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AUTO LICENSE FEES GO RIGHT BACK TO ROADS

Herald Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, April 9.—Of the \$102,934,106.26 collected in the forty-eight states and District of Columbia last year for automobile, motorcycle and registered chauffeurs' licenses, 96 per cent, or \$97,937,160.60 was applied to road maintenance or construction. In 1906, just fourteen years ago, practically none of the automobile revenue was applied to road construction or maintenance. There has been a tremendous change in the last fourteen years.

In 1906 the total registration of cars was 48,000, the total gross revenue was \$193,000, or just about what Arizona paid in 1920. Last year 9,211,295 motor cars, including commercial vehicles, were registered. In addition to this number there were 248,146 motorcycles.

The amount received from registration revenue last year was equal to approximately 25 per cent of the total rural road and bridge expenditures for the calendar year of 1919. In 1906 the gross income from registration was only equal to three-tenths of 1 per cent for expenditures on account of total rural road and bridge construction.

Expense Too Small

The most significant feature of the report, which has been compiled by the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture, is that only 4 per cent of the entire amount collected was applied to the administrative expenses and purchase of metal number plates. All of the rest of the amount, almost \$100,000,000 went for road work and of this sum 79 per cent, or \$77,531,582.57, was expended under the control or supervision of the several state highway departments.

For a number of years the general tendency toward devoting an ever-increasing portion of the motor vehicle revenues to road work under the control and direct supervision of the state highway department has been very noticeable. Prior to 1912 only a very small portion of the motor vehicle registration was devoted to this purpose.

In 1920 76 per cent of the revenue, or \$77,531,582.57, was applied to road work under the direct supervision of the state highway departments, and in addition \$20,465,578.04 was applied to road work by counties or other local supervision, but with little or no direct supervision from the state highway departments.

States Use Funds

In most states the motor vehicle revenues are devoted to maintenance and repair of the state roads or other improved highways. These states seemed to have solved fairly well the difficult problem of securing funds for the maintenance of the more important roads under the ever-increasing traffic requirements. As both the traffic and the revenue increase with the number of cars, there apparently exists a possibility of so adjusting the registration rates as to keep pace with the ever growing maintenance changes.

A number of states having in general but a small mileage of improved roads have recently adopted the plan of capitalizing the motor vehicle revenues and devoting these funds to road construction. The states doing this are Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. In them bonds have been voted or issued for road construction, and the principal in some instances also the interest, is to be paid entirely from the motor vehicle revenue.

At the beginning of 1921 there were still seven states in which motor trucks were registered at the same rate as passenger cars, but in recent years there has been a very decided tendency in most states to

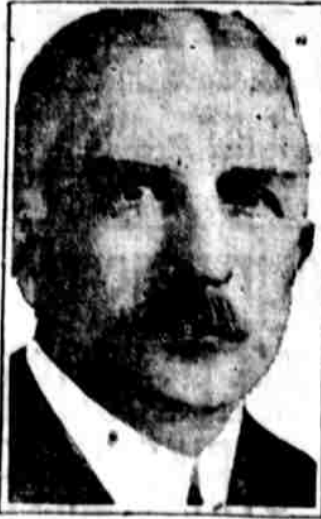
increase the fees required for motor trucks over and above those required for passenger cars. This increase is usually based on the weight of the truck and its carrying capacity, its horse power or a combination of these factors.

The most general practice seems to be toward definitely limiting the maximum total road weight of the vehicle and basing the registration fee on the capacity of the truck.

Some few states have adopted a scale of fees which in the actual practice serves to make the operating of very heavy trucks impracticable.

In Colorado, New Mexico, and Oregon, in addition to the registration fees, a state tax on gasoline or other products used for the propulsion of motor vehicles is also levied. In some states motor cars are taxed as personal property in addition to the required registration fees. In Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont the registration fees are in lieu of all personal property.

MAY BE AMBASSADOR



FREDERICK C. HICKS
Frederick C. Hicks, New York congressman, is tipped for the post of ambassador to Italy

The San Francisco C. of C. Backs Weed Klamath Falls Road

DORRIS, Cal., April 9.—Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bowman returned Thursday evening from a few days trip to San Francisco, Sacramento and other points south. While away they did some very effective campaigning for the highway from Weed to Klamath Falls by securing the support of newspapers and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Clifford W. Sevits, who recently purchased the Harley Evans residence, will start remodeling the house internally next week preparatory to the coming of his family from Los Angeles where they have spent the winter with Mrs. Sevit's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Steiger.

Charles Cooper, a Macdoel merchant, spent yesterday here transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hagelstein of the Butte Valley State bank motored to Macdoel yesterday evening on a business trip.

Mr. R. B. Pass is in a critical condition at his home here suffering from an illness of long duration, he is attended by doctors from the Dorris hospital.

Word has been received from San Francisco that Dr. A. A. Atkinson, who is there for his health, is recovering and will soon be back at his local practice.

W. C. Mahoney spent yesterday in town on business. He will have charge of the T. W. Graham mill this season.

Business has increased at the Associated Lumber and Box company plant to such an extent that Manager Goff has found it necessary to run a two hour night shift overtime. One day last week the factory made a 100,000 foot cut in eight hours, which is considered an exceptionally good run for its capacity.

Several Dorris people have made trips to the Lost River dam during the week fishing. They have all brought home good catches of mullett.

Have You Seen Kelley today?

YOSEMITE IS OPEN
SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—General automobile travel into Yosemite park opened this year early this week, nearly a month earlier than ever before. The machines entering the reservation go over the Coulterville road, which was opened early this year through the efforts of the Chambers of Commerce of Stockton and Modesto and the management of Yosemite Lodge.

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PUBLICITY GATHERING

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 9.—Real estate dealers of the San Joaquin valley meet here April 16 to discuss means of advertising the valley and stimulating real estate operations.

Ray L. Riley, state real estate commissioner, will be one of the speakers. Another will be W. I. Hollingsworth, past national vice-president of the national association of Real Estate boards.

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Asparagus Tips Mayonnaise

Choice of—
Chicken Fricassee Egg Dumplings
Pork entre cote, Country Gravy.
Chicken en Patties With Pinmentos a la King

Cream Whipped Potatoes String Beans Lyonnaise

Rex Special Punch

Choice of—
Vanilla Ice Cream Assorted Pies
Blanche Mangle Pudding
Tea Coffee Ice Tea Milk Chocolate

Books

We carry at all times several hundred titles of the best fiction and as fast as the really worth while books are issued our agent in New York sends us a few copies of the very first edition.

These books arrive every few days and you may always be sure of the latest and best if you come here.

During the last few weeks we have received, among others:

- Star Dust*
- The Wrong Twin*
- The Shield of Silence*
- Gunsight Pass*
- Valley Of Paradise*
- The Seventh Angel*
- The Montebank*
- The Unseen Ear*
- Sister Sue*

- Find The Woman*
- Flood Tide*
- In Red And Gold*
- Twisted Trails*
- Wolf Of Purple Canyon*
- The Green Bough*
- Princess Salome*
- Rosa Mundi*
- Blue Pete*

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