

WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN ROAD BUILDING

Many Actually Engaged in Road Work to Attend Chicago Convention

That women are beginning to invade another field which heretofore has been exclusively man's estate is shown by the fact that numerous women, actually engaged in highway construction and in the promotion of the good roads movement generally, will participate in the 12th American good roads congress and 13th national good roads show to be held at the Coliseum in Chicago January 17 to 20, next.

The American Road Builders' association, under whose auspices the big congress and exposition will be held, is taking cognizance

this year of the feminine invasion of the road building arena and is extending special invitations to women, fully realizing that they are voters, taxpayers and road users, and when once interested in a patriotic movement are indefatigable in its behalf.

The surprising extent to which women are invading the field of highway construction is shown by a long list of feminine road builders invited to the congress. Among these is Dr. Jennie C. Murphy, the only woman street commissioner in the world. Dr. Murphy bosses the construction gangs and street cleaners at Yankton, S. D., and has held the job to the entire satisfaction of her constituents and the credit of her city for several years.

As a "contractor," Mrs. Axel Holm, of South Range, Wis., has just completed four and a half miles of state highway through Pattison State park, near Superior, Wis., doing a job that would do credit to any man. The road which she has just completed forms a part of the great Mississippi Valley Scenic highway from New Orleans to Canada. Mrs. Holmes handles the finances of

her company, bosses a gang of 57 workmen, cooks their food and looks after the welfare of her machinery and 20 teams of horses. Two daughters, Vivian and Verna, keep her books and assist her in her work. Another contractor engaged in road work is Miss Eva Cressey, president and general manager of the Cressey Contracting company, at Everett, Mass. Road machines manufactured by Miss Cressey are used in many states of the union for spraying oil, tar and asphalt in road work. At the present time Miss Cressey has machines working on contracts as far south as Texas, in addition to many in the east and middle west.

It was Miss H. M. Berry of Chapel Hill, N. C., who as secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads association, did more to "put over" the \$50,000,000 bond issue for the splendid new roads now being constructed in her state. She is expected to attend the congress. An invitation has also been sent to Charlotte Rumbold, Cleveland, secretary of the Ohio state conference on city planning, and another has gone to Katherine F. Butterfield, a high school student at Weiser, Idaho, who won the Firestone good roads essay college scholarship contest last year and received her certificate direct from the hands of President Harding himself.

Along with Dr. Murphy, the woman street commissioner, delegates to the congress and visitors to the exposition will greet Dr. Lou Alta Melton, said to be the only woman bridge engineer in the country. Dr. Melton graduated in civil engineering last

year at Colorado university and is now connected with one of the district offices of the United States bureau of public roads. She is the only woman engineer in the employ of the federal government.

Numerous demonstration tests of road building machinery will be included in the exhibits at the show, with the machinery in actual operation. Reservations of exhibition space have broken all records, the entire lower floor of the coliseum and annex have already been engaged, necessitating the leasing of adjoining buildings in order to house the overflow. The exposition will be the largest of its kind the world has ever seen.

Eight sessions of the congress will be held. It is expected that at least 20,000 delegates will attend. One session will be devoted to a discussion of comparative designs in road pavements, another will be devoted to a discussion of the problems involved in highway traffic, especially truck transportation, safety on the roads and future laws and regulations governing highway transport. A third session will be devoted to taxation, bond issues and problems of highway administration and finance.

The Portland Cement association, Chicago, Ill., the Asphalt association, New York, the National Association of Paving Brick Manufacturers, Cleveland, O., and other organizations of road material producers are cooperating in the arrangements for the congress. One session, to be held under the auspices of the Portland Cement association, will be devoted exclusively to a discussion of proper methods in building the various types of concrete roads. Another session, for which the program will be prepared by the Asphalt association, will be devoted entirely to the construction of asphalt and other bituminous types of streets and roads, and a third will feature brick and other types of pavement. One session will be devoted exclusively to a discussion of the latest methods evolved in the construction of the common types of roads such as gravel, macadam and earth.

left for him to do except smile stoically and bid his roadster a fond farewell.

A sorry-looking sight, soaked with grease and mud as well as water, the car was finally dragged out into the light of day. As he found that the expense of cleaning and reassembling the car was comparatively small, however, the owner took the chance. To his surprise, after a thorough cleaning the enamel was as good as before the flood, and the roadster ran like a new car.

Of 49 or 50 cars in the same basement, the Dodge Brothers car was the only one which did not require repainting. As Mr. Spillar says, he feels that he now has "a car that has stood the acid test."

George A. White, adjutant general. The decoration was conferred upon Colonel White at general headquarters in France when he was with the American expeditionary forces. While Colonel White was with General Foch, Thursday their conversation was mostly on the weather, as it resembled greatly that experienced by the troops in northern France when it rained most of the time.

In his address at the Multnomah hotel where 500 ate dinner with the general, and at the evening address, his talks were interpreted by an officer of the United States army.

At the evening address, the general would talk about one minute, and then it would require the interpreter about two minutes to express in English what the general said in French. Then Foch would talk another minute

and wait while the interpreter told it in English.

Among those who are familiar with both languages, it is said that the French language has shades of meaning that are very difficult to express in English what the general expresses in French.

It has been figured out that there will be a million and a half marriages in the United States in the present year. There are three reasons for this—motion pictures, the moto car and prohibition, not to speak of the girls themselves.

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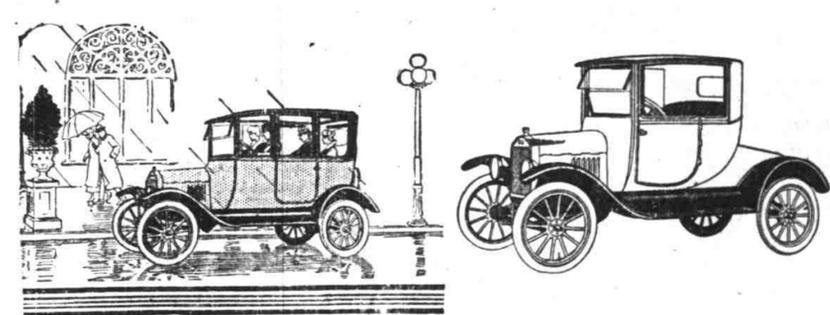
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