motor vehicle revenue paid by the motorists as a class to the treasury department. At this rate the government still 'owes' the motorist approximately \$500,000,000. With this balance sheet, there should be no question as to continuation of the federal aid policy, perhaps even on an expanded scale," Mr. Hayes continued.

"The war excise tax on motor cars was repealed at the last session of congress, largely through the organized efforts of the American Automobile association and its 1,065 affiliated clubs, with a resultant saving to car owners of over \$60,000,000 annually."

ABOUT WASH BASINS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS

According to a nation wide survey made by the General Federation of Women's clubs more houses have electric lights than stationary wash basins. About two-thirds of the homes investigated had stationary bath tubs and electric irons; but only half of them had telephones and automobiles. Twice as many had electric lights as have pianos, there were more phonographs than vacuum cleaners and more radios than electric washing machines.

Out of 22 different household conveniences listed by the survey 11, or exactly half, had to do with keeping clean.

GOOD BINDING NOW FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

De Luxe Editions Now Produced Inexpensively So Anyone May Have Them

Modern civilization has progressed to the point where finely bound books, offered for sale as de luxe editions, have a place in the present day library not only of the wealthy but of those of moderate means, says the Woman's Home Companion.

Harkening back to the days when kings and persons of title collected rare books, the magazine points out that de luxe editions now are produced cheaply enough for the ordinary individual to own them. It describes Rackham editions of "Cinderella" and other nationally famous works and tells how "chemises" are used as separate covers to protect particularly prized works.

"From one little bindery today," says the magazine, "come books fit for a king's library, bound after the manner of the old masters, exquisite in taste and texture. To have a favorite story or valued book bound by this hand process is to make it a lasting treasure of inestimable worth. Leather for binding is often goat skin that has been treated until it is made what is known as acid proof. The best of these skins come from France. The art of book binding requires the utmost patience and preparation but it is an absorbing and fascinating pursuit."

FAMOUS ORGANIST WAS ONCE COUNTRY YOUTH

Jesse Crawford, Noted New York Musician Has Had Unique Career, Report

From the crossroads of the open spaces to the crossroads of the world; from an untutored country youth carrying a music score, to the player of the world's largest orchestral organ—that, in brief, sums up the rapid rise to fame of Jesse Crawford, New York organist.

In his life story, told in The American Magazine, Crawford is described as a man of 33 who was so shocked at his duties in his first performance that he hasn't an idea how he managed to get through that ordeal. It

was in Spokane that he got his chance on an organ that proved more difficult than anything he had tackled. "To this day," says the article, "he isn't sure how he got through that first performance. Outside of knowing that the bass was played with the feet and the treble with the hands he knew nothing. What to do with the three keyboards was a problem. Before the matinee started the boy had half an hour to find out. Somehow he figured out the foot pedals, and managed to join up a simple bass octave with the treble tones."

For two years he forgot the world, struggled with the organ, unaided by teacher or even a book of instruction. He is now as important a part of the program at one of the great movie houses on Broadway, New York, as the motion picture itself.

SAYS SLOW DRIVER IS BAD TRAFFIC HAZARD

That the slow driver, who insists on taking the middle of the road, is a distinct traffic hazard, is the opinion of Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"This class of drivers, no doubt, is the indirect cause of more accidents than the deliberately reckless driver, if for no other reason than that more of the former class of drivers are on the streets," declared Mr. Hayes. "The slow driver who occupies the middle of the road is generally of a determined nature; the sounding of horns behind him makes him more determined than ever to continue on his way without any deviation; an admirable quality gone wrong," observes Mr. Hayes.

"Few drivers in this class know that they are driving contrary to all the rules of the road and of the laws of most states; they believe that their own rate of speed is proper, and that those who wish to pass them are driving too fast for safety."

About Necks
The only neck that causes audible distress is the neck that is so far beyond first aid that all that can be prescribed for it is a collar.—Woman's Home Companion.

Life On a Treadmill
Many a dweller in dreams, thinks a philosopher writing in The American Magazine, passes his life on a treadmill and gets nowhere.

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