

FOR BETTER ROADS

Communities interested in the improvements of roads are recommended by the department to apply for a lecturer on the subject. Lecturers will be sent at the Government expense wherever there is reason to believe that audiences will be large enough to make the expenditure of time and money worth while. Whenever possible it is, of course, desirable for a number of communities in the same vicinity to make arrangements for lecturers at the same time, since in this way the traveling expenses for each stop made by the lecturer are materially reduced.

The number of lecturers at the disposal of the department is limited and it is not always possible, therefore, to comply with every request. When a lecturer can not be sent, however, the department will loan a set of suitable lantern slides to any responsible local association or individual who will pay the express charges. The only requirement is that the slide be made of active and practical use in the community and that they be returned in good condition in 90 days. In addition, a brief outline of a lecture to accompany the slides will be forwarded on request.

In addition to this education work, or the development of a model system of highways for a county. To obtain such assistance local authorities should secure a blank from the Office of Public Roads on which to make applications. Requests from corporate villages or cities can not be met, however.

Bridge work is one branch of road building in which the department may be of particular service to local authorities. Typical designs have been prepared and copies of these can be furnished on request. A few minor alterations would probably make a design suitable for special conditions, or an engineer may be assigned to inspect the site and offer suggestions. In some cases designs by bridge companies have been reviewed by the department for the benefit of local officials.

Possibly the most important way, however, in which the department assists individual communities in the betterment of their roads is in laying out a model system of highways for a county which is about to expend a large sum of money on roads. In

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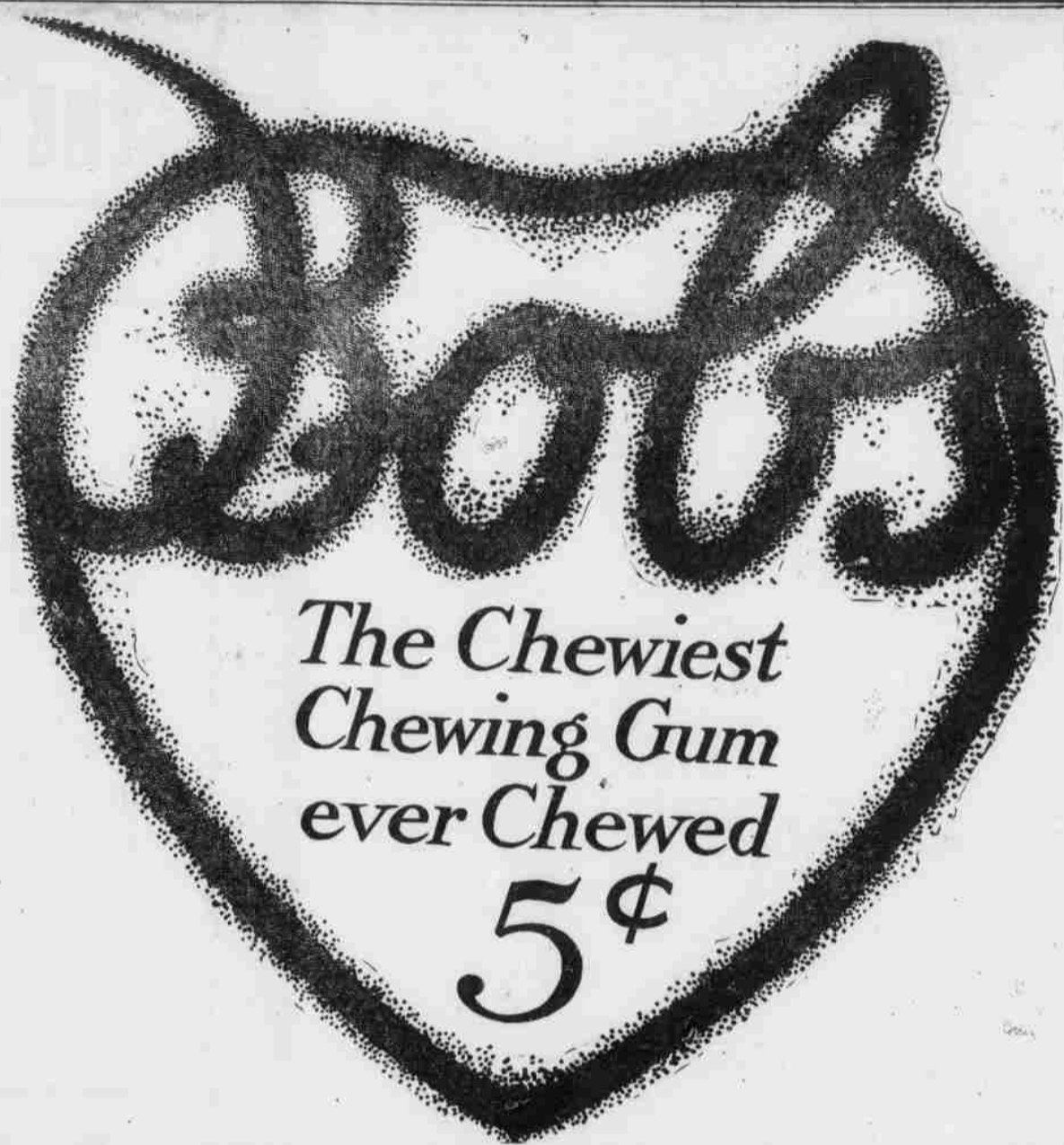
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Fire on the national forests of the West caused a loss to the government of not quite 340,000,000 board feet of merchantable timber, valued at \$307,303, and of reproduction, or young growth of trees, valued at \$192,408, according to statistics just compiled by the United States Forest Service.

such cases the department assigns an engineer to make a thorough study of the district. He ascertains where the best road materials are, what roads are the most important and, therefore, to be improved first, and provides for the location of each road so as to secure the best possible drainage and grade and indicates the most suitable type and method of construction, including drainage structures to meet the needs and means of the community. When his work is completed the county officials have at their disposal the results of an exhaustive study of the whole problem and should be able to carry out the work with far more efficiency and economy than would otherwise be possible.

Road materials are also being continually tested by the department and the information thus obtained is available for any community in doubt as to the kind of road they propose to build. Similar data can also be secured on dust layers, such as road oils and tars, and the department will furnish to any one instructions as to selection and shipment of samples. The tests are made free of charge, when they are desired in connection with public improvements.—Weekly News Letter, U. S. Department Agriculture.



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