

ROAD BUILDING TIME **T**HE State highway commission has announced the largest program of public work ever attempted in Indiana. It proposes to build during the next three years nearly 1,000 miles of hard surface roads to cost approximately \$28,000,000.

A State can have no better asset than good roads. The automobile has revolutionized transportation and it is the greatest medium of healthful recreation ever invented. Rural communities have been developed as the roads have developed, no faster.

There are, however, unfortunate features connected with such an ambitious road program at this time. It is being undertaken when prices are high and labor is scarce. The highway department replies to this that the work must be done now in order to obtain money set aside by the Federal Government for State road construction. It is unfortunate, then, that the Federal money has not been made available to the States whenever they should be ready to use it.

There will come a time, possibly not far in the future, when prices will be lower, labor more plentiful and conditions more propitious for the spending of public money. The time to build roads is in such a period when business activity is slack, labor is plentiful and prices are low. At such a time the construction of roads would be a great help in giving men work and in creating a tendency toward normal activity.

The ideal plan would be for the State to accumulate gradually a fund for public work of this character to be used whenever the time comes when the work would do the most good to the most people. There is too much of a tendency for the State to engage in construction activities in competition with private business, thus adding to the difficulties of both.

GROWING SUCKER LIST **O**NE hundred thousand dollars a day are swindled out of easy marks and boos on the great American sucker list, according to an estimate of the Department of Justice, which is making an investigation of fake oil stock tricks engineered from Texas.

Not \$100,000 per month, or week, mind you, but 100,000 hard-earned berries a day fall into the hands of the nothing-for-some-thing promoters.

Articles repeatedly published in this newspaper have proved beyond a doubt that the loss sustained annually by the gullible easy marks of the country is a perfectly astounding figure.

Federal agents are now concentrating their attention upon the nest of fake stock promoters down in Texas, where they specialize in brilliant promises of easy riches from oil wells which are never dug, or which were dry before they fell into the hands of the swindlers. The Federal authorities promise to clean out this nest of fakers.

But the curious aspect of this great American sucker list is the way the boos shell out their earnings year after year to strange promoters lacking credentials merely upon the promise of fabulous rewards, which anybody but a boos knows the promoter would keep for himself, if he had anything. You'd think the suckers would learn better, wouldn't you. But they don't, and the number of names on the sucker list grows each year.

A boos on the sucker list is an awful thing!

BREAD CHAMP A BOY! **M**ASSACHUSETTS offered a prize for the State championship in bread baking. Francis E. Days, 16, high school senior, wins the prize. How did he beat out the girls? By experimentally baking 436 loaves of bread, until he produced the prize winner.

The most interesting angle of this story is the picture of Days. He's a husky chap, looks more like a football fullback than a chef. Read this to son if he fears he'd be a sissy to help mother with the dishes, window washing or other house chores. There isn't much manhood in a chap who lets ma do the heavy work and dodges helping her on lighter tasks.

PONY EXPRESS DAYS **S**IXTY-THREE years ago this April, the thing that interested Americans most was the spectacular relay races of pony express riders between the Sacramento River and St. Joseph, Mo., an eastbound relay racing to beat the fast horsemen galloping westward. Today we would be demanding a shake-up in Washington if our mail traveled that slowly. Even the swift airplane and the railroad express are not fast enough to satisfy our mapiacal speed craze due to nervous impatience.

If the pony express riders and the rest of the people of 1860 could have had the choice, would they have traded places with us? Not much!

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Is the word "president" mentioned anywhere in the Bible?

Daniel 6:2, reads, "And over these three presidents, of whom Daniel was the first; that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage."

What does "berserker rage" mean?

The champions of the ancient Scandinavians were called berserkers, from their custom of fighting with no armor save a sark or shirt; hence, literally, berserker means bare-sark-er. They were at times seized with fits of martial frenzy, during which they could perform prodigious feats of valor, and were invincible against any foe. After the rage or spasm was over, reaction ensued, and then a Clark might lead them.

What was the bachelor President?

James Buchanan, who was the only unmarried President. Cleveland was, at the time of his inauguration, unmarried, but married during his term of office.

Can the use of a small amount of cotton in the manufacture of a supposedly all-linen paper be detected, in the finished product?

Yes. A filament of cotton examined under the microscope is seen to have a characteristic twist which distinguishes it from all other fibers. After the cotton has been ginned, open; the season when the flowers and spun, woven into cloth, bleached, leaves begin to open.

How did the month April get its name?

From the Latin word *aperio*, to open; the season when the flowers and leaves begin to open.

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With Incomes of More Than a Million Monthly Ford and Rockefeller Jr. Have Simple Tastes

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NEW YORK, April 7.—Could you spend \$7,000,000 a month? Or even \$1,000,000 a month? Dizzy incomes these. One is Henry Ford's. The other is what John D. Rockefeller Jr., gets in Standard Oil dividends alone.

The Senate investigation of the oil industry disclosed that young John D. owns one-sixth of the stock in the various Standard Oil companies and that his income, excluding dividends from railroads and other enterprises, is about \$12,000,000 a year.

Ford himself doesn't know what his income is. He says he can't tell within \$15,000,000 what he has in the bank. Last year he admitted he paid \$76,000,000 income tax, but this included the manufacturers' tax. It has been estimated that his personal income is about \$85,000,000.

Both Have Simple Tastes

Unlike the fictionized Brewster two men don't even try to keep up to it. Both have simple tastes.

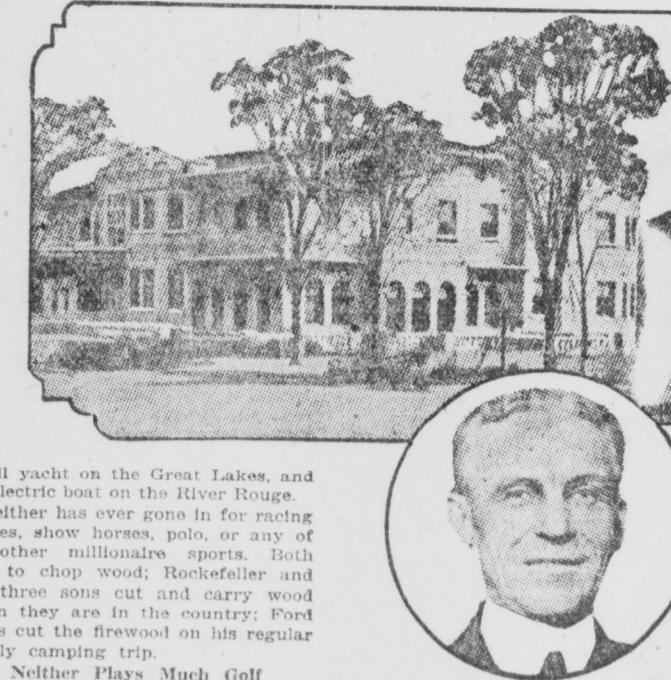
Rockefeller has a seven-story house in New York, a week-end house near his father's Fancourt Hills estate called Aboyon Lodge, and a summer home at Seal Harbor, Me.

Ford's house at Dearborn, Mich., is a rambling stone structure on a 7,000-acre estate and has about twenty rooms. Nearby is his farm. His only other home is a cottage next to Thomas A. Edison's winter place at Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Savants in the Rockefeller town house number twenty-five. Ford has half that number at Dearborn; two of them are Japs.

Each has several automobiles. For years Rockefeller drove himself in an electric runabout. Ford often drives a Ford coupe, but he also has a Simplex and several other big cars.

Rockefeller, like his father, has never owned a yacht. Ford has a



small yacht on the Great Lakes, and an electric boat on the River Rouge. Neither has ever gone in for racing horses, show horses, polo, or any of the other millionaire sports. Both like to chop wood; Rockefeller and his three sons cut and carry wood when they are in the country; Ford helps cut the firewood on his regular yearly camping trip.

Neither Plays Much Golf

Neither cares much about golf; last winter Rockefeller took his first lesson while visiting his father at Ormond Beach. He prefers to play the violin. Ford's best-loved sports are ice skating in the winter and camping in the summer.

Ford travels more than Rockefeller does. Both use private railroad cars. Ford's is called "Fair Lane." He likes speed when he rides in an automobile, averaging forty to forty-five miles an hour.

Rockefeller dresses better than Ford does. He clings to the silk hat for formal wear, while Ford rarely wears a hat at all. Ford's friends say his suits are "hand-me-downs."

Neither cares for social activities. Nor do their wives. Neither Mrs. Rockefeller nor Mrs. Ford care for diamonds. They are both the old-fashioned mother type. The Rockefellers have four children: Abby, who made her debut last fall; John D. III, Nelson and William. The Fords' only child is Edsel, who has two children. Edsel has a separate home at Gross Pointe, Mich.

Rockefeller is studious, scholarly and religious. Ford's library is largely made up of technical works and he still spends much time in his private laboratory at home. He says he believes in religion, but doesn't work at it much.

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