

*Trying to grab dues from 1087?*

# COAST TO COAST HIGHWAY TO BE SELECTED SOON

FRENCH

Despite the fact that this is the motor age, that the automobile has been universally adopted as the highway vehicle, and that federal, state and county agencies have for several years accelerated road building, actual touring experience shows, according to the American Automobile Association, that there has not been developed a single transcontinental road making an automobile trip from coast to coast a possibility at all times. In order to make such a trip possible throughout the year, a program is now taking shape under the auspices of the Lee Highway Association, assisted by the A. A. A.

As a result of this cooperation the federal government, through the U. S. bureau of public roads and the state of Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, through their state road departments, are now engaged in the selection of the most direct feasible route from Washington, D. C., to San Diego, California, subsequently, effort is to be concentrated for the speedy completion of all unfinished sections, and for the systematic maintenance and the widening and strengthening of the pavement as required by the volume and character of the traffic the pavement will be required to carry.

Already the route has been selected from Washington in a southwest diagonal down the valleys of Virginia and Tennessee through Roanoke, Bristol and Knoxville to Chattanooga, to San Diego.

November 12, Dr. S. M. Johnson, general director of the Lee Highway Association, accompanied by an A. A. A. representative and a number of government officials left Memphis via automobile to inspect the cross-continent route, having previously completed inspection of routes from Chattanooga to Memphis. The road followed was by way of Little Rock and southern Oklahoma to Clovis, Roswell and Alamogordo, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, Deming and Lordsburg, New Mexico, Duncan, Safford, Globe, Roosevelt Dam, Phoenix, Gila Bend, Welton and Yuma, Arizona, and Holtville and El Centro to San Diego, Calif.

This newest transcontinental highway is to bear the fitting name of the great Southern chieftain, General Robert E. Lee. Each state is to so designate it and put it in the interstate system which is to be created under the new federal aid road act.

In a statement relating to the Lee highway, Director-General Johnson says:

"From practically every county seat in the series of counties between the national capital and San Diego the city pavement extends a considerable distance in either direction, and in many sections the pavement is continuous for a hundred miles or more. This series of pavement is now to be connected. The road is of primary importance to each state and its completion will be a main factor in the further development of the state. It is a road of great local importance to a series of towns and cities stretching across the continent, and the connecting of these various sections of pavement will be a prime factor in the further development of the nation since it will facilitate interstate travel and promote the free commingling of the people of the East and the West. It will probably be shorter than any other southern transcontinental highway and can, therefore, be completed more quickly. Within the next three years, and possibly sooner, there is every reason to anticipate a modern motorway between the capital city of the nation and southern California."

The Lee Highway Association is one of the youngest of such organizations, having begun its work only twenty months ago. Headquarters are in Washington, D. C. C. H. Huston, assistant secretary of commerce, is president of the organization. The general director, Dr. S. M. Johnson is one of the country's most forceful good roads leaders. It was Dr. Johnson who conceived the idea and who has been the moving spirit behind the legislation whereby surplus war property, suitable for highway improvement and amounting to over \$150,000,000 in value, has been turned over by the federal to the state governments.

ity. The  
ess  
ore  
all  
er.  
sh-  
ve  
w  
is

Parti  
tion  
prac  
One  
haus  
who  
as  
joir  
cov  
c  
po  
th  
a  
f