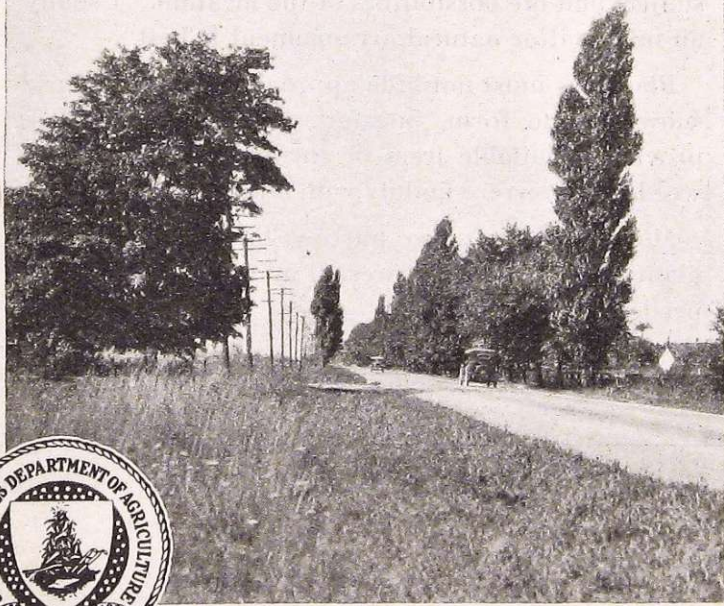


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THE USERS of country roads are as much entitled to a good surface and attractive surroundings as are those of a city street with similar traffic.

The appearance as well as the comfort of roads is enhanced by suitable tree planting on the right of way, and this can be satisfactorily done in some manner by the community as a whole rather than by leaving it to individual initiative.

A few States have good laws providing for such planting, others indifferent ones, but most of the States have no laws at all.

The adoption of a proper planting scheme for any road requires careful study by one familiar with the subject and the possibilities of the location. Usually an informal or natural arrangement is best.

Plantings must not hide approaching traffic, cause snowdrifts to form, interfere with safe footpaths, provide unsuitable trees or shrubs, harbor noxious weeds, or interfere unduly with adjoining farm land.

Most roads are too narrow to provide proper planting space for the present or to meet the traffic needs of the future.



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THE ADVENT OF THE AUTOMOBILE for the transportation of people as well as produce has greatly stimulated interest in the improvement and beautifying of rural highways as well as country residences. Interest in country highways in the United

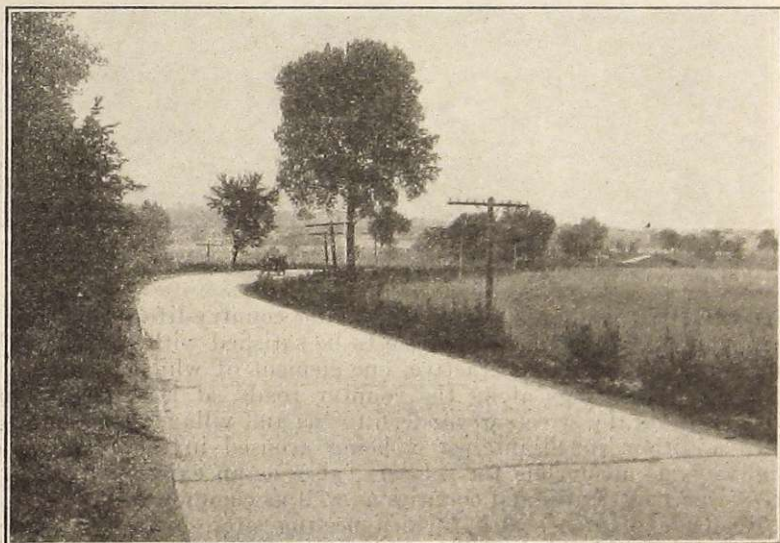


FIG. 1.—A good road through a rural district with enough trees to be attractive

States has increased more rapidly during the last few years than ever before in a similar length of time (fig. 1). Even communities that in the past have been content with trails suitable only for