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## BUILD 60,594 MILES OF ROAD

## Ten-Year Record Shows

 Federal Aid SpeedsWhole Country. Washingten.-Ten years of federa:
participation in highway building un-Washingten- - hen years building un-
participation highwa
der the provisions of the 1916 federal der the provisions of the 1911 federal
aid act ended on June 30, last, and in
and that period about two-thirds of the
federal aid system of 171,687 miles were hard surfaceed, macadamized, graveled or otherwise improved. An-
ther decade, if the states continue to follow their policy of accenting federal funds and general supervisio
will see the system completed. The vast importance of the system,
embracing, as it does, practically all embracing, as it does, practically all his
interstate highways, is evidenced by
the fact that its arteries reach every the fact that its arteries reach every
city of more than 5,000 inhabitants in the country and if a zone of ten miles
were marked off on each side of the were marked off on each side of the
roads in the system, that zone would
nclude the hemes of 90 per cent of the country's population.
60,594 Miles Buit
 vestment in highways of the feederal aid system, built with government co.
operation, reached a total of $\$ 1,145$,
403,33, 31, of which $\$ 505,960,673$, or about 44 per cent, was contributed by the
federal government. Te date 60.594
 federal government. Meanwhile, many
of the states have gone forward on
building building programs without waiting
for help from the government, and the
, for help from the government, and the
result is that two-tirds of the sys-
tem originally contemplated is now completed. when the federal aid act
In 1996,
was passed, only 287,047 miles of 3.001.825 miles of road in the ceun-
try were surface. Today the sur.
faceed mileage slightly exceeds 521,915 faced mileage slightly exceeds sati.915
milies and the construction problem
grow increasingly inportant becuase
the unprecedented increase in the the unprecedented increase in the
number of motor vehices, the de-
velopment of suburbs, and the particivelopment of suburbs, and the partici-
pation of motor trucks in industry
necessitate further extension of roads necessitate further extension
in width as well as length.
For Mail Service. Originally, the purpose of congress
in establishing the federal aid system prove highay construe the prometion of
the rural mail service, , but the policy
then Was subsequently expanded to author-
iz/z the secretary of agriculture to
siluw preference to projects to "exshuw, preference to projects to ex-
pellite the completion of adeauate
and connected system of highways, in. terstate in character."
The experience during the war in
the endeavor to move munitions and materials by highways as well as by
the railroad systems brough out
out the railroad systems brought out
forcefulty the fact that there had
been little unity or system in the work
wer or road building beevond that exer-
cised by private organizations, such
as the Lincoln Highway association. as the Linchin Highway association,
the Dixie Highway association, and
similiar grouns.
Discord Arises, States and counties were responsi-
nle for such roads as were built, and
discord arose in various communities as to routes-smailer cities and vill
lages in various sections exerting
their efforts to have road improve-
ments touch their own localities. The resust wach that at own the beaities. The
the war few of the principal cities of
 weather. 1911 federal aid road act
Under the
he old office of read inquiry, created in 1893 to study highway condititons,
was converted into the bureau of pub Mis converted inta the bureau of pub-
lic rands. and was given the task of
supprvising feederal and road building.
The act authorized the secretary of The act authorized the secretary of
arriculture to help states with their
programs of improving post roads up
to 50 per cent of the cost of the imto 50 per cent of the cost of the im
provement, providing that the cost
did not exceed $\$ 10.000$ a mile, exclu did not exceed $\$ 10.000$ a mile, exclu-
sive of bridges more than 2 ofeet long
Ten States Get More, Ten States Get More.
In states such as Arizona, C nia, Colorado, $\begin{aligned} & \text { IIaho, Montana, Ne } \\ & \text { vada. Nerv Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and }\end{aligned}$
War Wubining, containing large areas or
pultic domani, including national
parks and Indian reservations, the gevernment's percentage of the cost
of improvement was fixed of improvement was fixed at a rate
Quypraging 62.9 per cent for the ten
states, When the act was passed there were
still six states which had no highway
departments and others whose depart departments and others whose depart.
ments had only nominal authority The act of 1916 provided that to re
ceive federal aid a state would hav to create a highway daterartment hav
ing sufficient authority to conoperate ing sufficient authority to co-operate
with the government, thus providing a stimulus to state control. The act was amended in 1921 to au
thorize the designation of a system of main interstate and intercounty high
ways limited in each state to ways limited in each state to 7 per
cent of the total mileage existing
when the act was passed cent of the total mileage existing
when the act was passed, and many
states which had not already done so states which had not already done so
quickly adopted definite construction programs. Another amendment to the
act in 1921 provided that if a state did not maintain roads when built, th
federal government would, and the maintenance cost would be deducted
from the state's quota.

Federal aid to the states in building:
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