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STATE ROADS:

State controlled roads at the end of 1925 included a mileage of 270,653. Of this total, 145,508 miles were surfaced highways, that designation applying to routes that had been improved by the use on sand, clay, gravel, water-bound macadam, surface-treated macadam and gravel, bituminous macadam, sheet asphalt, bituminous concrete, cement concrete, brick and some miscellaneous materials. The expansion of state systems, from next to nothing, a few years ago, to a major undertaking, is not yet done. Approximately 18,000 miles were added in 1925, and a total of 23,152 were improved in the twelve months. Such is the showing made in reports to the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture.

Indiana has been more conservative than many states in extending state authority over highways, but this does not indicate that it is not well to the front in surfaced mileage. Of the 3,935 miles for which the highway commission was responsible at the end of 1925, 3,860 were improved. Not all the surfacing has been done by the state, since many of the roads previously had been built by counties and townships. Long before the advent of the state highway idea, Indiana was among the better known commonwealths in the matter of good roads. The progress since has been notable. Important market and passenger routes have been straightened, widened and their surfaces strengthened by rebuilding or the addition of suitable materials. The lessons of engineering experience have not been overlooked. We are doing well, and while we need to be constantly on the alert to prevent political manipulation of road building administration, we can anticipate, if that evil is avoided, a progressive advance in highways.

The county road system, Indiana, with a county superintendent in charge of maintenance, is supplementing the state plan well. The quality of the work done in many counties is highly commendable. Others, it must be admitted, frequently use funds available less wisely. On the whole, though, the county plan has more than justified itself. It would not be practicable for the state system to be all inclusive. Neither would it be advisable. Home responsibility for what are primarily county roads, although they are getting a considerable share of long distance traffic, ought to be encouraged. What might be worked out gradually with benefit all round is a policy of co-operation in building and maintenance activities. Some steps in that direction already have been taken. A better system of destination signs on county roads would be a help to strangers who leave state highways for one reason or another.

State highway systems throughout the country, while not much more than in their infancy, already embrace a mileage larger than that of American railroads. The motor vehicle in a quarter of a century of development has, by creating a demand for good roads on a tremendous

scale, accomplished a transportation evolution. We are even yet too close to the change to appraise adequately the lasting impress made on the life of the nation.—Indianapolis News.

A pair of able bodied rats produce a family of more than two thousand a year, according to the figures from those who delight in such statistics. Mr. and Mrs. Rat average a hundred children a year and at the age of four months these children begin to breed. It is claimed that the family, including children and grand children numbers 2,012 a year unless checked by the house cat, an old-fashioned trap or in some other manner. Figure up what the number would be the second year and you will understand that they could easily become a pest army that could destroy the world.

Corn sugar mills are now being started over the country it is claimed and one of the bills passed by the recent 69th congress was one permitting the use of corn sugar in food products without a label calling attention to that fact. If we can make sugar from corn and it will take the place of cane and beet, the question of what to do with our surplus corn crop, will probably be solved. With the only sugar mill in the state located here, this new process may mean considerable during the next several years.

A Kansas City editor claims his character was damaged to the extent of three million dollars because another newspaper charged him with trying to straddle the wet and dry questions. Thats a heap o' money for even an editor's character and the chances are that even if the jury finds for the plaintiff the self assess-

ed amount will be reduced about \$2,999,999.99.

Next Saturday is the day fixed in many counties for the giving of a dollar by every democrat for the state campaign expenses. Of course we will be glad to forward them if you wish to leave them with us or you may send yours direct to the state committee, Claypool hotel, Indianapolis. Wish this county would bat a hundred per cent on this drive.

They are offering to bet two to one in Washington that the next senate will be controlled by the democrats and independents, which is scarcely a fair bet for the democrats need to gain but seven seats to control it themselves and indications are that they will.

The republican congressional committee is raising \$400,000 as a campaign fund, realizing the need of some extra exertion if they are to hold on to congress. And they will need it all and more.

The rains have been fine and have done a lot of good but we're not going to be piggish about it, that's enough for a few days.

Big Features Of RADIO

SUNDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

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WEAF—Hookup, 5:20 p. m.—Capitol theatre program followed by Allan McQuahae, tenor and Edmund Burke, bass-baritone.

KOA—Denver, 9 p. m.—Municipal band concert.

WCCO—Minneapolis-St. Paul, 416M, 9:30 p. m.—Municipal organ recital.

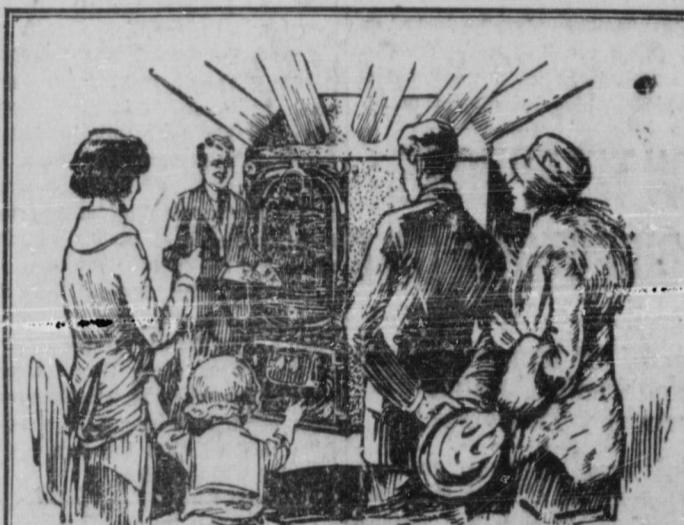
WHO—Des Moines, 526M, 7:20 p. m.

ANNUAL EXCURSION To Walbridge Park, Toledo, Ohio

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

via NICKEL PLATE RAILROAD

Under auspices of Methodist Sunday School of Decatur, Ind.
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—14th Cavalry band.
WCX—Detroit, 517M 8 p. m.—Detroit Symphony orchestra.

MONDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WEAF—New York, 492M; WWJ, Detroit, 353M, and WTIC, Hartford, 476M—Goldman band concert, N. Y. U. campus, 6:30 p. m.

WOA—Denver, 322M, 9:15 p. m.—Burlesque program.

WRVA—Richmond, 8 p. m.—"A Trip Through Edgar Allan Poe's Home."

WCCO—Minneapolis-St. Paul, 416M, 9 p. m.—Scandinavian ensemble.

WEAF—Hookup, 8 stations, 8 p. m.—Verdi's opera, "Forza Del Destino."

on business.

Albert J. Gerber of Dayton, Ohio, elected superintendent of Berne schools.

Campaign opens to sell \$25,000

worth of stock for Angola Furnace company.

Nebraska Indians defeat Decatur, 3

to 0. Geneva beat them yesterday, 5

to 3.

C. D. Fry, of Greencastle, is given

contract to pave First street for

\$15,081.06.

Secretary Taft denies he is a can-

didate for president.

Horse stolen from George Cline, of

Union township.

Charles Brock runs his launch from

Pleasant Mills to Decatur, nine miles,

by river, in an hour and three min-

utes.

Mayor Dempsey, of Cincinnati,

closes Sunday beer gardens.

Miss Irene Linkert, of Cleveland, will spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Eady, of this city.

SAVINGS BRINGS CONTENTMENT

Success is simply a matter of—

GOING AFTER SOMETHING YOU WANT.

You want money. You want Independence.

You want a lot of things that Money

can buy. You may never be rich. Yet

you do want happiness for yourself and your

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