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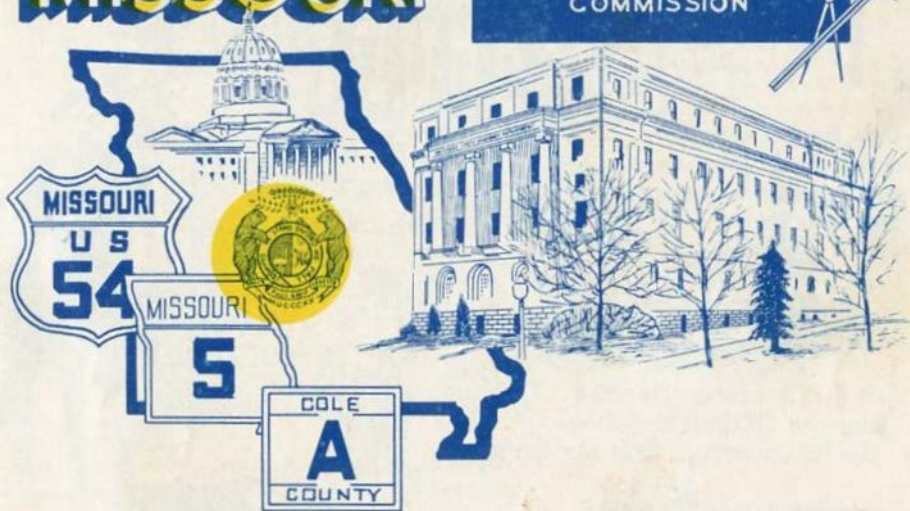
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MISSOURI

STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION



JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

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HIGHWAYS of MISSOURI

They are the means
by which we get to work,
go shopping for essentials
and luxuries of LIFE.

ARE THE FOUNDATION
UPON WHICH IS BUILT
OUR ENTIRE
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL
STRUCTURE

Visit the Doctor or Dentist . .
Take the Children to School . . .
Go to Church . . Gain our Recreation .



WITHOUT HIGHWAYS - MOST OF OUR ACTIVITIES WOULD HAVE TO STOP!

To facilitate the execution of the HIGHWAY PROGRAM the State has been divided into 10 geographical sections with a division engineer in charge of each division to administer the work

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

HARRIS D. RODGERS . . . CHAIRMAN
 J. G. MORGAN . . . VICE CHAIRMAN
 JOHN J. POWERS . . . MEMBER
 J. C. HARLIN . . . MEMBER
 ED L. CLARK . . . EX-OFFICIO

REX M. WHITTON . . . CHIEF ENGINEER
 ROBERT L. HYDER . . . CHIEF COUNSEL
 JOHN H. ACUFF . . . SECRETARY

ST. JOSEPH

MACON

HANNIBAL

KANSAS CITY

JEFFERSON CITY

KIRKWOOD

MAIN OFFICE (CAPITOL GROUNDS)
 DIV. 5 OFFICE (U. S. RT. 50 WEST)

SIKESTON

JOPLIN

SPRINGFIELD

WILLOW SPRINGS

● Indicates Location of DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

The 10 YEAR PROGRAM

PROPOSES TO

MODERNIZE . . .

The Major System, \$297,500,000

CONSTRUCT . . .

Urban Highways, \$142,000,000

EXPAND

Supplementary System, \$118,000,000

TOTAL = \$557,500,000

MISSOURI'S MODERN DAY PROGRESS PARALLELS STATE HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONS HAVE SPENT \$537,700,007 BUILDING YOUR HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

ROAD USER COSTS HAVE BEEN HELD LOW, AS COMPARED TO OTHER STATES. . . . IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 10-YEAR PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED FOR APPROX. 2,174 MILES OF ROADS - ENOUGH TO CROSS THE STATE MORE THAN EIGHT TIMES!!

Let's follow the birth of a Highway from the drawing board to a completed HIGHWAY ready for YOU to travel on

BUSINESS OR PLEASURE



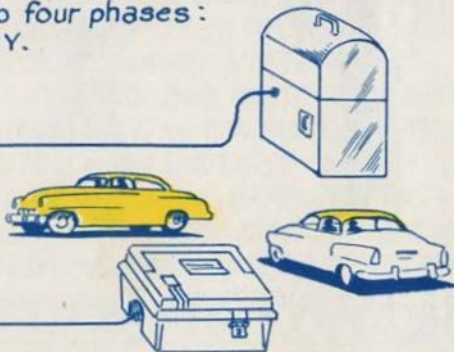
The

Highways are yours - **DRIVE** with **CARE!**

HIGHWAY PLANNING

This bureau carries on investigations and research work on various problems and phases related to the State Highway System. This work is financed as a Federal-Aid project jointly with the Bureau of Public Roads and is divided into four phases :

- (a) ROAD INVENTORY.
- (b) ROAD LIFE .
- (c) FINANCIAL .
- (d) TRAFFIC .



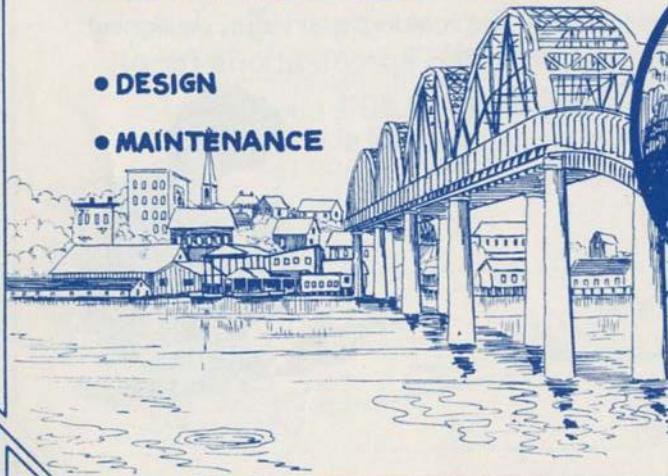
SURVEYS *and* PLANS

is responsible for making surveys, designing plans, and preparing specifications for all Major, Supplementary and Urban highway projects . . .



BRIDGE

- DESIGN
- MAINTENANCE



JOHN FITZGERALD

SUPPLEMENTARY HIGHWAYS & LOCAL ROADS

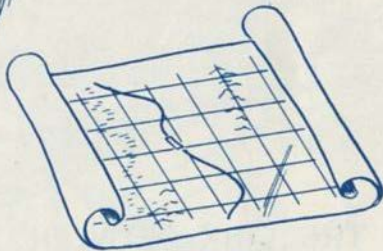


THE LINK BETWEEN
FARM AND MARKET



LEGAL

RIGHT-OF-WAY



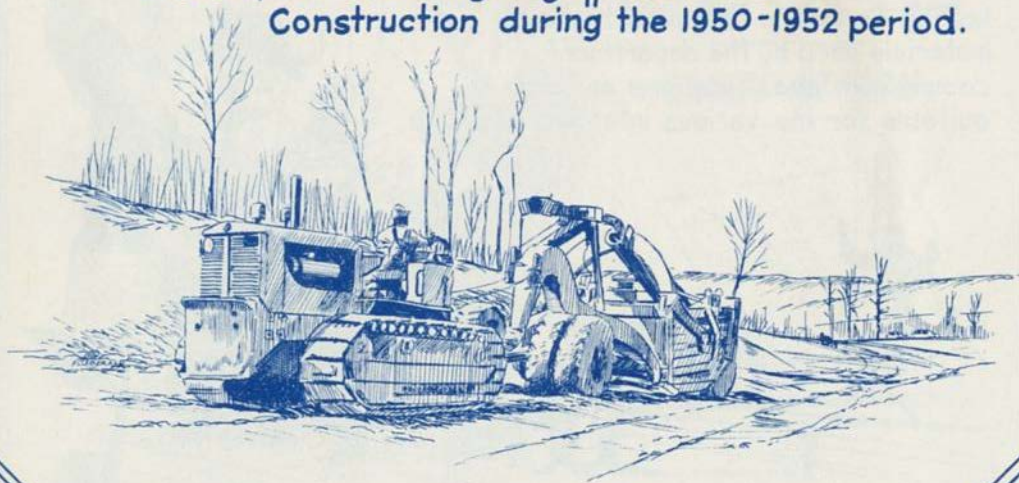
MATERIALS *and* TESTS

Provides the necessary inspection and testing service to determine that all materials used by the department comply with specifications and are suitable for the various intended uses. .



CONSTRUCTION . . .

46.34¢ of each Highway \$ went into
Construction during the 1950-1952 period.



MAINTENANCE

Around the Clock
Around the Calendar

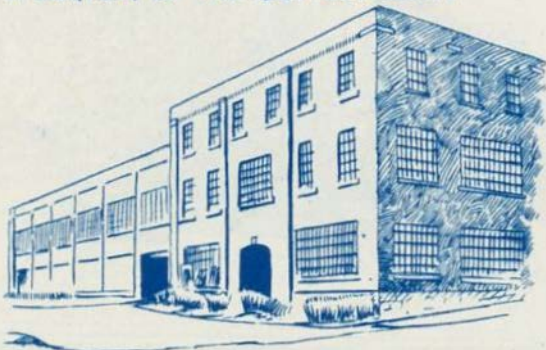
- SPRING
- SUMMER
- FALL
- WINTER

KEEPING YOUR
HIGHWAYS SMOOTH AND SAFE
FOR YOU NIGHT & DAY!



EQUIPMENT

PROVIDES, MAINTAINS AND REPAIRS ALL EQUIPMENT THAT WILL EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY ON ITS FUNCTIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM . . . IT PROVIDES ALL TOOLS, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, EXCEPT ROADWAY MATERIALS, THAT ARE REQUIRED IN THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.



THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES 10 MODERN, WELL EQUIPPED GARAGES, ONE (Headquarters) IN JEFFERSON CITY AND ONE IN EACH OF THE OTHER 9 DIVISIONS.

THESE GARAGES ARE MANNED BY CAPABLE MECHANICS, HELPERS AND SERVICE MEN.

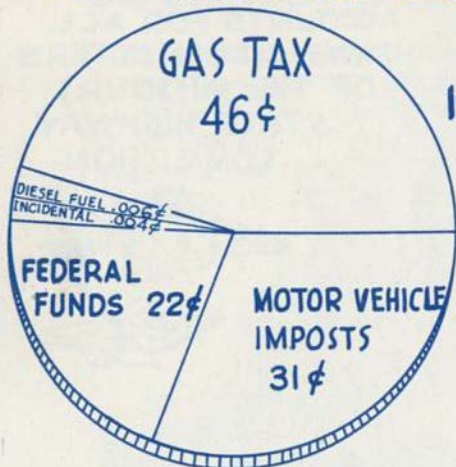
AUDITS

ACCOUNTS FOR ALL
FINANCIAL MATTERS
OF THE MISSOURI
STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION

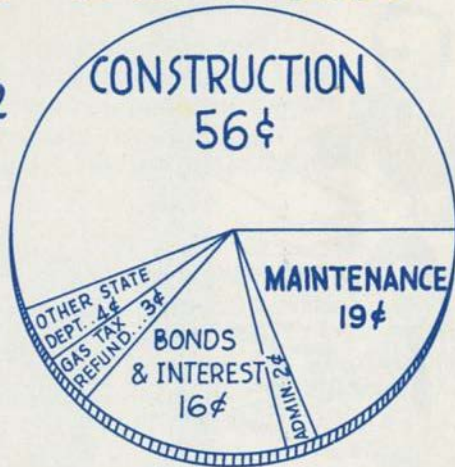


The HIGHWAY DOLLAR

for
1952



Where it comes from...

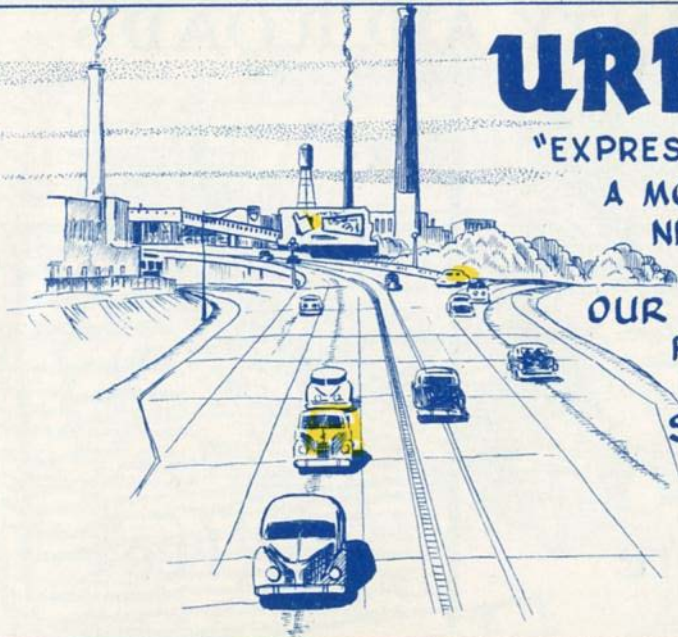


Where it goes...

URBAN

"EXPRESSWAYS"...

A MODERN
NECESSITY
TO PROTECT
OUR CITIES
FROM
TRAFFIC
STRANGULATION
...

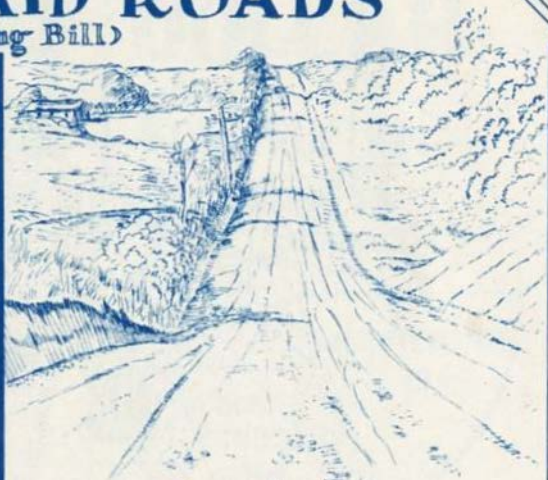


COUNTY AID ROADS

(King Bill)



Before



After

ROADSIDE PARKS

STOP-REST AND REFRESH YOURSELF
IN ANY OF OUR ROADSIDE PARKS-ALL
BUT 3 HAVE PICNIC TABLES AND FIREPLACES



PERSONNEL

RECRUITING PERSONNEL
TO FILL :

- ENGINEERING .
- SUB-ENGINEERING .
- MECHANICAL .
- CLERICAL .



DEPARTMENT

- OPERATING A TRAINING PROGRAM .
- MAINTAINING ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS .
- HANDLING THE
- GROUP INSURANCE
- CREDIT UNION
- UNITED FUNDS

BULLETINS

SPEECHES

REPORTS

NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION



HIGHWAY CONDITION
BULLETIN
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
OF MISSOURI





1,322,740
JAN. 1, 1953

1,300,000

1,200,000

1,100,000

1,000,000

900,000

800,000

700,000

600,000

500,000

400,000



MISSOURI MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

YEAR 1925

1930

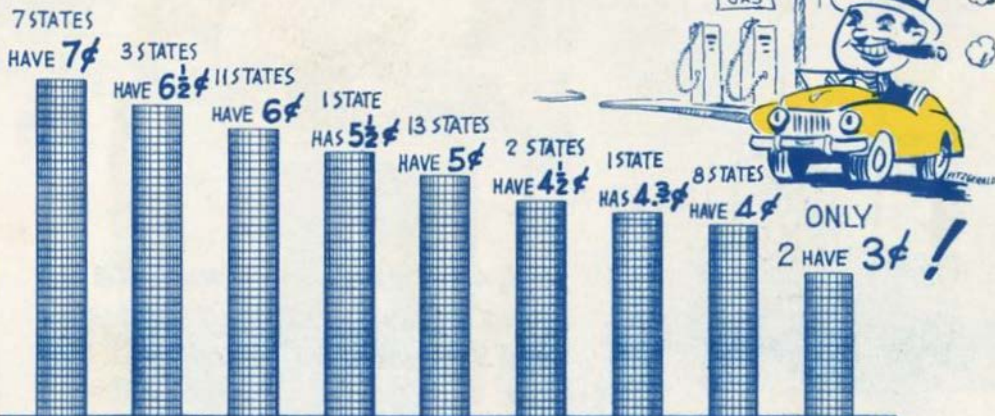
1935

1940

1945

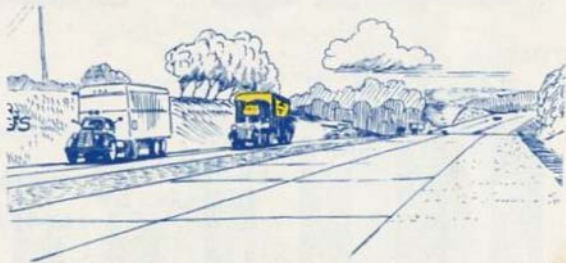
1950

GAS TAX



The Missouri Motorist gets the Best for Less!

*Missouri had
as of Jan. 1, 1953*



*11,473 miles of Concrete
and Bituminous Highways...
8,592 miles of gravel...
For a grand total of
20,065 miles in the system.*

\$253 MILLION SPENT IN MISSOURI

By

**OUT OF STATE
TOURISTS**

FOR RECREATION

**IN
1952**





MUDHOLES, NARROW BRIDGES,
OBSOLETE PAVEMENTS —
HAVE NO PLACE IN A
MODERN HIGHWAY
SYSTEM

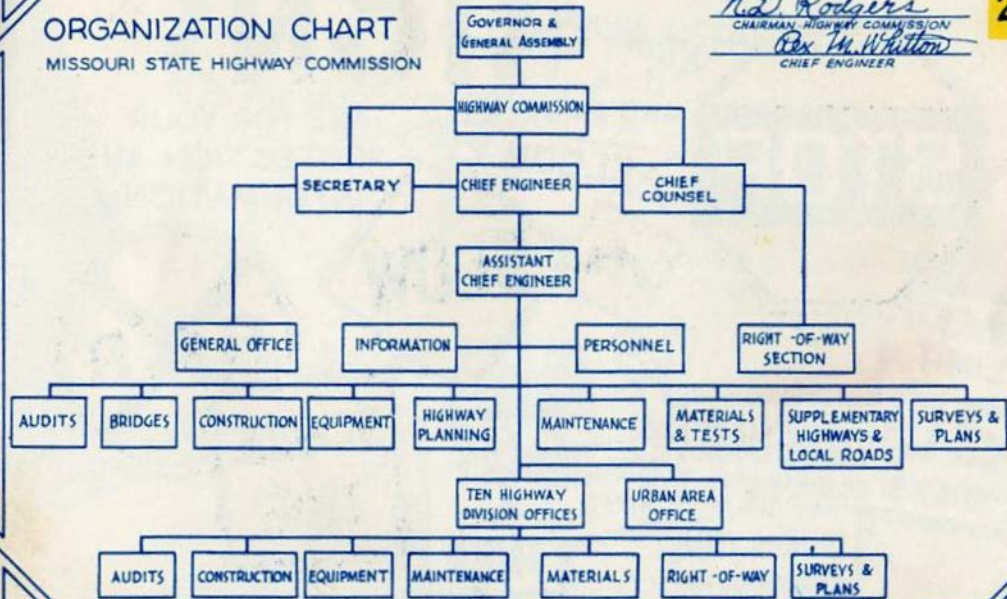


YOUR
HIGHWAY COMMISSION
HOPES THOSE REMAINING
IN MISSOURI CAN BE
ELIMINATED BY ITS
10 YEAR MODERNIZATION
AND EXPANSION PROGRAM

ORGANIZATION CHART
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

H.D. Rodgers
CHAIRMAN, HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Box M. Whitton
CHIEF ENGINEER

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Highway SIGNS

AND MARKERS

ARE FOR YOUR
PROTECTION AND
INFORMATION!



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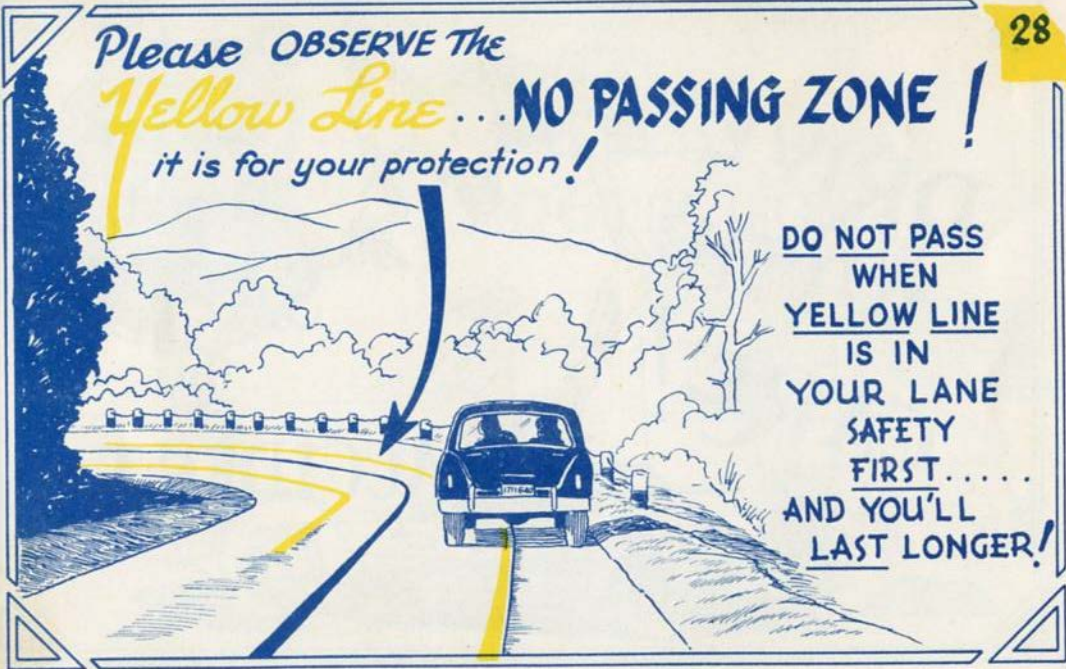


Please **OBSERVE** The

Yellow Line ... **NO PASSING ZONE!**

it is for your protection!

DO NOT PASS
WHEN
YELLOW LINE
IS IN
YOUR LANE
SAFETY
FIRST.....
AND YOU'LL
LAST LONGER!



**DRIVE
WITH
CARE!**



**Don't
Learn
About
SAFETY
by
ACCIDENT!**



SERVICE and PROTECTION



469
STATE HIGHWAY
EMPLOYEES



ARE
PROUDLY WEARING
THIS PIN