

### KANSAS LEADS IN DENSITY OF AUTOS HAS 159 TO EVERY MILE

Oklahoma Next; Illinois Lower Because It Has Much Bigger Mileage of Highway in State

The state of Kansas leads all others for the density of automobiles per mile on its highways according to the results of a survey just completed by The Automobile club of Illinois in co-operation with the American Motorists association. The figures show that the five leading states, from a standpoint of automobiles registered per mile are: Kansas with 159.2; Oklahoma, 158.2; Rhode Island, 130.6; Nebraska, 97.1; and New Jersey, 86.8.

The state of Alabama, with 13.7 automobiles per mile, has the fewest number of vehicles on its highways, followed by Nevada with 14.7; Idaho, 15.1; South Carolina, 15.2; and North Carolina with 15.5.

**Survey Shows Gains**  
The survey was made to show the strides being made by the states in the construction of their highway building programs. Indiana, it is pointed out by St. Mayer, president of the Automobile club of Illinois and vice-president of the A.M.A., leads all other states in this respect, having a total of 49,633 miles of improved highways and is expending this year, for further highway improvements, an average of \$51 for each automobile registered in the state. Other leading states, from a highway construction standpoint are: Ohio, with 42,665 miles; Minnesota, 30,200; North Carolina, 27,646; and New York, 27,306 miles.

**Interesting Fact**  
One of the most interesting facts, brought out by the survey, is the amount of state and Federal expenditures for highway construction 1928 for each motor vehicle registered. The figures show that Arkansas, with \$162 per vehicle, will lead all other states in highway construction during 1928, based on automobile registrations. Florida ranks second with \$126, followed by New Hampshire, \$123; New Mexico, \$109, and Tennessee with \$108.

Trailing all other states, from the standpoint of expenditures on highways during 1928, per vehicle, is Massachusetts which will spend but \$19 this year on its highways for each automobile in use; next preceded by Mississippi with \$30; Michigan, \$34; Nebraska, \$38; and Utah and Colorado tied for fifth place from the bottom with an expenditure of \$41 per vehicle.

### PROPOSES DOUBLE DUCK HUNT ZONES

IN STATE OF ILLINOIS

Director of Conservation Has New Plan to Equalize Matters for Benefit of Nimrods

Hoping to remedy by law existing climatic and geographical inequalities, Gus H. Radebaugh, director of the state Department of Conservation, has proposed to the U. S. Biological Survey that the state be divided into southern and northern zones for duck hunting purposes.

The northern zone would retain the present open season on migratory birds, from September 16 to December 31. The southern section would have an open season starting a month later, on October 15, and extending to January 31.

**Division Line**  
A division line is already created—the line followed by the Wabash railroad across the state, extending from Hannibal, Mo., through Jacksonville, Springfield, Decatur and Danville, and thence to the Indiana state line. All area below this would be considered in the southern zone, with the extended season.

In suggesting the change to Paul G. Reddington, bureau chief of the Biological Survey, Radebaugh pointed out that it was obviously unfair to govern hunters in the extreme southern part of Illinois by the same regulations as those in force in the extreme northern part. Because Illinois is an unusually long state, the ducks, on their annual southward trek, reach the northern confines long before they reach the southern counties.

**Much Dissatisfaction**  
"Much dissatisfaction with the present season has been reported to me," said Mr. Radebaugh, "and this solution, while obviously not possible to please everyone, seems to be the most logical."

"The unfairness to southern Illinois sportsmen is made more evident when it is considered that many states whose northern boundaries extend far north of the southern line of Illinois have seasons opening from fifteen to thirty days later than in Illinois."

Mr. Radebaugh has been joined in this movement by Keith McCann, State Game Commissioner for Missouri. The line through Missouri would follow that in Illinois, by following U. S. highway Route 38 from Hannibal to St. Joseph, Mo.

### Esther Gould's Book Corner

#### Christmas Suggestions

(For lack of space authors will be omitted, but all these books are well known and can be obtained by title at any bookstore.)

Books that would appeal especially:

**To Men—**  
Intimate Papers of Colonel House  
Struggle, the Life and Exploits of Commander Byrd.  
Dreiser Looks at Russia.  
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Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1858.  
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The Rise of the House of Rothschild.  
Slaves of the Sun.  
Origins of the World War.

**To Women—**  
Elizabeth and Essex.  
The Cruise of the Northern Light.  
Susan B. Anthony.  
Persian Pictures.  
My Studio Window.  
Mary, Wife of Lincoln.  
A Gallery of Women.  
Mother of Kings.

**Fiction for Either—**  
The Strange Case of Annie Spragg.  
Swan Song.  
Orlando.  
Caspar Hauser.  
The New Temple.  
Rising Wind.  
The Children.  
Jealous Gods.  
Flutes of Shanghai.  
Joshua's Vision.  
Old Phylus.

**For Young Children—**  
Twenty-one Nursery Rhymes.  
Millions of Cats.  
The House at Pooh Corner.  
Lear's Book of Nonsense.  
Here, There and Everywhere.  
Come Christmas.  
Doctor Doolittle in the Moon.  
Ghond the Hunter.

**For Older Children—**  
Drums.  
On the Trail of the Little Wagon.  
Swords of the Vikings.  
On Sweetwater Trail.  
Long Lance.  
Theodore Roosevelt's Dairies of Boyhood and Youth.

**A JEALOUS MOTHER**

**"THE FEATHERED NEST"**

By Margaret Leech  
Horace Liveright

"The Feathered Nest" does, indeed, as its publishers blurb suggests, "confirm Miss Margaret Leech's high rank among our younger writers." Those who read "Tin Wedding" probably remember it as a book of more than usual talent; readers of this book will find it an extraordinarily competent handling of a difficult situation, a nice problem of a jealous mother and her three sons and the various women with whom they fall in love. Isabelle Forster took to money, when she married her rich husband, as a duck takes to water. Efficiently and soullessly she ordered her life, finding room in it for plenty of material things and a passionate adoration for her three sons, very little left over for the husband, who, as a tactful individual should, gets himself killed by a fall from his horse. That clears the way for Isabelle nicely, and she goes in her appointed triumphal course. Until her sons grow up and then come the inevitable conflicts with the "other women." Miss Leech car-

ries her story through admirably without a slip, making of each of the sons an individual, not wholly losing your sympathy even for a selfish and domineering woman.

#### THE PASSING WORLD

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