

TOUCHES HIGH MARK IN ROAD BUILDING

Greatest Mileage Constructed in U.S. During Present Season; Report Says

The season of 1930-31 will mark the peak of highway construction in the United States. This opinion was expressed in an article being given national circulation by an automobile association.

Dealing with expenditures for highway construction, the article, headed "Speaking of Highways," says, in part:

"Illinois is constructing one of the most complete highway systems in the country.

"It has expended more than \$234,000,000 and has completed 6139 miles of the 9800 miles in the two state bond issue systems.

Auto for Every Six Persons

"In 1928 there were 1,314,003 automobiles registered by the secretary of state. There is one automobile for every six persons in the state. Fees collected by the automobile department of the secretary of state's office amounted to \$15,521,529 in the year 1928. To November 1, 1929 1,104,567 licenses have been issued and total fees amounting to \$16,994,161 have been collected.

"The federal government is offering special aid for highway improvements. Figures compiled show that as a result of increased federal aid that the years 1930-31 will mark the peak of highway construction in the United States. The total to be spent by the federal, state and county highway departments in these two years will aggregate three and one-half billions of dollars. Total appropriations for the current year are \$1,726,167,000 or an average of \$66.35 for each automobile registered in the United States at the present time.

Cites Federal Aid Facts

"The following are amongst the states receiving the maximum and minimum amount of federal aid per automobile; Nevada, \$50.01; Wyoming, \$25.38; New Jersey, \$1.87; California, \$2.11; Illinois \$3.19.

"This would indicate arterial highways such as pass through Nevada and Wyoming are receiving encouragement from the federal government.

"Much money is being spent to relieve congestion in metropolitan areas. Road widening and grade separations are being built to make our highways more safe."

Fish with a Trunk Is Received at the Field Museum, Chicago

A fish with a "trunk" resembling in a general way that of an elephant has been received at Field Museum of Natural History, and is being prepared for exhibition. The fish is a spiny-backed eel, commonly known as "mud eel," and scientifically designated as Mastacombelus. It came with collections made in the Ogan river in Sumatra, by the Chancellor-Stuart-Field Museum Expedition in the South Pacific.

The fish is used as food in China, according to Alfred C. Wood, assistant curator in charge of fishes at the museum. There, in the growing of

rice, it is necessary to keep the land flooded most of the season, and when harvest time comes the water is drawn off and the ground becomes more or less dry. At this time the Chinese farmer harvest a crop of fishes, which have come to live in the shallow warm water of the fields as well as the rice. Among other things, they catch large numbers of these mud eels, which are different from ordinary eels in that they are flattened from side to side instead of being round.

"These mud eels are interesting to scientists because they possess characteristics that are generally supposed to belong to a very different group of fishes," says Mr. Wood. "Down the back they are armed with a row of very strong sharp spines.

At the front of the head they bear the 'trunk,' much like that of an elephant and nearly as large in proportion. Like the elephant, this fish has its nostrils in its trunk. The trunk is used as a feeler to test out anything in its path, and may be used to catch small creatures upon which it feeds. It is waved around in the same way as an elephant's trunk. Various species of these eels are found in muddy waters of tropical streams and lakes from western Africa to eastern Asia."

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

SPECIAL WARRANT NUMBER 346

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following im-

provement: The construction of a reinforced concrete pavement with combined curb and gutter and other necessary improvements in Taylor Avenue, in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office. That the warrant for collection of such assessment is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the Collector's Office, City Hall, 125 South St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, within thirty (30) days from the date thereof.

Notice is further given that the said assessment is divided in ten (10) installments. That the amount of the first installment is \$1,300.00 and that each of the remaining installments is \$1,300.00. That all installments draw interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum from September 22, 1930. That the first installment is payable on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1931.

The second installment one year thereafter and so on annually until all installments are paid.

FRED W. RUBLY,
City Collector

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois,
this 30th day of October, 1930.

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