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Highways to be Taken Over by the State

The State Highway Commission expects, on January 1, 1924, to take over the maintenance of all designated state highways, according to information which the editor has from that department. The highway commission intends to maintain the highways in their condition as of Jan. 1, 1924, and no extensive improvements are planned because of insufficient funds, but it is planned to continue the roads in the condition in which they are when the state takes them in charge.

Railroad Crossing Hazards

It seems that there are people who disregard all signs for a person ran past the flagman and into the gates while the warning bell was ringing at a railroad crossing near Houston the other day. He met with an accident by the approaching train, but it shows that all warning signs are disregarded at times. It points to the possibility of a law being passed requiring all vehicles approaching a railroad crossing to come to a stop before crossing the track.

Auto Registrations

Auto registrations for the state for the eight months ending August 31 were 607,723, which is an increase of 131,501 over that of the previous year for the same time, and 78,538 more than were registered all during 1922. Only 14 counties in the state showed a decrease and some counties showed very

The trades day of the chamber of commerce was a decided success from a standpoint. The volume of business done exceeded expectations of those putting the affair, and almost every one is decidedly pleased with results. A large crowd of people was in attendance and actual count shortly after 10 o'clock, 287 autos were parked on the business streets of Giddings. There were many wagons and buggies on the streets and in the wagon yard.

The people were much interested in the distribution of the \$100 in prizes and the following were the recipients:

- 1st prize, \$40 in gold, Herman Zschech of Fedor.
- 2nd prize, \$30 in gold, Emil Herzog of Fedor.
- 3rd prize, \$15 in gold, Louis Stuessy of Grassyville.
- 4th prize, \$10 in gold, Miss Hulda Schatte of Giddings.
- 5th prize, \$5 in gold, Miss Wanda Ansohn of the Concord community.

The receiver of the first prize had 147 tickets, and the receiver of the second prize had only two tickets. The second prize receiver is a boy who had been picking cotton and came to town on a wagon. He purchased a pair of pants after dinner Wednesday for two dollars, and received two tickets, the only ones he had. Several people had more than one hundred tickets, and one party had two hundred tickets.

The day passed off pleasantly and when night approached, everyone was tired, having taken care of the trade in a speedy manner to the satisfaction of all.